The Bright Side of Mathematics

Abstract Linear Algebra – Part 8

$$\begin{tikzcd} & V \arrow[dl, shift right, "\Phi_{\mathcal B}"'] \arrow[dr, shift left, "\Phi_{\mathcal C}"] & \\ \mathbb{F}^n \arrow[ur, shift right, "\Phi_{\mathcal B}^{-1}"'] \arrow[rr, shift right, "f"'] & & \mathbb{F}^n \arrow[ul, shift left, "\Phi_{\mathcal C}^{-1}"] \arrow[ll, shift right, "f^{-1}"'] \end{tikzcd}$$

vector space of dimension n

two bases $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$

$\mathcal{B} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$

$\mathcal{C} = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$

change of basis: $f: \mathbb{F}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$

linear!

old coordinates $\xrightarrow{f}$ new coordinates

What happens if we put $e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ into f? $\rightsquigarrow$ $f(e_1) = \Phi_{\mathcal C}\big(\underbrace{\Phi_{\mathcal B}^{-1}(e_1)}_{b_1}\big) = \Phi_{\mathcal C}(b_1)$

We can see f as a matrix $f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} | \\ x \\ | \end{pmatrix}$

$$T_{\mathcal C \leftarrow \mathcal B} = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \Phi_{\mathcal C}(b_1) & \Phi_{\mathcal C}(b_2) & \cdots & \Phi_{\mathcal C}(b_n) \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix}$$

transformation matrix

transition matrix

change-of-basis matrix

from $\mathcal{B}$ to $\mathcal{C}$

$$\begin{tikzcd} & v \in V \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\ \Phi_{\mathcal B}(v) = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \end{pmatrix}_{\mathcal B} \arrow[rr, "f"] & & \Phi_{\mathcal C}(v) = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \end{pmatrix}_{\mathcal C} \end{tikzcd}$$

Remember!

$$\boxed{\begin{pmatrix} \vdots \end{pmatrix}_{\mathcal C} = T_{\mathcal C \leftarrow \mathcal B} \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \end{pmatrix}_{\mathcal B}}$$

Fact: $\left(T_{\mathcal C \leftarrow \mathcal B}\right)^{-1} = T_{\mathcal B \leftarrow \mathcal C}$

Example: $V = \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ polynomials of degree ≤ 2

$m_0: x \mapsto 1$

$m_1: x \mapsto x$

$m_2: x \mapsto x^2$

$\mathcal{B} = (\overbrace{m_2}^{b_1}, \overbrace{m_1}^{b_2}, \overbrace{m_0}^{b_3})$

$\mathcal{C} = (\underbrace{m_2 - \tfrac{1}{2} m_1}_{c_1}, \underbrace{m_2 + \tfrac{1}{2} m_1}_{c_2}, \underbrace{m_0}_{c_3})$

$T_{\mathcal C \leftarrow \mathcal B} \rightsquigarrow$ how to write b_j with a linear combination of $\mathcal{C}$

$T_{\mathcal B \leftarrow \mathcal C} \rightsquigarrow$ how to write c_j with a linear combination of $\mathcal{B}$

↳ column vectors $\Phi_{\mathcal B}(c_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\Phi_{\mathcal B}(c_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\Phi_{\mathcal B}(c_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$T_{\mathcal B \leftarrow \mathcal C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{inverse!}]{\text{calculate}} T_{\mathcal C \leftarrow \mathcal B}$$