
1. Let \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2 be Max's vectors and let \vec{d}_1, \vec{d}_2 be Lily's vectors. The cup and the plate can be represented in terms of Max's and Lily's vectors because $\text{span}\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2\} = \text{span}\{\vec{d}_1, \vec{d}_2\}$. Neither representation is more correct—it's just a different perspective.

2. Max and Lily are viewing the same objects but using different bases. Neither is more correct than the other.

3. Basis \rightarrow linearly independent spanning set.

Different bases \rightarrow different representation of items as coordinates.

Max and Lily sitting at different positions on the table \rightarrow different “standard” bases \rightarrow confusion about coordinates.
