

Show absolutely all work (no scratch paper calculations omitted or mental calculations unreported) on this sheet in a clearly organized way, labeling problems, parts, and expressions (by their proper symbols). **Box** short final answers.

$$\vec{b}_1 = (1, -2), \vec{b}_2 = (1, 1), \vec{v} = (1, 2), \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a) Make a diagram (label axes) of the vectors  $\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{v}$  and including the parallelogram representing the projections along the axes of  $\vec{b}_1$  and  $\vec{b}_2$  of the vector  $\vec{v}$ .
- b) From your diagram, guess approximate (rough) values of the coordinate values  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  for  $\vec{v}$  expressed in the basis  $\{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2\}$ .
- c) Now find these coordinates using either an inverse matrix or row reduction  
[final answer:  $y_1 = \dots, y_2 = \dots$ ]
- d) How close was your guess? (Don't change your guess now!).
- e) Now find the coordinates  $(y_1, y_2)$  of a general vector  $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2)$  with respect to this basis.  
[final answer:  $y_1 = \dots, y_2 = \dots$ ]