# Notes of "Change of Basis and Quadric Surfaces"

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## 1 The General Theory of Change of Basis

#### 1.1 Transition Matrix and Change of Basis Formula of Points and Vectors

Remark 1. 由于坐标变换前后的方程描述的是同一个几何对象,因此许多几何性质在坐标变换前后保持不变,比如直线在变换后还是直线。但某些性质也会改变,如由于坐标轴单位的不同,不同方向上的比例关系发生了改变。

#### 1.2 Change of Basis Formula of a Graph

Example 1 (Change of Basis of a Plane).

**Example 2** (Change of Basis of a Line). Suppose the transition matrix from I to I' is

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} \\ c_{31} & c_{32} & c_{33} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 The standard equation of a line in I is  $\frac{x-x_0}{u_x} = \frac{y-y_0}{u_y} = \frac{z-z_0}{u_z}$ . To find the equation

of the line in I', we have two methods:

• To utilize the method of change of basis of a plane, we transform the standard equation of the line to the general form:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x - x_0}{u_x} = \frac{y - y_0}{u_y} \\ \frac{y - y_0}{u_y} = \frac{z - z_0}{u_z} \end{cases}$$

#### 1.3 Properties of Transition Matrix

#### 1.4 Transition Matrix of Change of Basis Between Cartesian Systems

### 2 Types of Quadric Curve

## 3 Determine the Type and Invariants of a Quadric Curve