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$$C'_k = \sum_i \sum_j A_{kj} B_{ji} C_i$$

Define a matrix

$$D_{ki} = \sum_j A_{kj} B_{ji}$$

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$$\tilde{C}' = D \tilde{C}$$

$D = AB$ is the matrix representation of the composite operator TU . The matrices A and B are multiplied as per the rules of matrix multiplication given above.

(iii) Representation of the identity Operator:

We know that identity operator I satisfies

$$I\alpha = \alpha \quad \forall \alpha \in V$$

$$\Rightarrow I\alpha_i = \sum_j A_{ji} \alpha_j = \alpha_i \quad \forall i \neq n$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{I\alpha_i} = \sum_j \cancel{A_{ji} \alpha_j} \Rightarrow \boxed{A_{ji} = \delta_{ij}}$$

⇒ representation of I is the $n \times n$ identity matrix.

Change of Basis:

We saw that the representation of vectors and operators in a vector space depends upon the basis chosen. The question we pose next is that if change the basis of set of our vector space, how will the representation of various operators and vectors change.

Let $B^{\circ} = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ and $B' = \{\alpha_1', \alpha_2', \dots, \alpha_n'\}$ be two possible basis sets in the space V . Since they are vectors themselves, we can write the vectors of one set in terms of the other, i.e.,

$$\alpha_i' = \sum_j P_{ji} \alpha_j \quad \text{--- (17a)}$$

$$\text{and } \alpha_{ji} = \sum_j P'_{ji} \alpha_j' \quad \text{--- (17b)}$$

using (17a) in (17b)

~~$$\alpha_{ji} = \sum_j P_{ji} \sum_k P'_{kj} \alpha_k$$~~

$$\alpha_i = \sum_j P'_{ji} \sum_k P_{kj} \alpha_k$$

$$\alpha_i = \sum_k \left(\sum_j P_{kj} P'_{ji} \right) \alpha_k$$

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Comparing both sides

$$\Rightarrow \sum_j P_{kj} P'_{ji} = \delta_{ki}$$

$$\Rightarrow PP' = I$$

Similarly substituting (17b) in (17a)

we obtain

$$P'P = I$$

\Rightarrow P' & P are inverses of each other

$$\boxed{P' = P^{-1}} \quad \text{--- (18)}$$

\Rightarrow a change of basis transformation must be invertible.

(i) Change of basis for a vector:

Let $\alpha \in V$ and w.r.t. $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$
it can be represented as

$$\alpha = \sum_i a_i \alpha_i \quad \text{--- (19)}$$

we want to obtain α w.r.t.

$B' = \{\alpha_1', \alpha_2', \dots, \alpha_n'\}$, i.e.

$$\alpha = \sum_i a_i' \alpha_i' \quad \text{--- (20)}$$

using (17b) in (19), we have

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$$\alpha = \sum_i a_i \sum_j P_{ji}^{-1} \alpha_j'$$

$$\alpha = \sum_j \left(\sum_i P_{ji}^{-1} a_i \right) \alpha_j' \quad \text{--- (20)}$$

Comparing (20) & (21), we have

$$a_i' = \sum_j P_{ij}^{-1} a_j$$

or

$$\boxed{X' = P^{-1} X} \quad \text{--- (22)}$$

where

$$X' = \begin{pmatrix} x_1' \\ \vdots \\ x_n' \end{pmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11}^{-1} & \dots & P_{1n}^{-1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ P_{n1}^{-1} & \dots & P_{nn}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Eq. (22) is the desired relationship.

(ii) Change of basis for an operator :

Let $T: V \rightarrow V$ and $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$

and $B' = \{\alpha'_1, \alpha'_2, \dots, \alpha'_n\}$ be two bases.

