

Recall: $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ basis for subspace V in $\mathbb{R}^n$ if

- $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ linearly independent
(there is no redundant vector)
- $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ spans V .

§3.4 Coordinates

Ex: Consider $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$
and the vector $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$.

The two vectors $\vec{v}_1$ and $\vec{v}_2$ span a plane V in $\mathbb{R}^3$.

Let's now check if $\vec{x}$ belongs to the plane.

In other words we are asking if there are scalars c_1, c_2 s.t.h.

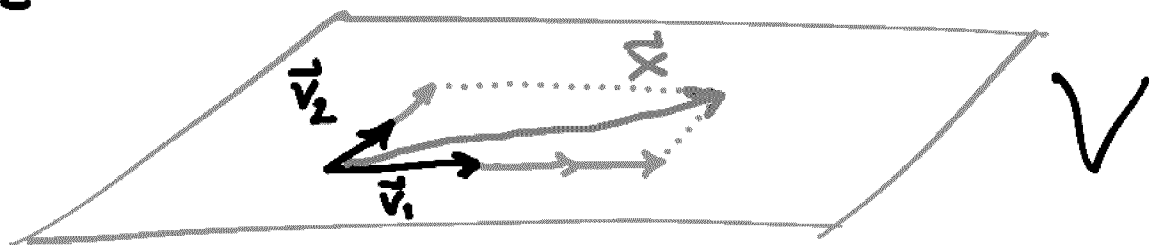
$$\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We solve this system:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Solution $\begin{cases} c_1 = 3 \\ c_2 = 2 \end{cases}$.

So $\vec{x} = 3\vec{v}_1 + 2\vec{v}_2$. This means that $\vec{x}$ belongs to the plane spanned by $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$.



We imagine $\vec{v}_1$ and $\vec{v}_2$ form new coordinate axes inside the plane V . In this new coordinate system, the coordinates of $\vec{x}$ are $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

We let $B = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$ to mean the $\vec{v}_1$ - $\vec{v}_2$ -basis for V . Then we

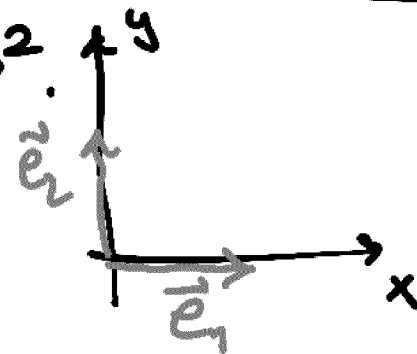
Write $[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Coordinates of $\vec{x}$ in the basis B

EX: Consider the plane $\mathbb{R}^2$.

$$E = (\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2) = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

E is the standard basis.



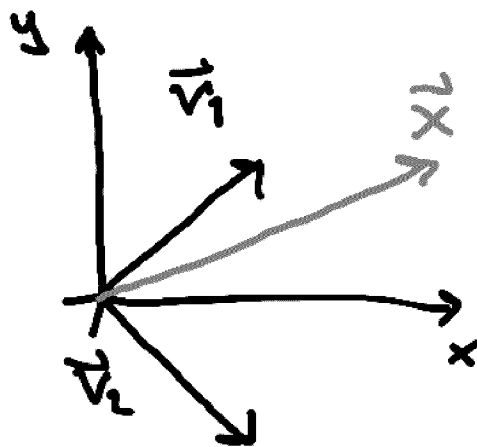
By default, when we describe a vector $\vec{x}$ in $\mathbb{R}^2$, we really describe it in terms of the standard basis

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2.$$

Could write $[\vec{x}]_E = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ but we usually don't when it's the standard basis.

Let's now pick another basis

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



Solving $\vec{x} = C_1 \vec{v}_1 + C_2 \vec{v}_2$ we find

$$C_1 = 3/2, C_2 = 1/2.$$

$$\text{So } [\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Def. Consider a basis $B = (\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m)$ of a subspace V in $\mathbb{R}^n$. Since B is a basis, any vector $\vec{x}$ in V can be written as

$$\vec{x} = C_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + C_m \vec{v}_m \quad (C_1, \dots, C_m \text{ scalars})$$

in a unique way. These scalars are called the B-coordinates of $\vec{x}$.

$$[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ \vdots \\ C_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that we can now relate the vector $\vec{x}$ with its B-coordinates:

$$\vec{x} = C_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + C_m \vec{v}_m = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ \vdots \\ C_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= S[\vec{x}]_B, \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{v_1} & \dots & \frac{1}{v_m} \\ 1 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ex: Back to previous example

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = ([1], [1]).$$

We found $[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$. We may indeed compute

