

MATH 620 HOMEWORK DUE 9/5

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Exercise 0.1. Prove that $\delta : V \times \cdots \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ is independent of choice of basis $\{e_i\} \subset V$ up to non-zero scalar.

Proof. Let $\{e_i\}, \{f_i\}$ be two bases of V . Let $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ be given. We must show if $\delta(v_1, \dots, v_n) = 0$ with both of the bases, or nonzero with both of the bases. Suppose that $\delta(v_1, \dots, v_n) \neq 0$ with one of the bases, and it is 0 with the other basis. Without loss of generality, we assume that $\{e_i\}$ gives a nonzero value. Let $n \times n$ matrices $(v_j^i), (w_j^i)$ be given such that

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} v_1^1 & \cdots & v_1^n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_1^n & \cdots & v_n^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} w_1^1 & \cdots & w_1^n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_1^n & \cdots & w_n^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\delta(v_1, \dots, v_n) \neq 0$ with $\{e_i\}$, $\det(v_i^j) \neq 0$. Therefore, the matrix (v_i^j) is invertible.

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1^1 & \cdots & v_1^n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_1^n & \cdots & v_n^n \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} w_1^1 & \cdots & w_1^n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_1^n & \cdots & w_n^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let A denote the product of the two matrices. Then $\det(A) = \det((v_i^j)^{-1}(w_i^j)) = \det(v_i^j)^{-1} \det(w_i^j) = 0$. This implies that the row space of A has a dimension less than n . Therefore, $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ cannot span V whose dimension is n .

This is a contradiction, so δ is independent of choice of basis up to nonzero scaling. \square

Exercise 0.2. Show that $\{e^{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes e^{i_k} \mid 1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_k \leq n\}$ is a basis of $T^k(V^*)$. Find $\dim T^k(V^*)$.

Proof.

- Linearly independent? Suppose $\sum c_{i_1, \dots, i_k} e^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e^{i_k} = 0$. Let $1 \leq j_1, \dots, j_k \leq n$ be given.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} c_{i_1, \dots, i_k} e^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e^{i_k} \right) (e_{j_1}, \dots, e_{j_k}) = 0 \\
 & \implies \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} c_{i_1, \dots, i_k} (e^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e^{i_k}) (e_{j_1}, \dots, e_{j_k}) = 0 \\
 & \implies \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} c_{i_1, \dots, i_k} e^{i_1}(e_{j_1}) \dots e^{i_k}(e_{j_k}) = 0 \\
 & \implies c_{j_1, \dots, j_k} e^{j_1}(e_{j_1}) \dots e^{j_k}(e_{j_k}) = 0 \\
 & \implies c_{j_1, \dots, j_k} = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, each $c_{i_1, \dots, i_k} = 0$.

- Span? Let $f \in T^k(V^*)$. We claim that $f = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} f(e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_k}) e^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e^{i_k}$. Let $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$ be given. Since $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ is a

basis of V , so each v_i can be represented as $v_i = \sum_j c_i^j e_j$.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} f(e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_k}) e^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e^{i_k} \right) (v_1, \dots, v_k) \\
&= \left(\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} f(e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_k}) e^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e^{i_k} \right) (c_1^j e_j, \dots, c_k^j e_j) \\
&= \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} f(e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_k}) [(e^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e^{i_k})(c_1^j e_j, \dots, c_k^j e_j)] \\
&= \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} f(e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_k}) [(c_1^j e^{i_1}(e_j)) \dots (c_k^j e^{i_k}(e_j))] \\
&= \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} f(e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_k}) [(c_1^{i_1} e^{i_1}(e_{i_1})) \dots (c_k^{i_k} e^{i_k}(e_{i_k}))] \\
&= \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} f(e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_k}) c^{i_1} \dots c^{i_k} \\
&= \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} f(c^{i_1} e_{i_1}, \dots, c^{i_k} e_{i_k}) \\
&= \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{k-1}} \left(\sum_{i_k} f(c^{i_1} e_{i_1}, \dots, c^{i_k} e_{i_k}) \right) \\
&= \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{k-1}} f(c^{i_1} e_{i_1}, \dots, c^{i_{k-1}} e_{i_{k-1}}, \sum_{i_k} c^{i_k} e_{i_k}) \\
&= \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{k-1}} f(c^{i_1} e_{i_1}, \dots, c^{i_{k-1}} e_{i_{k-1}}, v_k) \\
&\vdots \\
&= f(v_1, \dots, v_k).
\end{aligned}$$

The dimension is n^k because each i_j can be any integer between 1 and n . \square

Exercise 0.3. Let $w \in \wedge^2 V^*$.

