

CX1104: Linear Algebra for Computing

Chap. No : 8.1.5A

Topic : Revision – coordinate systems

Concept : Coordinate systems and Change of basis

Note: This is a quick revision on
coordinates and change of basis

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}}_b$$

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Basis

Let H be a subspace of a vector space V . An indexed set of vectors $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$ in V is a **basis** for H if

- (i) \mathcal{B} is a linearly independent set, and
- (ii) the subspace spanned by \mathcal{B} coincides with H ; that is,

$$H = \text{Span} \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$$

Lay, 4th, pg209, ch4.3

Two Views of a Basis

When the Spanning Set Theorem is used, the deletion of vectors from a spanning set must stop when the set becomes linearly independent. If an additional vector is deleted, it will not be a linear combination of the remaining vectors, and hence the smaller set will no longer span V . Thus a basis is a spanning set that is as small as possible.

A basis is also a linearly independent set that is as large as possible. If S is a basis for V , and if S is enlarged by one vector—say, \mathbf{w} —from V , then the new set cannot be linearly independent, because S spans V , and \mathbf{w} is therefore a linear combination of the elements in S .

Lay, 4th, pg212, ch4.3

Basis

EXAMPLE 10 The following three sets in \mathbb{R}^3 show how a linearly independent set can be enlarged to a basis and how further enlargement destroys the linear independence of the set. Also, a spanning set can be shrunk to a basis, but further shrinking destroys the spanning property.

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Linearly independent
but does not span \mathbb{R}^3

A basis
for \mathbb{R}^3

Spans \mathbb{R}^3 but is
linearly dependent



Lay, 4th, pg212, ch4.3

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THEOREM 7

The Unique Representation Theorem

Let $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ be a basis for a vector space V . Then for each \mathbf{x} in V , there exists a unique set of scalars c_1, \dots, c_n such that

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n \quad (1)$$

PROOF Since \mathcal{B} spans V , there exist scalars such that (1) holds. Suppose \mathbf{x} also has the representation

$$\mathbf{x} = d_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + d_n \mathbf{b}_n$$

for scalars d_1, \dots, d_n . Then, subtracting, we have

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x} = (c_1 - d_1) \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + (c_n - d_n) \mathbf{b}_n \quad (2)$$

Since \mathcal{B} is linearly independent, the weights in (2) must all be zero. That is, $c_j = d_j$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$. ■

Another way to look at this:
e.g. if $x \in R^n$, $c \in R^n$, and
 $P_B = [b_1 \dots b_n] \in R^{n \times n}$,
 P_B is invertible since cols
are independent, and relating
 x and c by
 $x = P_B c$

Then

$$c = P_B^{-1} x$$

Since P_B^{-1} exist, then
 c is unique. $[x]_b = c$ is a
vector $\in R^n$ representing x
In the B basis.

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DEFINITION

Suppose $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ is a basis for V and \mathbf{x} is in V . The **coordinates of \mathbf{x} relative to the basis \mathcal{B}** (or the **\mathcal{B} -coordinates of \mathbf{x}**) are the weights c_1, \dots, c_n such that $\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{b}_n$.

If c_1, \dots, c_n are the \mathcal{B} -coordinates of \mathbf{x} , then the vector in \mathbb{R}^n

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

is the **coordinate vector of \mathbf{x} (relative to \mathcal{B})**, or the **\mathcal{B} -coordinate vector of \mathbf{x}** . The mapping $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is the **coordinate mapping (determined by \mathcal{B})**.¹

¹The concept of a coordinate mapping assumes that the basis \mathcal{B} is an indexed set whose vectors are listed in some fixed preassigned order. This property makes the definition of $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ unambiguous.

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EXAMPLE 1 Consider a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$ for \mathbb{R}^2 , where $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Suppose an \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^2 has the coordinate vector $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Find \mathbf{x} .

SOLUTION The \mathcal{B} -coordinates of \mathbf{x} tell how to build \mathbf{x} from the vectors in \mathcal{B} . That is,

$$\mathbf{x} = (-2)\mathbf{b}_1 + 3\mathbf{b}_2 = (-2)\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \blacksquare$$

EXAMPLE 2 The entries in the vector $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ are the coordinates of \mathbf{x} relative to the *standard basis* $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\}$, since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 6 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_1 + 6 \cdot \mathbf{e}_2$$

If $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\}$, then $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}} = \mathbf{x}$. \blacksquare

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EXAMPLE 4 Let $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$. Find the coordinate vector $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ of \mathbf{x} relative to \mathcal{B} .

