

Change of Basis: Coord. Vector, Transition Matrix

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Coordinate Vector Relative to a Basis (Definition)

Definition

(Coordinate Vector Relative to a Basis)

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space.

Let $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be an ordered basis for V .

Let vector $\mathbf{x} \in V$ s.t. $\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$

Then the **coordinate vector of \mathbf{x} relative to basis \mathcal{B}** is

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)^T$$

where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are the **coordinates of \mathbf{x} relative to basis \mathcal{B}** .

$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is also known as the **\mathcal{B} -coordinate vector of \mathbf{x}** .

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The order of the vectors in the basis is critical, hence the term ordered basis.

Standard Basis for common Vector Spaces

Recall the **standard bases** for common vector spaces:

VECTOR SPACE	STANDARD BASIS	DIM.
\mathbb{R}^2	$\mathcal{E} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \equiv \{\hat{\mathbf{i}}, \hat{\mathbf{j}}\}$	2
\mathbb{R}^3	$\mathcal{E} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \equiv \{\hat{\mathbf{i}}, \hat{\mathbf{j}}, \hat{\mathbf{k}}\}$	3
\mathbb{R}^4	$\mathcal{E} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	4
\mathbb{R}^5	$\mathcal{E} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	5

NOTE: For this section, only vector spaces $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^4, \mathbb{R}^5$ will be considered.

Converting $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$ (Procedure)

Proposition

(Converting $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$)

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space.

Let $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be an ordered basis for V .

Let $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ be the ordered standard basis for V .

Let $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)^T$.

Then $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n \leftarrow$ (Simplify linear combination)

WEX 4-7-1: Let $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \equiv \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$. Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$ if $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = (-5)\mathbf{v}_1 + (3)\mathbf{v}_2 = (-5) \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + (3) \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (19) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + (17) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = (19)\mathbf{e}_1 + (17)\mathbf{e}_2 \implies \boxed{[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}}$$

Converting $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ (Motivation)

Consider the following example:

Let basis $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \equiv \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$. Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ if $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Recall the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^2 : $\mathcal{E} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \equiv \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$

$$(\mathbf{x} \text{ in } \mathcal{B}\text{-coordinates}) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = (\mathbf{x} \text{ in } \mathcal{E}\text{-coordinates})$$

$$\implies [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = (-3)\mathbf{e}_1 + (-2)\mathbf{e}_2 = [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$$

$$\implies c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \implies \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} & & \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \\ & & \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\implies \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \implies \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -2 & 3 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 & -2 \end{array} \right] \implies [\mathcal{B} \mid [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}]$$

So, to find c_1, c_2 , perform Gauss-Jordan on augmented matrix $[\mathcal{B} \mid [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}]$.

Converting $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ (Procedure)

Proposition

(Converting $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$)

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space.

Let $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be an ordered basis for V .

Let $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ be the ordered standard basis for V .

GIVEN: Vector \mathbf{x} in standard basis coordinates: $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$

TASK: Write vector \mathbf{x} in non-std basis \mathcal{B} -coordinates: $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$

$$(1) \quad [\mathcal{B} \mid [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} [I \mid [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}]$$

WEX 4-7-2: Let $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \equiv \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$. Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ if $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$[\mathcal{B} \mid [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}] = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -2 & 3 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & 6/5 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & -1/5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \left(\frac{6}{5}\right) \mathbf{v}_1 + \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) \mathbf{v}_2 \implies \boxed{[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 6/5 \\ -1/5 \end{bmatrix}}$$

Converting $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'}$ (Procedure)

Proposition

(Converting $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'}$)

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space.

Let $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be an ordered basis for V .

Let $\mathcal{B}' = \{\mathbf{v}'_1, \mathbf{v}'_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}'_n\}$ be another ordered basis for V .

Let $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ be the ordered standard basis for V .

