

Proposition 28

Let $B = \{\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_n\}$ & $C = \{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n\}$ be two ordered bases of a vector space V . Then, there is an invertible $n \times n$ matrix P such that $[\bar{x}]_C = P[\bar{x}]_B$ for all $\bar{x} \in V$.

Proof: Let $\bar{x} \in V$; since B is a basis for V , we can write
 $\bar{x} = b_1\bar{u}_1 + \dots + b_n\bar{u}_n \quad \text{①}$

$$\Rightarrow [\bar{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{②}$$

Since, C is also a basis of V

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{u}_1 &= A_{11}\bar{v}_1 + A_{12}\bar{v}_2 + \dots + A_{1n}\bar{v}_n \\ \bar{u}_2 &= A_{21}\bar{v}_1 + \dots + A_{2n}\bar{v}_n \\ &\vdots \\ \bar{u}_n &= A_{n1}\bar{v}_1 + \dots + A_{nn}\bar{v}_n \end{aligned} \right\} - \text{③}$$

where A_{ij} are scalars belonging to the underlying field F .

From ③, we get that $[\bar{u}_i]_C = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1i} \\ \vdots \\ A_{ni} \end{bmatrix}$ for $i=1, \dots, n$

Substituting from ③ in ①, we get :

$$\bar{v} = d_1(A_{11}\bar{v}_1 + \dots + A_{n1}\bar{v}_n) + d_2(A_{12}\bar{v}_1 + \dots + A_{n2}\bar{v}_n) + \dots + d_n(A_{1n}\bar{v}_1 + A_{2n}\bar{v}_2 + \dots + A_{nn}\bar{v}_n) \quad \text{④}$$

By rearranging terms & collecting coefficients of $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n$ we get

$$\bar{v} = (A_{11}d_1 + A_{12}d_2 + \dots + A_{nn}d_n)\bar{v}_1 + \dots + (A_{11}d_1 + A_{12}d_2 + \dots + A_{nn}d_n)\bar{v}_n \quad \text{⑤}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } [\bar{v}]_C &= \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}d_1 + A_{12}d_2 + \dots + A_{1n}d_n \\ \vdots \\ A_{n1}d_1 + A_{n2}d_2 + \dots + A_{nn}d_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [A_{ij}] \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{bmatrix} = P [\bar{v}]_B \quad \text{⑥} \end{aligned}$$

By ⑥, The coordinate columns $\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_n$ of the matrix P are coordinate vectors of the old basis vectors in terms of the new basis.

$\Rightarrow P$ must be invertible, as

$\bar{p}_1, \bar{p}_2, \dots, \bar{p}_n$ are the images of vectors $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n$ under the coordinate mapping relative to the basis B .

By def of coordinate mapping $V \rightarrow F^n$ is an isomorphism

$\Rightarrow \bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_n$ form a basis of F^n . Thus by VIT, P is invertible. ($\because \bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_n$ are linearly independent)