

## Matrix Representation of Linear Operators

**6.1.** Consider the linear mapping  $F: \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  defined by  $F(x, y) = (3x + 4y, 2x - 5y)$  and the following bases of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ :

$$E = \{e_1, e_2\} = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\} \quad \text{and} \quad S = \{u_1, u_2\} = \{(1, 2), (2, 3)\}$$

- (a) Find the matrix  $A$  representing  $F$  relative to the basis  $E$ .  
(b) Find the matrix  $B$  representing  $F$  relative to the basis  $S$ .  
(a) Because  $E$  is the usual basis, the rows of  $A$  are simply the coefficients in the components of  $F(x, y)$ ; that is, using  $(a, b) = ae_1 + be_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(e_1) = F(1, 0) &= (3, 2) = 3e_1 + 2e_2 \\ F(e_2) = F(0, 1) &= (4, -5) = 4e_1 - 5e_2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{and so} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that the coefficients of the basis vectors are written as columns in the matrix representation.

- (b) First find  $F(u_1)$  and write it as a linear combination of the basis vectors  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ . We have

$$F(u_1) = F(1, 2) = (11, -8) = x(1, 2) + y(2, 3), \quad \text{and so} \quad \begin{aligned} x + 2y &= 11 \\ 2x + 3y &= -8 \end{aligned}$$

Solve the system to obtain  $x = -49$ ,  $y = 30$ . Therefore,

$$F(u_1) = -49u_1 + 30u_2$$

Next find  $F(u_2)$  and write it as a linear combination of the basis vectors  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ . We have

$$F(u_2) = F(2, 3) = (18, -11) = x(1, 2) + y(2, 3), \quad \text{and so} \quad \begin{aligned} x + 2y &= 18 \\ 2x + 3y &= -11 \end{aligned}$$

Solve for  $x$  and  $y$  to obtain  $x = -76$ ,  $y = 47$ . Hence,

$$F(u_2) = -76u_1 + 47u_2$$

Write the coefficients of  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  as columns to obtain  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -49 & -76 \\ 30 & 47 \end{bmatrix}$

- (b') Alternatively, one can first find the coordinates of an arbitrary vector  $(a, b)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  relative to the basis  $S$ . We have

$$(a, b) = x(1, 2) + y(2, 3) = (x + 2y, 2x + 3y), \quad \text{and so} \quad \begin{aligned} x + 2y &= a \\ 2x + 3y &= b \end{aligned}$$

Solve for  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$  to get  $x = -3a + 2b$ ,  $y = 2a - b$ . Thus,

$$(a, b) = (-3a + 2b)u_1 + (2a - b)u_2$$

Then use the formula for  $(a, b)$  to find the coordinates of  $F(u_1)$  and  $F(u_2)$  relative to  $S$ :

$$\begin{aligned} F(u_1) = F(1, 2) &= (11, -8) = -49u_1 + 30u_2 \\ F(u_2) = F(2, 3) &= (18, -11) = -76u_1 + 47u_2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{and so} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -49 & -76 \\ 30 & 47 \end{bmatrix}$$

**6.2.** Consider the following linear operator  $G$  on  $\mathbf{R}^2$  and basis  $S$ :

$$G(x, y) = (2x - 7y, 4x + 3y) \quad \text{and} \quad S = \{u_1, u_2\} = \{(1, 3), (2, 5)\}$$

- (a) Find the matrix representation  $[G]_S$  of  $G$  relative to  $S$ .  
(b) Verify  $[G]_S[v]_S = [G(v)]_S$  for the vector  $v = (4, -3)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^2$ .

First find the coordinates of an arbitrary vector  $v = (a, b)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  relative to the basis  $S$ . We have

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and so} \quad \begin{aligned} x + 2y &= a \\ 3x + 5y &= b \end{aligned}$$

Solve for  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$  to get  $x = -5a + 2b$ ,  $y = 3a - b$ . Thus,

$$(a, b) = (-5a + 2b)u_1 + (3a - b)u_2, \quad \text{and so} \quad [v] = [-5a + 2b, \quad 3a - b]^T$$

(a) Using the formula for  $(a, b)$  and  $G(x, y) = (2x - 7y, 4x + 3y)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(u_1) &= G(1, 3) = (-19, 13) = 121u_1 - 70u_2 \\ G(u_2) &= G(2, 5) = (-31, 23) = 201u_1 - 116u_2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{and so} \quad [G]_S = \begin{bmatrix} 121 & 201 \\ -70 & -116 \end{bmatrix}$$

(We emphasize that the coefficients of  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are written as columns, not rows, in the matrix representation.)

