

## examples involving coordinate transformations.

e.g. There is a vector (polynomial)  $p(x)$  in  $P_2$

which has the coordinate vector  $K_{\mathcal{B}_1}(p(x)) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(i) with respect to the basis  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{1, x, x^2\}$ , find  $p(x)$ .  
(so here  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{B}_1$ )

(ii) with respect to the basis  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \{1-x, x, x^2\}$ , find  $p(x)$ .  
(so here  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{B}_2$ )

SOL: (i)  $p(x) = (1)(1) + (-1)(x) + (3)(x^2)$   
 $= 1 - x + 3x^2$

(ii)  $p(x) = 1(1-x) + (-1)(x) + (3)x^2$   
 $= 1 - x - x + 3x^2$   
 $= 1 - 2x + 3x^2$

exercise: show  $\mathcal{B}_2$  is a basis of  $P_2$  (used in this example)

e.g. (i) find the coordinate vector  $K_{\mathcal{B}_1}(p(x))$  ~~the~~

if  $p(x) = 5 + 6x + 6x^2$

(already as a lin. comb. of elements from  $\mathcal{B}_1$ )  
 $\{1, x, x^2\}$

SOL:

$K_{\mathcal{B}_1}(p(x)) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

SO

(ii) find the coordinate vector  $K_{\mathcal{B}_2}(p(x))$

if  $p(x) = 5 + 6x + 6x^2$

SOL: we need to write  $p(x)$  as a linear combination of elements in  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \{1-x, x, x^2\}$

~~the~~  $p(x) = 5 + (-5x + 11x) + 6x^2$   
 $= 5 - 5x + 11x + 6x^2$

SO  $K_{\mathcal{B}_2}(p(x)) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 11 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = 5(1-x) + 11x + 6x^2$

Showing a set is linearly independent in  $P_2$

e.g. Let  $X = \{1, 1-x\}$  (this is a set of vectors/  
polynomials in  $P_2$ ) Show that  $X$  is linearly  
independent in  $P_2$ .

**SOL ①** to show  $X$  is linearly independent we show that  
the ONLY solution to the equation

$$c_1(1) + c_2(1-x) = 0 \quad (*)$$

is when  $c_1 = 0$  and  $c_2 = 0$  (see definition of  
linearly independent on p165)

well let's manipulate this equation  $(*)$ :

$$c_1(1) + c_2(1-x) = 0$$

$$\iff c_1 + c_2 - c_2x = 0$$

$$\iff (c_1 + c_2)1 + (-c_2)x = 0 \quad (**)$$

but we know the set  $\{1, x\}$  is linearly independent  
(see prop 4.4.1 on p174)

so the only way for  $(**)$  to be true is  
for both  $c_1 + c_2 = 0$

AND  $-c_2 = 0$

by definition of linear independence.

SO  $\longrightarrow$

just solve this linear system:

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$-c_2 = 0$$

This is solving the equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is done by row reduction:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R1 \rightarrow R1 + R2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R2 \rightarrow -R2}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

so the only solution is

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$c_2 = 0$$

This is what we wanted to show originally  
with (\*). Hence

$$X = \{1, 1-x\} \quad \text{is}$$

linearly independent in  $P_2$ .