

Reflection in the line $y = (\tan \alpha) x$

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Suppose a point $P(1, 0)$ is transform to another point $P'(x, y)$ as shown in the figure.

Join PP' , which intersects the line $y = (\tan \alpha) x$ at N .

By the property of reflection, $PP' \perp ON$ and $PN = P'N$

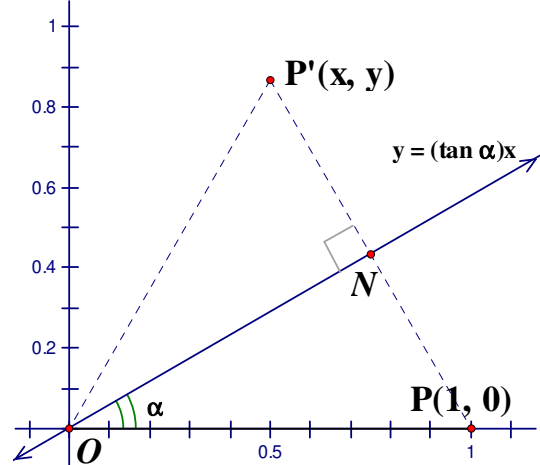
$\triangle OPN \cong \triangle OP'N$ (S.A.S.)

$\therefore OP' = OP = 1$ (corr. sides $\cong \triangle$'s)

$\angle P'ON = \alpha$ (corr. \angle s $\cong \triangle$'s)

$\angle P'OP = 2\alpha$

$\therefore P' = (\cos 2\alpha, \sin 2\alpha)$



Suppose a point $Q(0, 1)$ is transform to another point Q' as shown in the figure.

Join QQ' , which intersects the line $y = (\tan \alpha) x$ at M .

By the property of reflection, $QQ' \perp OM$ and $QM = Q'M$

$\triangle OQM \cong \triangle OQ'M$ (S.A.S.)

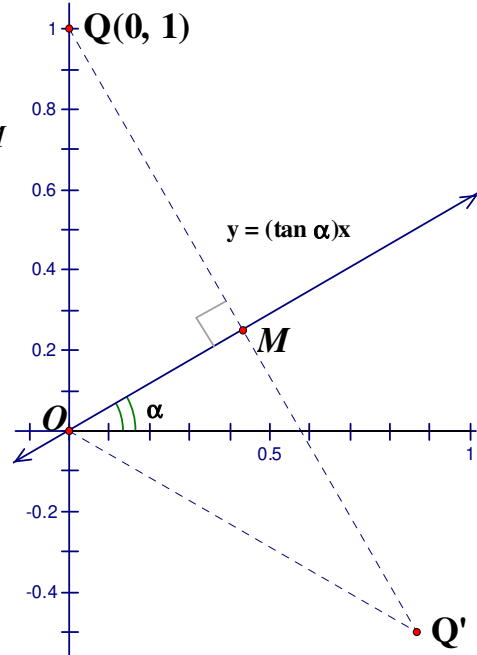
$\therefore OQ' = OQ = 1$ (corr. sides $\cong \triangle$'s)

$\angle QOM = \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha$

$\angle Q'OM = \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha$ (corr. \angle s $\cong \triangle$'s)

$\angle Q'Ox\text{-axis} = \frac{\pi}{2} - 2\alpha$

$\therefore Q' = \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 2\alpha\right), -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 2\alpha\right) \right)$
 $= (\sin 2\alpha, -\cos 2\alpha)$



\therefore The matrix of reflection is $\begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\alpha & \sin 2\alpha \\ \sin 2\alpha & -\cos 2\alpha \end{pmatrix}$.