(b) Use the formula  $(a, b) = (-5a + 2b)u_1 + (3a - b)u_2$  to get

$$\begin{aligned} v &= (4, -3) = -26u_1 + 15u_2 \\ G(v) &= G(4, -3) = (20, 7) = -131u_1 + 80u_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then} \quad [v]_S = [-26, 15]^T \quad \text{and} \quad [G(v)]_S = [-131, 80]^T$$

Accordingly,

$$[G]_S[v]_S = \begin{bmatrix} 121 & 201 \\ -70 & -116 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -26 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -131 \\ 80 \end{bmatrix} = [G(v)]_S$$

**6.3.** Consider the following  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  and basis  $S$  of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad S = \{u_1, u_2\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

The matrix  $A$  defines a linear operator on  $\mathbf{R}^2$ . Find the matrix  $B$  that represents the mapping  $A$  relative to the basis  $S$ .

First find the coordinates of an arbitrary vector  $(a, b)^T$  with respect to the basis  $S$ . We have

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{aligned} x + 3y &= a \\ -2x - 7y &= b \end{aligned}$$

Solve for  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$  to obtain  $x = 7a + 3b$ ,  $y = -2a - b$ . Thus,

$$(a, b)^T = (7a + 3b)u_1 + (-2a - b)u_2$$

Then use the formula for  $(a, b)^T$  to find the coordinates of  $Au_1$  and  $Au_2$  relative to the basis  $S$ :

$$\begin{aligned} Au_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} = -63u_1 + 19u_2 \\ Au_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -22 \\ -27 \end{bmatrix} = -235u_1 + 71u_2 \end{aligned}$$

Writing the coordinates as columns yields

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -63 & -235 \\ 19 & 71 \end{bmatrix}$$

**6.4.** Find the matrix representation of each of the following linear operators  $F$  on  $\mathbf{R}^3$  relative to the usual basis  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ ; that is, find  $[F] = [F]_E$ :

(a)  $F$  defined by  $F(x, y, z) = (x + 2y - 3z, 4x - 5y - 6z, 7x + 8y + 9z)$ .

(b)  $F$  defined by the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(c)  $F$  defined by  $F(e_1) = (1, 3, 5)$ ,  $F(e_2) = (2, 4, 6)$ ,  $F(e_3) = (7, 7, 7)$ . (Theorem 5.2 states that a linear map is completely defined by its action on the vectors in a basis.)

(a) Because  $E$  is the usual basis, simply write the coefficients of the components of  $F(x, y, z)$  as rows:

$$[F] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & -5 & -6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Because  $E$  is the usual basis,  $[F] = A$ , the matrix  $A$  itself.

(c) Here

$$\begin{aligned} F(e_1) &= (1, 3, 5) = e_1 + 3e_2 + 5e_3 \\ F(e_2) &= (2, 4, 6) = 2e_1 + 4e_2 + 6e_3 \\ F(e_3) &= (7, 7, 7) = 7e_1 + 7e_2 + 7e_3 \end{aligned} \quad \text{and so} \quad [F] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

That is, the columns of  $[F]$  are the images of the usual basis vectors.

**6.5.** Let  $G$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbf{R}^3$  defined by  $G(x, y, z) = (2y + z, x - 4y, 3x)$ .

