Section 4.3 and 4.4

Math 231

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Theorem 4.35: Let V be a finite dimensional vector space, with ordered bases $\mathcal{B}$ and $\mathcal{C}$. Let $f : V \to V$ be a linear transformation, and let $P = [\mathrm{id}]_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{B}}$. Then

$$[f]_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{C}} = P^{-1}[f]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}}P.$$

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\mathbb{R}^n \arrow[d, "{[f]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}}}"'] & & \mathbb{R}^n \arrow[ll, "{P = [\mathrm{id}]_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{B}}}"'] \arrow[d, "{[f]_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{C}}}"] \\
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