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Let $x \in V$ & $L: V \xrightarrow{\text{linear}} W$ & $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$, $(w_1, \dots, w_m)$ be bases for V & W , respectively.

Suppose $x = (v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$ & $L(x) = (w_1 \ w_2 \ \dots \ w_m) M \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$

① What size is the matrix M ?

② If $(v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n)$, $(w'_1, w'_2, \dots, w'_m)$ are new bases for V & W and

$$(v'_1 \ v'_2 \ \dots \ v'_n) = (v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n) P \quad \& \quad (w'_1 \ w'_2 \ \dots \ w'_m) = (w_1 \ w_2 \ \dots \ w_m) Q,$$

what size are the matrices P & Q .

③ Prove that P & Q are invertible.

Comment: P & Q are called change of basis matrices.

The set of all change of basis matrices for an n -dimensional vector space is called the general linear group $GL(n, \mathbb{F})$.

④ Prove that the matrix M' of L with respect to these new bases is given by

$$M' = PMQ$$

⑤ Suppose $L: V \xrightarrow{\text{linear}} V$ and M, M' are the matrices of L with respect to bases $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n), (v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n)$. Find and prove a formula relating M' and M .

⑥ Now in addition assume that $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ and $(v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n)$ are both orthonormal bases.

Suppose

$$(v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n) = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) O.$$

Show

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle v'_1, v_1 \rangle & \langle v'_2, v_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle v'_n, v_1 \rangle \\ \langle v'_1, v_2 \rangle & \langle v'_2, v_2 \rangle & \dots & \langle v'_n, v_2 \rangle \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle v'_1, v_n \rangle & \langle v'_2, v_n \rangle & \dots & \langle v'_n, v_n \rangle \end{pmatrix} O = I$$

⑦ For a matrix $M = (m_{ij})$ define $\tilde{m}_{ij} = (m_{ji})^*$ and $M^T = (\tilde{m}_{ij})$

Show $OO^T = I$