(a) Find the matrix representation of  $G$  relative to the basis

$$S = \{w_1, w_2, w_3\} = \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0)\}$$

(b) Verify that  $[G][v] = [G(v)]$  for any vector  $v$  in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

First find the coordinates of an arbitrary vector  $(a, b, c) \in \mathbf{R}^3$  with respect to the basis  $S$ . Write  $(a, b, c)$  as a linear combination of  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  using unknown scalars  $x, y$ , and  $z$ :

$$(a, b, c) = x(1, 1, 1) + y(1, 1, 0) + z(1, 0, 0) = (x + y + z, x + y, x)$$

Set corresponding components equal to each other to obtain the system of equations

$$x + y + z = a, \quad x + y = b, \quad x = c$$

Solve the system for  $x, y, z$  in terms of  $a, b, c$  to find  $x = c, y = b - c, z = a - b$ . Thus,

$$(a, b, c) = cw_1 + (b - c)w_2 + (a - b)w_3, \quad \text{or equivalently,} \quad [(a, b, c)] = [c, b - c, a - b]^T$$

(a) Because  $G(x, y, z) = (2y + z, x - 4y, 3x)$ ,

$$G(w_1) = G(1, 1, 1) = (3, -3, 3) = 3w_1 - 6w_2 + 6w_3$$

$$G(w_2) = G(1, 1, 0) = (2, -3, 3) = 3w_1 - 6w_2 + 5w_3$$

$$G(w_3) = G(1, 0, 0) = (0, 1, 3) = 3w_1 - 2w_2 - w_3$$

Write the coordinates  $G(w_1), G(w_2), G(w_3)$  as columns to get

$$[G] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ -6 & -6 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Write  $G(v)$  as a linear combination of  $w_1, w_2, w_3$ , where  $v = (a, b, c)$  is an arbitrary vector in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ ,

$$G(v) = G(a, b, c) = (2b + c, a - 4b, 3a) = 3aw_1 + (-2a - 4b)w_2 + (-a + 6b + c)w_3$$

or equivalently,

$$[G(v)] = [3a, -2a - 4b, -a + 6b + c]^T$$

Accordingly,

$$[G][v] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ -6 & -6 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b - c \\ a - b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3a \\ -2a - 4b \\ -a + 6b + c \end{bmatrix} = [G(v)]$$

**6.6.** Consider the following  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  and basis  $S$  of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

The matrix  $A$  defines a linear operator on  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . Find the matrix  $B$  that represents the mapping  $A$  relative to the basis  $S$ . (Recall that  $A$  represents itself relative to the usual basis of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .)

First find the coordinates of an arbitrary vector  $(a, b, c)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  with respect to the basis  $S$ . We have

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{l} x + z = a \\ x + y + 2z = b \\ x + y + 3z = c \end{array}$$

Solve for  $x, y, z$  in terms of  $a, b, c$  to get

$$x = a + b - c, \quad y = -a + 2b - c, \quad z = c - b$$

thus,  $(a, b, c)^T = (a + b - c)u_1 + (-a + 2b - c)u_2 + (c - b)u_3$

Then use the formula for  $(a, b, c)^T$  to find the coordinates of  $Au_1, Au_2, Au_3$  relative to the basis  $S$ :

$$\begin{array}{l} A(u_1) = A(1, 1, 1)^T = (0, 2, 3)^T = -u_1 + u_2 + u_3 \\ A(u_2) = A(1, 1, 0)^T = (-1, -1, 2)^T = -4u_1 - 3u_2 + 3u_3 \\ A(u_3) = A(1, 2, 3)^T = (0, 1, 3)^T = -2u_1 - u_2 + 2u_3 \end{array} \quad \text{so} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 & -2 \\ 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**6.7.** For each of the following linear transformations (operators)  $L$  on  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , find the matrix  $A$  that represents  $L$  (relative to the usual basis of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ ):

- (a)  $L$  is defined by  $L(1, 0) = (2, 4)$  and  $L(0, 1) = (5, 8)$ .
- (b)  $L$  is the rotation in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  counterclockwise by  $90^\circ$ .
- (c)  $L$  is the reflection in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  about the line  $y = -x$ .

(a) Because  $\{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$  is the usual basis of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , write their images under  $L$  as columns to get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Under the rotation  $L$ , we have  $L(1, 0) = (0, 1)$  and  $L(0, 1) = (-1, 0)$ . Thus,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Under the reflection  $L$ , we have  $L(1, 0) = (0, -1)$  and  $L(0, 1) = (-1, 0)$ . Thus,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**6.8.** The set  $S = \{e^{3t}, te^{3t}, t^2e^{3t}\}$  is a basis of a vector space  $V$  of functions  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $\mathbf{D}$  be the differential operator on  $V$ ; that is,  $\mathbf{D}(f) = df/dt$ . Find the matrix representation of  $\mathbf{D}$  relative to the basis  $S$ .

