

Basis

Objectives:

1. Introducing change of basis
2. Introducing linear transformations (on the same vector space).

Recall: Basis Definition

- A basis set of vectors must
1. linearly independent
 2. span the vector space

Changing Basis Vectors

Example: Let $B = \{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2\}$ be a set of basis vectors.

$$b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ -\sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{matrix}} A = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\vec{b}_1} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\vec{b}_2}$

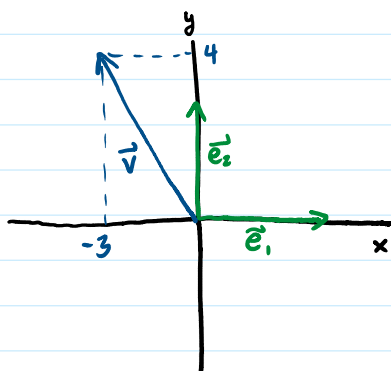
these are basis vectors because its linearly independent and span the vector space.
Suppose we have a vector using the standard basis $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

We want to find a vector that changes the coordinates of \vec{v} onto the basis B .

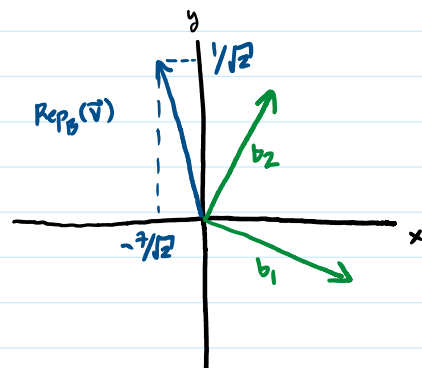
$$\begin{matrix} \vec{v} \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} A \\ \swarrow \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Rep}_B(\vec{v}) \\ \downarrow \end{matrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{two equations} \\ \text{two unknowns} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -3 &= \sqrt{2}/2 c_1 + \sqrt{2}/2 c_2 \\ 4 &= -\sqrt{2}/2 c_1 + \sqrt{2}/2 c_2 \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} c_1 &= -7/\sqrt{2} \\ c_2 &= 1/\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

the new vector is $\begin{bmatrix} -7/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}_B = \text{Rep}_B(\vec{v})$.



$$\vec{v} = A \text{Rep}_B(\vec{v})$$



Linear Transformations

A transformation $T: V \rightarrow W$ that maps vectors from a vector space V to a different (or the same) vector space W while preserving addition and scalar multiplication.

A change-of-basis transformation is a special case.