

Problem 3. The set $B = \{1 - t - t^2, t - t^2, 2 - 2t + t^2\}$ is a basis for P_2 . Find the B -coordinate vector of $p(t) = 5 - 7t$.

$$\text{Let } p_1 = 1 - t - t^2, \quad p_2 = t - t^2, \quad p_3 = 2 - 2t + t^2.$$

Let $E = \{1, t, t^2\}$ be the standard basis for P_2 .

$$[p_1]_E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad [p_2]_E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad [p_3]_E = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$P_{E \leftarrow B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad [p]_E = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$[p]_E = P_{E \leftarrow B} [p]_B \leftarrow \text{solve.}$$

$$[p | [p]_E] = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & -7 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \\ R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 + R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ R_3 + R_2 \end{array} \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \frac{1}{3} R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow [p]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Verify!

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \cdot p_1 - 2 p_2 + p_3 &= 3(1 - t - t^2) - 2(t - t^2) + (2 - 2t + t^2) \\ &= 5 - 7t = p(t). \quad \text{Correct.} \end{aligned}$$