

## Homework 4 - Proof

Proof that if a set of vectors  $\{e_i\}$ ,  $e_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$  are linearly independent and if  $v = \sum_i x_i e_i$ ,  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$  Then the representation is unique

↳ solution:

$\{x_i\}$  must be the only set of scalars that represent  $v$  if it is unique

then let's assume there exists a different set  $\{y_i\}$  where

$$v = \sum_i y_i e_i$$

but since both expressions are equal to  $v$ , then:

$$v = \sum_i x_i e_i = \sum_i y_i e_i \rightarrow \sum_i (x_i - y_i) e_i = 0$$

this must be zero, then

$$x_i - y_i = 0 \rightarrow x_i = y_i$$

← Unique representation