

# Algebra II

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**Part I**

**Modules**

# Chapter 1

## Modules

### 1.1 Modules

**1.1 (Definition of modules).** Let  $R$  be a ring, which is possibly neither commutative nor unital. A *left  $R$ -module* is an abelian group  $(M, +, 0)$  together with a binary operation  $\cdot : R \times M \rightarrow M$  satisfying

(i) for all  $r, s \in R$  and  $m \in M$  we have  $(rs)m = r(sm)$ , (associativity)

(ii) for all  $r, s \in R$  and  $m \in M$  we have  $(r + s)m = rm + sm$ . (distributivity)

When  $R$  is unital, a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *unital* if

(iii) for all  $m \in M$  we have  $1m = m$ . (identity)

Throughout the entire book, we will always assume modules are unital over commutative unital rings.

(a)

submodules quotient modules isomorphism theorems

### 1.2 Free modules

generators, cyclic direct sum free modules

### 1.3 Tensor product modules

**1.2 (Tensor product of algebras).** Let  $R$  be a commutative unital ring. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be  $R$ -modules. A *bilinear form* or a *pairing* is a function  $M \times N \rightarrow R$  such that...

**1.3 (Base change of modules).** Given a ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow A$ , we can write  $A \in \text{Mod}_R$ , and the induced tensoring functor  $-\otimes_R A : \text{Mod}_R \rightarrow \text{Mod}_A$  is left adjoint to the forgetful functor, that is,

$$\text{Hom}_A(M \otimes_R A, N) \cong \text{Hom}_R(M, N), \quad M \in \text{Mod}_R, N \in \text{Mod}_A.$$

### 1.4 Homomorphism modules

# Chapter 2

## Exact sequences

### 2.1 Chain complexes

Let  $R$  be a commutative unital ring. Let  $C_\bullet \in \text{Ch}_{\geq 0}(R)$  be a non-negatively graded chain complex of  $R$ -modules. Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module.

Define the homology group with coefficients in  $M$  by

$$(C \otimes_R M)_\bullet := C_\bullet \otimes_R M \in \text{Ch}_{\geq 0}(R), \quad H_n(C, M) := H_n((C \otimes_R M)_\bullet) \in \text{Mod}_R.$$

Define the cohomology group with coefficients in  $M$  by

$$\text{Hom}_R(C, M)^\bullet := \text{Hom}_R(C_\bullet, M) \in \text{Ch}_{\geq 0}^{\geq 0}(R), \quad H^n(C, M) := H^n(\text{Hom}_R(C, M)^\bullet) \in \text{Mod}_R.$$

If  $M$  is a commutative unital  $R$ -algebra, then the resulting homology groups are  $M$ -modules.

When do we have  $H^n(C, M) \otimes_R N \cong H^n(C, M \otimes_R N)$ ?

### 2.2 Projective and injective modules

**2.1 (Projective modules).** Let  $R$  be a commutative unital ring. An  $R$ -module  $P$  is called *projective* if the zero map  $0 \rightarrow P$  has the left lifting property with respect to surjective module maps. That is, for every surjective module map  $M_1 \rightarrow M_0$  and a module map  $P \rightarrow M_0$  there exists a module map  $P \rightarrow M_1$  such that we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & P & \\ \exists \swarrow & \downarrow & \\ M_1 & \rightarrow & M_0 \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$
  

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & M_1 & \\ \exists \swarrow & \downarrow & \\ P & \rightarrow & M_0 \end{array}$$

Let  $P$  be an  $R$ -module.

free implies projective, every module is a quotient of a free module....

- (a)  $P$  is projective if and only if it is a direct summand of a free module.
- (b)  $P$  is projective if and only if the left exact functor  $\text{Hom}_R(P, -)$  preserves surjectivity.
- (c)  $P$  is projective if and only if every short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M_0 \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0$  is split.
- (d) The direct sum  $\bigoplus_i P_i$  is projective iff  $P_i$  are projective.

