

HW 8 Multilinear Maps

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Exercise 1.8.1

1. We first express α, β, γ in the standard dual basis. Let

$$\alpha = \alpha_1 \mathbf{e}_1^T + \alpha_2 \mathbf{e}_2^T$$

$$\beta = \beta_1 \mathbf{e}_1^T + \beta_2 \mathbf{e}_2^T$$

$$\gamma = \gamma_1 \mathbf{e}_1^T + \gamma_2 \mathbf{e}_2^T$$

Then the (i, j, k) entry of $\alpha \otimes \beta \otimes \gamma$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_1 \beta_1 \gamma_1 \mathbf{e}_1^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_1^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_1^T + \alpha_2 \beta_1 \gamma_1 \mathbf{e}_2^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_1^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_1^T + \alpha_1 \beta_2 \gamma_1 \mathbf{e}_1^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_2^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_1^T + \alpha_2 \beta_2 \gamma_1 \mathbf{e}_2^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_2^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_1^T \\ & + \alpha_1 \beta_1 \gamma_2 \mathbf{e}_1^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_1^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_2^T + \alpha_2 \beta_1 \gamma_2 \mathbf{e}_2^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_1^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_2^T + \alpha_1 \beta_2 \gamma_2 \mathbf{e}_1^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_2^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_2^T + \alpha_2 \beta_2 \gamma_2 \mathbf{e}_2^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_2^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_2^T \end{aligned}$$

2. We construct M_E . For $\forall M \in (\mathbb{R}^2)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^2)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^2)$, decompose it into rank one tensors $M = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \otimes \beta_i \otimes \gamma_i$.

Then define $M_E : M \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i E \otimes \beta_i \otimes \gamma_i$. Then M_E is well-defined transformation on $(\mathbb{R}^2)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^2)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^2)$.

3. Note that for arbitrary rank-one tensor in $(\mathbb{R}^l)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^m)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ like $\alpha_i \otimes \beta_i \otimes \gamma_i$, its image under M_E is still rank-one.

For $\forall M \in (\mathbb{R}^l)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^m)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ with rank r . Let $M' = M_E(M)$. Suppose the rank of M' is r' . From the definition of rank, we decompose $M = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \otimes \beta_i \otimes \gamma_i$, where $\{\alpha_i \otimes \beta_i \otimes \gamma_i\}$ are distinct rank one tensors. Then $M' = M_E(M) = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i E \otimes \beta_i \otimes \gamma_i$. Since we have expressed M' in r rank one tensors, we know $r' \leq r$.

We decompose $M' = \sum_{i=1}^{r'} \delta_i \otimes \epsilon_i \otimes \zeta_i$, where $\{\delta_i \otimes \epsilon_i \otimes \zeta_i\}$ are distinct rank one tensors. Then $M_{E^{-1}}(M') = \sum_{i=1}^{r'} \delta_i E^{-1} \otimes \epsilon_i \otimes \zeta_i$. Note that $M_{E^{-1}}(M') = M$, we have $M = \sum_{i=1}^{r'} \delta_i E^{-1} \otimes \epsilon_i \otimes \zeta_i$. Since we have expressed M in r' rank one tensors, we know $r \leq r'$.

Combine the two conclusions above, we know $r = r'$, i.e. $\text{rank}(M) = \text{rank}(M_E(M))$.

4. Suppose the i -th “2D” layer of $M \in (\mathbb{R}^l)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^m)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ has rank r . For $M(-, -, \mathbf{e}_i) \in (\mathbb{R}^l)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^m)^*$, we have $\text{rank}(M(-, -, \mathbf{e}_i)) = r$. Suppose $\text{rank}(M) = r_M$, i.e. $M = \sum_{i=1}^{r_M} \alpha_i \otimes \beta_i \otimes \gamma_i$. Then feed \mathbf{e}_i , we know $M(-, -, \mathbf{e}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{r_M} \gamma_i(\mathbf{e}_i) \alpha_i \otimes \beta_i$. We have expressed $M(-, -, \mathbf{e}_i)$ in r_M rank one tensors, we get $r \leq r_M$, i.e. $\text{rank}(M)$ is at least r .