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{v_1} & \frac{1}{v_2} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 + 1/2 \\ 3/2 - 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x}.$$

Ex: In the first example

$$B = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2) = ([1], [\frac{1}{3}]), \quad [\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{v_1} & \frac{1}{v_2} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 + 2 \\ 3 + 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x}.$$

Theorem: If B is a basis of a subspace V in $\mathbb{R}^n$. Then

(a) $[\vec{x} + \vec{y}]_B = [\vec{x}]_B + [\vec{y}]_B$ for all vectors $\vec{x}$ and $\vec{y}$ in V

(b) $[k\vec{x}]_B = k[\vec{x}]_B$ for all vectors $\vec{x}$ in V and all scalars.

Ex: Consider the basis

$$B = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2) = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \text{ of } \mathbb{R}^2.$$

(1) Let $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$ and let's find $[\vec{x}]_B$.

We need to find c_1, c_2 so that

$$\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & 10 \\ 1 & 3 & 10 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{-1/3} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & 10 \\ 0 & \frac{10}{3} & \frac{20}{3} \end{array} \right] \cdot \frac{3}{10} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{1} \\ &\rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$C_1=4, C_2=2. \quad [\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2). If $[\vec{y}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, let's find $\vec{y}$.

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then}$$

$$\vec{y} = S[\vec{y}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6+1 \\ 2-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ is a linear transformation, where A is an $(n \times n)$ -matrix, then

if $B = (\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n)$ is a basis for $\mathbb{R}^n$,

how is $[\vec{x}]_B$ related to $[T(\vec{x})]_B$?

By definition, if $S = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix}$ then

$$\vec{x} = S[\vec{x}]_B. \text{ So}$$

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

We also know

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

$$\Rightarrow S [T(\vec{x})]_B = A S [\vec{x}]_B$$

The matrix S is actually always invertible, so

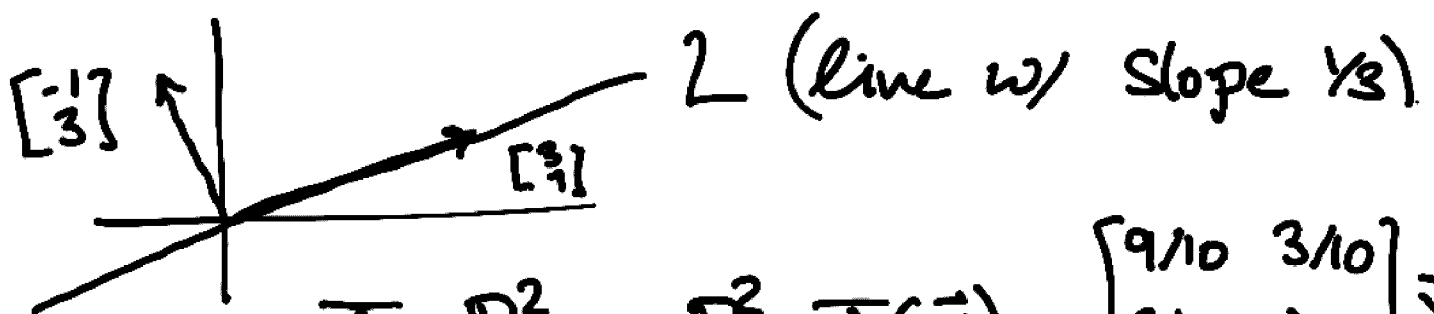
$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = (S^{-1} A S) [\vec{x}]_B.$$

Let $C = S^{-1} A S$, then

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

The matrix C is called the B-matrix of T .

Ex: Let $L = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ in $\mathbb{R}^2$



$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 9/10 & 3/10 \\ 3/10 & 7/10 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}.$$

This linear transformation is orthogonal projection onto L .

If we change bases to

$$B = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

in L $\nearrow$ perpendicular to L

the matrix will have a much simpler form.

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}. \quad [T(\vec{x})]_B = C[\vec{x}]_{\tilde{B}}$$

$$C = S^{-1}AS.$$

Let's find S^{-1} :

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 3 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-1/3} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 3 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{10}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 1 \end{array} \right] \cdot \frac{3}{10}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 3 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{10} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{+1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 3 & 0 & \frac{9}{10} & \frac{3}{10} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{10} \end{array} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{10} & \frac{1}{10} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{10} \end{array} \right] \quad S^{-1} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$C = S^{-1}AS = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9/10 & 3/10 \\ 3/10 & 7/10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \dots = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} [\vec{x}]_B.$$

Matrix of T with respect to the basis $B = ([\vec{3}], [\vec{-1}])$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.
