

**Topic:** Transformation matrix for a basis

**Question:** Use the transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  to transform  $[\vec{x}]_B = (5, 4, -2)$  in the basis  $B$  in the domain to a vector in the basis  $B$  in the codomain.

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$B = \text{Span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

**Answer choices:**

A  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -20 \\ 9 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

B  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -15 \\ -28 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

C  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -15 \\ -36 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$

D  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -20 \\ 78 \\ -93 \end{bmatrix}$



**Solution: C**

In order to transform a vector in the alternate basis in the domain into a vector in the alternate basis in the codomain, we need to find the transformation matrix  $M$ .

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = M[\vec{x}]_B$$

We know that  $M = C^{-1}AC$ , and  $A$  was given to us in the problem as part of  $T(\vec{x})$ , so we just need to find  $C$  and  $C^{-1}$ .

The change of basis matrix  $C$  that transforms vectors from the standard basis into vectors in the alternate basis  $B$  is made of the column vectors that span  $B$ ,  $\vec{v}_1 = (1, -1, 1)$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = (0, 1, -1)$ , and  $\vec{v}_3 = (2, 1, -2)$ , so

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we'll find  $C^{-1}$ .

$$[C \mid I] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$[C \mid I] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$[C \mid I] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$



$$[C \mid I] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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So,

$$C^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

With  $A$ ,  $C$ , and  $C^{-1}$ , we can find  $M = C^{-1}AC$ .

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2(1) - 2(-1) + 1(1) & -2(0) - 2(1) + 1(-1) & -2(2) - 2(1) + 1(-2) \\ 1(1) + 0(-1) - 2(1) & 1(0) + 0(1) - 2(-1) & 1(2) + 0(1) - 2(-2) \\ 0(1) + 1(-1) + 0(1) & 0(0) + 1(1) + 0(-1) & 0(2) + 1(1) + 0(-2) \end{bmatrix}$$



$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2+2+1 & 0-2-1 & -4-2-2 \\ 1+0-2 & 0+0+2 & 2+0+4 \\ 0-1+0 & 0+1+0 & 0+1+0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -8 \\ -1 & 2 & 6 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1(1) + 2(-1) + 2(-1) & 1(-3) + 2(2) + 2(1) & 1(-8) + 2(6) + 2(1) \\ 1(1) + 4(-1) + 3(-1) & 1(-3) + 4(2) + 3(1) & 1(-8) + 4(6) + 3(1) \\ 0(1) - 1(-1) - 1(-1) & 0(-3) - 1(2) - 1(1) & 0(-8) - 1(6) - 1(1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1-2-2 & -3+4+2 & -8+12+2 \\ 1-4-3 & -3+8+3 & -8+24+3 \\ 0+1+1 & 0-2-1 & 0-6-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 & 6 \\ -6 & 8 & 19 \\ 2 & -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

We've been asked to transform  $[\vec{x}]_B = (5, 4, -2)$ , so we'll multiply  $M$  by this vector.

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = M[\vec{x}]_B$$

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 & 6 \\ -6 & 8 & 19 \\ 2 & -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -3(5) + 3(4) + 6(-2) \\ -6(5) + 8(4) + 19(-2) \\ 2(5) - 3(4) - 7(-2) \end{bmatrix}$$



$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -15 + 12 - 12 \\ -30 + 32 - 38 \\ 10 - 12 + 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -15 \\ -36 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$



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$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$B = \text{Span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

**Answer choices:**

A  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

B  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

C  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -12 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

D  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$



**Solution: D**

The change of basis matrix  $C$  for the basis  $B$  is made of the column vectors that span  $B$ ,  $\vec{v}_1 = (2, 1)$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = (-6, -2)$ , so

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we'll find  $C^{-1}$ .

$$[C \mid I] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & -6 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$[C \mid I] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -3 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$[C \mid I] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -3 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$[C \mid I] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

So,

$$C^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the transformation  $T(\vec{x})$  where  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ .

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$



$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -2(2) - 5(-2) \\ 3(2) + 1(-2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -4 + 10 \\ 6 - 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = C^{-1}T(\vec{x})$ .

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1(6) + 3(4) \\ -\frac{1}{2}(6) + 1(4) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -6 + 12 \\ -3 + 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





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**Answer choices:**

A  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$

B  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$

C  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{4} \\ \frac{7}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

D  $[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$



**Solution: A**

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The change of basis matrix  $C$  for the basis  $B$  is made of the column vectors that span  $B$ ,  $\vec{v}_1 = (-4, 4)$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = (4, 0)$ , so

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we'll find  $C^{-1}$ .

$$[C \mid I] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} -4 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$[C \mid I] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -1 & -\frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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$$[C \mid I] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -1 & -\frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right]$$



$$[C \mid I] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right]$$

So,

$$C^{-1} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right]$$

With  $A$ ,  $C$ , and  $C^{-1}$ , we can find  $M = C^{-1}AC$ .

$$M = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{cc} -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{cc} -4 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$M = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{cc} -1(-4) + 3(4) & -1(4) + 3(0) \\ 2(-4) + 1(4) & 2(4) + 1(0) \end{array} \right]$$

$$M = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 4 + 12 & -4 + 0 \\ -8 + 4 & 8 + 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$M = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 16 & -4 \\ -4 & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

$$M = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0(16) + \frac{1}{4}(-4) & 0(-4) + \frac{1}{4}(8) \\ \frac{1}{4}(16) + \frac{1}{4}(-4) & \frac{1}{4}(-4) + \frac{1}{4}(8) \end{array} \right]$$



$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 - 1 & 0 + 2 \\ 4 - 1 & -1 + 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1(2) + 2(3) \\ 3(2) + 1(3) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 + 6 \\ 6 + 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(\vec{x})]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