PID: projective iff free (note sub of free is free in PID)

**2.2 (Injective modules).** Let  $R$  be a commutative unital ring. An  $R$ -module  $I$  is called *injective* if the zero map  $I \rightarrow 0$  has the right lifting property with respect to injective module maps. That is, for every injective module map  $M^0 \rightarrow M^1$  and a module map  $M^0 \rightarrow I$  there exists a module map  $M^1 \rightarrow I$  such that we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M^0 & \longrightarrow & M^1 \\ & & \downarrow & \nearrow \exists & \\ & & I & & \end{array}$$
  

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M^0 & \longrightarrow & I \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \exists & \\ M^1 & & \end{array}$$

- (a)
- (b) Every module is embedded in an injective module.
- (c)  $I$  is injective if and only if the left exact contravariant functor  $\text{Hom}_R(-, I)$  preserves the surjectivity.
- (d) direct product of injectives is injective

PID: injective iff divisible ( $r \cdot : M \rightarrow M$  surj) (lem:  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(R, M)$  is injective if  $M$  is injective  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module)

**2.3 (Flat modules).** (a) PID: flat iff ( $\cdot a : M \rightarrow M$  inj)

- (b)  $M$  flat iff  $\text{Hom}(M, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  is injective
- (c)  $M$  flat iff  $I \otimes M \rightarrow R \otimes M$  inj
- (d) if projective, then flat

**2.4 (Projective resolutions).** Let  $R$  be a commutative unital ring, and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. A *projective resolution* of  $M$  is a chain complex  $P_{\bullet} \in \text{Ch}_{\geq 0}(R)$  together with an  $R$ -homomorphism  $q : P_0 \rightarrow M$  such that each module in  $P_{\bullet}$  is projective and we have an exact sequence of  $R$ -modules

$$\cdots \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \xrightarrow{q} M \rightarrow 0.$$

- (a)

## 2.3 Tor and Ext

**2.5 (Tor functor).** Let  $R$  be a commutative unital ring, and let  $M$  and  $N$  be  $R$ -modules. We define the *Tor functor* as either

$$\text{Tor}_n^R(M, N) := H_n(P_{\bullet} \otimes_R N) \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Tor}_n^R(M, N) := H_n(M \otimes_R Q_{\bullet}),$$

where  $P_{\bullet}$  and  $Q_{\bullet}$  are projective resolutions of  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. It is the left derived functor of a right exact functor. It is symmetric by definition.

- (a) Two definitions coincide.
- (b) It does not depend on the choice of resolutions.
- (c) It has a long exact sequence.
- (d) It preserves possibly infinite direct sums and filtered colimits in each variable.
- (e) We may only assume  $P_{\bullet}$  is a flat resolution. (Flat resolution lemma)

**2.6 (Ext functor).** Let  $R$  be a commutative unital ring, and let  $M$  and  $N$  be  $R$ -modules. We define the *Ext functor* as wither

$$\text{Ext}_R^n(M, N) := H^n(\text{Hom}_R(P_\bullet, N)) \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Ext}_R^n(M, N) := H^n(\text{Hom}_R(M, I^\bullet)),$$

where  $P_\bullet$  and  $I^\bullet$  are projective and injective resolutions of  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. It is the right derived functor of a left exact functor.

- (a) Two definitions coincide.
- (b) It does not depend on the choice of resolutions.
- (c) It has a long exact sequence.
- (d) It preserves...

**2.7 (Universal coefficient theorem).** Let  $R$  be a commutative unital ring. Let  $C_\bullet \in \text{Ch}_{\geq 0}(R)$  be a chain complex of flat right  $R$ -modules and  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module.

$$0 \rightarrow H_n(C) \otimes_R M \rightarrow H_n(C, M) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(H_{n-1}(C), M) \rightarrow 0.$$

- (a) If  $R$  is a principal ideal domain, then the Künneth formula splits non-canonically.

*Proof.* We first prove the Künneth formula. Note that modules in  $Z_\bullet$  and  $B_\bullet$  are also flat. We start from that we have a short exact sequence of chain complexes

$$0 \rightarrow Z_\bullet \rightarrow C_\bullet \rightarrow B_{\bullet-1} \rightarrow 0.$$

Since modules in  $B_{\bullet-1}$  are flat, we have a short exact sequence of chain complexes

$$0 \rightarrow Z_\bullet \otimes_R M \rightarrow C_\bullet \otimes_R M \rightarrow B_{\bullet-1} \otimes_R M \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $H_n(B_{\bullet-1}) = H_{n-1}(B_\bullet)$  for any chain complex  $C_\bullet$ , we have a long exact sequence

$$H_n(B_\bullet \otimes_R M) \rightarrow H_n(Z_\bullet \otimes_R M) \rightarrow H_n(C_\bullet \otimes_R M) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(B_\bullet \otimes_R M) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(Z_\bullet \otimes_R M).$$

Since every module map inside  $B_\bullet$  and  $Z_\bullet$  is zero, we have an exact sequence

$$B_n \otimes_R M \xrightarrow{f_n} Z_n \otimes_R M \rightarrow H_n(C_\bullet \otimes_R M) \rightarrow B_{n-1} \otimes_R M \xrightarrow{f_{n-1}} Z_{n-1} \otimes_R M.$$

Therefore, we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{coker } f_n \rightarrow H_n(C_\bullet \otimes_R M) \rightarrow \ker f_{n-1} \rightarrow 0.$$

Now we want to compute the cokernel and kernel of  $f_n$ .

