

**Question:**

$T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  first rotates points counterclockwise through  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  radians and then reflects the result in the  $x_2$ -axis.

**Solution:**

the transformation that rotates each point in  $R_2$  through an angle  $\theta$ , with counterclockwise rotation for a positive angle is given by the matrix:  $A =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

$\therefore$  for the given angle  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} & -\sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \sin \frac{\pi}{4} & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  the standard basis vectors for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\therefore$  matrix transformation of rotation counterclockwise through  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  radians is given by the following columns:

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{ the matrix transformation of rotation is: } \left( A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

But the given transformation also reflect on  $x_2$ -axis, where  $x_1 = 0$  and this is given by the transformation:  $T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\implies T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies \text{the reflection matrix on } x_2\text{-axis: } \left( T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  the required matrix transformation first rotates points counterclockwise through  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  radians and then reflects the result in the  $x_2$ -axis, is given by:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left( A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left( A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies \text{required matrix: } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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**Alternate Solution:**

$\therefore$  the transformation that rotates each point in  $R_2$  through an angle  $\theta$ , with counterclockwise rotation for a positive angle is given by the matrix:  $A =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

∴ for the given angle  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} & -\sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \sin \frac{\pi}{4} & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

And, the reflection matrix on  $x_2$ -axis:  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

∴ the required matrix transformation first rotates points counterclockwise through  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  radians and then reflects the result in the  $x_2$ -axis, is given by:  $BA \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} =$

$$\begin{aligned} B \left\{ A \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} &= B \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = B \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$