

① Write $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ in both bases.

Solution: $\text{rep}_{B_1}\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}_{B_1}$ and to find $\text{rep}_{B_2}\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, we have $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = a\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + b\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{cases} 3 = a - b \rightarrow a = b + 3 \\ 2 = 3a + 2b \\ 2 = 3(b + 3) + 2b \\ -7 = 5b \quad b = -\frac{7}{5} \\ \rightarrow a = \frac{8}{5} \end{cases}$$

$\text{rep}_{B_2}\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{8}{5} \\ -\frac{7}{5} \end{pmatrix}_{B_2}$

② Write $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ (B_1) in terms of B_2 .

Solution: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = a\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + b\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 = a - b \rightarrow a = b + 1 \\ 0 = 3a + 2b \end{cases}$ $a = \frac{2}{5}$

$0 = 3(b + 1) + 2b \rightarrow -3 = 5b \rightarrow b = -\frac{3}{5}$

$\text{rep}_{B_2}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{5} \\ -\frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix}_{B_2}$

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = a\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + b\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 = a - b \rightarrow a = b \\ 1 = 3a + 2b \rightarrow 1 = 5b \end{cases} b = \frac{1}{5}, a = \frac{1}{5}$

$\text{rep}_{B_2}\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} \end{pmatrix}_{B_2}$

Notice: $\text{rep}_{B_1}\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 3\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{B_1} + 2\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{B_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

Is the same true when we write B_1 in terms of B_2 ?

That is, is $\text{rep}_{B_2}\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 3\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{5} \\ -\frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix}_{B_2} + 2\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} \end{pmatrix}_{B_2}$?

Let's see this a little more generally:

If we have two bases for a vector space, $B_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ and $B_2 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, we can write each vector in B_1 as a linear combination of the vectors in B_2 (coordinates) or vice versa:

$u_1 = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n$
 $u_2 = b_1 v_1 + b_2 v_2 + \dots + b_n v_n$
 \vdots
 $u_n = k_1 v_1 + k_2 v_2 + \dots + k_n v_n$

Then if we know a vector's representation with respect to the first basis, we are able to find its representation with respect to the second basis!

$v = \lambda_1 u_1 + \lambda_2 u_2 + \dots + \lambda_n u_n$
 $= \lambda_1(a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n) + \lambda_2(b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_n v_n) + \dots + \lambda_n(k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_n v_n)$
 $= (\lambda_1 a_1 + \lambda_2 b_1 + \dots + \lambda_n k_1) v_1 + \dots + (\lambda_1 a_n + \lambda_2 b_n + \dots + \lambda_n k_n) v_n$
 $= (\lambda_1 \ \lambda_2 \ \dots \ \lambda_n) \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \\ k_1 \end{pmatrix} v_1 + \dots + (\lambda_1 \ \lambda_2 \ \dots \ \lambda_n) \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ \vdots \\ k_n \end{pmatrix} v_n$
 $= (\lambda_1 \ \lambda_2 \ \dots \ \lambda_n) \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$

BOOK Hefferon = $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & \dots & k_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & \dots & k_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_n & b_n & \dots & k_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} (v_1 \dots v_n)$

Def. The change of basis matrix, or transition matrix from a basis B_1 to another basis B_2 is the $n \times n$ matrix (where $\dim V = n$)

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} | & | & & | \\ \text{rep}_{B_2}(u_1) & \text{rep}_{B_2}(u_2) & \dots & \text{rep}_{B_2}(u_n) \\ | & | & & | \end{array} \right)_{B_1 \rightarrow B_2}$$

where $B_1 = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ and each column corresponds to u_i 's coordinates w.r.t B_2 .

In the context of matrix multiplication, left multiplication by this matrix converts a representation of a vector with respect to B_1 to its representation with respect to B_2 .

In our example,

COB matrix is $\left(\begin{array}{c|c} \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ \hline -\frac{10}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{array} \right)_{B_1 \rightarrow B_2}$ Then $\left(\begin{array}{c|c} \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ \hline -\frac{10}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{array} \right)_{B_1 \rightarrow B_2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}_{B_1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{8}{5} \\ -\frac{7}{5} \end{pmatrix}_{B_2} \checkmark$