

### 3.4: Coordinates

ex 1: (a) The vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 1\vec{e}_1 + 2\vec{e}_2 + 3\vec{e}_3$

This is of the form  $c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3$  where

$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  span the subspace.

we call  $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  the coordinate vector.

(b)  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is also spanned by  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Notice that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

So  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  is the coordinate vector w/ respect to the basis  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ .

We write  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3$

$$\text{then } [\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\vec{x} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_m\vec{v}_m$$

and the  $B$ -coord vec of  $\vec{x}$  is  $[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_m \end{bmatrix}$

and if  $S = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $S[\vec{x}]_B = \vec{x}$ .

Thm: If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of a subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

- (a)  $[\vec{x} + \vec{y}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} + [\vec{y}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  for all  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$
- (b)  $[k\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = k[\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  and scalars  $k$ .

□ proof of (a).

Let  $\vec{x} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_n\vec{v}_n$  and  $\vec{y} = d_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + d_n\vec{v}_n$   
 where  $\mathcal{B} = (\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n)$  is a basis for  $V$

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{x} + \vec{y}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + d_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n + d_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} + [\vec{y}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

ex2:

Consider the basis  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of

vectors  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}; \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) if  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $[\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ .

$$c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rref} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 8 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow [\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -12 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) if  $[\vec{y}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $\vec{y}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } 5[\vec{y}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 20 \\ 33 \end{bmatrix}$$

How are linear transformations impacted by a change of basis?

ex3: consider the shear transformation

where  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

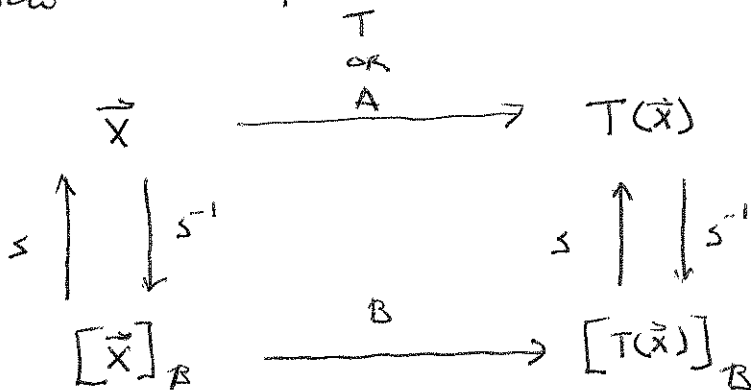
and  $T(c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2) = c_1\vec{v}_1 + (c_1 + c_2)\vec{v}_2$

What happens to  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  under  $T$ ?

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{T} T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}} & [T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

show the picture of overlaid grids.



notice we can get from  $[\vec{x}]_B$  to  $T(\vec{x})$  via two routes.

$$A S [\vec{x}]_B = S B [\vec{x}]_B \Rightarrow A = S B S^{-1}$$

Defn: Consider two  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  &  $B$ . We say that  $A$  is similar to  $B$  if there exists an invertible matrix  $S$ , s.t.

$$AS = SB \quad \text{OR} \quad A = SBS^{-1}$$

Matrices are similar if they represent the same linear transformation w.r.t different bases.

ex 4: show  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are not similar.

Let  $S = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , solve  $AS \stackrel{?}{=} SB$ .

Thm: Similarity is an equivalence relation.

- An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is similar to itself (reflexivity)
- If  $A$  is similar to  $B$ , then  $B$  is similar to  $A$  (symmetry)
- If  $A$  is similar to  $B$  and  $B$  is similar to  $C$ , then  $A$  is similar to  $C$  (transitivity).

Linear Transformation using a change of basis

