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## Recall: What is a Bilinear Form?

#### Definition

A bilinear form is a map  $\beta: V \times W \to K$ , where V and W are K-vector spaces and K is a field, when

$$\qquad \beta(v_1+v_2,w) = \beta(v_1,w) + \beta(v_2,w)$$

$$\quad \blacksquare \ \beta(v,w_1+w_2) = \beta(v,w_1) + \beta(v,w_2)$$

hold for all  $v \in V$ ,  $w \in W$ , and  $\lambda \in K$ .



# Recall: Symmetric, Alternating, and Skew Bilinear Forms

#### Symmetric

$$\beta(v, w) = \beta(w, v) \ \forall \ v, w$$

#### Alternating

$$\beta(v,v) = 0, \ \forall \ v$$

#### Skew

$$\beta(v,w) = -\beta(w,v) \text{, } \forall \ v,w$$

Note: Bilinear forms that are **anti-symmetric** are both alternating and skew-symmetric.



## Reflexive Bilinear Forms

#### Definition

A bilinear form  $\beta$  is **reflexive** if  $\beta(v,w)=0 \iff \beta(w,v)=0 \ \forall \ v,w\in V$ 



#### Matrices

```
lemma alt is reflexive (β:BilinForm k V) (h:Alt β) : IsRefl β := by
  intro v w l
  have hv : \beta v v = 0 := by apply h
  have hw : \beta w w = 0 := by apply h
  have h1 : \beta (v+w) (v+w) = (\beta v) v + (\beta w) v + (\beta v) w + (\beta w) w :=
    calc
    (\beta (v+w)) (v+w) = (\beta v) (v+w) + (\beta w) (v+w) := bv
         rw [LinearMap.BilinForm.add left]
    = (\beta \ v) \ v + (\beta \ w) \ v + (\beta \ v) \ w + (\beta \ w) \ w := by
      rw [LinearMap.BilinForm.add right v v w, LinearMap.BilinForm.add right w v w,
         - add assoc]; ring
  have hvw : \beta (v+w) (v+w) = 0 := by apply h
  rw [hv, hw, hvw, zero add, add zero, add comm] at h1
  have h2: 0 + -(\beta w) v = (\beta v) w + (\beta w) v + -(\beta w) v := bv
    apply (@add_right_cancel_iff _ _ _ (-(\( \beta \) \) v) 0 ((\( \beta \) \) v + (\( \beta \) w) v)).mpr h1
  rw [l, zero_add] at h1
  symm at h1
  exact h1
```

```
lemma symm_is_reflexive (β:BilinForm k V) (h:Symm β) :
    IsRefl β := by
intro v w l
have h1: (β v) w = (β w) v := by apply h
rw [l] at h1
symm at h1
exact h1
```

### Bilinear Forms as Matrices

 $\blacksquare$  Given a basis  $(v_1,\dots,v_n)$  for V we can form a matrix A corresponding to the bilinear form  $B:V\times V\to k$  by defining  $A_{ij}:=B(v_i,v_j).$  Thus,

$$B(x,y) = [x]^T A[y]$$

for  $x, y \in V$ .

■ The dot product on  $\mathbf{R}^n$  has matrix

$$I_n = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Bilinear Forms as Matrices

• Symmetric forms have matrix satisfying  $A^T = A$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\blacksquare$  Alternating forms have matrix satisfying  $A^T=-A.$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

■ Nondegenerate forms have matrix with  $det(A) \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\det = 4 \cdot 1 - 3 \cdot 2 \neq 0)$$



# Nondegenerate Definition

#### Theorem

Let  $\beta$  be a bilinear form on V,  $M=[\beta(v_i,v_j)]$ , and  $v_1,...,v_n$  a basis of V The following are equivalent:

