Proposition & Definition 7.14. Monomial basis of $\mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$ Let $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$. The particular polynomials $\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_n \in \mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$ defined by $\mathbf{m}_0(x) = 1$, $\mathbf{m}_1(x) = x$, \dots , $\mathbf{m}_{n-1}(x) = x^{n-1}$, $\mathbf{m}_n(x) = x^n$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ are called <u>monomials</u>. The family $\mathcal{B} = (\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_n)$ forms a basis of $\mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$ and is called the monomial basis. Hence dim $(\mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R})) = n + 1$.

Corollary 7.15. The method of equating the coefficients

Let **p** and **q** be two real polynomials with degree $n \in \mathbb{N}$, which means

$$\mathbf{p}(x) = a_n x^n + \ldots + a_1 x + a_0$$
 and $\mathbf{q}(x) = b_n x^n + \ldots + b_1 x + b_0$

for some coefficients $a_n, \ldots, a_1, a_0, b_n, \ldots, b_1, b_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. If we have the equality $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{q}$, which means

$$a_n x^n + \ldots + a_1 x + a_0 = b_n x^n + \ldots + b_1 x + b_0, \tag{7.3}$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then we can conclude $a_n = b_n, \ldots, a_1 = b_1$ and $a_0 = b_0$.

$$A \quad basis \quad of \\ P_{n}(R) : (m_{0}, m_{1}, ..., m_{n}) \\ din(P_{n}(R)) = n+1$$

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Remark:

Since $\dim(\mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R})) = n+1$ and we have the inclusions

$$\mathcal{P}_0(\mathbb{R}) \subset \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbb{R}) \subset \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}) \subset \cdots \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \subset \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R})$$

we conclude that $\dim(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$ and $\dim(\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}))$ cannot be finite natural numbers. Symbolically, we write $\dim(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})) = \infty$ in such a case.

7.4 Coordinates with respect to a basis

7.4.1 Basis implies coordinates

Again, we deal with the case $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ simultaneously. Therefore, let V be an \mathbb{F} -vector space with the two operations + and \cdot . Let also $n := \dim(V) < \infty$ and choose a basis $\mathcal{B} = (\mathbf{b}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{b}_n)$ of V.

Since \mathcal{B} is a generating system and linearly independent, each **v** from V has a linear combination

$$\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \ldots + \alpha_n \mathbf{b}_n \tag{7.4}$$

where the coefficients $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{F}$ are uniquely determined. We call these numbers the <u>coordinates</u> of **v** with respect to the basis \mathcal{B} and sometimes write $\mathbf{v}^{\mathcal{B}}$ for the vector consisting of these numbers:



When fixing a basis \mathcal{B} in V, then each vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$ uniquely determines a coordinate vector $\mathbf{v}^{\mathcal{B}} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ – and vice versa.



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Example 7.17. The polynomials $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$ given by $\mathbf{p}(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 + 7$ and $\mathbf{q}(x) = x^2 + 3$ can be represented with the monomial basis $\mathcal{B} = (\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2, \mathbf{m}_3)$ by the coordinate vectors:

which is also invertible. We have called it the **basis isomorphism**. For a given element $\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \ldots + \alpha_n \mathbf{b}_n$, we can write:

$$\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \ldots + \alpha_n \mathbf{b}_n = \alpha_1 \Phi_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}(\mathbf{e}_1) + \ldots + \alpha_n \Phi_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}(\mathbf{e}_n) = \Phi_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}(\Phi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{v})).$$

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}: \mathbb{F}^n \to V, \quad \Phi_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}(\mathbf{e}_j) = \mathbf{b}_j \quad \text{for all } j$$

Example 7.19. Consider the already introduced monomial basis $\mathcal{B} = (\mathbf{m}_2, \mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_0) = (x \mapsto x^2, x \mapsto x, x \mapsto 1)$ of the space $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ and the polynomial $\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ defined by $\mathbf{p}(x) = 4x^2 + 3x - 2$. Then:

$$\mathbf{p} = \Phi_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{4} \\ \mathbf{3} \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \Phi_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1} (\Phi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{p})), \quad \text{since} \quad \mathbf{p} = 4\mathbf{m}_2 + 3\mathbf{m}_1 - 2\mathbf{m}_0.$$

Example 7.20. Let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ and choose the basis $\mathcal{B} = (\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix})$. The vector $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \in V$ can then be represented as:

Question: Old versus new coordinates How to switch between both coordinate vectors? \mathcal{B} -coordinates $\Phi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \stackrel{?}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad \mathcal{C}$ -coordinates $\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \stackrel{?}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad \mathcal{C}$ -coordinates $\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \stackrel{?}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad \mathcal{C}$ -coordinates $\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \stackrel{?}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad \mathcal{C}$ -coordinates $\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \stackrel{?}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad \mathcal{C}$ -coordinates $\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \stackrel{?}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad \mathcal{C}$ -coordinates $\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \stackrel{?}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad \mathcal{C}$ -coordinates $\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \stackrel{?}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad \stackrel{?}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad \stackrel{?}{\longleftarrow} \quad$

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7.4 Coordinates with respect to a basis

To get the map from "left to right" by $f : \mathbb{F}^n \to \mathbb{F}^n$, $f := \Phi_{\mathcal{C}} \circ \Phi_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}$. More concretely for all canonical unit vectors $\mathbf{e}_j \in \mathbb{F}^n$, we get:

$$f(\mathbf{e}_j) = \Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\Phi_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}(\mathbf{e}_j)) = \Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{b}_j)$$
(7.7)

Since f is a linear map, we find a uniquely determined matrix A such that $f(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^n$. This matrix is determined by equation 7.7 and given a suitable name:



The corresponding linear map gives us a sense of switching from basis \mathcal{B} to the basis \mathcal{C} . Also a good mnemonic is:

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}^{-1}T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}\mathbf{x} = \Phi_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}\mathbf{x} \quad for \ all \ \mathbf{x}\in\mathbb{F}^n$$
(7.9)

Now, if we have a vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$ and its coordinate vector $\Phi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{v})$ and $\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v})$, respectively, then we can calculate:

$$T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}\Phi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{v}) = \Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\Phi_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}(\Phi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{v}))) = \Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v}).$$

We fix our result:

Transformation formula

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v}) = T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}\Phi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{v}). \qquad (7.10)$$

$$f_{\mathcal{G}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{c}_{\mathcal{A}}) & \cdots & \mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{c}_{\mathcal{A}}) \\ \mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{c}_{\mathcal{A}}) & \cdots & \mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{c}_{\mathcal{A}}) \\ \mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{v}) \in \mathbb{F}^{n} \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}^{-1}} \Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v}) \in \mathbb{F}^{n}$$

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{v}) \in \mathbb{F}^{n} \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}} \Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v}) \in \mathbb{F}^{n}$$

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{B}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v}) = T_{\mathcal{B}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}} \quad \mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{v})$$

 $T_{\mathcal{B}\leftarrow \mathcal{C}} = (T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow \mathcal{B}})^{-1}.$ (7.11) Yon should know how to calculate inverse.

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Rule of thumb: How to get the transformation matrix $T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}$

The notation $T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}$ means: We put the vector in \mathcal{B} -coordinates in (from the right) and get out the vector in \mathcal{C} -coordinates. To get the transformation matrix $T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}$ write the basis vectors of \mathcal{B} in \mathcal{C} -coordinates and put them as columns in a matrix.

Example 7.21. We already know the polynomial basis

$$\mathcal{B} = (\underbrace{\mathbf{m}_2}_{=: \mathbf{b}_1}, \underbrace{\mathbf{m}_1}_{=: \mathbf{b}_2}, \underbrace{\mathbf{m}_0}_{=: \mathbf{b}_3}) = (x \mapsto x^2, x \mapsto x, x \mapsto 1)$$

in $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$. Now, we can easily show that

$$\mathcal{C} = (\underbrace{\mathbf{m}_2 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{m}_1}_{=: \mathbf{c}_1}, \underbrace{\mathbf{m}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{m}_1}_{=: \mathbf{c}_2}, \underbrace{\mathbf{m}_0}_{=: \mathbf{c}_3})$$

defines also a basis of $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$. Now we know how to change between these two bases. Therefore, we calculate the transformation matrices. The first thing you should note is that the basis \mathcal{C} is already given in linear combinations of the basis vectors from \mathcal{B} . Hence we get:

$$\implies T_{\mathcal{B}+\mathcal{C}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By calculating the inverse, we get the other transformation matrix $T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}} = (T_{\mathcal{B}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}})^{-1}$:

$$T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_{\mathcal{C}} \left| \mathbf{b}_1 \right\rangle & \Phi_{\mathcal{C}} \left| \mathbf{b}_2 \right\rangle & \Phi_{\mathcal{C}} \left| \mathbf{b}_3 \right\rangle \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For an arbitrary polynomial $\mathbf{p}(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ with $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$, we get:

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{p}) = T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}} \Phi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & -1 & 0\\ 1/2 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a\\ b\\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a/2 - b\\ a/2 + b\\ c \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, for our example $\mathbf{p}(x) = 4x^2 + 3x - 2$, a = 4, b = 3 and c = -2, we get:

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{2} - 3\\ \frac{4}{2} + 3\\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\ 5\\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let us check again if this was all correct:

$$\underbrace{(-1)(x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x)}_{\mathbf{c}_1(x)} + \underbrace{5(x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x)}_{\mathbf{c}_2(x)} + \underbrace{(-2)}_{\mathbf{c}_3(x)} = \underbrace{(-1+5)x^2 + (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{2})x + (-2)1}_{\mathbf{c}_3(x)} = \underbrace{4x^2 + 3x - 2}_{\mathbf{c}_3(x)}$$

Example 7.22. Now, we look at \mathbb{R}^2 with the two bases $\mathcal{B} = (\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathcal{C} = (\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix})$.