Since

$$0 \rightarrow B_n \rightarrow Z_n \rightarrow H_n(C_\bullet) \rightarrow 0$$

is a flat resolution of  $H_n(C_\bullet)$ , by the flat resolution lemma, we have a long exact sequence

$$\text{Tor}_1^R(Z_n, M) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(H_n(C_\bullet), M) \rightarrow B_n \otimes_R M \xrightarrow{f_n} Z_n \otimes_R M \rightarrow H_n(C_\bullet) \otimes_R M \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $Z_n$  is flat so that  $\text{Tor}_1^R(Z_n, M) = 0$ , we have

$$\text{coker } f_n = H_n(C_\bullet) \otimes_R M, \quad \ker f_n = \text{Tor}_1^R(H_n(C_\bullet), M).$$

Therefore, we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_n(C_\bullet) \otimes_R M \rightarrow H_n(C_\bullet \otimes_R M) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(H_{n-1}(C_\bullet), M) \rightarrow 0.$$

□

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} K & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ K' & \longrightarrow & A' & \longrightarrow & B' & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

(a) If  $A \rightarrow A'$  is monic, then  $K \rightarrow K'$  is monic.

(b) If  $B \rightarrow B'$  is monic, then  $K \rightarrow K'$  is epic.

hom functor and tensor functor commutes...? no



## Chapter 3

# Linear algebra

### 3.1 Modules over principal ideal domains

Over a principal ideal, a finitely generated module is also finitely presented, a projective module is free.

**3.1 (Torsion modules).** Let  $R$  be a commutative unital ring. An element of an  $R$ -module is called a *torsion element* if there is  $r \in R$  annihilating the element. An  $R$ -module is called a *torsion-free module* if every non-zero element is not a torsion element, and called a *torsion module* if every element is a torsion element.

- (a) A finitely generated torsion-free module embeds in a free module, over an integral domain.
- (b) A submodule of a free module is a free module, over a principal ideal ring.
- (c) A finitely generated module is the direct sum of a free module and a torsion module, over a principal ideal domain.

*Proof.* (a) Let  $M$  be a finitely generated torsion-free module over an integral domain  $R$ . We may assume  $M$  is non-zero. Since  $M$  is finitely generated, there is a finite set  $X \subset M$  that generates  $M$ . Take a maximal subset  $Y \subset X$  that is  $R$ -linearly independent. If we denote by  $N := RY \subset M$  the submodule of  $M$  generated by  $Y$ , then  $N$  is free by the linear independence of  $Y$ . For each  $x \in X \setminus Y$ , since  $Y \cup \{x\}$  is  $R$ -linearly dependent by the maximality assumption, there is a non-zero  $r_x \in R$  such that  $r_x x \in RY = N$ . If we define  $r := \prod_{x \in X \setminus Y} r_x$ , which is valid since  $X$  is finite, then  $r(X \setminus Y) \subset N$  implies  $rM \subset N$ . Since  $M$  is torsion-free and since  $r$  is non-zero because  $R$  is an integral domain, the multiplication  $r \cdot : M \rightarrow M$  is injective, so  $M$  embeds to a free module  $N$ . Note that  $N$  can be assumed finitely generated.

(b) (Converse also holds)

(c) Let  $M$  be a finitely generated module over a principal ideal domain  $R$ . Let  $\text{Tor}(M)$  be the set of all torsion elements of  $M$ . Then,  $\text{Tor}(M)$  is a torsion module, and  $M/\text{Tor}(M)$  is a torsion-free module. (proof?)

The quotient module  $M/\text{Tor}(M)$  is finitely generated and torsion-free, so it is free by the parts (a) and (b), and is projective. The projectivity of  $M/\text{Tor}(M)$  concludes that  $M$  is the direct sum of  $M/\text{Tor}(M)$  and  $\text{Tor}(M)$ .

