

HW for Friday Oct 2

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4.1 (1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 13, 14, 20, 25, 30, 35, 48)

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↳ 3.4: coordinates; matrices of linear transformations with respect to different bases.

One reason a linearly independent collection of spanning vectors for a subspace (i.e. a basis) is a good thing for a subspace is this fact:

Theorem Let  $\{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_k\}$  be a basis for the subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then each  $\vec{w} \in W$  is a unique linear combination of the basis vectors,

i.e.

$$\vec{w} = c_1 \vec{w}_1 + c_2 \vec{w}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{w}_k$$

for unique scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$ .

Definition: In this case we call the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_k \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  the coordinates of  $\vec{w}$  with respect to the basis

$$B = \{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_k\}, \text{ and write } [\vec{w}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_k \end{bmatrix}.$$

proof of Thm: Since  $B := \{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_k\}$  is a basis for  $W$ , then we can write

$$\vec{w} = c_1 \vec{w}_1 + c_2 \vec{w}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{w}_k \quad \text{for at least one collection of lin-combo coeffs. (since bases span } W).$$

$$\text{If also } \vec{w} = d_1 \vec{w}_1 + d_2 \vec{w}_2 + \dots + d_k \vec{w}_k$$

$$\text{then } \vec{0} = \vec{w} - \vec{w} = (c_1 - d_1) \vec{w}_1 + (c_2 - d_2) \vec{w}_2 + \dots + (c_k - d_k) \vec{w}_k.$$

$$\text{By linear independence } \begin{cases} c_1 - d_1 = 0 \\ c_2 - d_2 = 0 \\ \vdots \\ c_k - d_k = 0 \end{cases} \text{ so } c_1 = d_1, c_2 = d_2, \dots, c_k = d_k \quad \blacksquare$$

Example (Let  $W = \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n\} := E$  be the standard basis.  $(\text{entry}_j(\vec{x})) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq i \end{cases}$ ).

$$\text{then } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \vec{e}_1 + x_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{e}_n$$

$$\text{and } [\vec{x}]_E = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} !$$

Example : Even for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  there are times when the standard basis is not ideal.

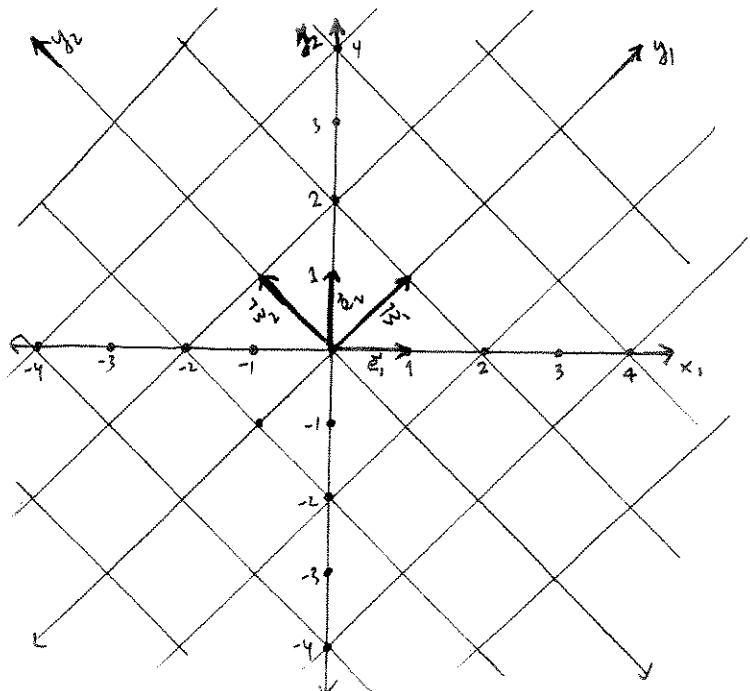
Let  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  be a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

(a) Find  $[\vec{x}]_B$ , and interpret geometrically, for

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hint : If we write  $[\vec{x}]_B = \vec{y}$ , then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



(b) Find  $\vec{x} = [\vec{x}]_E$  if  $[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$   
interpret geometrically (i.e. sketch).

(c) Consider the curve in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given implicitly by  $x_1 x_2 = 1$ . What is its equation in the  $y_1-y_2$  coordinate system?

Hint:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Sketch the curve!

(3)

Example Let  $W$  be the plane  $x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Let  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  be a basis for  $W$ .

Find  $[\vec{x}]_B$  for  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \in W$ .

The matrix of a linear transformation, with respect to a given basis

We've seen that if  $\{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_n\}$  is a basis for subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and if  $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$  is the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Then for  $\vec{w} = c_1\vec{w}_1 + c_2\vec{w}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{w}_n \in W$

$$\vec{w} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{w}_1 & | & \vec{w}_2 & | & \dots & | & \vec{w}_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{"S"}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}}_{[\vec{w}]_B}$$

$$[\vec{w}]_E = \vec{w} = S [\vec{w}]_B$$

If  $W = \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $S_{n \times n}$  is invertible and  $\vec{w} = S [\vec{w}]_B$ ;   
 $S^{-1} \vec{w} = [\vec{w}]_B$ .

Now let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  linear,  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ .

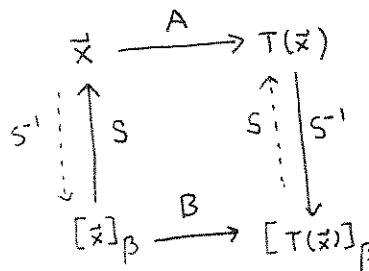
Definition Let  $B = \{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_n\}$  be a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $T(\vec{x}) = A_{n \times n} \vec{x}$  as above.

Then the matrix for  $T$  with respect to  $B$ ,  $[T]_B$ , is the matrix  $B$  which satisfies

$$B[\vec{x}]_B = [T(\vec{x})]_B.$$

In other words,  $[T]_B$  shows how  $B$ -coordinates transform when  $T$  is applied.

The following diagram shows that  $[T]_{\beta} = B$  exists, and one way to compute it: (edges are labeled with the matrices of corresponding linear transformations)



$$B[x]_{\beta} = \left( S^{-1} \underbrace{A(S[x]_{\beta})}_{\vec{x}} \right)$$

$\swarrow \vec{x}$   
 $\searrow T(\vec{x})$   
 $[T(\vec{x})]_{\beta}$ .

So  $B = S^{-1}AS$  works.

Method 1

(Letting  $\vec{x} = \vec{w}_j$ ,  $[x]_{\beta} = \vec{e}_j$ , deduce  $col_j(B) = col_j(S^{-1}AS)$  so  $B$  is unique.)

Alternate way to compute  $B$ :

If  $\vec{x} = \vec{w}_j$ ,  $[\vec{w}_j]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  entry  $j$ .

So by def. of what  $B$  does,

$$col_j(B) = B[\vec{w}_j]_{\beta} = [T(\vec{w}_j)]_{\beta}$$

$$col_j(B) = [T(\vec{w}_j)]_{\beta}$$

Method 2

Example

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(same  $\mathbb{R}^2$  basis as page 2.)

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{this transformation is better understood using } \mathcal{B}!)$$

Method 1

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

Fill in both methods!

Method 2

$$\text{col}_1(B) = [T(\tilde{w}_1)]_{\mathcal{B}} ; \quad \text{col}_2(B) = [T(\tilde{w}_2)]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

This transformation  $T(x)$  is better understood using  $\mathcal{B}$ !