Find the image of each basis function:

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{D}(e^{3t}) = 3e^{3t} = 3(e^{3t}) + 0(te^{3t}) + 0(t^2e^{3t}) \\ \mathbf{D}(te^{3t}) = e^{3t} + 3te^{3t} = 1(e^{3t}) + 3(te^{3t}) + 0(t^2e^{3t}) \\ \mathbf{D}(t^2e^{3t}) = 2te^{3t} + 3t^2e^{3t} = 0(e^{3t}) + 2(te^{3t}) + 3(t^2e^{3t}) \end{array} \quad \text{and thus,} \quad [\mathbf{D}] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Change of Basis

The coordinate vector  $[v]_S$  in this section will always denote a column vector; that is,

$$[v]_S = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]^T$$

**6.13.** Consider the following bases of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ :

$$E = \{e_1, e_2\} = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\} \quad \text{and} \quad S = \{u_1, u_2\} = \{(1, 3), (1, 4)\}$$

- (a) Find the change-of-basis matrix  $P$  from the usual basis  $E$  to  $S$ .
- (b) Find the change-of-basis matrix  $Q$  from  $S$  back to  $E$ .

(c) Find the coordinate vector  $[v]$  of  $v = (5, -3)$  relative to  $S$ .

(a) Because  $E$  is the usual basis, simply write the basis vectors in  $S$  as columns:  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) **Method 1.** Use the definition of the change-of-basis matrix. That is, express each vector in  $E$  as a linear combination of the vectors in  $S$ . We do this by first finding the coordinates of an arbitrary vector  $v = (a, b)$  relative to  $S$ . We have

$$(a, b) = x(1, 3) + y(1, 4) = (x + y, 3x + 4y) \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x + y = a \\ 3x + 4y = b \end{cases}$$

Solve for  $x$  and  $y$  to obtain  $x = 4a - b$ ,  $y = -3a + b$ . Thus,

$$v = (4a - b)u_1 + (-3a + b)u_2 \quad \text{and} \quad [v]_S = [(a, b)]_S = [4a - b, -3a + b]^T$$

Using the above formula for  $[v]_S$  and writing the coordinates of the  $e_i$  as columns yields

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 = (1, 0) &= 4u_1 - 3u_2 & \text{and} & \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ e_2 = (0, 1) &= -u_1 + u_2 \end{aligned}$$

**Method 2.** Because  $Q = P^{-1}$ , find  $P^{-1}$ , say by using the formula for the inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix. Thus,

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

(c) **Method 1.** Write  $v$  as a linear combination of the vectors in  $S$ , say by using the above formula for  $v = (a, b)$ . We have  $v = (5, -3) = 23u_1 - 18u_2$ , and so  $[v]_S = [23, -18]^T$ .

**Method 2.** Use, from Theorem 6.6, the fact that  $[v]_S = P^{-1}[v]_E$  and the fact that  $[v]_E = [5, -3]^T$ :

$$[v]_S = P^{-1}[v]_E = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 23 \\ -18 \end{bmatrix}$$

**6.14.** The vectors  $u_1 = (1, 2, 0)$ ,  $u_2 = (1, 3, 2)$ ,  $u_3 = (0, 1, 3)$  form a basis  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find

(a) The change-of-basis matrix  $P$  from the usual basis  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  to  $S$ .

(b) The change-of-basis matrix  $Q$  from  $S$  back to  $E$ .

(a) Because  $E$  is the usual basis, simply write the basis vectors of  $S$  as columns:  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) **Method 1.** Express each basis vector of  $E$  as a linear combination of the basis vectors of  $S$  by first finding the coordinates of an arbitrary vector  $v = (a, b, c)$  relative to the basis  $S$ . We have

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x + y = a \\ 2x + 3y + z = b \\ 2y + 3z = c \end{cases}$$

Solve for  $x, y, z$  to get  $x = 7a - 3b + c$ ,  $y = -6a + 3b - c$ ,  $z = 4a - 2b + c$ . Thus,

$$v = (a, b, c) = (7a - 3b + c)u_1 + (-6a + 3b - c)u_2 + (4a - 2b + c)u_3$$

or  $[v]_S = [(a, b, c)]_S = [7a - 3b + c, -6a + 3b - c, 4a - 2b + c]^T$

Using the above formula for  $[v]_S$  and then writing the coordinates of the  $e_i$  as columns yields