GIVEN: Vector \mathbf{x} in non-std basis \mathcal{B} -coordinates: $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$

TASK: Write vector \mathbf{x} in non-std basis \mathcal{B}' -coordinates: $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'}$

$$(1) \text{ Convert } [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}} \qquad (2) [\mathcal{B}' \mid [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} [I \mid [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'}]$$

Converting $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'}$ (Example)

WEX 4-7-3: Let $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and $\mathcal{B}' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'}$ if $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Recall the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^2 : $\mathcal{E} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \equiv \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$

1st, convert $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$: $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = (5) \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + (3) \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$

$$[\mathcal{B}' \mid [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}] = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} \boxed{1} & 0 & 17/7 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 5/7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \left(\frac{17}{7}\right) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \left(\frac{5}{7}\right) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \implies \boxed{[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{bmatrix} 17/7 \\ 5/7 \end{bmatrix}}$$

Transition Matrix (Definition)

Definition

(Transition Matrix)

Let $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}'$ be two ordered bases for finite-dimensional vector space V .
Let vector $\mathbf{x} \in V$. Then:

The **transition matrix** $P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ **from** \mathcal{B} **to** \mathcal{B}' satisfies $P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'}$

The **transition matrix** $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'}$ **from** \mathcal{B}' **to** \mathcal{B} satisfies $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'} = [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$

Corollary

(Transition Matrices are Square)

Let $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}'$ be two ordered bases for finite-dimensional vector space V .

Then transition matrices $P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ and $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'}$ are square matrices.

REMARK: **Never** use the book's notation for transition matrix: P or P^{-1}

Inverse of a Transition Matrix

The inverse of a transition matrix is precisely what one would expect:

Theorem

(Inverse of a Transition Matrix)

Let $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}'$ be two ordered bases for finite-dimensional vector space V .

Then $\left(P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'} \right)^{-1} = P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ and $\left(P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \right)^{-1} = P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'}$

PROOF: $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'} = P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'} \left(P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \right)$

$$\implies [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \left(P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'} \right) \left(P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \right) [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\implies \left(P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'} \right) \left(P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \right) = I \quad \left[\text{Since } \mathbf{v} = A\mathbf{v} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \implies A = I \right]$$

$$\implies \left(P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'} \right)^{-1} = P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \quad \text{and} \quad \left(P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \right)^{-1} = P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'}$$

QED

Finding the Transition Matrix (Procedure)

So how to systematically find a transition matrix between bases??

Theorem

(Finding the Transition Matrix)

GIVEN: Ordered bases $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ and $\mathcal{B}' = \{\mathbf{v}'_1, \mathbf{v}'_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}'_n\}$ for \mathbb{R}^n .

TASK: Find the transition matrix $P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{B}' .

$$(1) \quad [\mathcal{B}' \mid \mathcal{B}] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} \left[I \mid P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \right]$$

Finding the Transition Matrix (Example)

WEX 4-7-4: Let $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and $\mathcal{B}' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

- (a) Find the transition matrix $P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$. (b) Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'}$ if $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.
- (c) Find the transition matrix $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'}$. (d) Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ if $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

Finding the Transition Matrix (Example)

WEX 4-7-4: Let $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and $\mathcal{B}' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(a) Find the transition matrix $P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$. (b) Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'}$ if $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) Find the transition matrix $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'}$. (d) Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ if $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Apply Gauss-Jordan to augmented matrix $[\mathcal{B}' \mid \mathcal{B}]$:

$$[\mathcal{B}' \mid \mathcal{B}] = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} -1 & 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} \boxed{1} & 0 & \frac{4}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & -\frac{5}{7} & \frac{10}{7} \end{array} \right] = \left[I \mid P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \right]$$

$$(b) [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'} = P_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 4/7 & -1/7 \\ -5/7 & 10/7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 17/7 \\ 5/7 \end{bmatrix}}$$

Finding the Transition Matrix (Example)

WEX 4-7-4: Let $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and $\mathcal{B}' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(a) Find the transition matrix ${}_{\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} P$. (b) Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'}$ if $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) Find the transition matrix ${}_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'} P$. (d) Find $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ if $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) Apply Gauss-Jordan to augmented matrix $[\mathcal{B} \mid \mathcal{B}']$:

$$[\mathcal{B} \mid \mathcal{B}'] = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} -2 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} \boxed{1} & 0 & 2 & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & \frac{4}{5} \end{array} \right] = \left[I \mid {}_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'} P \right]$$

$$(d) \quad [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = {}_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}'} P [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}'} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1/5 \\ 1 & 4/5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}$$

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