

§1. Matrix Representations:

Recall: A linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a map satisfying:

- (1)  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$  for all  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- (2)  $T(\alpha \vec{u}) = \alpha T(\vec{u})$  for all  $\vec{u}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Obs:  $T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  because  $\vec{0} = 0 \cdot \vec{0}$  in both  $\mathbb{R}^n$  &  $\mathbb{R}^m$   
 &  $\vec{0} = 0 \vec{w}$  for any  $\vec{w}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (scalar)

so  $T(\vec{0}) = T(0 \cdot \vec{0}) = 0 T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

Consequence:  $\vec{0}$  in  $\mathcal{N}(T)$  &  $\vec{0}$  in  $\mathcal{R}(T)$  (We knew this because  $\mathcal{N}(T)$  &  $\mathcal{R}(T)$  are all subspaces!)

Matrix Representation Theorem: Any linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  can

be written as  $T(\vec{v}) = A \cdot \vec{v}$ , where the matrix  $A$  of size  $m \times n$  has the form  $A = [T(e_1) \dots T(e_n)]$

canonical basis elements in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (in the given order!)

Alternatively:  $A =$  coefficient matrix for the linear expression in each coord. of  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}\right)$ .

Example:  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + 2x_3 \\ 2x_2 - 5x_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$

Here,  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

Conclusion:  $T$  is completely determined by its values on  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$

But, why is the canonical basis better than any other basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

Answer: It is not!

same number of vectors as dim  $\mathbb{R}^n = n$

Proposition: Given a basis  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  & ANY  $\{\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_n\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , there is a unique linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $T(\vec{v}_1) = \vec{w}_1, \dots, T(\vec{v}_n) = \vec{w}_n$

Example (last time):  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  determine a unique linear transf because  $\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .  $A: T(\vec{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{v}$

! This is not true if  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is not a basis.

Ex  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  l.d vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$\vec{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

We cannot have a linear transf  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  with  $T(\vec{v}_1) = \vec{w}_1$  &  $T(\vec{v}_2) = \vec{w}_2$

Why?  $\vec{w}_2 = T(\vec{v}_2) = T(2 \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{=\vec{v}_1}) = 2 \cdot \underbrace{T(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix})}_{=T(\vec{v}_1)} = 2 \cdot \vec{w}_1$

but  $\vec{w}_2 \neq 2\vec{w}_1$

The problem: explicit linear dependency for  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  does NOT hold for  $\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2$

Another example: We cannot have  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  linear with  $T(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$T(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $T(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Why?  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{apply } T} T(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}) = T(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}) + T(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix})$

$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  This is false!

So  $T$  linear with the prescribed assigned values for  $e_1, e_2$  &  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  cannot exist.

Proof of Prop: Since  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , any vector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

can be uniquely written as  $\vec{v} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n$  for suitable  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ .

(Recall:  $[\vec{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}$  coordinates of  $\vec{v}$  with respect to the basis  $B$ )

Then, "apply  $T$ " to the boxed expression & use the linearity properties

(Remember, we are trying to guess the value of  $T(\vec{v})$  !!)

$T(\vec{v}) = T(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n) = T(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1) + \dots + T(\alpha_n \vec{v}_n)$

$\xrightarrow{\text{Prop (1)}} \alpha_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + \alpha_n T(\vec{v}_n)$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{Prop (2)}} \alpha_1 \underbrace{T(\vec{v}_1)}_{=\vec{w}_1} + \dots + \alpha_n \underbrace{T(\vec{v}_n)}_{=\vec{w}_n}$

$\rightarrow$  (these are the prescribed values for  $T$  !)

Conclude:  $T(\vec{v}) = \underbrace{[\vec{w}_1 \ \dots \ \vec{w}_n]}_{\text{matrix of } T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)} [\vec{v}]_B$

Can check: This map  $T$  is linear ( $T(\vec{v} + \vec{u}) = T(\vec{v}) + T(\vec{u})$ )  
 $T(\beta \vec{v}) = \beta T(\vec{v})$

The reason: Taking coordinates with respect to a basis is linear!

Given  $B$  basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is linear.  
 $\vec{v} \mapsto [\vec{v}]_B$

Q: Why are matrix representations useful?

A: Allow for fast compositions! same number!!

