

Please let me know if any of the problems are unclear or have typos.

**Exercise 4.1.** Suppose that  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear subspace. Define the *orthogonal complement*  $W^\perp = \{w \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \forall u \in W, u \cdot w = 0\}$ . Prove that  $W^\perp$  is also a linear subspace. Show that  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has an orthonormal basis  $\{f_i\}$  so that  $W = \langle f_1, \dots, f_k \rangle$  and  $W^\perp = \langle f_{k+1}, \dots, f_n \rangle$ . Deduce  $\dim(W) + \dim(W^\perp) = n$ .

**Exercise 4.2.** Suppose that  $T(x) = Ax + b$  is an isometry of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where  $A$  is a non-trivial rotation. Prove that  $T$  has a *fixed point*: that is, there is a point  $p \in \mathbb{R}^2$  so that  $T(p) = p$ . (This is a part of Exercise 1.8 in the book.)

**Exercise 4.3.** Theorem 2.6 states that any isometry  $T \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  can be realized as the composition of at most  $n + 1$  reflections. Below is a sketch of a proof. Look up any unfamiliar terms and then fill in the details.

Theorem 1.11 implies that any  $B \in O(n)$  can be realized as the composition of at most  $n$  reflections. Now, suppose  $T(x) = Ax + b$ . Then there is a reflection  $R$  so that  $R \circ T(0) = 0$ . Let  $B = R \circ T$ . Since  $B \in O(n)$ , and since reflections are involutions, we are done.

**Exercise 4.4.** [Hard] Show that Theorem 2.6 is *sharp*: the inequality cannot be improved. Do this by finding, for each  $n$ , an isometry  $T \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  which cannot be realized as a composition of  $n$  or fewer reflections.

**Exercise 4.5.** By Theorem 1.14 any isometry  $T$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is either a translation, rotation, reflection, or glide reflection. In each case write  $T$  as a composition of at most three reflections and draw the appropriate picture.