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 = (1, 0, 0) &= 7u_1 - 6u_2 + 4u_3 \\ e_2 = (0, 1, 0) &= -3u_1 + 3u_2 - 2u_3 \\ e_3 = (0, 0, 1) &= u_1 - u_2 + u_3 \end{aligned} \quad \text{and} \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 & 1 \\ -6 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Method 2.** Find  $P^{-1}$  by row reducing  $M = [P, I]$  to the form  $[I, P^{-1}]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 7 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -6 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] = [I, P^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Thus, } Q = P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 & 1 \\ -6 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**6.15.** Suppose the  $x$ -axis and  $y$ -axis in the plane  $\mathbf{R}^2$  are rotated counterclockwise  $45^\circ$  so that the new  $x'$ -axis and  $y'$ -axis are along the line  $y = x$  and the line  $y = -x$ , respectively.

(a) Find the change-of-basis matrix  $P$ .

(b) Find the coordinates of the point  $A(5, 6)$  under the given rotation.

(a) The unit vectors in the direction of the new  $x'$ - and  $y'$ -axes are

$$u_1 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad u_2 = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}\right)$$

(The unit vectors in the direction of the original  $x$  and  $y$  axes are the usual basis of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ .) Thus, write the coordinates of  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  as columns to obtain

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Multiply the coordinates of the point by  $P^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

(Because  $P$  is orthogonal,  $P^{-1}$  is simply the transpose of  $P$ .)

**6.16.** The vectors  $u_1 = (1, 1, 0)$ ,  $u_2 = (0, 1, 1)$ ,  $u_3 = (1, 2, 2)$  form a basis  $S$  of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . Find the coordinates of an arbitrary vector  $v = (a, b, c)$  relative to the basis  $S$ .

**Method 1.** Express  $v$  as a linear combination of  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  using unknowns  $x, y, z$ . We have

$$(a, b, c) = x(1, 1, 0) + y(0, 1, 1) + z(1, 2, 2) = (x + z, x + y + 2z, y + 2z)$$

this yields the system

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x + z = a & \text{or} & x + z = a \\ x + y + 2z = b & \text{or} & y + z = -a + b \\ y + 2z = c & \text{or} & y + z = -a + b \\ & & z = a - b + c \end{array}$$

Solving by back-substitution yields  $x = b - c$ ,  $y = -2a + 2b - c$ ,  $z = a - b + c$ . Thus,

$$[v]_S = [b - c, -2a + 2b - c, a - b + c]^T$$

**Method 2.** Find  $P^{-1}$  by row reducing  $M = [P, I]$  to the form  $[I, P^{-1}]$ , where  $P$  is the change-of-basis matrix from the usual basis  $E$  to  $S$  or, in other words, the matrix whose columns are the basis vectors of  $S$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] = [I, P^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad [v]_S = P^{-1}[v]_E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b - c \\ -2a + 2b - c \\ a - b + c \end{bmatrix}$$

**6.17.** Consider the following bases of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ :

$$S = \{u_1, u_2\} = \{(1, -2), (3, -4)\} \quad \text{and} \quad S' = \{v_1, v_2\} = \{(1, 3), (3, 8)\}$$

(a) Find the coordinates of  $v = (a, b)$  relative to the basis  $S$ .

(b) Find the change-of-basis matrix  $P$  from  $S$  to  $S'$ .

- (c) Find the coordinates of  $v = (a, b)$  relative to the basis  $S'$ .  
 (d) Find the change-of-basis matrix  $Q$  from  $S'$  back to  $S$ .  
 (e) Verify  $Q = P^{-1}$ .  
 (f) Show that, for any vector  $v = (a, b)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^2$ ,  $P^{-1}[v]_S = [v]_{S'}$ .