Prop: Given  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $G: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^s$  two linear transf

then the composition  $G \circ F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^s$  defined by  
 $(G \circ F: \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{F} \mathbb{R}^m \xrightarrow{G} \mathbb{R}^s)$   
(apply F first & then G)  
 $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto G(\underbrace{F(\vec{v})}_{\in \mathbb{R}^m}) \in \mathbb{R}^s$   
is also a linear transformation.

Furthermore, if  $F(\vec{v}) = A\vec{v}$   $A$  of size  $m \times n$ , then  
 $G(\vec{w}) = B\vec{w}$   $B$   $s \times m$

the matrix representing  $G \circ F$  is  $BA$  (size  $s \times n$ ).

**VERY IMPORTANT!** We must multiply  $B$  &  $A$  in the same order as we compose  $G$  &  $F$ .

• Before we discuss the proof, let's look at an example.

Example:  $F: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   $F\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ x_3 + x_4 \end{bmatrix}$   $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$G: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   $G\left(\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_1 + 5y_2 \\ -y_1 + y_2 \end{bmatrix}$   $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

So  $BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

And  $G \circ F: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is  $G \circ F\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = G\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ x_3 + x_4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 + 5(x_3 + x_4) \\ -(x_1 - x_2) + (x_3 + x_4) \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 + 5x_4 \\ -x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \end{bmatrix}$

Check: matrix for  $G \circ F$  must have size  $3 \times 4$  &  $= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 5 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , just as the Prop predicted!

Proof: Check 2 linear properties

$$(1) G(F(\vec{v} + \vec{u})) \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ F \text{ linear}}}{=} G(\underbrace{F(\vec{v})}_{=\vec{w}_1} + \underbrace{F(\vec{u})}_{=\vec{w}_2}) \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ G \text{ linear}}}{=} G(F(\vec{v})) + G(F(\vec{u})) \quad \checkmark$$

$$(2) G(F(\alpha \vec{v})) \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ F \text{ linear}}}{=} G(\alpha \underbrace{F(\vec{v})}_{=\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m}) \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ G \text{ linear}}}{=} \alpha G(F(\vec{v})) \quad \checkmark$$

So we know  $G \circ F$  has a matrix representing it. Indeed, the matrix is  $[G \circ F(e_1) \dots G \circ F(e_n)]$

We compute each column vector:

$$G \circ F(e_1) \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{def of } F}}{=} G(A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}) = G(\underbrace{\text{col}_1(A)}_{\vec{w}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m}) \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{def of } G}}{=} B \text{col}_1(A)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$G \circ F(e_n) \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{def of } F}}{=} G(A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}) = G(\underbrace{\text{col}_n(A)}_{=\vec{w}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m}) \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{def of } G}}{=} B \text{col}_n(A)$$

so  $[G \circ F(e_1) \dots G \circ F(e_n)] = [\underbrace{B \text{col}_1(A)}_{\text{col}_1(BA)} \dots \underbrace{B \text{col}_n(A)}_{\text{col}_n(BA)}] = BA$  size  $s \times n$

$\downarrow$   
def of matrix multiplication

This size is consistent with  $G \circ F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^s$ . □

§2. Linear transformation for abstract vector spaces:

We can easily generalize linear transformations  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  to linear transformations between abstract vector spaces because we have a way to add & scale multiply vectors in abstract vector spaces.

Our maps  $T: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$  will be linear if they respect these 2 operations. More precisely:

Def: Fix  $\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{W}$  two (abstract) vector spaces, & let  $T: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$  be a map. We say  $T$  is a linear transformation if  $\vec{v} \mapsto T(\vec{v})$

(1)  $T(\vec{v} + \vec{u}) \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{sum in } \mathcal{V}}}{=} T(\vec{v}) +_{\mathcal{W}} T(\vec{u})$  for all  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathcal{V}$  & (2)  $T(\alpha \cdot \vec{v}) \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{scalar mult in } \mathcal{V}}}{=} \alpha \cdot_{\mathcal{W}} T(\vec{v})$  for  $\vec{v} \in \mathcal{V}$  &  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

For the rest of today's lecture, we'll focus on examples.

**Example 0** Take  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $W = \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  linear in the usual sense, so it's just multiplication by an  $m \times n$  matrix.