5. $\text{rank}(M) = 2$. Note that the first layer of M has rank 2. From the previous subproblem we know that $\text{rank}(M) \geq 2$. Now we conduct a series of elementary “layer” action. To make it clearer, I express it in the following diagram. Let $M_0 = M$.

Handwritten matrix transformations on grid paper. The matrices are arranged in three rows. Row 1: M_0 , M_1 , M_2 , M_2 , M_3 . Row 2: M_3 , M_4 , M_4 , M_5 , M_5 . Row 3: M_6 , M_7 . Each matrix is a 2×2 block of 2×2 submatrices. Blue and green annotations highlight specific elements and transformations.

1. Add L_1 to L_2 , get M_1 .
2. Add $-L_4$ to L_3 , get M_2 .
3. In M_2 , let L_5 be the layer “behind”, and L_6 be the layer “forward”.
4. Add $-L_5$ to L_6 , get M_3 .
5. In M_3 , let L_1 be the layer “upward”, and L_2 be the layer “downward”.
6. Add $-L_2$ to L_1 , get M_4 .
7. In M_4 , let L_5 be the layer “behind”, and L_6 be the layer “forward”.
8. Add $\frac{1}{2}L_6$ to L_5 , get M_5 .
9. In M_5 , let L_1 be the layer “upward”, and L_2 be the layer “downward”.
10. Add $\frac{1}{2}L_2$ to L_1 , get M_6 .
11. Add $\frac{1}{2}L_3$ to L_4 , get M_7 .

Note that $M_7 = \mathbf{e}_1^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_1^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_1^T + 2\mathbf{e}_2^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_2^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_2^T$. So $\text{rank}(M) = \text{rank}(M_7) \leq 2$. Combine the two conclusions above, we have $\text{rank}(M) = 2$. \square

Exercise 1.8.2 We suppose $M \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$, then $M = \sum_{i,j,k \in \{1,2,3\}} (i+j+k) \mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{e}_j^T \mathbf{e}_k^T$.

1. By direct calculation, we have $M(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) = 3x^3 + 6y^3 + 9z^3 + 12x^2y + 15x^2z + 15y^2x + 21y^2z + 21z^2x + 24z^2y + 36xyz$.

2. We try to find the (i, j, k) entry of M^σ . For $\forall i, k, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, construct $p : \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$ s.t. $p(1) = i, p(2) = j, p(3) = k$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} M^\sigma(e_i, e_j, e_k) &= M^\sigma(e_{p(1)}, e_{p(2)}, e_{p(3)}) \\ &= M(e_{p(\sigma(1))}, e_{p(\sigma(2))}, e_{p(\sigma(3))}) \\ &= p \circ \sigma(1) + p \circ \sigma(2) + p \circ \sigma(3) \\ &= p(1) + p(2) + p(3) \\ &= i + j + k \end{aligned}$$

Then M and M^σ have the same entries, i.e. $M = M^\sigma$.

3. Consider $M(-, -, e_1)$. For $\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $M(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, e_1) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{y}$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$. Note that the row reduced echelon form of A is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ & 1 & 2 \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, so $\text{rank}(A) = 2$. From **1.8.1.4**, $\text{rank}(M) \geq 2$. Let $A = \alpha_1 \beta_1^T + \alpha_2 \beta_2^T$, $\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\delta = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, then we know that

$$\begin{aligned} M &= (\alpha_1^T \otimes \beta_1^T + \alpha_2^T \otimes \beta_2^T) \otimes \gamma^T + \gamma^T \otimes \gamma^T \otimes \delta^T \\ &= \alpha_1^T \otimes \beta_1^T \otimes \gamma^T + \alpha_2^T \otimes \beta_2^T \otimes \gamma^T + \gamma^T \otimes \gamma^T \otimes \delta^T \end{aligned}$$

M can be expressed as the sum of three “rank-one” things, so $\text{rank}(M) \leq 3$.