SOLUTION The \mathcal{B} -coordinates c_1, c_2 of \mathbf{x} satisfy

$$c_1 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{b}_1} + c_2 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{b}_2} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}}$$

or

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}} \quad (3)$$

This equation can be solved by row operations on an augmented matrix or by using the inverse of the matrix on the left. In any case, the solution is $c_1 = 3$, $c_2 = 2$. Thus $\mathbf{x} = 3\mathbf{b}_1 + 2\mathbf{b}_2$, and

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



See Fig. 4.

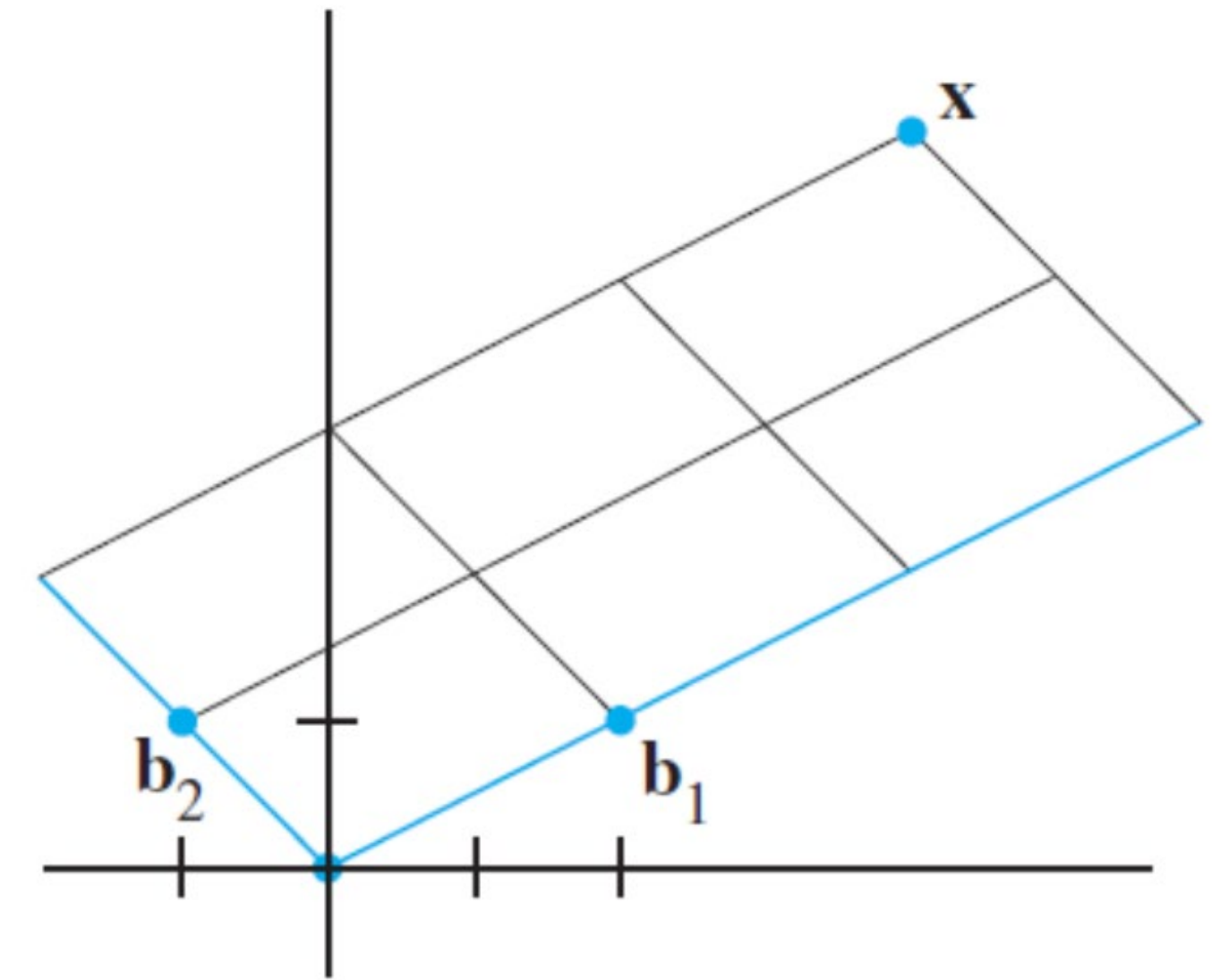


FIGURE 4

The \mathcal{B} -coordinate vector of \mathbf{x} is $(3, 2)$.