- Show that there exists a basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ of V with a dual basis $\{e^1, \dots, e^n\}$ of V^* such that $w = e^1 \wedge e^2 + \dots + e^{2m-1} \wedge e^{2m}$ for some $m \leq n/2$.
- $w^l = w \wedge \dots \wedge w \neq 0$ if and only if $l \leq m$.

Proof. Let $V_1 = V$. We will pick vectors inductively.

Suppose that we have V_i for some $i \in \mathbb{N}$. If $\forall v, v' \in V_i, w(v, v') = 0$, then we are done. Suppose otherwise. Then there must exist $v, v' \in V_i$ such that $w(v, v') = 1$. Let $e_{2i-1} = v, e_{2i} = v'$. Let $V_{i+1} = \{v \in V \mid w(v, e_{2i-1}) = w(v, e_{2i}) = 0\}$. We will repeat this process with the V_{i+1} .

For each i , we claim that $\{e_1, \dots, e_{2i}\}$ is linearly independent. (To-Do)

Since V is an n -dimensional vector space, this process will terminate. If not, it would imply the existence of a linearly independent set with more than n vectors. Since the set of all the vectors we found is linearly independent, it can be extended to form a basis of V .

Let $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ be a basis that we obtain by extending the linearly independent set of vectors we found. Let m be chosen such that $2m$ is the number of vectors we found. Let $\{e^1, \dots, e^n\}$ denote the dual basis of $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$. By Proposition 4.1., we know the existence of such a basis and that the dimension of such a basis is n . We claim that $w = e^1 \wedge e^2 + \dots + e^{2m-1} \wedge e^{2m}$.

Because w and $e^1 \wedge e^2 + \dots + e^{2m-1} \wedge e^{2m}$ are bilinear, it suffices to identify what (e_i, e_j) gets mapped to for each i, j . Let $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ be given.

- Case 1: The pair (i, j) equals $(2l-1, 2l)$ for some $l \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. Then $w(e_{2l-1}, e_{2l}) = 1$ because that is how we found e_{2l-1}, e_{2l} . On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} & (e^1 \wedge e^2 + \dots + e^{2m-1} \wedge e^{2m})(e_{2l-1}, e_{2l}) \\ &= (e^1 \wedge e^2)(e_{2l-1}, e_{2l}) + \dots + (e^{2m-1} \wedge e^{2m})(e_{2l-1}, e_{2l}) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

- Case 2: The pair (i, j) equals $(2l, 2l-1)$ for some $l \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. Since w and $e^1 \wedge e^2 + \dots + e^{2m-1} \wedge e^{2m}$ are both alternating, $w(e_i, e_j) = -w(e_j, e_i)$ and $(e^1 \wedge e^2 + \dots + e^{2m-1} \wedge e^{2m})(e_i, e_j) = -(e^1 \wedge e^2 + \dots + e^{2m-1} \wedge e^{2m})(e_j, e_i)$. Then, by Case 1, they both result in -1 .
- Case 3: Any other cases.

Therefore, $w = e^1 \wedge e^2 + \dots + e^{2m-1} \wedge e^{2m}$. □

Exercise 0.4. $\omega \wedge \tau = (-1)^{kl} \tau \wedge \omega$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega \wedge \tau &= (e^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e^{i_k}) \wedge (e^{j_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e^{j_k}) \\
 &= e^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e^{i_k} \wedge e^{j_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e^{j_k} \\
 &= (-1) e^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e^{i_{k-1}} \wedge e^{j_1} \wedge e^{i_k} \wedge e^{j_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e^{j_k} \\
 &\vdots \\
 &= (-1)^k e^{j_1} \wedge e^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e^{i_k} \wedge e^{j_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge e^{j_k} \\
 &\vdots \\
 &= (-1)^{2k} e^{j_1} \wedge e^{j_2} \wedge e^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e^{i_k} \wedge e^{j_3} \wedge \cdots \wedge e^{j_k} \\
 &\vdots \\
 &= (-1)^{kl} e^{j_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e^{j_k} \wedge e^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e^{i_k} \\
 &= (-1)^{kl} \tau \wedge \omega.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 0.5. Prove that $\{\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n\}$ is a basis of $T_p \mathbb{R}^n$.

Proof.

- Linearly independent? Let $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$ be given. Suppose $c_1 \partial_1 + \cdots + c_n \partial_n = 0$. Then $\forall i, 0 = (c_1 \partial_1 + \cdots + c_n \partial_n)(x^i) = c_i \partial_i(x^i) = c_i$. Therefore, $c_i = 0$ for each i .
- Span? Let $\lambda \in T_p \mathbb{R}^n$ be given. We claim that $\lambda = \sum \lambda(x^i) \partial_i$. Let $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty$. Then $f(x) = f(p) + \sum_i \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)(x^i - p^i) + g^i(x)(x^i - p^i) \right]$

$p^i]$) for some smooth functions g^i by Taylor's formula with remainder. For each i , $g_i(p) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda(f) &= \lambda(f(p)) + \lambda\left(\sum_i \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)(x^i - p^i) + g^i(x)(x^i - p^i)\right]\right) \\
&= \lambda\left(\sum_i \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)(x^i - p^i) + g^i(x)(x^i - p^i)\right]\right) \\
&= \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)\lambda(x^i - p^i) + \sum_i \lambda(g^i(x)(x^i - p^i)) \\
&= \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)\lambda(x^i - p^i) + \sum_i [\lambda(g^i(x))(p^i - p^i) + \lambda(x^i - p^i)g^i(p)] \\
&= \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)\lambda(x^i - p^i) + \sum_i \lambda(x^i - p^i)g^i(p) \\
&= \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)\lambda(x^i - p^i) \\
&= \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)(\lambda(x^i) - \lambda(p^i)) \\
&= \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)\lambda(x^i) \\
&= \sum_i \partial_i(f)\lambda(x^i) \\
&= \sum_i \lambda(x^i)\partial_i(f) \\
&= \left(\sum_i \lambda(x^i)\partial_i\right)(f)
\end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 0.6. Show that $\{dx^1, \dots, dx^n\}$ is a basis of $T_p^*\mathbb{R}^n$ that is dual to $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}\}_{j=1}^n \subset T_p\mathbb{R}^n$.

Proof.

- Dual? Let $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. $dx^i(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}x^i$. The partial derivative of x^i with respect to x^j is 1 if $i = j$ and 0 otherwise. Thus $dx^i(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}) = \delta_j^i$.

- Linearly independent? Let $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$ be given. Suppose that $c_1 dx^1 + \dots + c_n dx^n = 0$. For any $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (c_1 dx^1 + \dots + c_n dx^n)(\partial_i) = 0 &\implies c_1(dx^1(\partial_i)) + \dots + c_n(dx^n(\partial_i)) = 0 \\
 &\implies c_1(\partial_i(x^1)) + \dots + c_n(\partial_i(x^n)) = 0 \\
 &\implies c_i \partial_i(x^i) = 0 \\
 &\implies c_i = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $c_1 = \dots = c_n = 0$. Therefore, $\{dx^1, \dots, dx^n\}$ is indeed linearly independent.

- Span? Let $f \in T_p^* \mathbb{R}^n$ be given. We claim that $f = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\partial_i) dx^i$. Let $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \partial_i \in T_p \mathbb{R}^n$ be given where c_i 's are in \mathbb{R} . (It makes sense to assume that every element in $T_p \mathbb{R}^n$ is in this form because we showed earlier that $\{\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n\}$ is a basis of $T_p \mathbb{R}^n$.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f(\partial_i) dx^i \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n c_j \partial_j \right) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[f(\partial_i) dx^i \left(\sum_{j=1}^n c_j \partial_j \right) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n f(\partial_i) \left[\sum_{j=1}^n c_j dx^i(\partial_j) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n f(\partial_i) \left[\sum_{j=1}^n c_j \partial_j(x^i) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n f(\partial_i) c_i \\
 &= f \left(\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \partial_i \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

□