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Find the matrix of L with respect to the unprimed basis for \mathbf{R}^4 given in Exercise 4.4.19 if its matrix with respect to the primed basis in that exercise is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

From 4.4.19,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{b}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \vec{b}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \vec{b}_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \vec{b}_4 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and} \\ \vec{b}'_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \vec{b}'_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \vec{b}'_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \vec{b}'_4 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Let's define the matrix of L with respect to the primed basis as M . If we define the argument coordinates of the primed basis for \mathbf{R}^4 as \vec{r} , then the problem gives us the relationship

$$L(\vec{r}) = M\vec{r}. \tag{1}$$

We can also define the argument coordinates of the unprimed basis for \mathbf{R}^4 as \vec{s} . The relationship we are looking for, then, is

$$L(\vec{s}) = N\vec{s}. \tag{2}$$

To start solving this change of basis problem, we can write out a coordinate mapping of \vec{b} into \vec{b}' .

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ b'_4 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{pmatrix} \\ A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the above was a coordinate mapping, we can write,

$$\vec{r} = A\vec{s} \quad (3)$$

$$\vec{s} = A^{-1}\vec{r}, \quad (4)$$

and since the basis of the operator is consistent, we can also write,

$$L(\vec{r}) = AL(\vec{s}). \quad (5)$$

$$L(\vec{s}) = A^{-1}L(\vec{r}). \quad (6)$$

Now, we simply substitute Equation (6) into Equation (2), then substitute Equation (1) for $L(\vec{r})$, and finally Equation (3) for \vec{r} .

$$\begin{aligned} L(\vec{s}) &= N\vec{s} \\ A^{-1}L(\vec{r}) &= N\vec{s} \\ A^{-1}M\vec{r} &= N\vec{s} \\ A^{-1}MA\vec{s} &= N\vec{s} \\ \therefore A^{-1}MA &= N \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N &= A^{-1}MA = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ N &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$