

Change-of-coordinates formula

Suppose V is a vector space, and $B_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and B_2 are bases of V .

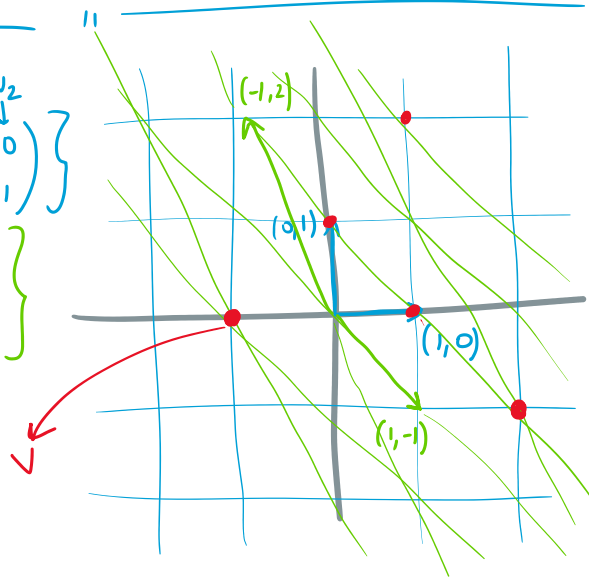
Then

$$[v]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ [v_1]_{B_2} & [v_2]_{B_2} & [v_n]_{B_2} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \cdot [v]_{B_1}$$

Ex: $V = \mathbb{R}^2$

$$B_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$B_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$



$$[v]_{B_2} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[v]_{B_1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Change-of-coordinates formula:

$$[v]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ [v_1]_{B_2} & [v_2]_{B_2} \\ | & | \end{bmatrix} [v]_{B_1}$$

For every v

$$[v]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} [v]_{B_1}$$

In our example

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

↳ change-of-coordinates matrix

Matrix associated to a linear transformation

Suppose $T: V \rightarrow W$ is a linear transformation

Can we represent T by a matrix?

Choose a basis B_1 for V

and a basis B_2 for W .

Ex: Suppose $T: P_1 \rightarrow P_2$ is a linear transformation.

↑ basis B_1 ↑ basis B_2

$$\text{Suppose } [T(1)]_{B_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[T(x)]_{B_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Q: Can we know

$$[T(1+x)]_{B_2} = [T(1) + T(x)]_{B_2}$$

$$= [T(1)]_{B_2} + [T(x)]_{B_2}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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The matrix representing T :

$$\bullet \quad [T(v)]_{B_2} = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ [T(v_1)]_{B_2} & [T(v_2)]_{B_2} & [T(v_n)]_{B_2} \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix} [v]_{B_1}$$

Ex: Consider $T: \underline{P_3} \rightarrow \underline{P_2}$. defined as

$$T(p(x)) = p'(1) \cdot x + p(1).$$

Let's choose bases

$$B_1 = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\} \text{ basis for } P_3$$

$$B_2 = \{1, x, x^2\} \text{ basis for } P_2.$$

$$T(1) = 0x + 1$$

$$T(x) = 1x + 1$$

$$T(x^2) = 2x + 1$$

$$T(x^3) = 3x + 1$$

$$[T(p(x))]_{B_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} [p(x)]_{B_1}$$

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matrix representing T in the bases B_1, B_2 .

For instance, if we wanted to know

$$T(3 + 7x - 5x^2 - 3x^3) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[3 + 7x - 5x^2 - 3x^3]_{B_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Our formula says:

$$[T(p(x))]_{B_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[T(p(x))]_{B_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(p(x)) = 2 \cdot 1 - 12x + 0x^2$$

You can use this matrix A to compute the kernel and the image of the transformation

T . kernel $T \rightsquigarrow$ nullspace A

image $T \rightsquigarrow$ column space A .