**Example 1**  $T: \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $T(P(x)) = P(1)$

↳ polynomials of  $\deg \leq 2$

Claim:  $T$  is linear

Why?  $T(P(x) + Q(x)) = (P+Q)_{(1)} = P_{(1)} + Q_{(1)} = T(P(x)) + T(Q(x))$   
↳ because of how we defined addition of polynomials

$T(\alpha P(x)) = (\alpha P)_{(1)} = \alpha P_{(1)} = \alpha T(P(x))$   
↳ because of how we defined scalar mult in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

• These statements are true but they don't really help us understand what  $T$  is.

Better way: write  $P(x) = a + bx + cx^2 \rightsquigarrow P_{(1)} = a + b + c$

So we can really view  $T$  as the linear map  $\tilde{T}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Here  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = [P]_{\mathcal{B}}$  coordinates of  $P$  in the basis  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  for  $\mathcal{P}_2$

• This example generalizes to  $T: C[-2, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $f \mapsto f(1)$   
We call it an evaluation map at  $x_0 = 1$ . It is linear!  
↳ (we can replace 1 by any fixed number  $x_0$  in  $[-2, 3]$ )

**Example 2:** Taking coordinates with respect to a fixed basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $W$  where  $\dim W$  is finite

Fix  $\dim W = p$ . Then  $T: W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  is a linear transf.  
 $\vec{v} \mapsto [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}$

Why?  
 $\vec{v} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_p \vec{v}_p \rightsquigarrow [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\vec{w} = \beta_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \beta_p \vec{v}_p \rightsquigarrow [\vec{w}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{bmatrix}$

$\vec{v} + \vec{w} = (\alpha_1 + \beta_1) \vec{v}_1 + \dots + (\alpha_p + \beta_p) \vec{v}_p$   
(sum scalars columnwise)  
 $\alpha \vec{w} = (\alpha \beta_1) \vec{v}_1 + \dots + (\alpha \beta_p) \vec{v}_p$   
 $\rightsquigarrow [\vec{v} + \vec{w}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 + \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_p + \beta_p \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} + [\vec{w}]_{\mathcal{B}}$   
 $\rightsquigarrow [\alpha \vec{w}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha \beta_p \end{bmatrix} = \alpha [\vec{w}]_{\mathcal{B}}$

Obs: We can combine Examples 1 & 2 via composition

$$T: \mathcal{P}_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\approx \tilde{T}: \mathbb{R}^3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$F = \mathcal{P}_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$P \longmapsto [P]_{\{1, x, x^2\}} = [P]_B$$

Take  $B = \{1, x, x^2\}$  standard basis for  $\mathcal{P}_2$ .

$$T(a + bx + cx^2) = a + b + c$$

$$\tilde{T}\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}\right) = a + b + c$$

Translation: For any  $P_x$  in  $\mathcal{P}_2$  we have

$$T(P) = \tilde{T}([P]_B) = \tilde{T} \circ F(P)$$

KEY FACT

We will be able to do a similar translation from  $T: \mathbb{V} \longrightarrow \mathbb{W}$  with  $\dim \mathbb{V} = n$ ,  $\dim \mathbb{W} = m$  to  $\tilde{T}: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  by identifying  $\mathbb{V}$  with  $\mathbb{R}^n$  via coordinates w.r.t a basis  $B_{\mathbb{V}}$  for  $\mathbb{V}$  and  $\mathbb{W}$  with  $\mathbb{R}^m$  via coordinates w.r.t a basis  $B_{\mathbb{W}}$  for  $\mathbb{W}$ .

(More on this, next time)

Example 3

$$T: C[0,1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is a linear transformation}$$

$$f(x) \longmapsto \int_0^1 f(x) dx$$

Example 4

$$T: C'(0,1) \longrightarrow C(0,1)$$

$$h(x) \longmapsto f'(x)$$

$T$  is a linear transformation

(Recall:  $C'(0,1)$  = continuous functions  $h: (0,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f': (0,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  also continuous)

Example 5

$$T: \mathbb{M}_{2 \times 3} \longrightarrow \mathbb{M}_{4 \times 3} \text{ is a linear transform.}$$

$$A \longmapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} A$$

(Left multiplication by a fixed matrix of appropriate size)

replacing this by any other fixed matrix of size  $4 \times 2$  will have the same effect.

