

Math 2270-1  
Wed 28 Sept

§3.4 Coordinates and linear transformation matrices,  
with respect to arbitrary bases

Recall (26 Sept)

If  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  basis for  $W$ , call the basis  $\mathcal{B}$

and  $\vec{w} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n$

then the linear combo coeff's of  $\vec{w}$  are called  
the coords of  $\vec{w}$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $[\vec{w}]_{\mathcal{B}}$

$$\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.  $\boxed{\vec{w} = S [\vec{w}]_{\mathcal{B}}}$ , and if  $W = \mathbb{R}^n$  so  $S_{n \times n}$ , then also  $S^{-1} \vec{w} = [\vec{w}]_{\mathcal{B}}$

New today:

Matrix of a linear transformation  $f(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ ,  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
with respect to a basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ .

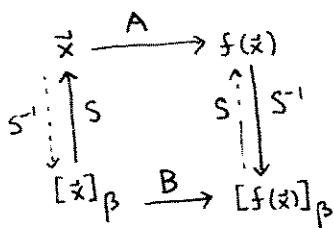
[This will not be  $A$  in general, unless  $\mathcal{B} = E$ , the standard basis.]

This matrix  $B$  is to have the property that

$$\boxed{B [\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [f(\vec{x})]_{\mathcal{B}}}$$

i.e.  $B$  tells how to transform the  $\mathcal{B}$ -coords of  $\vec{x}$  to get the  $\mathcal{B}$ -coords of  $f(\vec{x})$ .

The following diagram shows that  $B$  exists, and how to compute it using  $A$  and  $S$ :



OR. If  $\vec{x} = \vec{v}_j$ ,  $[\vec{v}_j]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{entry } j$

so  $\boxed{\text{col}_j(B) = B [\vec{v}_j]_{\mathcal{B}} = [f(\vec{v}_j)]_{\mathcal{B}}}$   
**Method 2**

$$B [\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = S^{-1} (A (S [\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}))$$

so  $\text{col}_j B = \text{col}_j (S^{-1} A S)$  (take  $\vec{x} = \vec{v}_j$ )

so  $\boxed{B = S^{-1} A S}$  **Method 1**

Example

$$B = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(same  $\mathbb{R}^2$  basis as Monday notes)

$$f \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Method 1

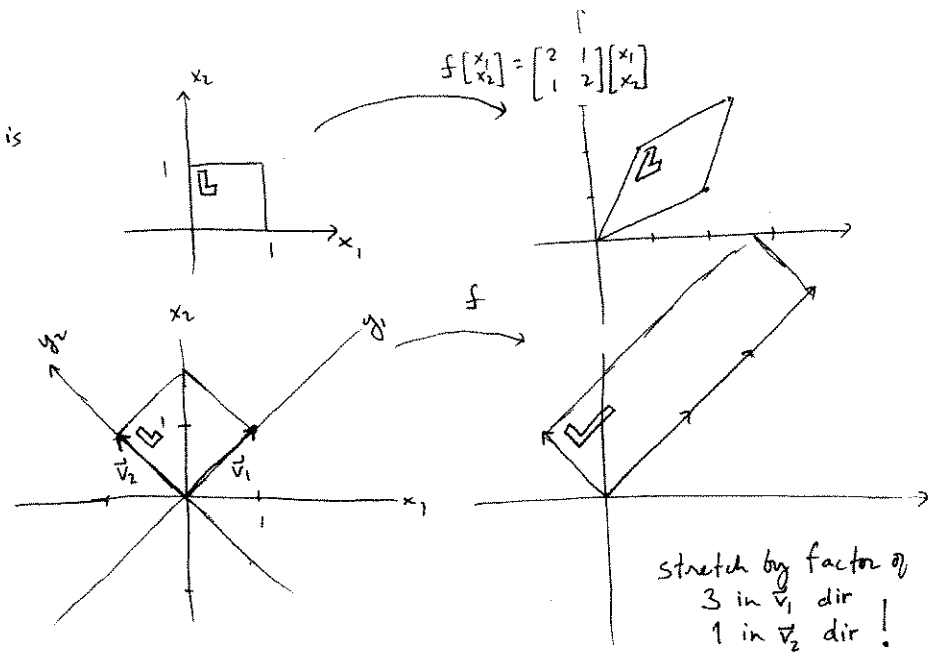
$$B = S^{-1}AS$$

Fill in both methods!

