

$$S \cap T = \left\{ s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}, \text{ then } \dim(S \cap T) = 1.$$

Exercise Set 3.4

If $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is an ordered basis for a vector space, then for each vector \mathbf{v} there are scalars c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n such that $\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$. The unique scalars are called the coordinates of the vector relative to the ordered basis B , written as

$$[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

If B is one of the standard bases of \mathbb{R}^n , then the coordinates of a vector are just the components of the vector. For example, since every vector in \mathbb{R}^3 can be written as

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

the coordinates relative to the standard basis are $[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$. To find the coordinates relative to an ordered basis solve the usual vector equation

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{v}$$

for the scalars c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n . The order in which the vectors are given makes a difference when defining coordinates. For example, if $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and $B' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, then

$$[\mathbf{v}]_B = \left[\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right]_B = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad [\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = \left[\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ x \end{bmatrix}.$$

Given the coordinates relative to one basis $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ to find the coordinates of the same vector relative to a second basis $B' = \{\mathbf{v}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}'_n\}$ a transition matrix can be used. To determine a transition matrix:

- Find the coordinates of each vector in B relative to the basis B' .
- Form the transition matrix where the column vectors are the coordinates found in the first step. That is,

$$[I]_{B'}^B = [[\mathbf{v}_1]_{B'} \quad [\mathbf{v}_2]_{B'} \quad \dots \quad [\mathbf{v}_n]_{B'}].$$

- The coordinates of \mathbf{v} relative to B' given the coordinates relative to B are given by the formula

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = [I]_{B'}^B [\mathbf{v}]_B.$$

The transition matrix that changes coordinates from B' to B is given by

$$[I]_B^{B'} = ([I]_{B'}^B)^{-1}.$$

Let $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and $B' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ be two bases for \mathbb{R}^2 . The steps for finding the transition matrix from B to B' are:

- Since

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{reduces to}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right],$$

so the coordinates of the two vectors in B relative to B' are $\left[\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ -1/3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\left[\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

- $[T]_{B'}^{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1 \\ -1/3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- As an example, $\left[\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1 \\ -1/3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left[\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1 \\ -1/3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ -5/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7/3 \\ -8/3 \end{bmatrix}$.

■ Solutions to Exercises

1. The coordinates of $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, relative to the basis B are the scalars c_1 and c_2 such that $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. The vector equation yields the linear system $\begin{cases} 3c_1 - 2c_2 = 8 \\ c_1 + 2c_2 = 0 \end{cases}$, which has the unique solution $c_1 = 2$, and $c_2 = -1$. Hence, $[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

2. Since $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -2 & -1 & -2 & 8 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{reduces to}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1/2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -8 \end{array} \right]$, then $[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

3. To find the coordinates we form and row reduce the matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 9 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right], \text{ so that } [\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. Since $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1/2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{reduces to}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$, then $[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

5. Since $c_1 + c_2(x-1) + c_3x^2 = 3 + 2x - 2x^2$ if and only if $c_1 - c_2 = 3$, $c_2 = 2$, and $c_3 = -2$, we have that

$$[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

6. The equation $c_1(x^2 + 2x + 2) + c_2(2x + 3) + c_3(-x^2 + x + 1) = 8 + 6x - 3x^2$ gives the linear system, in matrix form,

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 3 & 1 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \end{array} \right], \text{ which reduces to } \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 8/3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{so } [\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 2 \\ 8/3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

7. Since $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ if and only if

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_3 + c_4 = 1 \\ -c_1 + c_2 = 3 \\ c_2 - c_4 = -2 \\ -c_3 = 2 \end{cases}, \text{ and the linear system has the solution } c_1 = -1, c_2 = 2, c_3 = -2, \text{ and } c_4 = 4,$$

we have that $[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

8. Since $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ leads to the linear system

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right], \text{ which reduces to } \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right], \text{ then } [\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

9. $[\mathbf{v}]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/4 \\ 1/8 \end{bmatrix}; [\mathbf{v}]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$