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Exercise 1.8.3

1. For $\forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in V, \forall \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2 \in W$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} X \otimes Y(\lambda \mathbf{v}_1 + \mu \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_1) &= X(\lambda \mathbf{v}_1 + \mu \mathbf{v}_2) \otimes Y(\mathbf{w}_1) \\ &= X(\lambda \mathbf{v}_1) \otimes Y(\mathbf{w}_1) + X(\mu \mathbf{v}_2) \otimes Y(\mathbf{w}_1) \\ &= \lambda X \otimes Y(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1) + \mu X \otimes Y(\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_1) \\ X \otimes Y(\mathbf{v}_1, \lambda \mathbf{w}_1 + \mu \mathbf{w}_2) &= X(\mathbf{v}_1) \otimes Y(\lambda \mathbf{w}_1 + \mu \mathbf{w}_2) \\ &= X(\mathbf{v}_1) \otimes Y(\lambda \mathbf{w}_1) + X(\mathbf{v}_1) \otimes Y(\mu \mathbf{w}_2) \\ &= \lambda X \otimes Y(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1) + \mu X \otimes Y(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_2) \end{aligned}$$

So $X \otimes Y$ is bilinear.

2. Note that trace is independent of basis, we try to solve this problem under a certain basis. Suppose $\dim V = n$, $\dim W = m$, $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ forms a basis of V , $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$ forms a basis of W . Then

$$T : \underbrace{\{\underbrace{\mathbf{v}_1 \otimes \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{v}_1 \otimes \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_1 \otimes \mathbf{w}_n}_{n \text{ tensors as a group}}, \dots, \underbrace{\mathbf{v}_m \otimes \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{v}_m \otimes \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m \otimes \mathbf{w}_n}_{n \text{ tensors as a group}}\}}_{m \text{ groups in total}}$$

form a basis of $V \otimes W$, and in this problem we always arrange the basis in the same order as presented above. Suppose the matrix of X under $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is $A = [a_1, \dots, a_n]_{n \times n}$, and the matrix of Y under $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$ is $B = [b_1, \dots, b_m]_{m \times m}$.

From the previous subproblem, we treat $X \otimes Y$ as a linear transformation on $V \otimes W$. We know

$$X \otimes Y(\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{w}_j) = \mathbf{T}a_i \otimes b_j$$

where $\mathbf{T}a_i \otimes b_j$ denotes using $a_i \otimes b_j$ as coefficients to form a linear composition of basis \mathbf{T} . Thus, the matrix of $X \otimes Y$ under basis \mathbf{T} is

$$M = [\underbrace{a_1 \otimes b_1, a_1 \otimes b_2, \dots, a_1 \otimes b_n}_{n \text{ vectors as a group}}, \dots, \underbrace{a_m \otimes b_1, a_m \otimes b_2, \dots, a_m \otimes b_n}_{n \text{ vectors as a group}}]_{mn \times mn}$$

$$\text{Then } \text{trace}(M) = \sum_{i=1}^m (a_{ii} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n b_{jj}) = (\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ii}) (\sum_{j=1}^n b_{jj}) = \text{trace}(X) \text{trace}(Y). \quad \square$$

Exercise 1.8.4 Map trace is in the space $(\mathbb{R}^n)^* \otimes \mathbb{R}^n$.

For $\forall M \in \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$, decompose it into the tensors of the standard basis, we have

$$M = \sum_{i,j \in \{1, \dots, n\}} m_{ij} \mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j^T$$

From the definition of trace map, we know $\text{trace}(M) = \sum_{k=1}^n m_{kk}$. Thus, the entries of trace in $(\mathbb{R}^n)^* \otimes \mathbb{R}^n$ under the standard basis is $\text{trace} = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{e}_k^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_k$. \square