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$$\begin{array}{c} P_B \\ \swarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} [x]_B \\ \swarrow \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} x \\ \swarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 \end{array} \quad \mathbf{x} \end{array} \quad (3)$$

The matrix in (3) changes the \mathcal{B} -coordinates of a vector \mathbf{x} into the standard coordinates for \mathbf{x} . An analogous change of coordinates can be carried out in \mathbb{R}^n for a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$. Let

$$P_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{b}_n]$$

Then the vector equation

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{b}_2 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n$$

is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{x} = P_{\mathcal{B}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad (4)$$

We call $P_{\mathcal{B}}$ the **change-of-coordinates matrix** from \mathcal{B} to the standard basis in \mathbb{R}^n . Left-multiplication by $P_{\mathcal{B}}$ transforms the coordinate vector $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ into \mathbf{x} . The change-of-coordinates equation (4) is important and will be needed at several points in Chapters 5 and 7.

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Since the columns of P_B form a basis for \mathbb{R}^n , P_B is invertible (by the Invertible Matrix Theorem). Left-multiplication by P_B^{-1} converts \mathbf{x} into its \mathcal{B} -coordinate vector:

$$P_B^{-1}\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}]_B$$

The correspondence $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_B$, produced here by P_B^{-1} , is the coordinate mapping mentioned earlier. Since P_B^{-1} is an invertible matrix, the coordinate mapping is a one-to-one linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^n onto \mathbb{R}^n , by the Invertible Matrix Theorem.

Working:

$$P_B[x]_B = x$$

$$(P_B)^{-1} P_B[x]_B = (P_B)^{-1}x$$

$$[x]_B = (P_B)^{-1}x$$

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THEOREM 8

Let $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ be a basis for a vector space V . Then the coordinate mapping $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is a one-to-one linear transformation from V onto \mathbb{R}^n .

The Coordinate Mapping

Choosing a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ for a vector space V introduces a coordinate system in V . The coordinate mapping $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ connects the possibly unfamiliar space V to the familiar space \mathbb{R}^n . See Fig. 5. Points in V can now be identified by their new “names.”