10. $[\mathbf{v}]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; [\mathbf{v}]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

11. $[\mathbf{v}]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}; [\mathbf{v}]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

12. $[\mathbf{v}]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}; [\mathbf{v}]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1 \\ 7/3 \\ -1/3 \end{bmatrix}$

13. The column vectors for the transition matrix from a basis B_1 to a basis B_2 are the coordinate vectors for the vectors in B_1 relative to B_2 . Hence, $[I]_{B_1}^{B_2} = \left[\begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{B_2} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{B_2} \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then this matrix transforms coordinates relative to B_1 to coordinates relative to B_2 , that is, $[\mathbf{v}]_{B_2} = [I]_{B_1}^{B_2}[\mathbf{v}]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

14. $[I]_{B_1}^{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 2/3 \\ -7/6 & 1/6 \end{bmatrix}; [\mathbf{v}]_{B_2} = [I]_{B_1}^{B_2}[\mathbf{v}]_{B_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ -4/3 \end{bmatrix}$

15. $[I]_{B_1}^{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2/3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; [\mathbf{v}]_{B_2} = [I]_{B_1}^{B_2}[\mathbf{v}]_{B_1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

16. $[I]_{B_1}^{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4/3 & -4/3 \\ 1 & 1/3 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 & -1/3 \end{bmatrix}; [\mathbf{v}]_{B_2} = [I]_{B_1}^{B_2}[\mathbf{v}]_{B_1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

17. Notice that the only difference in the bases B_1 and B_2 is the order in which the polynomials $1, x,$ and x^2 are given. As a result the column vectors of the transition matrix are the coordinate vectors only permuted.

That is, $[I]_{B_1}^{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $[\mathbf{v}]_{B_2} = [I]_{B_1}^{B_2}[\mathbf{v}]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

18. Since $[\mathbf{v}]_{B_2} = [I]_{B_1}^{B_2}[\mathbf{v}]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} [x^2 - 1]_{B_2} & [2x^2 + x + 1]_{B_2} & [-x + 1]_{B_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/4 & 5/8 & 3/8 \\ -1 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 3/4 & 11/8 & -3/8 \end{bmatrix}$, then $[\mathbf{v}]_{B_2} =$

$$[I]_{B_1}^{B_2}[\mathbf{v}]_{B_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13/8 \\ -1/2 \\ 11/8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

19. Since the equation $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$ gives

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 1 & -1 & a \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & b \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & c \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -a-b+c \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & a+b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & a+2b-c \end{array} \right], \text{ we have that } \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} -a-b+c \\ a+b \\ a+2b-c \end{bmatrix}.$$

20. Since

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & a \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & b \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & c \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & d \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{reduces to}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2a+b-c-2d \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -a-b+c+d \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & a-c-d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & a+b-c-2d \end{array} \right], \text{ then } \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2a+b-c-2d \\ -a-b+c+d \\ a-c-d \\ a+b-c-2d \end{bmatrix}$$

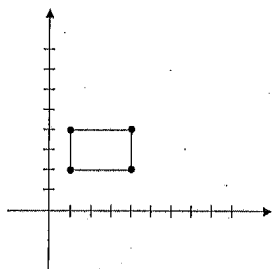
21. a. $[I]_{B_1}^{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ b. $[v]_{B_2} = [I]_{B_1}^{B_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

22. a. $[I]_{B_1}^{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ b. $[I]_{B_2}^{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ c. Since

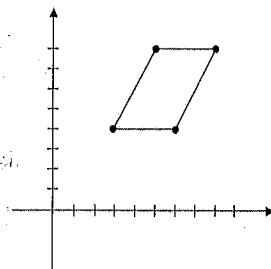
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } ([I]_{B_1}^{B_2})^{-1} = [I]_{B_2}^{B_1}.$$

23. a. $[I]_S^B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ b. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix};$
 $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

c.