- $det(M) \neq 0$
- $\forall w \in V \ \beta(v, w) = 0 \implies v = 0$
- $\forall v \in V \ \beta(v, w) = 0 \implies w = 0$

```
theorem nondeg_rank (β : BilinForm k V) [FiniteDimensional k V]
(n : \mathbb{N}) (h : Module.rank k V = n) (b : Basis (Fin n) k V):
  (LinearMap.BilinForm.Nondegenerate β) ...
  Matrix.rank (BilinForm.toMatrix b β ) = n := bv
  constructor
  -- Nondegenerate \beta \rightarrow rank M = n
  intro hn
  have nondeg : β.Nondegenerate := by apply hn
  have nul_zero : LinearMap.ker \beta = \bot := by
    apply LinearMap.BilinForm.nondegenerate_iff_ker_eq_bot.mp;
    exact nondeg
  let M: Matrix (Fin n) (Fin n) k := BilinForm.toMatrix b \beta
  have h1: Module.rank k f (range \beta) + (Module.rank k (ker \beta))
  = Module.rank k V :=
      by apply LinearMap.rank_range_add_rank_ker
  have zero : (Module.rank k 1 (ker \beta)) = 0 := by
  rw [nul zero]; simp
  rw [zero, add_zero] at h1
  rw [h] at h1
  simp at h1
  exact h1
```

#### Theorems

```
-- rank M = n → Nondegenerate β
intro hn
have h1 : Module.rank k t (range β) + (Module.rank k (ker β))
= Module.rank k V :=
    by apply LinearMap.rank_range_add_rank_ker
simp at h1
rw [hn] at h1
have nul_zero : Module.rank k t (ker β) = 0 := by
apply (add_eq_left _ _ (+n) (Module.rank k t (ker β))).mp
at h1
simp at nul_zero
apply LinearMap.BilinForm.nondegenerate_iff_ker_eq_bot.mpr
exact nul_zero
```

Theorems

# Creating a Basis using Disjoint Bases

#### Theorem

Let V be a vector space over a field k, and let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of V such that  $W_1+W_2=V$  and  $W_1\cap W_2=\{0\}$ . Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be bases of  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , respectively.

lacktriangle We can create a basis for V using the union of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ 



## Additional Theorems

#### Theorem

Let V be a vector space over a field k, and let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of V such that  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$ . Let  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  be linearly independent sets of  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , respectively.

lacksquare The disjoint union of  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  is linearly independent.

#### $\mathsf{Theorem}$

Let V be a vector space over a field k, and let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be two subspaces of a larger vector space V, where the direct sum of  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  is equal to V. Let  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  be sets of vectors that span  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , respectively.

■ The union of  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  span V.



#### Additional Theorems in Lean

■ Theorem: Linear independence by transverse subspaces

```
theorem lin_indep_by_transverse_subspaces  
(k V : Type) [Field k] [AddCommGroup V] [Module k V]  
(I_1 I_2 : Type) [Fintype I_1] [Fintype I_2]  
(b_1 : I_1 \rightarrow V) (b_2 : I_2 \rightarrow V)  
(b1_indep : LinearIndependent k b_1)  
(b2_indep : LinearIndependent k b_2)  
(W_1 W_2 : Submodule k V) (h_int : W_1 \sqcap W_2 = \bot)  
(hbw1 : \forall i, b_1 i \in W_1) (hbw2 : \forall i, b_2 i \in W_2)  
[DecidableEq I_1] [DecidableEq I_2]  
: LinearIndependent k (Sum.elim b_1 b_2)
```

## Additional Theorems in Lean Continued

■ Theorem: Span of union of sets

```
lemma union_span' (W_1 W_2: Submodule k V) (s_1 s_2: Set V) (hs_1: W_1 = Submodule.span k s_1) (hs_2: W_2 = Submodule.span k s_2) (hw: T = W_1 \sqcup W_2) : T = Submodule.span k (s_1 \cup s_2)
```

# Pen and Paper Proof

- In order to show that the disjoint union of bases  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  is a basis for V, we want to show that this disjoint union is both linearly independent and spans the entirety of V.
- $\blacksquare$  Since  $W_1\cap W_2=\{0\},$  and  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are both individually linearly independent, we can conclude that their union is linearly independent.
- Now we want to show that their union spans all of V. Since  $W_1+W_2=V$ , and  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  span  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , respectively, we can conclude that their union spans V.



