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Math 22 –  
Linear Algebra and its  
applications

- Lecture 16 -

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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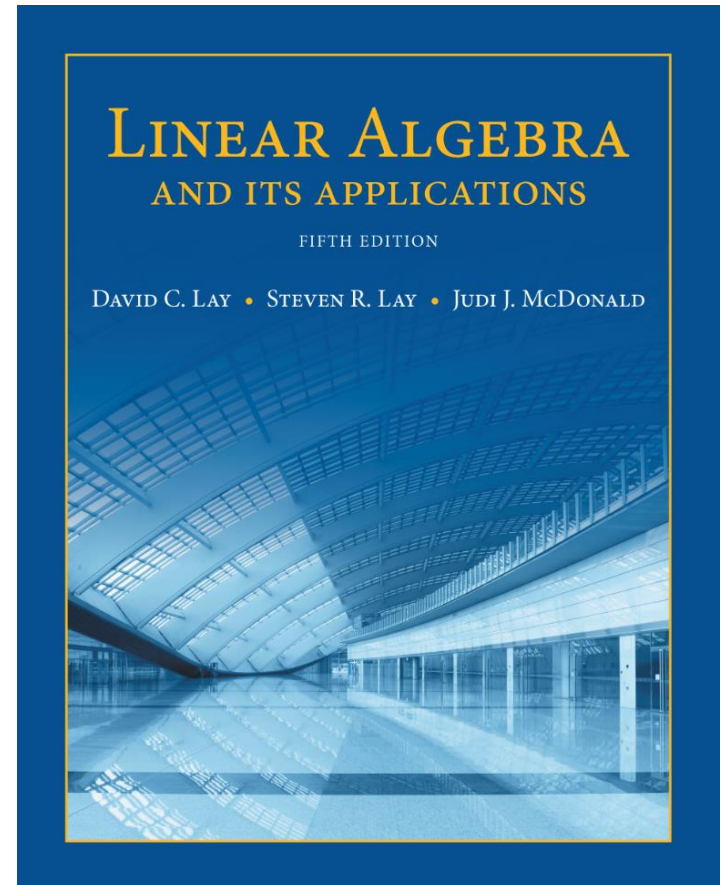
- **Office hours: Tu 1-3 pm, Th, Sun 2-4 pm in KH 229**
- **Tutorial: Tu, Th, Sun 7-9 pm in KH 105**
- **Homework 5: due next Wednesday at 4 pm outside KH 008.  
Please divide into the parts **A, B, C** and **D** and **write your name**  
on each part.**
- **Project: Meeting next weekend!.**

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## Vector Spaces

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## COORDINATE SYSTEMS



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- **Summary:**

- 1.) Using a basis we can define **coordinates** for a vector space  $V$
- 2.) If  $V$  has  **$n$  basis vectors** then it is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- 3.) This means we can perform **all calculations in  $\mathbb{R}^n$**  and then **translate back** into  $V$

# GEOMETRIC INTERPRETATION

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# COORDINATE MAPS

- **Theorem 7 (Unique Representation Theorem):**

Let  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  be a **basis** for vector space  $V$ . Then for each  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $V$ , there exists a **unique** set of scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  such that

$$\boxed{\mathbf{x} = c_1 b_1 + \dots + c_n b_n} \quad (1)$$

- **Proof:** We have seen this in **Lecture 15**.

- **Definition:** Suppose  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $V$ . **The coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$  relative to the basis  $B$**  (or the  **$B$ -coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$** ) are the **weights**  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  such that

$$\boxed{\mathbf{x} = c_1 b_1 + \dots + c_n b_n.}$$

# COORDINATE MAPS

- If  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are the **B**-coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$ , then the vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{x}]_B = T_B(\mathbf{x})$$

is the **coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$**  or the **B-coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$** .

- The mapping  $[\cdot]_B = T_B: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{x} \mapsto T_B(\mathbf{x}) = [\mathbf{x}]_B$  is the **coordinate mapping (determined by **B**)**.



# COORDINATE MAPS

- **Theorem 8:** Let  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  be a basis for a vector space  $V$ . Then the coordinate mapping

$$T_B: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, x \mapsto T_B(x) = [x]_B$$

is a linear transformation that is both one-to-one and onto.

- **Proof:** Take two arbitrary vectors in  $V$ , say

$$u = c_1 b_1 + \dots + c_n b_n$$

$$w = d_1 b_1 + \dots + d_n b_n$$

Then  $u + w =$

- It follows that

$$[\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + d_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n + d_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{u}]_B + [\mathbf{w}]_B$$

- Hence

1.)  $[u + w]_B = T_B(u + w) = T_B(u) + T_B(w) = [u]_B + [w]_B.$

So the coordinate mapping preserves addition.

- In a similar fashion for any  $a$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  we have

2.)  $[cu]_B = T_B(cu) = cT_B(u) = c[u]_B.$

But 1.) and 2.) imply that  **$T_B$  is a linear map.**

$T_B$  is both one-to-one and onto by the **Unique Representation Theorem.**

# COORDINATE MAPS

- **Note:** The linearity of the coordinate mapping extends to linear combinations.
- If  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p$  are in  $V$  and if  $c_1, \dots, c_p$  are scalars, then
$$\left[ c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + c_p \mathbf{u}_p \right]_{\mathbf{B}} = c_1 \left[ \mathbf{u}_1 \right]_{\mathbf{B}} + \dots + c_p \left[ \mathbf{u}_p \right]_{\mathbf{B}}$$
- **Definition:** Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation between vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$ . If  $T$  is both one to one and onto then  $T$  is called an **isomorphism** from  $V$  onto  $W$ .

