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The set $\mathcal{B} = \{x^2 + 1, x^2 + x, (x+1)^2\}$ is a basis for P_2 .

1. Find the coordinates $[1]_{\mathcal{B}}$, $[x]_{\mathcal{B}}$ and $[x^2]_{\mathcal{B}}$.
2. Find a dependence relation between the polynomial $x^2 + x + 1$ and the elements of \mathcal{B} .

1. setup:

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{P_B} P_2 \xleftarrow{P_{\mathcal{B}}} \mathbb{R}^3$$

$\mathcal{B} = \{1, x, x^2\}$ the standard basis of P_2

want:

$$\begin{aligned} [1]_{\mathcal{B}} &\longleftrightarrow 1 \longleftrightarrow e_1 \\ [x]_{\mathcal{B}} &\longleftrightarrow x \longleftrightarrow e_2 \\ [x^2]_{\mathcal{B}} &\longleftrightarrow x^2 \longleftrightarrow e_3 \end{aligned}$$

Given:

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &\mapsto x^2 + 1 \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ e_2 &\mapsto x^2 + x \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ e_3 &\mapsto (x+1)^2 \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

since $x^2 + 1 = 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot x + 1 \cdot x^2$
similarly

so the transformation we want is the inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -\frac{1}{2}R_2 \\ \times R_2 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \times R_1 \\ \times R_2 \\ -1 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \times R_1 \\ \times R_2 \\ \times R_3 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} [1]_{\mathcal{B}} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ -1 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \\ [x]_{\mathcal{B}} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \\ [x^2]_{\mathcal{B}} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 0 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}}$$

$$2. [x^2+x+1]_{\mathcal{B}} = [x^2]_{\mathcal{B}} + [x]_{\mathcal{B}} + [1]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } x^2+x+1 = \frac{1}{2}(x^2+1) + \frac{1}{2}(x+1)^2$$

$$\text{Thus } \boxed{(x^2+x+1) - \frac{1}{2}(x^2+1) - \frac{1}{2}(x+1)^2 = 0}$$