



Ex 1

Consider the vectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

in \mathbb{R}^3 , and define the plane $V = \text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 . Is the vector

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

on the plane V ?

We have to solve $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & : & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & : & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & : & 9 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & : & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & : & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & : & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } \vec{x} &= c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 \\ &= 3\vec{v}_1 + 2\vec{v}_2 \end{aligned}$$

Def 3.4.1: Coordinates in a Subspace of \mathbb{R}^n

Consider a basis $B = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m)$ of a subspace V of \mathbb{R}^n . By theorem 3.2.10, any vector \vec{x} in V can be written uniquely as

$$\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_m \vec{v}_m$$

The scalars c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m are called B coordinates of \vec{x} , and the vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_m \end{bmatrix}$$

is the B coordinate vector of \vec{x} , denoted by $[\vec{x}]_B$. Thus,

$$[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 3.4.2: Linearity of Coordinates

If B is a basis of a subspace V of \mathbb{R}^n , then

(a) $[\vec{x} + \vec{y}]_B = [\vec{x}]_B + [\vec{y}]_B$, for all vectors \vec{x} and \vec{y} in V , and

(b) $[k\vec{x}]_B = k[\vec{x}]_B$, for all \vec{x} in V and for all scalars k .