In this case we say that  $V$  is **isomorphic** to  $W$  and write

$$V \cong W.$$

$$V \cong \mathbb{R}^n$$

**Note:** Using the coordinate map from **Theorem 8** we see that if  $V$  has a basis of  $\mathbf{n}$  vectors then  $V$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

We will see in the following lecture that the **number of basis vectors** of  $V$  is an **invariant**. It is the dimension  **$\dim(V)$**  of  $V$ .

**Hence any finite dimensional vector space is isomorphic to some  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .**

**Consequence:**

We can use a coordinate map to map any finite dimensional vector space  $V$  to some  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

As the linearity of the coordinate map extends to linear combinations we can then **perform all vector calculations** in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and then **translate** our result **back to  $V$** .

$$V \cong \mathbb{R}^n$$

- **Example:** The matrices

$$E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, E_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

form a standard basis  $\mathbf{E}$  of the vector space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices. Consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 1.) Write down  $[A]_E$ ,  $[B]_E$ ,  $[C]_E$  and  $[D]_E$
- 2.) Determine whether  $\{A, B, C, D\}$  is a linearly independent set.



# CHANGE OF BASIS IN $\mathbb{R}^n$

Given a concrete basis  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the usual standard basis  $E = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ .

**How can we obtain the coordinate description of a vector in terms of  $B$  given in terms of  $E$  and vice versa?**

1.) One way is easy: If  $u = c_1 b_1 + \dots + c_n b_n$ , then  $[u]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $P_B = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n]$  be the matrix whose columns are the  $b_i$  then the equation for  $u$  reads

$$u = [u]_E = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n] [u]_B = P_B [u]_B$$

Since the columns of  $P_B$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $P_B$  is invertible by the **Invertible Matrix Theorem**.

2.) Now the other direction is clear, too. As

$$u = [u]_E = P_B [u]_B$$

we can multiply both sides of the equation by  $P_B^{-1}$ . We get

$$P_B^{-1}u = P_B^{-1}[u]_E = P_B^{-1}P_B[u]_B = I_n[u]_B = [u]_B.$$

- **Definition:**  $P_B$  is called the **change-of-coordinates matrix** from B to the standard basis E in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then for any  $u$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\boxed{u = [u]_E = P_B [u]_B} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{[u]_B = P_B^{-1} [u]_E = P_B^{-1} u}$$

and therefore  $P_B^{-1}$  is a **change-of-coordinate matrix** from E to B.



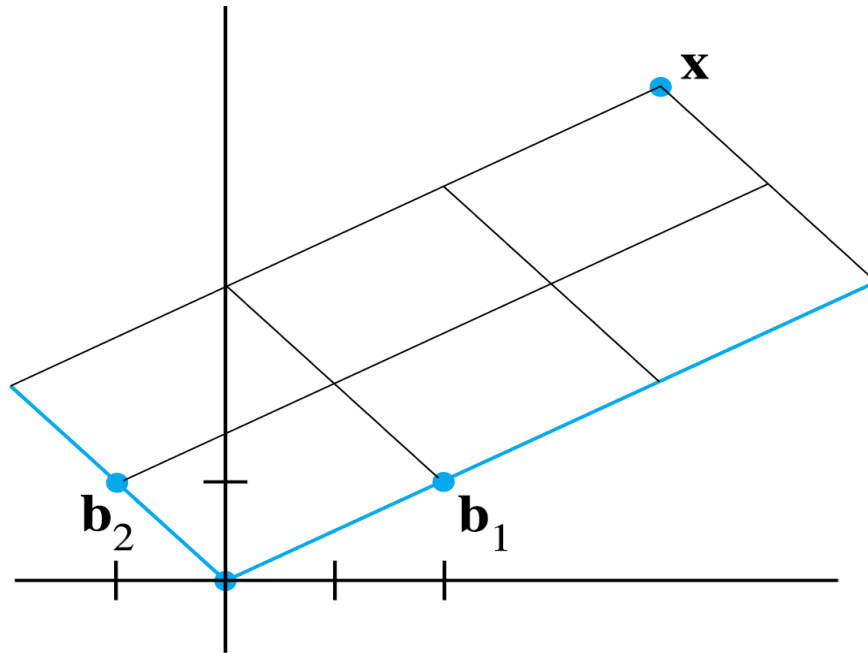
# CHANGE OF BASIS IN $\mathbb{R}^n$

- **Example:** Let  $B = \{b_1, b_2\}$ , where  $b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- 1.) Consider the vector  $u = 3b_1 + 4b_2$ . Write down  $[u]_B$ , then calculate  $u = [u]_E$
  - 2.) Write down the coordinate-change-matrix  $P_B$  and then calculate  $P_B^{-1}$
  - 3.) Find the coordinate vector  $[x]_B$  of  $x$  relative to  $B$ , for  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$



# CHANGE OF BASIS IN $\mathbb{R}^n$

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The  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $(3, 2)$ .

- The matrix  $P_B$  changes the B-coordinates of a vector into the standard coordinates.