

can I change the σ in the question, so the numbers are less confusing?

let's say $\sigma \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x-y \\ 2x & -2z \\ y+z \end{pmatrix}$.

let $\beta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\beta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\beta_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3\}$.

The question asks for $[\sigma]_B$, i.e. $\underset{B \leftarrow B}{[\sigma]}$.

There are two ways to do this:

Method 1 (what we were doing on Friday)

$$\underset{B \leftarrow B}{[\sigma]} = \begin{array}{ccc|c} \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \\ \hline a & & & \beta_1 \\ \hline b & & & \beta_2 \\ \hline c & & & \beta_3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{inputs (into } \sigma) \\ \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc|c} \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \\ \hline a & & & \beta_1 \\ \hline b & & & \beta_2 \\ \hline c & & & \beta_3 \end{array}} \right\} \text{outputs} \end{array}$$

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 $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ is $[\sigma(\beta_1)]_B$, i.e. find a, b, c so that $\sigma(\beta_1) = a\beta_1 + b\beta_2 + c\beta_3$, then put these a, b, c into the first column of the table.

i.e.: $\sigma(\beta_1) = \sigma \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow x=1 \\ \leftarrow y=1 \\ \leftarrow z=1 \end{array}$

$= \begin{pmatrix} 3-1 \\ 2 & -2 \\ 1+1 \end{pmatrix}$ using (*)

$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

let $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = a\beta_1 + b\beta_2 + c\beta_3$
 $= a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

To solve this, row reduce $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow a=0, b=2, c=2$

$\therefore \underset{B \leftarrow B}{[\sigma]} = \begin{array}{ccc|c} \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \\ \hline 0 & & & \beta_1 \\ \hline 2 & & & \beta_2 \\ \hline 2 & & & \beta_3 \end{array}$

To find the other two columns, do the same thing with $\sigma(\beta_2)$ and $\sigma(\beta_3)$: you should try.

Method 2 (change of coordinates)

let $A = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$, the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

④ $[\sigma]_{A \leftarrow A} = \begin{array}{ccc|c} & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ \hline & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \end{array}$ from (*)

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 $\sigma(e_1) \quad \sigma(e_2) \quad \sigma(e_3)$
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 $\sigma\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) \quad \sigma\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) \quad \sigma\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$
 $\begin{pmatrix} x=1 \\ y=0 \\ z=0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x=0 \\ y=1 \\ z=0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x=0 \\ y=0 \\ z=1 \end{pmatrix}$

Now $[\sigma]_{B \leftarrow B} = [\underbrace{L \circ \sigma \circ L^{-1}}_{B \leftarrow B}]$ L is the identity function, $L(x) = x \forall x$.

$= \underbrace{[L]}_{B \leftarrow A} \underbrace{[\sigma]}_{A \leftarrow A} \underbrace{[L^{-1}]}_{A \leftarrow B}$
 ① ② ③
 is the inverse of ③ found in ④

$[\underbrace{L}_{A \leftarrow B}] = \begin{array}{ccc|c} & \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \end{array}$

inputs: $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$ outputs: e_1, e_2, e_3

first column = β_1 second column = β_2

Now invert this matrix, multiply ① ② ③ as above, and check the answer is the same as via method 1.