

LECTURE 12: COORDINATE MAPS & BASES

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I intend this to be my most based lecture thus far. Let us recall $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ is a basis for W if β is LI and $W = \text{span}(\beta)$. We defined $\dim(W) = \#(\beta) = k$. We now introduce a new concept, the coordinate map with respect to β

Def: If $W = \text{span} \beta$ where $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ is LI and $x = x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2 + \dots + x_k v_k \in W$ then $[x]_\beta = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$

[E] Consider $W = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \mid A^T = A\}$ ← symmetric 2×2 real matrices
I'll show how to find basis. Begin by setting $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ then apply $A^T = A$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underbrace{d = d, a = a}_{\text{true}} \ \& \ \underbrace{b = c}_{\text{helpful}}$$

Hence $A \in W$ has the form,

$$\underline{A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}$$

Thus, by the calculation above

$$\beta = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is } \underline{\text{basis}} \text{ for } W.$$

It is clear β is LI and $\text{span} \beta = W$. Coordinate mapping

$$\boxed{\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}_\beta = (a, b, d)}$$

$$\underline{[I_2]_\beta = (1, 0, 1)}$$

remember $I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

E2 Consider $W = \text{span} \{1, x, x^3, x^2, x^4\}$

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The ordering of vectors in the basis β matters for example,

LI set, call it β serves as basis for $P_4(\mathbb{R})$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + 5x^4 \\ &= 1 + 2x + 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow [f(x)]_{\beta} = (1, 2, 4, 3, 5) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

In contrast, $\gamma = \{x^4, x^3, x^2, x, 1\}$ is a different basis and notice

$$f(x) = 5x^4 + 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [f(x)]_{\gamma} = (5, 4, 3, 2, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^5$$

Let us pause to appreciate the structure of the coordinate map. Notice the construction only makes sense because LI sets have the equating coefficient property. In particular

for $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ LI if \exists constants b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n and c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n such that

$$b_1 v_1 + b_2 v_2 + \dots + b_n v_n = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

then we find $b_1 = c_1, b_2 = c_2, \dots, b_n = c_n$. This property of LI sets is needed for us to be certain that $[x]_{\beta}$ is uniquely defined by coefficients which appear in the formula $x = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$.

Suppose $x, y \in W$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$ where basis $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ gives $x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i v_i$ and $y = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i v_i$ (3)

Then notice

$$\begin{aligned} cx + y &= c \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i v_i \right) + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i v_i \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (cx_i) v_i + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i v_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (cx_i + y_i) v_i \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$[x]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad [y]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \& \quad [cx+y]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} cx_1 + y_1 \\ cx_2 + y_2 \\ \vdots \\ cx_n + y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Observe, $[cx+y]_{\beta} = c[x]_{\beta} + [y]_{\beta}$

Defⁿ/ Given basis β for V we define $\Phi_{\beta}: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ via $\Phi_{\beta}(x) = [x]_{\beta}$ for each $x \in V$. Once again we call Φ_{β} the β -coordinate map

Th^m/ The β -coordinate map on $V = \text{span}(\beta)$ where $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a linear transformation from V to \mathbb{R}^n

Proof: see calculations at top of this page. //

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For subspaces of matrices or polynomials we pretty much just have to work out the algebra one example at a time. However, for subspaces made of column vectors there are slick tricks we can utilize to leverage past calculational strategies.

E3 Let $\beta = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ find coordinates of $v = (6, 7)$ in the β -coordinate system.

We wish to find $[v]_{\beta} = (c_1, c_2)$ where

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

this we know how to solve!

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{multiply by } 2 \times 2 \text{ inverse!}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7-12} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ -11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -14/5 \\ 11/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore [v]_{\beta} = \Phi_{\beta}(v) = \begin{bmatrix} -14/5 \\ 11/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, suppose

$$(x, y) = \bar{x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \bar{y} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } \Phi_{\beta}(x, y) = (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \frac{-1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \Phi_{\beta}(x, y) = (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \left(\frac{4y - 7x}{5}, \frac{3x - y}{5} \right)$$

change of coordinates to non-standard \bar{x}, \bar{y}

Let's generalize $\boxed{E3}$ to an arbitrary (5)
 n -dim'l subspace of column vectors with basis
 $\bar{\beta} = \{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \dots, \bar{v}_k\}$ (LI) with $\text{span } \bar{\beta} = W$

Then if $x = \bar{x}_1 \bar{v}_1 + \bar{x}_2 \bar{v}_2 + \dots + \bar{x}_k \bar{v}_k$ we

calculate $x = \underbrace{[\bar{v}_1 | \bar{v}_2 | \dots | \bar{v}_k]}_{[\bar{\beta}]} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{x}_k \end{bmatrix}}_{[x]_{\bar{\beta}}}$

Proposition: Given $W = \text{span } \bar{\beta}$ where $\bar{\beta} = \{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_k\}$
and $[\bar{\beta}] = [\bar{v}_1 | \bar{v}_2 | \dots | \bar{v}_k]$ we have a
unique $[x]_{\bar{\beta}} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ for each $x \in W$ and
 $x = [\bar{\beta}][x]_{\bar{\beta}}$

(Here I'm allowing for $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ where $n \geq k$)

Corollary: Given basis $\bar{\beta} = \{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n\}$ for \mathbb{R}^n
then $\Phi_{\bar{\beta}}(x) = [\bar{\beta}]^{-1}x$ where $[\bar{\beta}] = [\bar{v}_1 | \bar{v}_2 | \dots | \bar{v}_n]$

Proof: if $x = [\bar{\beta}][x]_{\bar{\beta}}$ then $\bar{\beta}$ LI gives $[\bar{\beta}]^{-1}$ exists

$$\text{hence } [\bar{\beta}]^{-1}x = [\bar{\beta}]^{-1}[\bar{\beta}][x]_{\bar{\beta}} = [x]_{\bar{\beta}}$$

$$\therefore \Phi_{\bar{\beta}}(x) = [x]_{\bar{\beta}} = [\bar{\beta}]^{-1}x \quad \parallel$$

E4 $W = \text{Null} \left(\begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ | & | & | & | \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \right)$

Let's find basis for W and calculate $\Phi_\beta(v)$ for some arbitrary $v \in W$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} AX = 0 \\ \hookrightarrow x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_1 = -x_2 - x_3 - x_4 \end{matrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 - x_3 - x_4 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{v}_1} + x_3 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{v}_2} + x_4 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{v}_3} \quad (*)$$

$\beta = \{ \bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_3 \}$ is basis for $W = \text{Null}(A)$

$\Phi_\beta(x) = \Phi_\beta(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$

(no extra calculation required since (*) reveals \rightarrow *yes.*)

E5 $W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ find coordinates of $(a, b, c) \in W$ w.r.t. $\beta = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = [\beta][a, b, c]_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ find c_1, c_2 (as functions of a, b, c)

$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & a \\ 2 & 1 & b \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[r_3 - 2r_1]{r_2 - 2r_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & -2 & b - 2a \\ 0 & -1 & c - 2a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{r_1 + r_3} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & c - a \\ 0 & -2 & b - 2a \\ 0 & -1 & c - 2a \end{array} \right] \therefore \begin{matrix} c_1 = c - a \\ c_2 = 2a - c \end{matrix}$

$[a, b, c]_\beta = (c - a, 2a - c)$ where \rightarrow

ES continued

$$(b-2a) - 2(c-2a)$$

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$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & a \\ 2 & 0 & b \\ 2 & 1 & c \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & c-a \\ 0 & -2 & b-2a \\ 0 & -1 & c-2a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{r_2 - 2r_3} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & c-a \\ 0 & 0 & b+2a-2c \\ 0 & -1 & c-2a \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{rref} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & a \\ 2 & 0 & b \\ 2 & 1 & c \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & c-a \\ 0 & 1 & 2a-c \\ 0 & 0 & 2a+b-2c \end{array} \right]$$

We see $(a, b, c) \in W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ only if $\underline{2a+b-2c=0}$

$$\Phi_{\beta}((a, b, c)) = (c-a, 2a-c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} b &= 2c - 2a \\ &= 2(c-a) \end{aligned}$$

Check our calculation,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = (c-a) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + (2a-c) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c-a+2a-c \\ \underline{2(c-a)} \\ 2(c-a)+2a-c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

E6 Let $\beta = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$. Let's

find the coordinates of $(a, b, c) = v$ w.r.t. β

$$v = [\beta][v]_{\beta} \Rightarrow [v]_{\beta} = [\beta]^{-1}v$$

$$[v]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[v]_{\beta} = \left(\frac{a+b+2c}{6}, \frac{-3a+3b}{6}, \frac{-a-b+c}{6} \right)$$

For example, $w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ has $[w]_{\beta} = \left(\frac{6}{6}, \frac{6}{6}, 0 \right) = (1, 1, 0)$.

E7 $W = \{ A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4} \mid A^T = A, \text{trace}(A) = 0 \}$

Find coordinate map for W

$$A^T = A \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ b & e & f & g \\ c & f & h & i \\ d & g & i & j \end{bmatrix} = A$$

$$\text{trace}(A) = 0 \Rightarrow a + e + h + j = 0$$

$$\therefore \underline{j = -a - e - h}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ b & e & f & g \\ c & f & h & i \\ d & g & i & -a-e-h \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{derived below}]{\text{using } \beta} [A]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \\ g \\ h \\ i \\ -a-e-h \end{bmatrix} = \Phi_{\beta}(A)$$

$$= a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & -1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} & 1 & & \\ 1 & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} & & 1 & \\ & & & \\ 1 & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix} + d(E_{14} + E_{41}) + \dots$$

$$\hookrightarrow + e \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & -1 \end{bmatrix} + f(E_{23} + E_{32}) + g(E_{24} + E_{42}) + \dots$$

$$\hookrightarrow + i(E_{34} + E_{43}) + h(E_{33} - E_{44})$$

$$= a(E_{11} - E_{44}) + b(E_{12} + E_{21}) + c(E_{13} + E_{31}) + d(E_{14} + E_{41}) + \dots$$

$$\hookrightarrow + e(E_{22} - E_{44}) + f(E_{23} + E_{32}) + g(E_{24} + E_{42}) + h(E_{33} - E_{44}) + \dots$$

$$\hookrightarrow + i(E_{34} + E_{43})$$

$$\beta = \{ E_{11} - E_{44}, E_{12} + E_{21}, E_{13} + E_{31}, E_{14} + E_{41}, E_{22} - E_{44}, E_{23} + E_{32}, E_{24} + E_{42}, E_{33} - E_{44}, E_{34} + E_{43} \}$$

BASIS FOR W, dim(W) = 9