

Linear transformation on vector space

① Consider a mapping from vector space to itself,

$$\psi \rightarrow \psi' = A\psi$$

② Properties:

$$(i) \quad A(\lambda\psi) = \lambda(A\psi)$$

$$(ii) \quad A(\psi_1 + \psi_2) = A\psi_1 + A\psi_2$$

③ Linear transformations can be characterized by their action on the base vector

$$Ae_i = e_k A_{ki}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} A\psi &= Ae_i x_i \\ &= e_j A_{ji} x_i \end{aligned}$$

Note that,

$$\begin{aligned} e_i x'_i &= \psi' = A\psi \\ &= Ae_j x_j \\ &= e_i A_{ij} x_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x'_i = A_{ij} x_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} Ae_i &= e_k A_{ki} \\ (\text{transformation of basis}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x'_i &= A_{ij} x_j \\ (\text{transformation of vector}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{4} \quad (e_i, A e_j) &= (e_i, e_k A_{kj}) \\ &= A_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{5} \quad (\phi, A \psi) &= (e_i x_i, A e_j y_j) \\ &= x_i^* A_{ij} y_j \end{aligned}$$

⑥ Addition operation

$$C = A + B$$

$$C \psi = (A + B) \psi = A \psi + B \psi$$

$$C e_j = (A + B) e_j = A e_j + B e_j$$

$$e_k A_{kj} = e_k (A + B)_{kj} = e_k A_{kj} + e_k B_{kj}$$

$$(A + B)_{kj} = A_{kj} + B_{kj}$$

⑦ Product operation

$$(AB) \psi = A (B \psi)$$

Choosing $C = AB$ and $\psi = e_j$

$$\begin{aligned} C e_j &= e_k C_{kj} \\ &= e_k (AB)_{kj} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C e_j &= (AB) e_j \\ &= A (B e_j) \\ &= A e_i B_{ij} \\ &= e_k A_{ki} B_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (AB)_{kj} = A_{ki} B_{ij}$$

⑧ Adjoint operator

$$(\phi, A\psi) = (A^\dagger \phi, \psi)$$

$A^\dagger$ is the adjoint operator corresponding to A .

Using $\phi = e_i$ and $\psi = e_j$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} (e_i, Ae_j) &= (A^\dagger e_i, e_j) \\ &= (e_j, A^\dagger e_i)^* \end{aligned}$$

$$A_{ij} = (A^\dagger_{ji})^*$$

$$\Rightarrow A^\dagger_{ij} = A^*_{ji}$$

⑨ $(\phi, AB\psi) = ((AB)^\dagger \phi, \psi) = (B^\dagger A^\dagger \phi, \psi)$

$$\Rightarrow (AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$$

⑩ Hermitian operator (self adjoint operator)

$$A = A^\dagger$$

⑪ One can always construct non-Hermitian operators.

$$A = K + K^\dagger$$

$$A^\dagger = K^\dagger + K = A$$

Hermitian operator from

(K is not necessarily Hermitian)

⑫ Another way to construct a Hermitian operator is

$$A = \frac{1}{i} (K - K^\dagger)$$

$$A^\dagger = -\frac{1}{i} (K^\dagger - K) = A$$

This means

$$(\lambda A)^\dagger = \lambda^* A^\dagger$$

⑬ If $A^\dagger = A$
then $(\phi, A\psi) = (A\phi, \psi)$ for any ϕ and ψ .

⑭ Clearly,
 $(\psi, A\psi) = (A\psi, \psi) = (\psi, A\psi)^*$
 $\Rightarrow (\psi, A\psi)$ is real if A is Hermitian.

⑮ Unitary operation
 $(U\phi, U\psi) = (\phi, \psi)$
 $\Rightarrow UU^\dagger = I \Rightarrow U^{-1} = U^\dagger$

(16) We can show that the requirement

$$(U\psi, U\psi) = (\psi, \psi)$$

implies

$$(U\phi, U\psi) = (\phi, \psi)$$

Proof:

Let $\alpha = \lambda\psi + \mu\phi$

Then $(U\alpha, U\alpha) = (\alpha, \alpha)$

$$\begin{aligned} (U(\lambda\psi + \mu\phi), U(\lambda\psi + \mu\phi)) &= (\lambda\psi + \mu\phi, \lambda\psi + \mu\phi) \\ \lambda\lambda^* (U\psi, U\psi) + \lambda^*\mu (U\psi, U\phi) + \mu^*\lambda (U\phi, U\psi) + \mu\mu^* (U\phi, U\phi) \\ &= \lambda\lambda^* (\psi, \psi) + \lambda^*\mu (\psi, \phi) + \mu^*\lambda (\phi, \psi) + \mu\mu^* (\phi, \phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda^*\mu (U\psi, U\phi) + \mu^*\lambda (U\phi, U\psi) = \lambda^*\mu (\psi, \phi) + \mu^*\lambda (\phi, \psi)$$

$$\lambda^*\mu [(U\psi, U\phi) - (\psi, \phi)] + \mu^*\lambda [(U\phi, U\psi) - (\phi, \psi)] = 0$$

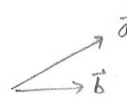
Since this is true for

$$(U\phi, U\psi) = (\phi, \psi)$$

arbitrary λ and μ we have

(17) Projection operator

$$P_\phi \psi = \phi (\phi, \psi)$$



$$P_{\vec{a}} \vec{b} = \vec{a} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$$

(18) P_α is Hermitian.

$$(\phi, P_\alpha \psi) = (\phi, \alpha (\alpha, \psi)) = (\phi, \alpha) (\alpha, \psi)$$

$$(P_\alpha \phi, \psi) = (\alpha (\alpha, \phi), \psi) = (\alpha, \phi)^* (\alpha, \psi) = (\phi, \alpha) (\alpha, \psi)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\phi, P_\alpha \psi) = (P_\alpha \phi, \psi)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_\alpha = P_\alpha^\dagger$$

(19) Projection operator associated with basis vector.

$$P_{e_i} \equiv P_i$$

$$P_i e_j = e_i (e_i, e_j) = e_i \delta_{ij}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (20) \quad P_i \psi &= P_i e_j x_j \\ &= e_i (e_i, e_j) x_j \\ &= e_i \delta_{ij} x_j \\ &= e_i x_i \end{aligned}$$

 $\underline{i}$ - no summation on i

$$\begin{aligned} (21) \quad (e_m, P_i e_n) &= (e_m, e_i (e_i, e_n)) \\ &= (e_m, e_i) (e_i, e_n) \\ &= \delta_{mi} \delta_{in} \end{aligned}$$

$$(22) \quad P_i P_j = \delta_{ij} P_i = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ P_i & i = j \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_i P_j \psi &= P_i P_j e_k x_k \\ &= P_i e_j (e_j, e_k) x_k \\ &= e_i (e_i, e_j) (e_j, e_k) x_k \\ &= e_i \delta_{ij} \delta_{jk} x_k \\ &= e_i \delta_{ij} x_j \\ &= \delta_{ij} e_j x_j \\ &= \delta_{ij} P_j \psi. \end{aligned}$$

(using $i=j$, as per δ_{ij})
(using (20))

$$(23) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n P_i = 1$$

This is the statement of completeness relation.

$$(24) \quad P_\alpha P_\beta P_\alpha = |\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle|^2 P_\alpha = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = 0 \\ P_\alpha & \text{if } \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_\alpha P_\beta P_\alpha \psi &= P_\alpha P_\beta \alpha(\alpha, \psi) \\ &= P_\alpha \beta(\beta, \alpha) (\alpha, \psi) \\ &= \alpha(\alpha, \beta) (\beta, \alpha) (\alpha, \psi) \\ &= |\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle|^2 P_\alpha \psi. \end{aligned}$$