

Another example of "vector" \rightarrow vector:

Ex: Find a basis for M_2 which contains $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Solution: We know $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for M_2 , so it spans M_2 .

Then $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ also spans M_2 .

We need to keep \uparrow , but there's too many vectors for a basis, so we need to find dependencies.

$$a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_5 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_6 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_1 - a_2 + a_3 = 0$$

$$a_2 + a_4 = 0$$

$$a_1 - a_2 + a_5 = 0$$

$$a_6 = 0$$

Matrix \rightarrow straight to here "vectors"

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-R_1 + R_3}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-R_3} \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for M_2 .

! There may be others, or other ways to find this

We have a name for this "vector" \rightarrow vector thing \rightarrow coordinates

Def In a vector space with basis $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$, the representation of v with respect to B is the column vector of coefficients of a vector v when it is written as a linear combination of v_1, \dots, v_n . That is,

$$\text{rep}_B(v) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}_B \quad \text{where } v = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

We call the c_i the coordinates of v with respect to B .

For example, M_2 has basis $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
 $E_{11} \quad E_{12} \quad E_{21} \quad E_{22}$

$$\text{So } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rep}_B \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_B$$

from last class

Ex In P_2 , we have bases $B_1 = \{1, x, x^2\}$, $B_2 = \{x^2, x, 1\}$, $B_3 = \{1+x-x^2, 4+x, 2-x+x^2\}$
 Write $1-2x+3x^2$ in terms of each basis to find its coordinates wrt each.

$B_1: 1-2x+3x^2 = 1 \cdot 1 + \underline{-2}x + \underline{3}x^2 \Rightarrow \text{rep}_{B_1}(1-2x+3x^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}_{B_1}$
 $B_2: 1-2x+3x^2 = 3x^2 + \underline{-2}x + \underline{1} \cdot 1 \Rightarrow \text{rep}_{B_2}(1-2x+3x^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{B_2}$
 $B_3: 1-2x+3x^2 = \underline{a}(1+x-x^2) + \underline{b}(4+x) + \underline{c}(2-x+x^2)$

← not the same!
 ← We need the order in basis

On your own: Solve for a, b, c .

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= a + 4b + 2c \\
 -2 &= a + b - c \\
 3 &= -a + c
 \end{aligned}
 \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c}
 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\
 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\
 -1 & 0 & 1 & 3
 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{GJ} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c}
 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 0
 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} a = -3 \\ b = 1 \\ c = 0 \end{array}$$

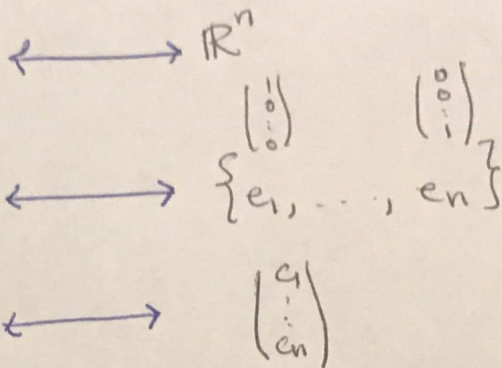
$$\text{rep}_{B_3}(1-2x+3x^2) = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{B_3}$$

Pause → Big Picture using coordinates, we can simplify computations:

V an arbitrary, finite-dimensional vector space ($\dim=n$) over \mathbb{R}

basis $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$

arbitrary vector $v = c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n$



we can use all of our matrix tricks for bases, linear independence, solution sets, etc. over here

To find out about relationships over here!

Ex Find a basis for P_3 containing the linearly independent set

$$S = \{x^3 - 2, x^2 + 3x\}$$

Solution: Use the same idea from M_2 example. Expand by adding a full spanning set, then trim down.

$$S' = \{x^3 - 2, x^2 + 3x, x^3, x^2, x, 1\} \text{ spans } P_3.$$

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

coordinates in terms of Basis, $B = \{x^3, x^2, x, 1\}$

(Thank goodness for computers!)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{GJ} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then a basis is

$$\{x^3 - 2, x^2 + 3x, x^3, x^2\}$$

(Note: what do the free variables tell you?)

Coordinates can be super helpful when working with vector spaces of polynomials, but can be confusing when working in \mathbb{R}^n :

For example, $B_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ and $B_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ are both bases for $V = \mathbb{R}^2$