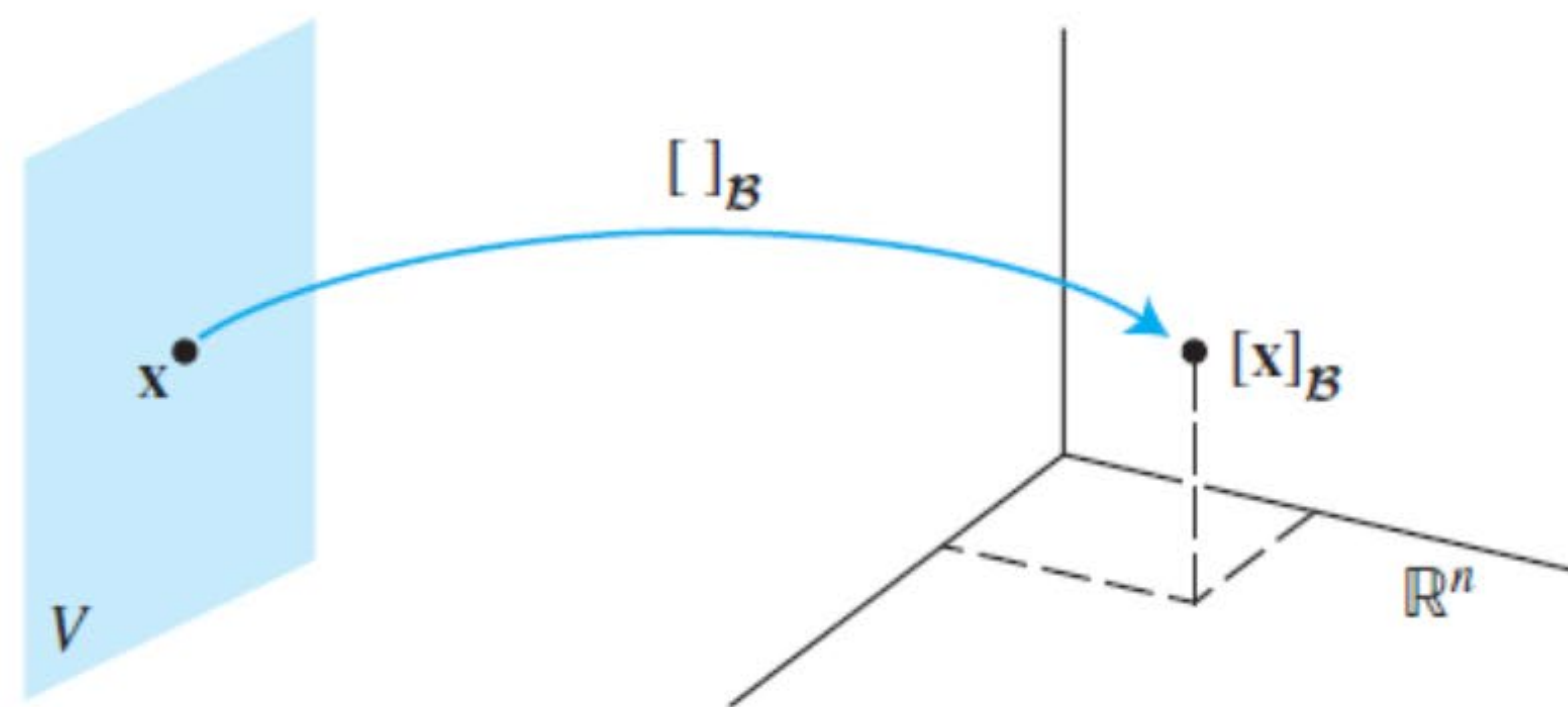


FIGURE 5 The coordinate mapping from V onto \mathbb{R}^n .

Terminology:

$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is isomorphic to \mathbf{x} and
 \mathbf{x} is isomorphic to $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$

“isomorphism”
is not part of syllabus.

- 8 Why are Isomorphisms useful? – Jonathan Dewein Jul 12 '13 at 3:33
- 55 Lots of reasons; one of the primary ones, however, is that it allows you to replace an object that you need to deal with with another object which has the same structure, but you are more familiar with. For instance, The vector space $P_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{ax^2 + bx + c \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$ of polynomials of degree at most 2 is isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^3 ; which one do you have more intuition about when it comes to vector space properties? – Nick Peterson Jul 12 '13 at 3:37

<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/441758/what-does-isomorphic-mean-in-linear-algebra>

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PROOF Take two typical vectors in V , say,