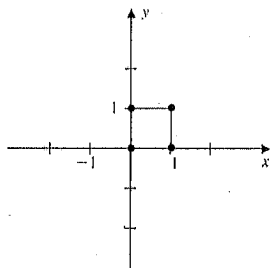


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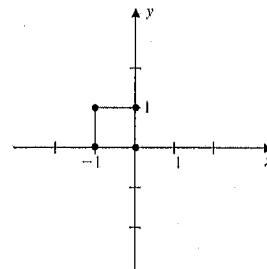


24. a. $[v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta \\ x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$

b.



$$\text{c. } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



25. a. Since $\mathbf{u}_1 = -\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2$, $\mathbf{u}_2 = -\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3$, and $\mathbf{u}_3 = -\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3$, the coordinates of \mathbf{u}_1 , \mathbf{u}_2 , and \mathbf{u}_3 relative to B_2 are

$$[\mathbf{u}_1]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, [\mathbf{u}_2]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, [\mathbf{u}_3]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so } [I]_{B_1}^{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{b. } [2\mathbf{u}_1 - 3\mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_3]_{B_2} = [I]_{B_1}^{B_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Exercise Set 3.5

1. a. Let $y = e^{rx}$, so that $y' = re^{rx}$ and $y'' = r^2e^{rx}$. Substituting these into the differential equations gives the auxiliary equation $r^2 - 5r + 6 = 0$. Factoring, we have that $(r - 3)(r - 2) = 0$ and hence, two distinct solutions are $y_1 = e^{2x}$ and $y_2 = e^{3x}$.

b. Since $W[y_1, y_2](x) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{2x} & e^{3x} \\ 2e^{2x} & 3e^{3x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{5x} > 0$ for all x , the two solutions are linear independent. c. The general solution is the linear combination $y(x) = C_1e^{2x} + C_2e^{3x}$, where C_1 and C_2 are arbitrary constants.

2. a. Let $y = e^{rx}$, so that $y' = re^{rx}$ and $y'' = r^2e^{rx}$. Then the auxiliary equation is $r^2 + 3r + 2 = 0 = (r + 1)(r + 2) = 0$ and hence, two distinct solutions are $y_1 = e^{-x}$ and $y_2 = e^{-2x}$.

b. Since $W[y_1, y_2](x) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-x} & e^{-2x} \\ -e^{-x} & -2e^{-2x} \end{vmatrix} = -e^{-x} \neq 0$ for all x , the two solutions are linear independent.

c. The general solution is the linear combination $y(x) = C_1e^{-x} + C_2e^{-2x}$, where C_1 and C_2 are arbitrary constants.

3. a. Let $y = e^{rx}$, so that $y' = re^{rx}$ and $y'' = r^2e^{rx}$. Substituting these into the differential equation gives the auxiliary equation $r^2 + 4r + 4 = 0$. Factoring, we have that $(r + 2)^2 = 0$. Since the auxiliary equation has only one root of multiplicity 2, two distinct solutions are $y_1 = e^{-2x}$ and $y_2 = xe^{-2x}$.

b. Since $W[y_1, y_2](x) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-2x} & xe^{-2x} \\ -2e^{-2x} & e^{-2x} - 2xe^{-2x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{-4x} > 0$ for all x , the two solutions are linearly independent. c. The general solution is the linear combination $y(x) = C_1e^{-2x} + C_2xe^{-2x}$, where C_1 and C_2 are arbitrary constants.

4. a. Let $y = e^{rx}$, so that $y' = re^{rx}$ and $y'' = r^2e^{rx}$. Then the auxiliary equation is $r^2 - 4r + 5 = 0 = (r + 1)(r - 5) = 0$ and hence, two distinct solutions are $y_1 = e^{-x}$ and $y_2 = e^{5x}$.

b. Since $W[y_1, y_2](x) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-x} & e^{5x} \\ -e^{-x} & 5e^{5x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{4x} > 0$ for all x , the two solutions are linear independent. c. The general solution is the linear combination $y(x) = C_1e^{-x} + C_2e^{5x}$, where C_1 and C_2 are arbitrary constants.