$$\frac{1}{3} \in \mathcal{L}, \quad \frac{1}{2} \in \mathcal{B} \quad \text{are } \underline{n} \cdot f \quad \text{immedially given}$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad \text{include basis} \quad \mathcal{E} = \left(\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{include basis}}{=} \mathcal{E} = \left(\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$T_{\xi \in B} = \begin{pmatrix} V = \mathbb{R}^{2} \\ \Phi_{c}^{-1} \\$$

$$T_{\mathcal{E}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3\\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $T_{\mathcal{E}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2\\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

Now, for getting $T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}$, we have to combine:

$$T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}} = T_{\mathcal{C}\leftarrow\mathcal{E}}T_{\mathcal{E}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}} = (T_{\mathcal{E}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}})^{-1}T_{\mathcal{E}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}.$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Question: Can we do a similar thing in the polynomial space? Consider bases \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} that is not the simple monomial basis:

$$\mathcal{B} = (\underbrace{2\mathbf{m}_2 - 1\mathbf{m}_1}_{=:\mathbf{b}_1}, \underbrace{-8\mathbf{m}_1 - 2\mathbf{m}_0}_{=:\mathbf{b}_2}, \underbrace{1\mathbf{m}_2 + 4\mathbf{m}_1 + 1\mathbf{m}_0}_{=:\mathbf{b}_3})$$

and
$$\mathcal{C} = (\underbrace{1\mathbf{m}_1 + 1\mathbf{m}_0}_{=:\mathbf{c}_1}, \underbrace{2\mathbf{m}_2 + 2\mathbf{m}_1}_{=:\mathbf{c}_2}, \underbrace{1\mathbf{m}_2 + 1\mathbf{m}_0}_{=:\mathbf{c}_3}).$$

Answer: Yes, we can do the same by adding the the monomial basis (or a other well-known basis) in the middle. We call the monomial basis by \mathcal{A} , which means $\mathcal{A} = (\mathbf{m}_2, \mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_0)$. Then $T_{\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ and $T_{\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$ are immediately given:

$$T_{\mathcal{A}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -8 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } T_{\mathcal{A}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and then we get $T_{\mathcal{B}\leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$:

$$T_{\mathcal{B}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}} \text{ by using an additional "nice" basis } \mathcal{A}$$

$$T_{\mathcal{A}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}} = T_{\mathcal{A}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}T_{\mathcal{B}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}}$$

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{T_{\mathcal{A}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}}{\longleftarrow} \Phi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{T_{\mathcal{B}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}}}{\longleftarrow} \Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{x}) \qquad and hence \qquad \underline{T_{\mathcal{B}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}}} = (\underline{T_{\mathcal{A}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}}})^{-1} T_{\mathcal{A}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}}.$$

Since we again have to find an inverse of a matrix, we can use the Gauß-Jordan algorithm again:

$$(T_{\mathcal{A}\leftarrow\mathcal{B}} \mid T_{\mathcal{A}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}}) \rightsquigarrow (1 \mid T_{\mathcal{B}\leftarrow\mathcal{C}}).$$

$$(7.12)$$

For our example, this gives us:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -8 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 & 6 & -7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The boxed matrix is indeed $T_{\mathcal{B}\leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$.



One can show: $C = (\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_{50})$ is also linearly independent and hence a basis of \mathbb{R}^{50} .

The signal \mathbf{f} from above has the following form:

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{c}_3 - \mathbf{c}_{25} + 3\mathbf{c}_{26} + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{c}_{40}.$$

We reckon that most signals \mathbf{f} are a superposition of some "basic tones" \mathbf{c}_i .

Compression: One stores only the coordinates in $\Phi_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{f})$. One can also focus on the (for humans) important frequencies and ignore the higher and lower ones (e.g. MP3 file format). All this saves storage space instead of storing the coordinates $\Phi_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{f}) = (f_1, \ldots, f_{50})^T$ (e.g. WAV file format). Similar ideas exist for twodimensional signals like pictures: \Rightarrow BMP vs. JPG.

Information: The change of basis from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{C} is important for a lot of applications and known as the Fourier transform. We will consider it in more detail in the analysis lecture.

7.5 General vector space with inner product and norms

Recall that in the vector spaces \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{C}^n , besides the algebraic structure given by

vector addition + and the scalar multiplication \cdot ,

we also defined a geometric structure by choosing

an inner product
$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$$
 and also a norm $\|\cdot\|$

for measuring angles and lengths.

Attention! Convention for $\mathbb{F}=\mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{F}=\mathbb{C}$

Since we handle the cases $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ simultaneously, we also use the notion of the complex conjugation in the real case. Hence, for $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ we write:

 $\overline{\alpha} := \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{if } \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}, \\ \overline{\alpha} & \text{if } \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C} \quad (\text{complex conjugate number}). \end{cases}$

Analogously, for a matrix $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ with $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$:

 $A^* := \begin{cases} A^T & if \ \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R} \quad (transpose), \\ A^* & if \ \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C} \quad (adjoint). \end{cases}$