**Example 6**

$T_1: V \rightarrow V$  is linear &  $T_2: V \rightarrow W$  is linear  
 $\vec{v} \mapsto \vec{v}$  (identity map)       $\vec{v} \mapsto \vec{0}_W$  (zero map)

§3 Basic Properties:

Theorem 1: Assume  $V$  has finite dimension, and basis  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$

Then, given any set  $\{\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_p\}$  of vectors in  $W$ , we can find a **UNIQUE** linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$  with  $T(\vec{v}_1) = \vec{w}_1$ ,  
 $T(\vec{v}_p) = \vec{w}_p$ .

Obs: We don't need  $W$  to have finite dimension, only  $V$ .

Why is Theorem 1 true? Use coordinates with respect to  $B$  & result when  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $W = \mathbb{R}^m$

$$T(\vec{v}) = T(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_p \vec{v}_p) = \alpha_1 \boxed{T(\vec{v}_1)} + \dots + \alpha_p \boxed{T(\vec{v}_p)}$$

$\downarrow$   $T$  linear!       $= \vec{w}_1$        $= \vec{w}_p$

So  $T(\vec{v}) = \alpha_1 \vec{w}_1 + \dots + \alpha_p \vec{w}_p$  where  $[\vec{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix}$

Check: The map  $T$  defined by this formula is linear

- Uniqueness follows because we found a unique possibility for defining  $T(\vec{v})$  using  $B$  &  $\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_p$ .

Application: Find a linear transformation  $T: \mathcal{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2$  with

$T(1) = 2+x$  ,  $T(x) = x-x^2$  ,  $T(x^2) = 5-10x$  &  $T(x^3) = 2$ .

Solution:  $T(a+bx+cx^2+dx^3) \stackrel{\uparrow T \text{ linear}}{=} aT(1) + bT(x) + cT(x^2) + dT(x^3)$   
 $= a(2+x) + b(x-x^2) + c(5-10x) + d \cdot 2$

we have preassigned values for  $T(1), T(x), T(x^2), T(x^3)$

$$= (2a+5c+2d) + (a-b-10c)x + (-b)x^2$$

Note: If we fix  $B = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$  basis for  $\mathbb{W}$ , we can

$$B_2 = \{1, x, x^2\} \text{ --- } \mathbb{W}$$

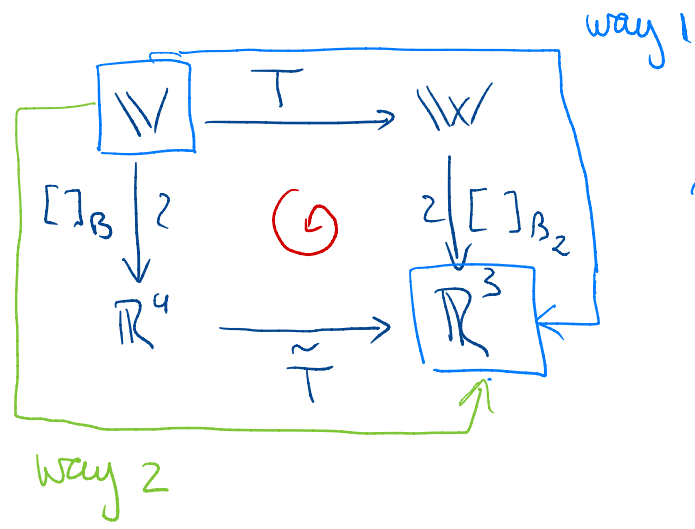
identify  $T: \mathbb{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_2$  with  $\tilde{T}: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 2a+5c+2d \\ a+b-10c \\ -b \end{bmatrix}$$

Here  $[a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3]_B = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$

$$[T(a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3)]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a+5c+2d \\ a+b-10c \\ -b \end{bmatrix}$$

So we get a "commutative diagram" we going from  $\mathbb{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  in 2 ways must be the same!



$$[T(P)]_{B_2} = \tilde{T}([P]_B)$$

(way 1)                      (way 2)

Upshot: Studying linear transformations between vector spaces of finite dimension is as EASY as studying linear maps  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . Just pick coordinates on  $\mathbb{W}$  &  $\mathbb{W}$ . ☺

- Next time:
- Null Spaces & Range for  $T: \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$  (rest of §5.7)
  - Operations with linear transformation. (§5.8)