Method 2

$$\text{col}_1(B) = [f(\vec{v}_1)]_B \quad ; \quad \text{col}_2(B) = [f(\vec{v}_2)]_B$$

This transformation  $f(x)$  is better understood using  $B$ !



Definition A and B are similar matrices if  $\exists$  invertible S so that

$$B = S^{-1}AS$$

example  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

notice: If A and B are similar you can think of A as the matrix of  $f(x) = Ax$  with respect to the standard basis, and B as the matrix of the same transformation function, but with respect to basis given by the columns of S. Thus many matrix properties of A & B will turn out to be "similar"

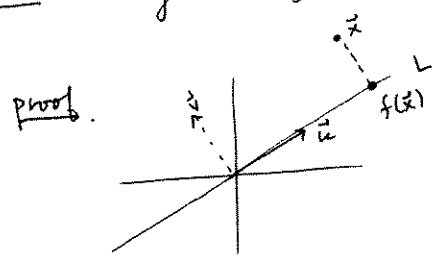
notice: if  $B = S^{-1}AS$  then  $SBS^{-1} = A$  so being similar is symmetric in A & B  
[  $(S^{-1})^{-1}BS$  ]

also, if  $B = S^{-1}AS$  and  $C = T^{-1}BT$   
then  $C = T^{-1}S^{-1}AST = (ST)^{-1}A(ST)$  so C is similar to A, i.e.

and  $A = I^{-1}AI$  so A is similar to A;  
being similar is a transitive property  
being similar is reflexive

Any relationship between objects which is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive is called an equivalence relation, and allows you to partition your objects into subsets (equivalence classes) consisting of all mutually equivalent objects.

Example: Every  $\mathbb{R}^2$  projection matrix  $A$  is ~~equivalent~~ similar to  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$



Let  $f(\vec{x})$  be projection onto  $L$   
 Let  $\vec{u}$  be a (unit) dir. vector for  $L$   
 Let  $\vec{v}$  be a (unit)  $\perp$  vector to  $L$   
 Let  $B = \{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$

Then  $[f]_B = \begin{bmatrix} [f(\vec{u})]_B & [f(\vec{v})]_B \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Example: What is a simple matrix that every reflection matrix must be similar to?

Example: Show  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is similar to  $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$  and determine  $a$  and  $b$ .

$A$   $B$

$$S^{-1}AS = B$$

$$AS = SB$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & s \\ y & t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & s \\ y & t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y &= ax \\ 4x + 3y &= ay \\ s + 2t &= sb \\ 4s + 3t &= tb \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1-a)x + 2y &= 0 \\ 4x + (3-a)y &= 0 \\ s(1-b) + 2t &= 0 \\ 4s + t(3-b) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc|cc|c} 1-a & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3-a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1-b & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3-b & 0 \end{array}$$

We want non-zero solutions  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} s \\ t \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
 so  $2 \times 2$  systems must not have inverse!

$$(1-a)(3-a) - 8 = 0 \quad (1-b)(3-b) - 8 = 0$$

$a, b$  are roots to  
 $z^2 - 4z - 5 = 0$   
 $(z-5)(z+1) = 0$

e.g.  $a=5$   
 $b=-1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$B$

$$\begin{aligned} -4x + 2y &= 0 \\ 4x - 2y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

e.g.  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} 2s + 2t &= 0 \\ 4s + 4t &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

e.g.  $\begin{bmatrix} s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

e.g.  $S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .