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Basis as a Coordinate System

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Coordinate System Example

Let $V = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ and consider the basis given by

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And label them as follows

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Then

$$\left[\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -4 & 15 \end{bmatrix} \right]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -4 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

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We will now prove some properties of C !

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Thus, these vectors are linearly independent!