$$\mathbf{u} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n$$

$$\mathbf{w} = d_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + d_n \mathbf{b}_n$$

Then, using vector operations,

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} = (c_1 + d_1) \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + (c_n + d_n) \mathbf{b}_n$$

It follows that

$$[\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + d_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n + d_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{u}]_{\mathcal{B}} + [\mathbf{w}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

So the coordinate mapping preserves addition. If r is any scalar, then

$$r\mathbf{u} = r(c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n) = (rc_1) \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + (rc_n) \mathbf{b}_n$$

So

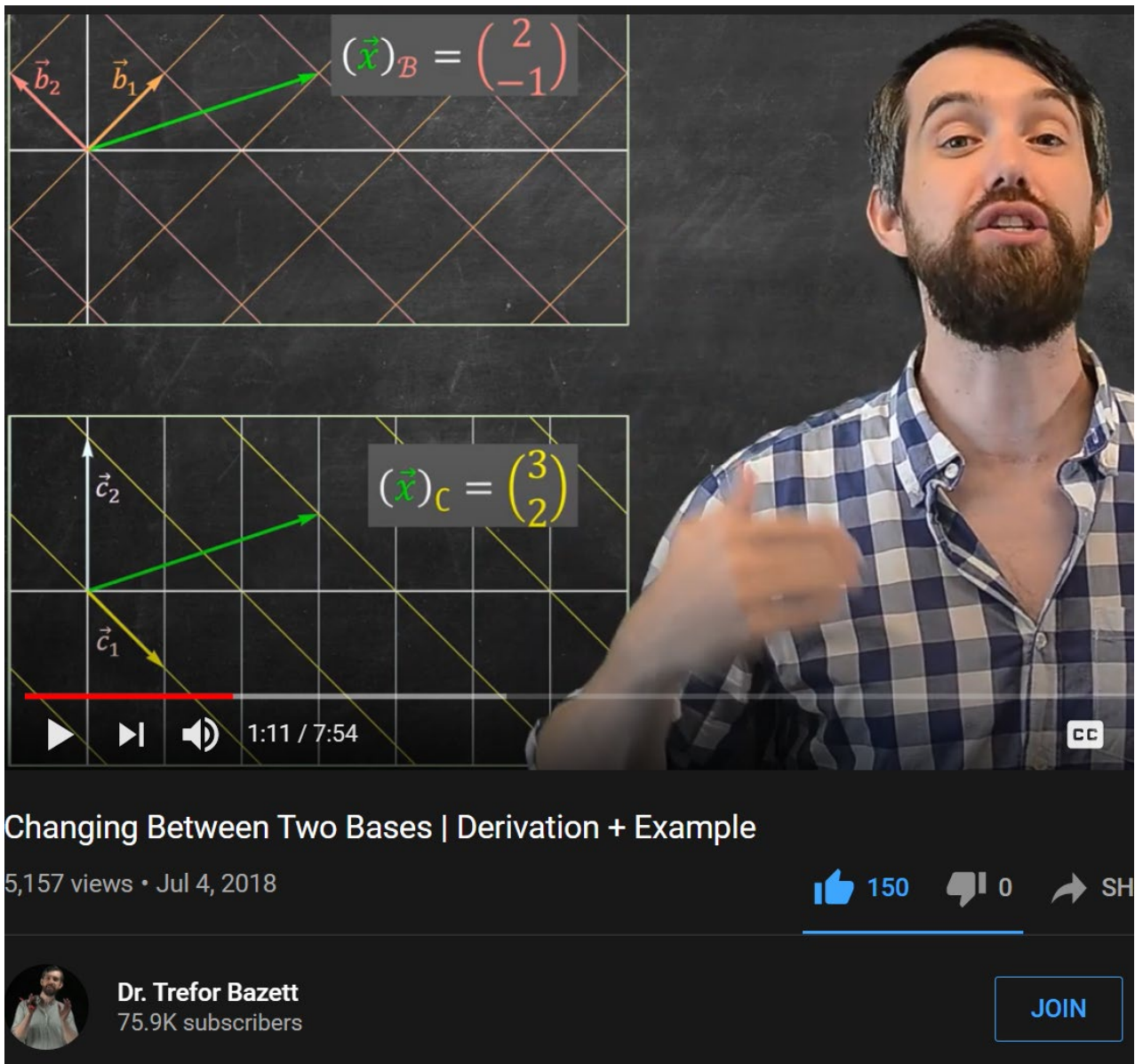
$$[r\mathbf{u}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} rc_1 \\ \vdots \\ rc_n \end{bmatrix} = r \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = r[\mathbf{u}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