□

**3.2 (Primary modules).** Let  $R$  be a commutative unital ring.

We will decompose torsion modules into primary modules.  
elementary divisors

**3.3 (Cyclic modules).** Let  $R$  be a commutative unital ring. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be *cyclic* if it is generated by one element.

invariant factors

- (a) A cyclic  $R$ -module is isomorphic to a quotient of  $R$ .  
(b) A cyclic  $R$ -module is torsion-free if and only if it is isomorphic to  $R$ .

$$(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z}) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/48\mathbb{Z}) \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{c|cccc} & 2 & 4 & 12 & 48 \\ 2 & 2^1 & 2^2 & 2^2 & 2^4 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 3^1 & 3^1 \end{array}$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/2^2\mathbb{Z})^2 \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/2^4\mathbb{Z}) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^2 \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{c|cccc} p \setminus e & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

## 3.2 Normal forms

**3.4 (Frobenius normal form).** Let  $F$  be a field. Each element  $a \in M_n(F) := \text{End}(F^n)$  gives rise to a finitely generated  $F[x]$ -module  $F^n$ .

Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $F[x]$ -module without free component? Let  $e_i \in M$  be generators of the  $F[x]$ -module. We can define a matrix  $a_{ij} \in F$  such that  $xe_j = \sum_i a_{ij}e_i$ .

$$a_{ij} = \langle ae_j, e_i \rangle, v = \sum_j v_j e_j, av = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} v_j e_i$$

$$av = \sum_{i,j} \langle av_j e_j, e_i \rangle e_i = \sum_{i,j} \langle ae_j, e_i \rangle v_j e_i$$

*Frobenius normal form or the rational canonical form*

have the same normal form iff they generate isomorphic  $F[x]$ -modules...

Invariant factor form

- (a) There is a one-to-one correspondence between the similarity classes of square matrices over  $F$  and the isomorphism classes of finitely generated  $F[x]$ -modules.  
(b) Every finitely generated  $F[x]$ -module is a direct sum of cyclic torsion  $F[x]$ -modules, i.e. no free submodules.  
(c) Every cyclic torsion  $F[x]$ -module  $V \cong R/(a)$  can be represented by the associated companion matrix  $C_a$ , constructed by the coefficients of  $a$ .

For  $A \in M_n(F)$ , the minimal polynomial  $m_A(x)$  can be defined by the generator of the annihilator of the associated  $F[x]$ -module  $(V, A)$ . The minimal polynomial is the largest invariant factor of  $(V, A)$ . For each invariant factor  $a_i$ , we can construct a companion matrix with its coefficients.

*Proof.*

□

**3.5 (Jordan normal form).**

**3.6 (Commuting matrices).**

## 3.3 Vector spaces

**3.7 (Fields). homomorphisms**

**3.8 (Dual spaces). Double dual**

**3.9 (Polarization identity).** (a) Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic not 2. If  $\langle -, - \rangle$  is a symmetric bilinear form, then

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\|x + y\|^2 - \|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2).$$

(b) Let  $F = \mathbb{C}$ . If  $\langle -, - \rangle$  is a sesquilinear form, then

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=0}^3 i^k \|x + i^k y\|^2.$$

(c) isometry check

**3.10** (Cauchy-Schwarz inequality). (a) Let  $F = \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\langle -, - \rangle$  is a positive semi-definite symmetric bilinear form, then

(b) Let  $F = \mathbb{C}$ . If  $\langle -, - \rangle$  is a positive semi-definite Hermitian form, then

**3.11** (Dual space identification). Let  $\langle -, - \rangle$  be a non-degenerate bilinear form

**3.12** (Adjoint linear transforms).

spectral theorems

## Exercises

**3.13** (Conjugacy classes of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$ ). The conjugacy classes are classified by normal forms. There are four cases: for some  $a$  and  $b$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ,

(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$ :  $\binom{p-1}{2}$  classes of size  $\frac{|G|}{(p-1)^2} = p(p+1)$ .

(b)  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ :  $p-1$  classes of size 1.

(c)  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 1 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ :  $p-1$  classes of size  $\frac{|G|}{p(p-1)} = p^2-1$ .

(d) otherwise, the eigenvalues are in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2} \setminus \mathbb{F}_p$ . In this case, the number of conjugacy classes is same as the number of monic irreducible quadratic polynomials over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ;  $\frac{|\mathbb{F}_{p^2}| - |\mathbb{F}_p|}{2} = \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$  classes. Their size is  $\frac{p(p-1)}{2}$ .

**3.14** (Conjugacy classes of  $\text{GL}_3(\mathbb{F}_p)$ ). There are eight types of invariant factors:

$$(x-a)(x-b)(x-c), (x-a)^2(x-b), (x-a)^3, (x^2+ax+b)(x-c), (x^3+ax^2+bx+c),$$

$$(x-a) \mid (x-a)(x-b), (x-a) \mid (x-a)^2, (x-a) \mid (x-a) \mid (x-a)$$

Show that a square matrix  $A$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  satisfying  $A^p = A$  is diagonalizable.

**Part II**

**Algebras**

## