Quiz 2 Solutions Tim Smits

1. Let
$$f(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x+y\\ x-y \end{pmatrix}$$
, and $g(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} x+y\\ -y \end{pmatrix}$. Define $h(x,y) = g \circ f(x,y)$. Find the matrix A such that $h(x,y) = A \begin{bmatrix} x\\ y \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution: Let *B* be the matrix of *g* and let *C* be the matrix of *f*. Since composition of linear transformations corresponds to multiplication of matrices, we have see that A = BC. To compute *B* and *C*, we just need to compute what *f* and *g* do to the vectors (1,0) and (0,1). We see that g(1,0) = (1,0), g(0,1) = (1,-1), f(1,0) = (2,1), and f(0,1) = (1,-1). This says $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, so that $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

2. Let $\vec{n} = (1, 2, 3)$. Let T be the projection onto the line $L = \{t\vec{n} : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and S be the reflection about the plane $\{\vec{x} : \vec{x} \cdot \vec{n} = 0\}$. Are T and S invertible? Why or why not?

Solution: T is not invertible, because it's not surjective: T maps \mathbb{R}^3 onto the line L, which in particular, is not all of \mathbb{R}^2 . S is invertible, because reflecting a vector twice sends it back to the original vector. That is, S is its own inverse.