Thus the coordinate mapping also preserves scalar multiplication and hence is a linear transformation.

Ref: Trefor Bazett explaining Change of Basis

Trefor Bazett: Changing between 2 bases
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjITOLhal9s>

- Trefor Bazett: Visualizing Change Of Basis Dynamically
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4GC6zoULi0>



Two Bases: $B = \{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$
 $C = \{\vec{c}_1, \dots, \vec{c}_n\}$

$$P_B(\vec{x})_B = \vec{x} = P_C(\vec{x})_C$$

$(\vec{x})_C = P_C^{-1} P_B (\vec{x})_B$

$(\vec{x})_B = P_B^{-1} P_C (\vec{x})_C$

Change of Basis:

$$(\vec{x})_C = P_C^{-1} P_B (\vec{x})_B$$

In B basis viewpoint

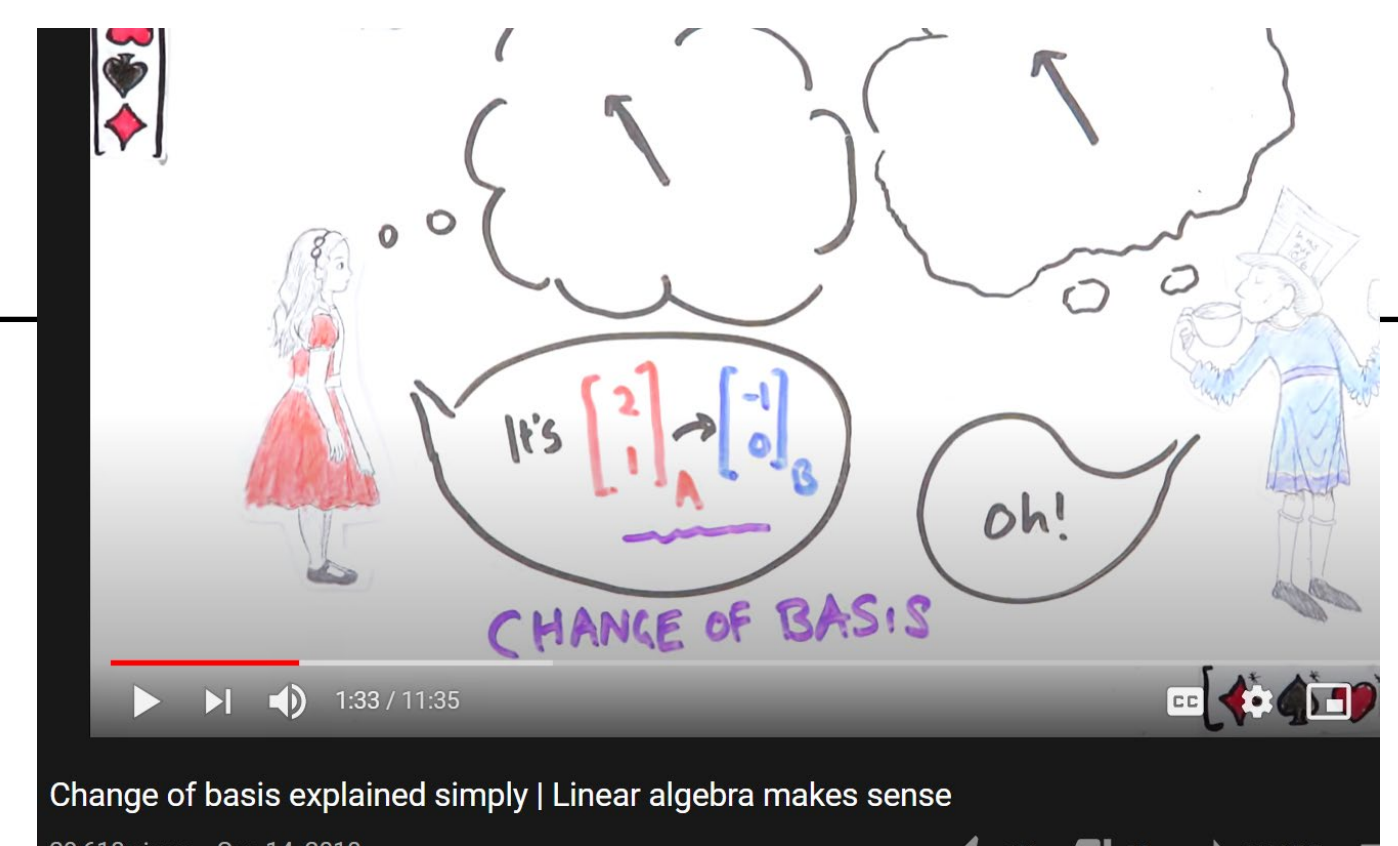
In Standard basis viewpoint

In C basis viewpoint

Ref: Other notable explanations of change of coordinate

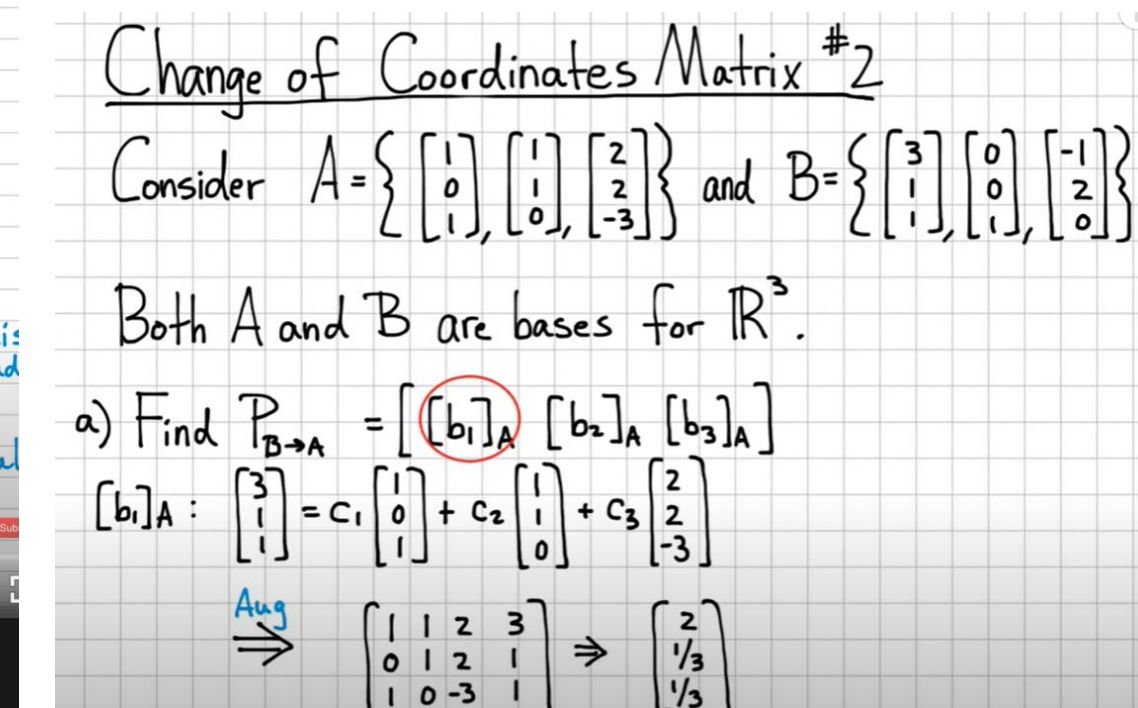
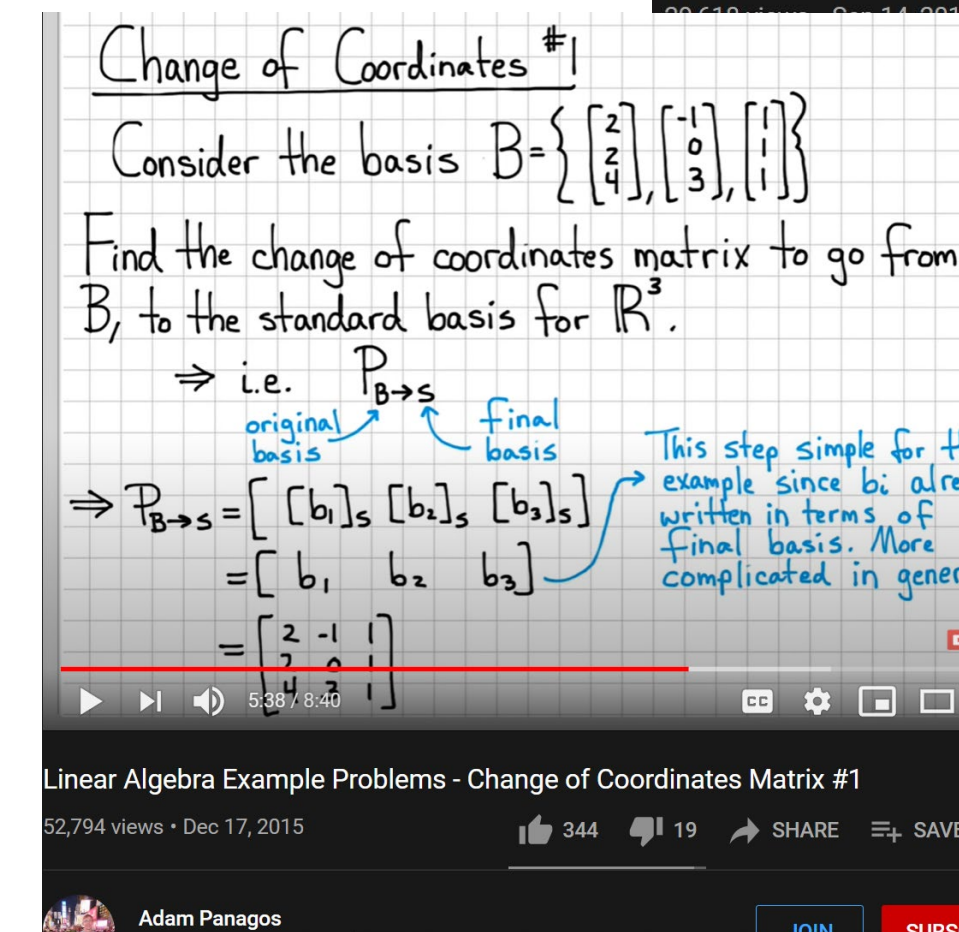
1) Looking Glass Universe (Change of Basis)

- https://youtu.be/Qp96zg5YZ_8



2) Adam Panagos – 2examples change of coordinates

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VG4-8yW3Ce8>
- <https://youtu.be/2K6ipONMlgg>

