

# Basis Ladder

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In the game “Word ladder” (invented by Lewis Carroll) you are given two words and you need to get from one word to the other by changing one letter at a time, making sure that after each change, you still have a valid word. For example, if you were given the words, *head* and *tail*, you could solve the game by performing the following sequence of changes:  $\text{head} \rightarrow \text{heal} \rightarrow \text{teal} \rightarrow \text{tell} \rightarrow \text{tall} \rightarrow \text{tail}$ .

In this exercise, we are going to play the same game, but with bases. For the following pairs of bases, find a way to get from one to the other by changing one vector at a time, making sure that after each change, you still have a basis.

1. Change  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
2. Change  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .
3. Change  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .