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Examples:

- 1. The set of all polynomials of degree at most 3 is a subspace of the set of all polynomials with coefficients from \mathbb{R} .
- 2. The set of all 2×2 matrices with trace zero is a subspace of the set of all 2×2 matrices over \mathbb{R} .

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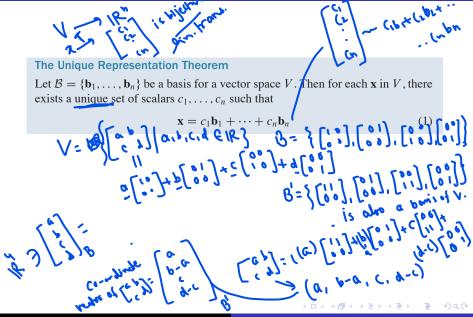
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$$\dim H \leq \dim V$$

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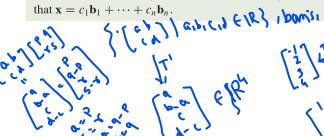
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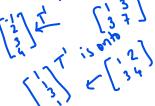
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Let $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ be a basis for a vector space V. Then the coordinate mapping $x \mapsto [x]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is a one-to-one linear transformation from V onto \mathbb{R}^n . X = (1b) + (2b) +THETH

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The Basis Theorem Let V be a n-dimensional vector space, $n \geq 1$. Any linearly independent set of exactly n elements in V is automatically a basis for V. Any set of exactly n elements that spans V is automatically a basis for V.



Change of basis

EXAMPLE 1 Consider two bases $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$ and $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2\}$ for a vector space V, such that

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = 4\mathbf{c}_1 + \mathbf{c}_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = -6\mathbf{c}_1 + \mathbf{c}_2 \tag{1}$$

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$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
. Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$