

## Lecture 20

Proposition: Suppose  $\beta = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is a basis for a subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $\forall \vec{w} \in W \exists$  unique scalars  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\vec{w} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_k \vec{v}_k$$

Proof - Since  $\beta$  is a basis for  $W$ , we have  $W = \text{span } \beta$ . So given  $\vec{w} \in W$  I have

$$\vec{w} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_k \vec{v}_k \text{ for some scalars } x_1, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Suppose also:  $\vec{w} = y_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + y_k \vec{v}_k$  for some  $y_1, \dots, y_k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\vec{0} = (x_1 - y_1) \vec{v}_1 + \dots + (x_k - y_k) \vec{v}_k$$

$\Rightarrow x_1 - y_1 = \dots = x_k - y_k = 0$ , because  $\beta$  is linearly independent.

$$\text{i.e. } x_1 = y_1, \dots, x_k = y_k$$



• We call  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  the coordinates of  $\vec{w}$  relative to  $\beta$  and write

$$[\vec{w}]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_k \end{pmatrix} = \text{"coordinate vec" relative to } \beta.$$

Example

$$W = \text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 8 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\beta} \right\}$$

If  $\vec{w} \in W$  has  $[\vec{w}]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\vec{w} = 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 8 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rmk - Let  $S_\beta = [\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k]$ . Then  $[\vec{w}]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_k \end{pmatrix}$  means

$$\vec{w} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_k \vec{v}_k = S_\beta [\vec{w}]_\beta$$

$$\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } \mathcal{E} = \{ \vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n \} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

Then  $[\vec{w}]_{\mathcal{E}} = \vec{w}$  = "standard coordinates" for  $\vec{w}$ .

Example

$$\beta = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then } [\vec{w}]_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{because } \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{What if } \lambda = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 17 \\ 31 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

What is  $[\vec{w}]_\lambda$ ?

ANS 1 - Need  $x_1, x_2$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 17 \\ 31 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{i.e. I need to solve } \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 17 & -3 & 7 \\ 31 & 7 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

ANS 2 - We know  $\vec{w} = \lambda_\beta [\vec{w}]_\beta \rightarrow \lambda_\beta^{-1} \vec{w} = [\vec{w}]_\beta$

So:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & -3 \\ 31 & 7 \end{bmatrix} [\vec{w}]_\beta$$

So!  $\frac{1}{17(7) - (-3)(31)} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ -31 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{w}]_\beta$

**Ex** Suppose linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $T(\vec{v}) =$  orthogonal projection of  $\vec{v}$  onto the plane  $P = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0 \right\}$

What is  $[T]$ ?

||  
 $\begin{bmatrix} T(\vec{e}_1) & T(\vec{e}_2) & T(\vec{e}_3) \end{bmatrix}$

Need another approach! →

Idea! Pick a more convenient basis.

Observations - If  $\vec{v}_3$  is orthogonal to  $P$  then  $T(\vec{v}_3) = \vec{0}$ .

||  
 $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

- If  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in P$  then  $T(\vec{v}_1) = \vec{v}_1, T(\vec{v}_2) = \vec{v}_2$

||      ||  
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

So take  $\beta = \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

if  $[\vec{w}]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$  then  $\vec{w} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 + x_3 \vec{v}_3$

$$\rightarrow T(\vec{w}) = x_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + x_2 T(\vec{v}_2) + x_3 T(\vec{v}_3)$$

$$\rightarrow T(\vec{w}) = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 + x_3 \vec{0}$$

so  $[T(\vec{w})]_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{[T]_\beta} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{[\vec{w}]_\beta}$

i.e.  $[T(\vec{w})]_\beta = [T]_\beta [\vec{w}]_\beta$

finally  $T(\vec{w}) = S_\beta [T(\vec{w})]_\beta$  and  $\vec{w} = S_\beta [\vec{w}]_\beta$

so  $T(\vec{w}) = S_\beta [T(\vec{w})]_\beta = S_\beta [T]_\beta [\vec{w}]_\beta$

$$= \underbrace{(S_\beta [T]_\beta S_\beta^{-1})}_{[T]} \vec{w}$$

so  $[T] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$

$$[T] = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$