

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 scalers $x_1, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\vec{w} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_k \vec{v}_k$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Example

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

β

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

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

Rmk - Let $S_B = [\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_K]$. Then $[\vec{w}]_B = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_K \end{pmatrix}$ means

$$\vec{w} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + x_K \vec{v}_K = S_B [\vec{w}]_B$$

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

Then $[\vec{w}]_E = \vec{w} = \text{"standard coordinates" for } \vec{w}$.

Example

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

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

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

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

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

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:

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

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

Ex

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

What is $[T]_{\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^3}$?

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

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

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

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

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

$$\rightarrow T(\vec{w}) = x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2 + x_3 \vec{0}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$[T]$

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

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