(a) Let  $v = xu_1 + yu_2$  for unknowns  $x$  and  $y$ ; that is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{l} x + 3y = a \\ -2x - 4y = b \end{array} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{l} x + 3y = a \\ 2y = 2a + b \end{array}$$

Solve for  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$  to get  $x = -2a - \frac{3}{2}b$  and  $y = a + \frac{1}{2}b$ . Thus,

$$(a, b) = (-2a - \frac{3}{2}b)u_1 + (a + \frac{1}{2}b)u_2 \quad \text{or} \quad [(a, b)]_S = [-2a - \frac{3}{2}b, a + \frac{1}{2}b]^T$$

(b) Use part (a) to write each of the basis vectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  of  $S'$  as a linear combination of the basis vectors  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  of  $S$ ; that is,

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 = (1, 3) &= (-2 - \frac{9}{2})u_1 + (1 + \frac{3}{2})u_2 = -\frac{13}{2}u_1 + \frac{5}{2}u_2 \\ v_2 = (3, 8) &= (-6 - 12)u_1 + (3 + 4)u_2 = -18u_1 + 7u_2 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $P$  is the matrix whose columns are the coordinates of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  relative to the basis  $S$ ; that is,

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{13}{2} & -18 \\ \frac{5}{2} & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Let  $v = xv_1 + yv_2$  for unknown scalars  $x$  and  $y$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{l} x + 3y = a \\ 3x + 8y = b \end{array} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{l} x + 3y = a \\ -y = b - 3a \end{array}$$

Solve for  $x$  and  $y$  to get  $x = -8a + 3b$  and  $y = 3a - b$ . Thus,

$$(a, b) = (-8a + 3b)v_1 + (3a - b)v_2 \quad \text{or} \quad [(a, b)]_{S'} = [-8a + 3b, 3a - b]^T$$

(d) Use part (c) to express each of the basis vectors  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  of  $S$  as a linear combination of the basis vectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  of  $S'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 = (1, -2) &= (-8 - 6)v_1 + (3 + 2)v_2 = -14v_1 + 5v_2 \\ u_2 = (3, -4) &= (-24 - 12)v_1 + (9 + 4)v_2 = -36v_1 + 13v_2 \end{aligned}$$

Write the coordinates of  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  relative to  $S'$  as columns to obtain  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} -14 & -36 \\ 5 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$(e) \quad QP = \begin{bmatrix} -14 & -36 \\ 5 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{13}{2} & -18 \\ \frac{5}{2} & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

(f) Use parts (a), (c), and (d) to obtain

$$P^{-1}[v]_S = Q[v]_S = \begin{bmatrix} -14 & -36 \\ 5 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2a - \frac{3}{2}b \\ a + \frac{1}{2}b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -8a + 3b \\ 3a - b \end{bmatrix} = [v]_{S'}$$

### Linear Operators and Change of Basis

**6.23.** Consider the linear transformation  $F$  on  $\mathbf{R}^2$  defined by  $F(x, y) = (5x - y, 2x + y)$  and the following bases of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ :

$$E = \{e_1, e_2\} = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\} \quad \text{and} \quad S = \{u_1, u_2\} = \{(1, 4), (2, 7)\}$$

- (a) Find the change-of-basis matrix  $P$  from  $E$  to  $S$  and the change-of-basis matrix  $Q$  from  $S$  back to  $E$ .  
 (b) Find the matrix  $A$  that represents  $F$  in the basis  $E$ .  
 (c) Find the matrix  $B$  that represents  $F$  in the basis  $S$ .

- (a) Because  $E$  is the usual basis, simply write the vectors in  $S$  as columns to obtain the change-of-basis matrix  $P$ . Recall, also, that  $Q = P^{-1}$ . Thus,

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Q = P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Write the coefficients of  $x$  and  $y$  in  $F(x, y) = (5x - y, 2x + y)$  as rows to get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (c) **Method 1.** Find the coordinates of  $F(u_1)$  and  $F(u_2)$  relative to the basis  $S$ . This may be done by first finding the coordinates of an arbitrary vector  $(a, b)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  relative to the basis  $S$ . We have

$$(a, b) = x(1, 4) + y(2, 7) = (x + 2y, 4x + 7y), \quad \text{and so} \quad \begin{aligned} x + 2y &= a \\ 4x + 7y &= b \end{aligned}$$