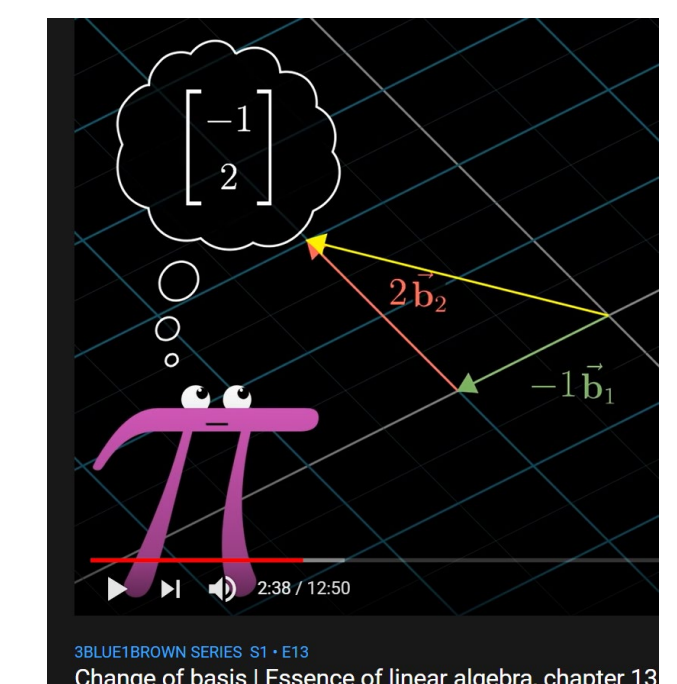
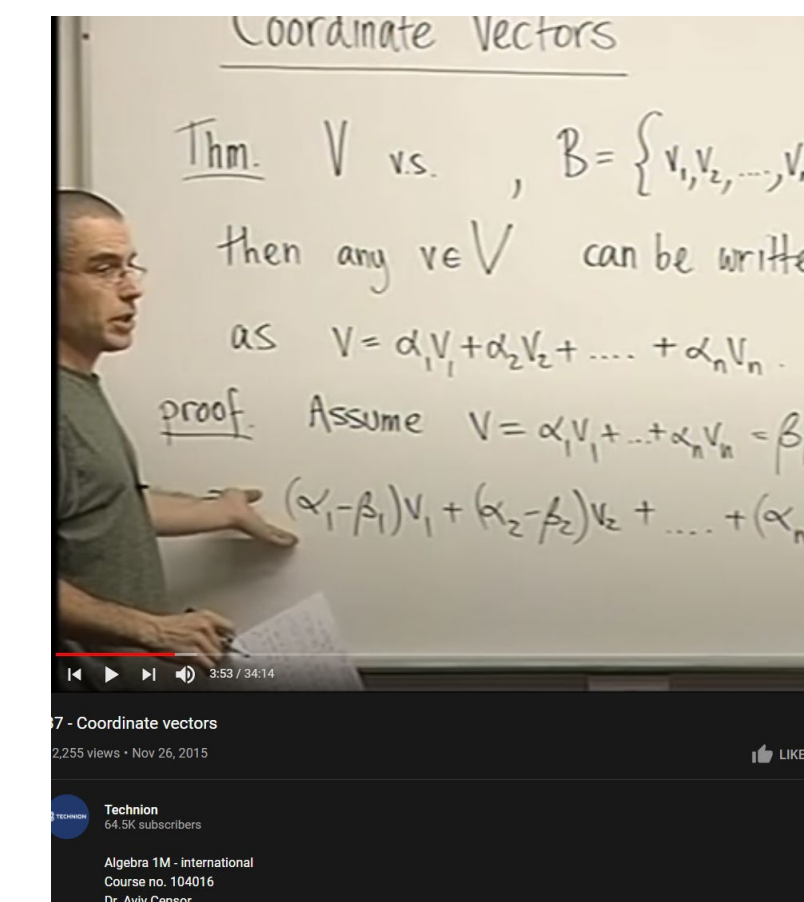


3) 3Blue1Brown: change of basis

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2LTAUO1TdA>

4) Technion, Dr Aviv Censor (lecture 37 – coordinate vectors)

<https://youtu.be/XxRwKd9qPxx>



Appendix: Isomorphism (not in syllabus)

1.3 Definition An *isomorphism* between two vector spaces V and W is a map $f: V \rightarrow W$ that

(1) is a correspondence: f is one-to-one and onto;*

(2) *preserves structure*: if $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in V$ then

$$f(\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) = f(\vec{v}_1) + f(\vec{v}_2)$$

and if $\vec{v} \in V$ and $r \in \mathbb{R}$ then

$$f(r\vec{v}) = r f(\vec{v})$$

(we write $V \cong W$, read “ V is isomorphic to W ”, when such a map exists).

(“Morphism” means map, so “isomorphism” means a map expressing sameness.)

1.2 Example Another two spaces we can think of as “the same” are \mathcal{P}_2 , the space of quadratic polynomials, and \mathbb{R}^3 . A natural correspondence is this.

$$a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \longleftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{e.g., } 1 + 2x + 3x^2 \longleftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix})$$

The structure is preserved: corresponding elements add in a corresponding way

$$\frac{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2}{(a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2} \longleftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 + b_0 \\ a_1 + b_1 \\ a_2 + b_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and scalar multiplication corresponds also.

$$r \cdot (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = (ra_0) + (ra_1)x + (ra_2)x^2 \longleftrightarrow r \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ra_0 \\ ra_1 \\ ra_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

An isomorphism of vector spaces is a linear map, which has a two sided inverse **linear** map.

Ref:

1) Isa Jubran - <https://web.cortland.edu/jubrani/272ch3.pdf>

2) <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/2535063/if-t-is-invertible-prove-it-is-isomorphic>

3) <http://pi.math.cornell.edu/~andreim/Lec25.pdf>