

Problem 4. (3 points) A spaceship in three-dimensional space is equipped with a set of thrusters, described by a configuration matrix T , whose column vectors \vec{t}_i give the orientation (as vector direction) and power (as vector magnitude) of each thruster. Thus,

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

describes a configuration with three thrusters. If the ship is positioned at $(0, 0, 0)$, the first thruster is pointing towards coordinates $(1, 2, 3)$ and has power $|\vec{t}_1| = \sqrt{14}$.

The thrusters are operated with a command vector $\vec{c} = \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle^T$, where c_i describes the activation of thruster i . For example, $\vec{c} = \langle 1, -2, 0 \rangle^T$ activates thruster 1 with power 1, thruster 2 with twice that power but in the "reverse thrust" mode, and leaves thruster 3 unactivated.

(All vectors in this problem are column vectors, and we will be omitting the transpose symbol from now on.)

The product $T\vec{c}$ gives a displacement vector \vec{d} , describing the change in the ship's coordinates after a single firing of all thrusters. In our example, $\vec{d} = \langle -3, -4, -7 \rangle$. If the ship was positioned at $(0, 0, 0)$, it will now be at $(-3, -4, -7)$. Issuing a subsequent command $\vec{c} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$ will give $\vec{d} = \langle 4, 5, 9 \rangle$ and bring the ship to $(1, 1, 2)$.

Use Python, NumPy, and SciPy to write the following functions. When you need to provide specific outputs, use the T defined above. At the same time, your functions need to be generic and work with any T .

- (a) Write function `distance(T, c)` that returns the distance traveled by the ship after a single firing of all thrusters.

Determine the distances resulting from commands $\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$, $\langle -1, -1, -1 \rangle$, $\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$, $\langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$.

- (b) Write function `reachable(T, p)` that returns True if the ship starting at $(0, 0, 0)$ can reach point p in any number of moves, or False otherwise.

Determine whether the following points are reachable: $(0, 2, 2)$, $(1, 1, -1)$, $(-5, 1, -4)$, $(1, 3, 1)$.

- (c) Commands that result in the displacement vector $\vec{d} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ stress the ship's structure and are considered dangerous. Write function `safe(T, c)` that returns True if the command is safe, or False otherwise.

Note that computing $\vec{d} = T\vec{c}$ directly means activating the thrusters with a potentially dangerous command and is not acceptable, so we need to find another way.

Determine the safety of commands $\langle 4, -7, 3 \rangle$, $\langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$, $\langle 0, 2, 5 \rangle$, $\langle 3, -2, 1 \rangle$.

- (d) Write function `equivalent(T1, T2)` that returns True if configurations T_1 and T_2 are equivalent (that is, can generate the same displacement vectors), or False otherwise.

Determine which of the following configurations are equivalent to T :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 \\ 7 & 4 & 9 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$