

Linear Algebra (Session # 33)

Theorem Let $B = \{\bar{b}_1, \bar{b}_2, \dots, \bar{b}_n\}$ be a basis for a vector space V . The coordinate mapping $\bar{x} \mapsto [\bar{x}]_B$ is a 1-1 linear transformation from V onto \mathbb{R}^n . (The mapping is an isomorphism.)

Proof Take $\bar{u}, \bar{v} \in V$ then there exists scalars c_i, d_i ($i=1, 2, \dots, n$) such that
$$\bar{u} = c_1 \bar{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \bar{b}_n \quad \text{and}$$
$$\bar{v} = d_1 \bar{b}_1 + \dots + d_n \bar{b}_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{u} + \bar{v}]_B &= [(c_1 \bar{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \bar{b}_n) + (d_1 \bar{b}_1 + \dots + d_n \bar{b}_n)]_B \\ &= [(c_1 + d_1) \bar{b}_1 + \dots + (c_n + d_n) \bar{b}_n]_B \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + d_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n + d_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{bmatrix} = [\bar{u}]_B + [\bar{v}]_B \end{aligned}$$

So, the mapping preserves addition.

Now, if k is any scalar,

$$\begin{aligned} [k\bar{u}]_B &= [k(c_1 \bar{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \bar{b}_n)]_B \\ &= [(kc_1) \bar{b}_1 + \dots + (kc_n) \bar{b}_n]_B \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} kc_1 \\ \vdots \\ kc_n \end{bmatrix} = k \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = k [\bar{u}]_B \end{aligned}$$

So, the mapping preserves scalar multiplication.

We have shown the coordinate mapping is a linear transformation.

We will now show the mapping is 1-1.

Suppose $[\bar{u}]_B = [\bar{v}]_B$ for some $\bar{u}, \bar{v} \in V$.

$$\text{let } [\bar{u}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } [\bar{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

It follows that $c_i = d_i$ for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \bar{u} &= c_1 \bar{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \bar{b}_n \\ &= d_1 \bar{b}_1 + \dots + d_n \bar{b}_n \\ &= \bar{v} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } [\bar{u}]_B = [\bar{v}]_B \Rightarrow \bar{u} = \bar{v}.$$

Hence, $\bar{x} \mapsto [\bar{x}]_B$ is 1-1.

We will now show the mapping is onto.

Take $\bar{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and consider $\bar{u} \in V$

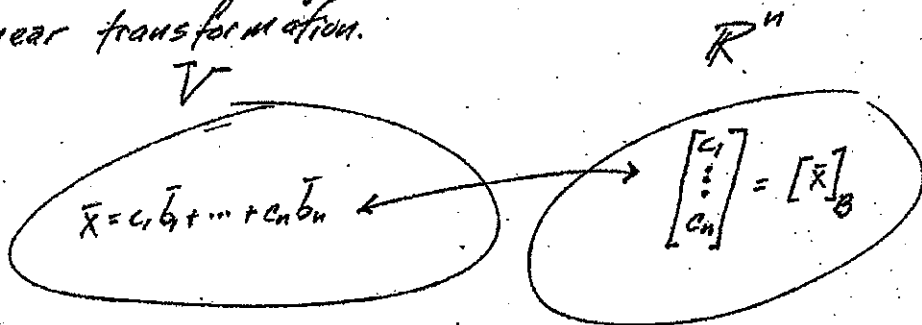
such that $\bar{u} = y_1 \bar{b}_1 + \dots + y_n \bar{b}_n$.

Clearly, $[\bar{u}]_B = \bar{y}$ and hence $\bar{x} \mapsto [\bar{x}]_B$ is onto.

Consequently, $\bar{x} \mapsto [\bar{x}]_B$ is a 1-1, onto linear transformation from V to \mathbb{R}^n .

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Proof (In class notes)

Remark A coordinate mapping is an important example of an isomorphism from V onto \mathbb{R}^n . A 1-1 linear transformation from a vector space V onto a vector space W is called an isomorphism, and if such a transformation exists V and W are called isomorphic.

Example Suppose $\bar{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\bar{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. $B = \{\bar{b}_1, \bar{b}_2\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^2 . For $\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ specify $[\bar{x}]_B$.

- "If $B = [\bar{b}_1 \ \bar{b}_2]$ we seek the coordinate vector $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = [\bar{x}]_B$ such that $[B][\bar{x}]_B = \bar{x}$. That is, we solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ So in this case } \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}_B =$$

The matrix $P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is the change-of-coordinates matrix from B to the standard basis in \mathbb{R}^2 . We usually denote this matrix by P_B . Hence,

$$P_B [\bar{x}]_B = \bar{x}$$

Let's calculate P_B^{-1} . $P_B^{-1} =$

Of course we have

$$P_B^{-1} \bar{x} = [\bar{x}]_B$$

Use either P_B or P_B^{-1} as appropriate to calculate the following missing vectors.

(a) $[\bar{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ (b) $\begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}_B = [\quad]$ (c) $\begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ \quad \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ \quad \end{bmatrix}$

Example Suppose $\bar{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\bar{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$. Consider the coordinate mapping $\bar{x} \mapsto [\bar{x}]_C$.

a) If $[\bar{x}]_C = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, then $\bar{x} =$

b) If $\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, then $[\bar{x}]_C =$

c) If $[\bar{x}]_C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$, then $[\bar{x}]_B =$ and $\bar{x} =$

d) If $[\bar{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$, then $[\bar{x}]_C =$ and $\bar{x} =$