Solve for  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$  to get  $x = -7a + 2b$ ,  $y = 4a - b$ . Then

$$(a, b) = (-7a + 2b)u_1 + (4a - b)u_2$$

Now use the formula for  $(a, b)$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F(u_1) &= F(1, 4) = (1, 6) = 5u_1 - 2u_2 \\ F(u_2) &= F(2, 7) = (3, 11) = u_1 + u_2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{and so} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Method 2.** By Theorem 6.7,  $B = P^{-1}AP$ . Thus,

$$B = P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 6.24.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the matrix  $B$  that represents the linear operator  $A$  relative to the basis  $S = \{u_1, u_2\} = \{[1, 3]^T, [2, 5]^T\}$ . [Recall  $A$  defines a linear operator  $A: \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  relative to the usual basis  $E$  of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ ].

**Method 1.** Find the coordinates of  $A(u_1)$  and  $A(u_2)$  relative to the basis  $S$  by first finding the coordinates of an arbitrary vector  $[a, b]^T$  in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  relative to the basis  $S$ . By Problem 6.2,

$$[a, b]^T = (-5a + 2b)u_1 + (3a - b)u_2$$

Using the formula for  $[a, b]^T$ , we obtain

$$A(u_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -53u_1 + 32u_2$$

and

$$A(u_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = -89u_1 + 54u_2$$

Thus,

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -53 & -89 \\ 32 & 54 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Method 2.** Use  $B = P^{-1}AP$ , where  $P$  is the change-of-basis matrix from the usual basis  $E$  to  $S$ . Thus, simply write the vectors in  $S$  (as columns) to obtain the change-of-basis matrix  $P$  and then use the formula

for  $P^{-1}$ . This gives

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

Then

$$B = P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -53 & -89 \\ 32 & 54 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 6.25.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the matrix  $B$  that represents the linear operator  $A$  relative to the basis

$$S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\} = \{[1, 1, 0]^T, [0, 1, 1]^T, [1, 2, 2]^T\}$$



[Recall  $A$  that defines a linear operator  $A: \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  relative to the usual basis  $E$  of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .]

**Method 1.** Find the coordinates of  $A(u_1)$ ,  $A(u_2)$ ,  $A(u_3)$  relative to the basis  $S$  by first finding the coordinates of an arbitrary vector  $v = (a, b, c)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  relative to the basis  $S$ . By Problem 6.16,

$$[v]_S = (b - c)u_1 + (-2a + 2b - c)u_2 + (a - b + c)u_3$$

Using this formula for  $[a, b, c]^T$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A(u_1) &= [4, 7, -1]^T = 8u_1 + 7u_2 - 4u_3, & A(u_2) &= [4, 1, 0]^T = u_1 - 6u_2 + 3u_3 \\ A(u_3) &= [9, 4, 1]^T = 3u_1 - 11u_2 + 6u_3 \end{aligned}$$

Writing the coefficients of  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  as columns yields

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 3 \\ 7 & -6 & -11 \\ -4 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Method 2.** Use  $B = P^{-1}AP$ , where  $P$  is the change-of-basis matrix from the usual basis  $E$  to  $S$ . The matrix  $P$  (whose columns are simply the vectors in  $S$ ) and  $P^{-1}$  appear in Problem 6.16. Thus,

$$B = P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 3 \\ 7 & -6 & -11 \\ -4 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Similarity of Matrices

**6.27.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find  $B = P^{-1}AP$ . (b) Verify  $\text{tr}(B) = \text{tr}(A)$ . (c) Verify  $\det(B) = \det(A)$ .

(a) First find  $P^{-1}$  using the formula for the inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix. We have

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

Then

$$B = P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 30 \\ -\frac{27}{2} & -15 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)  $\text{tr}(A) = 4 + 6 = 10$  and  $\text{tr}(B) = 25 - 15 = 10$ . Hence,  $\text{tr}(B) = \text{tr}(A)$ .

(c)  $\det(A) = 24 + 6 = 30$  and  $\det(B) = -375 + 405 = 30$ . Hence,  $\det(B) = \det(A)$ .

**6.28.** Find the trace of each of the linear transformations  $F$  on  $\mathbf{R}^3$  in Problem 6.4.

Find the trace (sum of the diagonal elements) of any matrix representation of  $F$  such as the matrix representation  $[F] = [F]_E$  of  $F$  relative to the usual basis  $E$  given in Problem 6.4.