With respect to B and B' the representations of T are

$$T\alpha_i = \sum_j A_{ji} \alpha_j \quad \text{--- (23)}$$

$$T\alpha'_i = \sum_j A'_{ji} \alpha'_j \quad \text{--- (24)}$$

our aim is to obtain a relationship between A and A' representations.

$$T\alpha'_i = T\left(\sum_j P_{ji} \alpha_j\right)$$

$$= \sum_j P_{ji} T\alpha_j$$

$$= \sum_j P_{ji} \sum_k A_{kj} \alpha_k$$

$$\text{but } \alpha_k = \sum_e P^{-1}_{ek} \alpha'_e$$

$$\Rightarrow T\alpha'_i = \sum_j P_{ji} \sum_k A_{kj} \sum_e P^{-1}_{ek} \alpha'_e$$

$$T\alpha'_i = \sum_{j,k,e} P^{-1}_{ek} A_{kj} P_{ji} \alpha'_e$$

$$T\alpha'_i = \sum_e \left(\sum_{j,k} P^{-1}_{ek} A_{kj} P_{ji} \right) \alpha'_e \quad \text{--- (25)}$$

Comparing (24) & (25)

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$$A'_{ei} = \sum_{jk} P^{-1}_{ek} A_{kj} P_{ji}$$

or $A' = P^{-1}AP$ — (26)

This equation establishes the connection between the two representations of the operator T .

~~Any two~~ A transformation of the form (26) is called a similarity transformation and any two ~~for~~ operators connected by such a transformation are called similar.

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Operator Representation in an Orthogonal Basis:

For $T: V \rightarrow V$ and with a basis

$$B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$$

$$T\alpha_i = \sum_k A_{ki} \alpha_k$$

if the basis is orthogonal

$$(\alpha_j | T\alpha_i) = \sum_k (\alpha_j | \sum_k A_{ki} \alpha_k) = \sum_k A_{ki} (\alpha_j | \alpha_k)$$

for an orthonormal basis

$$(\alpha_j | \alpha_k) = \delta_{jk}$$

\Rightarrow $(\alpha_j | T\alpha_i) = A_{ji}$ — (27)

~~Thus using~~ Thus on an I.P. space, for an orthonormal basis, one can obtain the representation of the operator T using the formula given above.

Hermitian Adjoint (Conjugate) of an Operator :

Next we introduce the concept of the Hermitian adjoint / conjugate T^+ of a linear operator T .

Theorem : For every linear operator T on a finite dimensional vector space V , there exists a unique linear operator T^+ on V such that

$$(\beta | T\alpha) = (T^+\beta | \alpha) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in V.$$

↳ (28)

Proof: Using

$$T\alpha_i = \sum_j A_{ji} \alpha_j$$

$$\alpha = \sum_i n_i \alpha_i$$

$$\beta = \sum_i y_i \alpha_i$$

one can show that

$(\beta | T\alpha)$ can be rewritten as $(T^+\beta | \alpha)$

when one defines

$$T^+\alpha_i = \sum_j B_{ji} \alpha_j$$

and

$$B_{ji} = A_{ij}^*$$

So the matrix representations of the two operators are also Hermitian conjugates of each other. One can also show that

$$T^+(c\beta + \gamma) = cT^+\beta + T^+\gamma \quad (29)$$

completing the proof that T^+ is a linear operator.

Properties of Hermitian Adjoint :

One can similarly show

- (i) $(T+U)^+ = T^+ + U^+$
 - (ii) $(cT)^+ = c^* T^+$
 - (iii) $(TU)^+ = U^+ T^+$
 - (iv) $(T^+)^+ = T$
- } — (30)

Hermitian Operators :

An operator $T: V \rightarrow V$ is said to be ~~the~~ Hermitian if it is equal to its Hermitian adjoint, i.e.

$$T^\dagger = T$$

which, for the representations implies

$$A_{ji}^* = A_{ij}$$

such matrices are called Hermitian matrices.

Unitary Operators :

Let $U: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator on the I.P. space V . U is called a linear operator if it preserves the I.P. on V , i.e.,

$$(U\alpha | U\beta) = (\alpha | \beta) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in V$$

Note that it follows from above that

$$|U\alpha| = |\alpha|$$

i.e. U conserves the norm of every vector in V .

One can easily show that for all unitary operators U

$$U^+U = UU^+ = I$$

$$\Rightarrow U^+ = U^{-1}$$