

## Change of basis.

**Terminology:** If  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  are a basis of a vector sp.  $V$  then every  $v \in V$  can be expressed as

$$v = x_1 b_1 + x_2 b_2 + \dots + x_n b_n \quad \text{in a unique way.}$$

The column  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$  are called coordinates of  $v$  in the basis  $b_1, \dots, b_n$ .

Ex.  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

what are coordinates of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in this basis?

In other words:

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has coords  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in basis  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

want: coords  $\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$  in basis

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} y_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} y_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$y = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}}_{B^{-1}}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5/2 & 3/2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

In general: to switch to basis  $b = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = y_1 b_1 + \dots + y_n b_n = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_B \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = B^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

"new" coords  
(in basis  $b$ )

"old" coords (in standard basis)

change of basis matrix  
from standard basis to basis  $b$ .

Ex. For  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , change of basis matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -5/2 & 3/2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

How to change from basis  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$  to a basis  $b = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ :

$$v = x_1 c_1 + x_2 c_2 + \dots + x_n c_n = y_1 b_1 + y_2 b_2 + \dots + y_n b_n$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & b_1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & b_n \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$Cx = By$ , then  $\underline{y} = B^{-1}Cx$   
and  $x = C^{-1}By$

coord in basis  $b$ .

coords in basis  $c$

So •  $B^{-1}C$  is the change of basis matrix from  $c$  to  $b$ ,

•  $C^{-1}B$  is the change of basis matrix from  $b$  to  $c$ .

What about transformations.

Suppose a linear transformation  $T$  from  $V$  to  $V$  has matrix  $A_{st}$  in [the standard] basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$ .

what is the matrix of  $T$  in another basis  $b$ ? <sup>some</sup>

$$T(v) = v'$$

$$v = x_1 e_1 + x_2 e_2 + \dots + x_n e_n$$

$$v' = x'_1 e_1 + \dots + x'_n e_n$$

$$A_{st} \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 \\ \vdots \\ x'_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 \\ \vdots \\ x'_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{st} x = x'$$

Supp.  $v = y_1 b_1 + \dots + y_n b_n$ ,  $v' = y'_1 b_1 + \dots + y'_n b_n$

$$\text{then } \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 \\ \vdots \\ x'_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b'_1 & \dots & b'_n \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_1 & \dots & b_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underbrace{x = B y}, \quad \underbrace{x' = B y'}$$

$$A_{st} B y = B y' \quad B^{-1} A_{st} B y = y'$$

- If  $T(v) = v'$  and
- $v$  has coords  $x$  in basis  $e_1 \dots e_n$
  - $v'$  has coords  $x'$  in basis  $e_1 \dots e_n$
  - change of basis matrix from  $e_1 \dots e_n$  to  $b_1 \dots b_n$  is  $B^{-1}$
  - $v$  has coords  $y$  in  $b_1 \dots b_n$
  - $v'$  has coords  $y'$  in  $b_1 \dots b_n$
  - $T$  has matrix  $A_{st}$  in  $e_1 \dots e_n$

then:

$$\underbrace{B^{-1} A_{st} B}_{A_b} y = y'$$

$A_b =$  matrix of  $T$  in the basis  $b_1 \dots b_n$

$$A_b = B^{-1} A_{st} B$$

Diagram illustrating the mapping of vectors and their coordinates:

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    graph TD
      x_prime[x'] --> y_prime[y']
      x[x] --> x_prime
      y[y] --> x
      y --> y_prime
  
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The diagram shows the relationship between the standard basis coordinates  $x$  and  $x'$ , and the new basis coordinates  $y$  and  $y'$ . The mapping  $x \mapsto x'$  is the identity map. The mapping  $y \mapsto y'$  is the transformation  $T$  in the new basis. The mapping  $x' \mapsto y'$  is the transformation  $T$  in the standard basis.

So!  $A$  and  $B^{-1}AB$  are matrices

of the same linear transformation in different bases.

The matrices  $A$ ,  $B^{-1}AB$  are called similar (conjugate).

$T(v) = cv \leftarrow$  eigenvector  $v$  of  $T$  with eigenvalue  $c$

Ex.  $e^{5x}$  is eigenvector of  $\frac{d}{dx}$  with eigenvalue 5.

All properties of a linear transformation itself are shared by  $A$  and  $B^{-1}AB$ .

Ex. If  $A$  has eigenvalue  $c$ , then so does  $B^{-1}AB$ .

If  $A$  has eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$  then  $B^{-1}AB$  has eig.  $B^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

Ex. Diagonalization:

$$A = X \Lambda X^{-1},$$

$$\Lambda = X^{-1} A X$$

↑  
diagonal

↑  
column = eigenvectors

$X^{-1}$  = change of basis matrix  
from standard basis to  
an eigenvector basis

Terminology:

Kernel of lin. transform.  $T$ :  
vectors  $v$  s.t.  $T(v) = 0$

↔ nullspace  
of  $A$ .

Range of  $T$ : vectors  $w$   
s.t.  $w = T(v)$

↔ column space  
of  $A$

Change of basis when input and output bases are different.



$$A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_m \end{bmatrix}$$

new bases:

$b_1 \dots b_n$

for  $V$

$c_1 \dots c_m$

for  $W$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = B \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_m \end{bmatrix} = C \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ \vdots \\ t_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB y = C t$$

$$C^{-1} A B y = t$$



SVD:

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} V^T = V^{-1} \\ U^T = U^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = U^T A V$$

↑  
"new"  
matrix,  
in bases  
 $u_1 \dots u_m$   
and  $v_1 \dots v_n$

↑  
"old" matrix

↑  
 $C^{-1}$

↑  
 $B$

What is a good basis for  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  that is not diagonalizable?

What does  $A$  look like in that basis?

Jordan Canonical Form (Jordan Normal Form):  
over complex numbers, there is a basis in which  $A$  looks like:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & & \\ & J_2 & & \\ & & J_3 & \\ & & & J_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_i & 1 & \\ & 0 & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$  ← Jordan cells

Ex.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & \\ & 2 & 1 \\ & & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .