

Differential Geometry

Chapter IV. Metric Vector Spaces IV.3. Coordinates—Proofs of Theorems

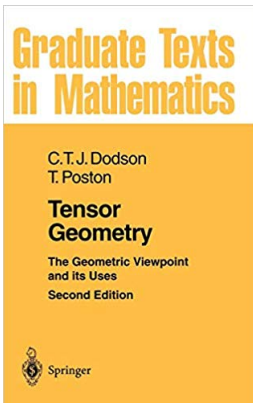


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for all (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) since $x^1 \mathbf{b}_1 + x^2 \mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + x^i \mathbf{b}_i \in W$ and $\mathbf{b}_{i+1}, \mathbf{b}_{i+2}, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n \in (V^N)^\perp$ and $W \subset (V^N)^\perp$. So by the bilinearity of \mathbf{F} we have $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{w}, x^1 \mathbf{b}_1 + x^2 \mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + x^n \mathbf{b}_n) = 0$ for all (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) implies $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}) = 0$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in X$, which implies $\mathbf{w} \in V^N$ by the definition of V^N . But $\mathbf{w} \in W \subset (V^N)^\perp$. Since $\mathbf{w} \in V^N$ then $\mathbf{w} \in \text{span}(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_i)$. hence $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$. So the restricted symmetric bilinear form $\mathbf{F}|_{W \times W}$ is non-degenerate. So (W, \mathbf{F}) is a metric vector space and by Theorem IV.3.05 there is an orthonormal basis for W . Replace basis $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_i\}$ of W with this orthonormal basis of W (which we also denote as $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_i\}$).

Corollary IV.3.10 (continued 2)

Proof (continued). Then $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_i, \mathbf{b}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ is a basis of X for which $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_i\}$ is an orthonormal set and $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{b}_p, \mathbf{b}_q) = 0$ whenever $1 \leq p \leq i$ and $i + 1 \leq q \leq n$ by the definition of V^N . By Theorem

IV.3.08, there is $0 \leq k \leq i$ such that $\mathbf{b}_j \cdot \mathbf{b}_j = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } j \leq k \\ -1 & \text{if } k < j \leq i. \end{cases}$ Then

by the bilinearity of \mathbf{F} ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{F}(x^1\mathbf{b}_1 + x^2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + x^n\mathbf{b}_n, x^1\mathbf{b}_1 + x^2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + x^n\mathbf{b}_n) \\ &= \mathbf{F}(x^1\mathbf{b}_1 + x^2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + x^n\mathbf{b}_n, x^1\mathbf{b}_1 + x^2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + x^n\mathbf{b}_i) \\ &+ \mathbf{F}(x^1\mathbf{b}_1 + x^2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + x^n\mathbf{b}_n, x^{i+1}\mathbf{b}_{i+1} + x^{i+2}\mathbf{b}_{i+2} + \dots + x^n\mathbf{b}_n) \\ &= \mathbf{F}(x^1\mathbf{b}_1 + x^2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + x^i\mathbf{b}_i, x^1\mathbf{b}_1 + x^2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + x^i\mathbf{b}_i) \\ &+ \mathbf{F}(x^{i+1}\mathbf{b}_{i+1} + x^{i+2}\mathbf{b}_{i+2} + \dots + x^n\mathbf{b}_n, x^1\mathbf{b}_1 + x^2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + x^i\mathbf{b}_i) + 0 \\ &= (x^1)^2 + (x^2)^2 + \dots + (x^k)^2 - (x^{k+1})^2 - (x^{k+2})^2 - \dots - (x^{k+\ell})^2 \end{aligned}$$

by the orthonormality of $\{x^1\mathbf{b}_1 + x^2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + x^i\mathbf{b}_i\}$, where $K + \ell = i$. So the basis exists, as claimed.

Corollary IV.3.10 (continued 2)

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Corollary IV.3.10 (continued 3)

Proof (continued). Now if k or ℓ is zero then \mathbf{F} is, respectively, negative definite and positive definite, regardless of the basis used for (W, \mathbf{F}) . When $k \neq 0 \neq \ell$, by Theorem IV.3.08, the choice of k (and hence the choice of ℓ) is independent of the basis of (W, \mathbf{F}) . So for $k \neq 0 \neq \ell$, the dimensions of V^+ and V^- are determined by \mathbf{F} , but the spaces themselves depend on the choice of the basis since $V^+ = \text{span}(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n)$ and $V^- = \text{span}(\mathbf{b}_{k+1}, \mathbf{b}_{k+2}, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{k+\ell})$. Space $V^0 = V^N = \{\mathbf{x} \in X \mid \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{y} \in X\}$ depends only on \mathbf{F} , as claimed. □

Lemma IV.3.11

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Proof. Basis β of X is orthonormal if and only if $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{b}_i, \mathbf{b}_j) = \mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_j = \pm \delta_{ij}$, which is equivalent to

$$[g_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = M$$

(provided we employ the convention of listing the -1 's "first"). Now $[g_{ij}] = M$ if and only if the inverse $[g_{ij}]^{-1} = [g^{ij}] = M$. Then by Note IV.3.C, $\mathbf{G}^*(\mathbf{b}_i, \mathbf{b}_j) = g^{ij}$ so that $[g^{ij}] = M$ if and only if β^* is orthonormal. □

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Proof. First, by definition, $\mathbf{G}_{\downarrow} \mathbf{b}_i = \mathbf{G}_{\downarrow}(\mathbf{b}_i) = \mathbf{x}^*$ where $\mathbf{x}^*(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ for all $\mathbf{y} \in X$. So

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for all $\mathbf{b}_j \in \beta$. Also for $\mathbf{b}^i \in \beta^*$ we have $\mathbf{b}^i(\mathbf{b}_j) = \mathbf{b}^i \mathbf{b}_j = \delta_{ij}$ for all $\mathbf{b}_j \in \beta$. So $\mathbf{G}_{\downarrow}(\mathbf{b}_i) = \mathbf{b}^i$ (since these elements of X^* are equal on basis β).

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Proof (continued). Hence $[\mathbf{G}_{\downarrow}]_{\beta}^{\beta^*}$ is the identity matrix, and so is its inverse $[\mathbf{G}_{\uparrow}]_{\beta^*}^{\beta}$ (see Note IV.3.B). So

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\mathbf{A}^T]_{\beta}^{\beta} &= [\mathbf{G}_{\uparrow} \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{G}_{\downarrow}]_{\beta}^{\beta} \text{ by definition of } \mathbf{A}^T \\
 &= [\mathbf{G}_{\uparrow}]_{\beta^*}^{\beta} [\mathbf{A}^*]_{\beta^*}^{\beta^*} [\mathbf{G}_{\downarrow}]_{\beta}^{\beta^*} \\
 &= [\mathbf{A}^*]_{\beta^*}^{\beta^*} \text{ since } [\mathbf{G}_{\uparrow}]_{\beta^*}^{\beta} = [\mathbf{G}_{\downarrow}]_{\beta}^{\beta^*} = \mathcal{I} \\
 &= ([\mathbf{A}]_{\beta}^{\beta})^t \text{ by Theorem III.1.A.}
 \end{aligned}$$



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for $1 \leq i, j \leq n$, where $[\mathbf{A}]_j^i = a_{ij} = a_j^i$ is the entry in the i th row and j th column of $[\mathbf{A}]_\beta^\beta$ and there is no summation over i and j (though the Einstein convention implies it on the right hand side of the above equation).

Proof. First $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_j$ has coordinate vector with respect to β of

$$[a_{ij}][0 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0 \ \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ j}}{1} \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0 \ 0]^t = [a_{1j} \ a_{2j} \ \cdots \ a_{nj}]^t$$

so that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_j = a_{kj}\mathbf{b}_k$. So we have

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or $[\mathbf{A}^T]_\ell^i = \frac{(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}_\ell) \cdot \mathbf{b}_i}{\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_i}$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{A}^T]_\ell^i &= \frac{(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}_\ell) \cdot \mathbf{b}_i}{\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_i} \\ &= \frac{(\mathbf{G}_\uparrow \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{G}_\downarrow \mathbf{b}_\ell) \cdot \mathbf{b}_i}{\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_i} \text{ by the definition of } \mathbf{A}^T \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{G}_\uparrow \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{G}_\downarrow \mathbf{b}_\ell, \mathbf{b}_i)}{\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_i} \text{ since } \mathbf{G} \text{ determines dot products in } (X, \mathbf{G}) \\ &= \frac{(\mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{G}_\downarrow \mathbf{b}_\ell)(\mathbf{b}_i)}{\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_i} \text{ since } \mathbf{G}_\uparrow(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{x} \text{ where } \mathbf{x}^*(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 [\mathbf{A}^T]_\ell^i &= \frac{(\mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{G}_\downarrow \mathbf{b}_\ell)(\mathbf{b}_i)}{\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_i} \\
 &= \frac{(\mathbf{g}_\downarrow \mathbf{b}_\ell \mathbf{A})(\mathbf{b}_i)}{\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_i} \text{ since } \mathbf{A}^*(\mathbf{f}) = \mathbf{f} \circ \mathbf{A} \text{ by the definition of dual map} \\
 &= \frac{(\mathbf{G}_\downarrow \mathbf{b}_\ell)(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_i)}{\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_i} \text{ since function composition is associative} \\
 &= \frac{\mathbf{b}_\ell \cdot (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_i)}{\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_i} \text{ since } \mathbf{G}_\downarrow(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^* \text{ where } \mathbf{x}^*(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} \\
 &\quad \text{for all } \mathbf{y} \in X; \text{ see Theorem IV.1.09} \\
 &= \frac{[\mathbf{A}]_i^\ell \mathbf{b}_\ell \cdot \mathbf{b}_\ell}{\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_i} \text{ by } (*) \\
 &= [\mathbf{A}]_i^\ell \frac{g^{\ell\ell}}{g_{ii}},
 \end{aligned}$$

or $[\mathbf{A}^T]_i^j = [\mathbf{A}]_i^j g_{ii} / g_{jj}$, as claimed. □

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Proof. By Lemma IV.2.09, \mathbf{A} is orthogonal if and only if $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$. Let $[\mathbf{A}^T] = [c_j^i] = c_{ij}$. Then $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ is equivalent to $[\mathbf{A}^T] = [\mathbf{A}] = [\mathbf{I}]$ or $[\mathbf{A}^T]_i^k [\mathbf{A}]_j^i = c_{ki} a_{ij} = c_i^k a_j^i = \delta_j^k$. By Lemma IV.3.13, $c_{ki} = c_i^j = a_k^i = a_{ik}$ and so the orthogonality of \mathbf{A} is equivalent to $c_{ki} a_{ij} = a_{ik} a_{ij} = a_k^i a_j^i = \delta_j^k$. This is equivalent to the orthonormality of the columns of $[\mathbf{A}]$, as claimed.

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