### Lean Proof

```
def basis_of_direct_sum
    (W<sub>1</sub> W<sub>2</sub> : Submodule k V)
    (t<sub>1</sub> t<sub>2</sub> : Type) [Fintype t<sub>1</sub>]
    [Fintype t<sub>2</sub>]
    (B<sub>1</sub> : Basis t<sub>1</sub> k W<sub>1</sub>)
    (B<sub>2</sub> : Basis t<sub>2</sub> k W<sub>2</sub>)
    (hspan : W<sub>1</sub> ⊔ W<sub>2</sub> = (T: Submodule k V))
    (hindep : W<sub>1</sub> ⊓ W<sub>2</sub> = (±:Submodule k V))
    [DecidableEq t<sub>1</sub>] [DecidableEq t<sub>2</sub>]
    [FiniteDimensional k V]:
    Basis (t<sub>1</sub> ⊕ t<sub>2</sub>) k V := by
```

## Lean Proof

```
have hli: LinearIndependent k (Sum.elim
(W1.subtype o B1) (W2.subtype o B2)) := by
    apply lin_indep_by_transverse_subspaces
    apply LinearIndependent.map' B1.linearIndependent W1.subtype
    (by simp)
    apply LinearIndependent.map' B2.linearIndependent W2.subtype
    (by simp)
    have k0: Disjoint W1 W2 := by
    rw[disjoint_iff]
    exact hindep
    rw[Disjoint.eq_bot k0]
    simp
    simp
```

## Lean Proof

```
have hsp: T \le Submodule.span k (Set.range (Sum.elim
(W1.subtype \circ B1) (W2.subtype \circ B2))) := by
simp
rw[union_span']
exact W1
exact W2
exact span_range (Basis.span_eq B1)
exact span_range (Basis.span_eq B2)
rw[hspan]
exact Basis.mk hli hsp
```

 $\blacksquare$  A 2-dimensional vector space V is called **Hyperbolic** if there exists a basis (e, f) such that the form has matrix

$$H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ * & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Note if V is symmetric as well, it has matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and if alternating then matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- A generic vector space V is Hyperbolic if it has a basis making its

form equal to 
$$\begin{bmatrix} H_2 & & & \\ & H_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & H_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Alternating is Hyperbolic

#### Theorem

Every nondegenerate (finite dimensional) alternating bilinear form B on V is Hyperbolic.

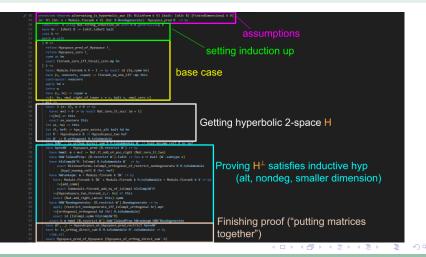


# Pen and Paper Proof (That nondegenerate (finite dimensional) alternating bilinear forms are Hyperbolic)

- If  $V \neq 0$ , pick  $e \neq 0$  in V.
  - From nondegeneracy, pick v with  $B(e, v) \neq 0$ .
  - $\blacksquare \ \ \text{From scaling, pick} \ f = \lambda v \ \text{with} \ B(e,f) = 1.$
- Then  $H = \operatorname{Span}(e,f)$  has matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and is Hyperbolic.
- Fact:  $V = H \oplus H^{\perp}$ .
- Check:
  - H<sup>⊥</sup> Alternating
  - lacksquare  $H^{\perp}$  Nondegenerate
  - $\quad \blacksquare \ \dim(H^\perp) < \dim(V)$
- From induction,  $H^{\perp}$  is Hyperbolic. Thus,

$$A_V = \begin{pmatrix} A_H & 0 \\ 0 & A_{H^\perp} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \\ & & \begin{pmatrix} H_2 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & H_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H_2 & & \\ & H_2 & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & H_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Lean Proof (That nondegenerate (finite dimensional) alternating bilinear forms are Hyperbolic)



# Lean Proof v.s. Paper Proof

#### The lean proof was

- Quick
- Efficient
- Similar in length and style to the paper one
- Relied heavily on the power of Mathlib and a >1000 line auxiliary file setting up the theory of Hyperbolic spaces

# Symmetric Forms

#### Theorem

Every nondegenerate (finite dimensional, field characteristic not 2) symmetric bilinear form is the direct sum of a Hyperbolic form and a definite (anisotropic) form.

- The paper proof is similar in length to the alternating one.
- The lean proof was 10x longer
  - Involves subspaces and "direct sum"



# Lean Hyperbolic Space Definitions

```
@[ext]
structure Hypspace (B: BilinForm k V) where
    I: Type
    basis : Basis (I ⊕ I) k V
    pred: Hypspace_fun_pred B basis
...
@[ext]
structure Hypsubspace (B: BilinForm k V) where
    I: Type
    coe : I ⊕ I → V
    pred: Hypspace_fun_pred B coe
```

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