

Section 4.3 and 4.4

Math 231

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Theorem 4.39: Let V be a finite dimensional vector space, with ordered bases \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} . Let $f : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation, and let $P = [\text{id}]_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{B}}$. Then

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

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