(a)  $\text{tr}(F) = \text{tr}([F]) = 1 - 5 + 9 = 5$ .

(b)  $\text{tr}(F) = \text{tr}([F]) = 1 + 3 + 5 = 9$ .

(c)  $\text{tr}(F) = \text{tr}([F]) = 1 + 4 + 7 = 12$ .

### Matrix Representations of General Linear Mappings

**6.31.** Let  $F: \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  be the linear map defined by  $F(x, y, z) = (3x + 2y - 4z, x - 5y + 3z)$ .

(a) Find the matrix of  $F$  in the following bases of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  and  $\mathbf{R}^2$ :

$$S = \{w_1, w_2, w_3\} = \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0)\} \quad \text{and} \quad S' = \{u_1, u_2\} = \{(1, 3), (2, 5)\}$$

(b) Verify Theorem 6.10: The action of  $F$  is preserved by its matrix representation; that is, for any  $v$  in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ , we have  $[F]_{S,S'}[v]_S = [F(v)]_{S'}$ .

(a) From Problem 6.2,  $(a, b) = (-5a + 2b)u_1 + (3a - b)u_2$ . Thus,



$$F(w_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & -3 \\ 1 & -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = -41u_1 + 24u_2$$

$$F(w_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & -3 \\ 1 & -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -8u_1 + 5u_2$$

Writing the coefficients of  $F(w_1)$ ,  $F(w_2)$ ,  $F(w_3)$  as columns yields  $[F] = \begin{bmatrix} -12 & -41 & -8 \\ 8 & 24 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- 6.34.** Consider the linear transformation  $T$  on  $\mathbf{R}^2$  defined by  $T(x, y) = (2x - 3y, x + 4y)$  and the following bases of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ :

$$E = \{e_1, e_2\} = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\} \quad \text{and} \quad S = \{u_1, u_2\} = \{(1, 3), (2, 5)\}$$

- (a) Find the matrix  $A$  representing  $T$  relative to the bases  $E$  and  $S$ .  
 (b) Find the matrix  $B$  representing  $T$  relative to the bases  $S$  and  $E$ .  
 (We can view  $T$  as a linear mapping from one space into another, each having its own basis.)  
 (a) From Problem 6.2,  $(a, b) = (-5a + 2b)u_1 + (3a - b)u_2$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} T(e_1) = T(1, 0) &= (2, 1) = -8u_1 + 5u_2 \\ T(e_2) = T(0, 1) &= (-3, 4) = 23u_1 - 13u_2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{and so} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 23 \\ 5 & -13 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} T(u_1) = T(1, 3) &= (-7, 13) = -7e_1 + 13e_2 \\ T(u_2) = T(2, 5) &= (-11, 22) = -11e_1 + 22e_2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{and so} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -11 \\ 13 & 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 6.35.** How are the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  in Problem 6.34 related?

By Theorem 6.12, the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent to each other; that is, there exist nonsingular matrices  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $B = Q^{-1}AP$ , where  $P$  is the change-of-basis matrix from  $S$  to  $E$ , and  $Q$  is the change-of-basis matrix from  $E$  to  $S$ . Thus,

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

and 
$$Q^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -23 \\ 5 & -13 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -11 \\ 13 & 22 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

- 6.36.** Prove Theorem 6.14: Let  $F: V \rightarrow U$  be linear and, say,  $\text{rank}(F) = r$ . Then there exist bases  $V$  and of  $U$  such that the matrix representation of  $F$  has the following form, where  $I_r$  is the  $r$ -square identity matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose  $\dim V = m$  and  $\dim U = n$ . Let  $W$  be the kernel of  $F$  and  $U'$  the image of  $F$ . We are given that  $\text{rank}(F) = r$ . Hence, the dimension of the kernel of  $F$  is  $m - r$ . Let  $\{w_1, \dots, w_{m-r}\}$  be a basis of the kernel of  $F$  and extend this to a basis of  $V$ :

$$\text{Set} \quad \{v_1, \dots, v_r, w_1, \dots, w_{m-r}\}$$

$$u_1 = F(v_1), \quad u_2 = F(v_2), \quad \dots, \quad u_r = F(v_r)$$