

DM559  
Linear and Integer Programming

Lecture 8  
**Change of Basis**

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1. Coordinate Change

- Linear dependence and independence
- Determine linear dependency of a set of vectors, ie, find non-trivial lin. combination that equal zero
- Basis
- Find a basis for a linear space
- Dimension (finite, infinite)

# Outline

1. Coordinate Change

# Coordinates

Recall:

## Definition (Coordinates)

If  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is a basis of a vector space  $V$ , then

- any vector  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  can be expressed **uniquely** as  $\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n$
- and the real numbers  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are the **coordinates** of  $\mathbf{v}$  wrt the basis  $S$ .

To denote the coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{v}$  in the basis  $S$  we use the notation

$$[\mathbf{v}]_S = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}_S$$

- In the standard basis the coordinates of  $\mathbf{v}$  are precisely the components of the vector  $\mathbf{v}$ :  
 $\mathbf{v} = v_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + v_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + \dots + v_n \mathbf{e}_n$
- How to find coordinates of a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  wrt another basis?

# Transition from Standard to Basis $B$

## Definition (Transition Matrix)

Let  $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  be a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The coordinates of a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  wrt  $B$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]^T = [\mathbf{x}]_B$ , are found by solving the linear system:

$$a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + a_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{x} \quad \text{that is} \quad [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{v}_n][\mathbf{x}]_B = \mathbf{x}$$

We call  $P$  the matrix whose columns are the basis vectors:

$$P = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{v}_n]$$

Then for any vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\mathbf{x} = P[\mathbf{x}]_B \quad \text{transition matrix from } B \text{ coords to standard coords}$$

moreover  $P$  is invertible (columns are a basis):

$$[\mathbf{x}]_B = P^{-1}\mathbf{x} \quad \text{transition matrix from standard coords to } B \text{ coords}$$

## Example

$$B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad [\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\det(P) = 4 \neq 0$  so  $B$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

We derive the standard coordinates of  $\mathbf{v}$ :

$$\mathbf{v} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example (cntd)

$$B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad [\mathbf{x}]_S = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

We derive the  $B$  coordinates of vector  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + a_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

either we solve  $P\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbf{a}$  by Gaussian elimination or we find the inverse  $P^{-1}$ :

$$[\mathbf{x}]_B = P^{-1}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}_B \quad \text{check the calculation}$$

What are the  $B$  coordinates of the basis vector? ( $[1, 0, 0]$ ,  $[0, 1, 0]$ ,  $[0, 0, 1]$ )



# Change of Basis

Since  $T(\mathbf{x}) = P\mathbf{x}$  then  $T(\mathbf{e}_i) = \mathbf{v}_i$ , ie,  $T$  maps standard basis vector to new basis vectors

## Example

Rotate basis in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by  $\pi/4$  anticlockwise, find coordinates of a vector wrt the new basis.

$$A_T = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} & -\sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \sin \frac{\pi}{4} & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the matrix  $A_T$  rotates  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\}$ , then  $A_T = P$  and its columns tell us the coordinates of the new basis and  $\mathbf{v} = P[\mathbf{v}]_B$  and  $[\mathbf{v}]_B = P^{-1}\mathbf{v}$ . The inverse is a rotation **clockwise**:

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\frac{\pi}{4}) & -\sin(-\frac{\pi}{4}) \\ \sin(-\frac{\pi}{4}) & \cos(-\frac{\pi}{4}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) & \sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) \\ -\sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) & \cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example (cntd)

Find the new coordinates of a vector  $\mathbf{x} = [1, 1]^T$

$$[\mathbf{x}]_B = P^{-1}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Change of basis from $B$ to $B'$

Given an **old basis**  $B$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with transition matrix  $P_B$ ,  
 and a **new basis**  $B'$  with transition matrix  $P_{B'}$ ,  
 how do we change from coords in the basis  $B$  to coords in the basis  $B'$ ?

coordinates in  $B \xrightarrow{\mathbf{v}=P_B[\mathbf{v}]_B}$  standard coordinates  $\xrightarrow{[\mathbf{v}]_{B'}=P_{B'}^{-1}\mathbf{v}}$  coordinates in  $B'$

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = P_{B'}^{-1} P_B [\mathbf{v}]_B$$

$$M = P_{B'}^{-1} P_B = P_{B'}^{-1} [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{v}_n] = [P_{B'}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_1 \quad P_{B'}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_2 \quad \dots \quad P_{B'}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_n]$$

i.e., the columns of the transition matrix  $M$  from the old basis  $B$  to the new basis  $B'$  are the coordinate vectors of the old basis  $B$  with respect to the new basis  $B'$

# Change of basis from $B$ to $B'$

## Theorem

If  $B$  and  $B'$  are two bases of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with

$$B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$$

then the transition matrix from  $B$  coordinates to  $B'$  coordinates is given by

$$M = \left[ [\mathbf{v}_1]_{B'} \quad [\mathbf{v}_2]_{B'} \quad \cdots \quad [\mathbf{v}_n]_{B'} \right]$$

(i.e., the columns of the transition matrix  $M$  from the old basis  $B$  to the new basis  $B'$  are the coordinate vectors of the old basis  $B$  with respect to the new basis  $B'$ )

## Example

$$B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad B' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

are basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , indeed the corresponding transition matrices from standard basis:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

have  $\det(P) = 3$ ,  $\det(Q) = 1$ . Hence, lin. indep. vectors.

We are given

$$[\mathbf{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}_B$$

find its coordinates in  $B'$ .

## Example (cntd)

1. find first the standard coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$

$$\mathbf{x} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

and then find  $B'$  coordinates:

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{B'} = Q^{-1}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -25 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}_{B'}$$

2. use transition matrix  $M$  from  $B$  to  $B'$  coordinates:

$$\mathbf{v} = P[\mathbf{v}]_B \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v} = Q[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad [\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = Q^{-1}P[\mathbf{v}]_B:$$

$$M = Q^{-1}P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -7 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -7 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -25 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}_{B'}$$