

1. In this question you will study how to change basis using polynomials as an example. Let \mathbb{P}^3 be the set of all the polynomials of degrees less or equal than 3.

You can write any polynomial $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}^3$ in the form

$$p(x) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2 + \alpha_3 x^3 \quad (1)$$

In that case you can easily write the following transformation $E : \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$, which is given by:

$$E(p(x)) = E(\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2 + \alpha_3 x^3) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

In other words you are writing the polynomial p using the coefficients from the monomial basis, which is given by $\mathcal{E} = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$.

In order to alleviate the notation we will denote the \mathcal{E} -coordinates of a polynomial p as $[p]_{\mathcal{E}} = E(p(x))$

- Compute $E(1 + x + x^2 + x^3)$.
- Show that the transformation is linear
- Show that the transformation E is one-to-one
- Show that E transformations \mathbb{P}^3 onto \mathbb{R}^4 .
- Conclude that the linear transformation E is invertible, and explain why the inverse $E^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$ is given by

$$E^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2 + \alpha_3 x^3. \quad (3)$$

2. Now let us suppose that we have the transformation $T : \mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$ which is given by differentiating the polynomial, i.e.,

$$T(p(x)) = \frac{d}{dx} p(x), \quad (4)$$

which is clearly linear.

- Show (by computing) that the standard matrix of T with respect to the basis \mathcal{E} is

$$[T]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

- Check that your result is correct by computing the derivative of $r(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3$ in a standard manner (i.e. how you were taught in 2B).
- Now you will compute the same derivative but by using the following composition $T(r(x)) = E^{-1}([T]_{\mathcal{E}} \cdot E(r(x)))$. In other words, compute the coordinates of $r(x)$ in the \mathcal{E} basis, then multiply the coordinates by $[T]_{\mathcal{E}}$ and transform back the new coordinates to a polynomial.

- (d) Using $[T]_{\mathcal{E}}$, check that T is not one-to-one nor it maps \mathbb{P}^3 onto \mathbb{P}^3 .
3. Now that you have understood how to represent the differentiation of polynomials in the monomial basis, we will explore how to change to different basis. Let consider the following set

$$\mathcal{B} = \{1, 1 + x, 1 + x + x^2, 1 + x + x^2 + x^3\}. \quad (6)$$

- (a) Convince yourself that you can write any polynomial $p \in \mathbb{P}^3$ in the form

$$p(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1(1 + x) + \beta_2(1 + x + x^2) + \beta_3(1 + x + x^2 + x^3). \quad (7)$$

This means that \mathcal{B} is a basis of \mathbb{P}^3 . In this case we will define the \mathcal{B} coordinates of p as

$$[p]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (8)$$

- (b) Use the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= \beta_0 + \beta_1(1 + x) + \beta_2(1 + x + x^2) + \beta_3(1 + x + x^2 + x^3) \\ &= (\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3) + (\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3)x + (\beta_2 + \beta_3)x^2 + \beta_3x^3. \end{aligned}$$

to show that the matrix of change of basis B is given by

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (9)$$

Argue that $[p]_{\mathcal{E}} = B \cdot [p]_{\mathcal{B}}$.

- (c) Compute B^{-1} .
- (d) Using the inverse of B , check that

$$[r]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad (10)$$

where $r(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3$. Convince yourself that $[r]_{\mathcal{B}}$ and $[r]_{\mathcal{E}}$ are the SAME polynomial but written in different basis.

- (e) Now that you all the necessary transformations, using the composition of transformations (and changes of coordinates) show that

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (11)$$

- (f) Redo your computations by using the formula for standard matrices applied to T and \mathcal{B} .

- (g) Check that $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is correct by computing the derivative of $r(x)$ as defined before.
4. Can you generalize the same procedure. for higher order polynomials? How would the matrices $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ and $[T]_{\mathcal{E}}$ look like then? Which one would to prefer and why?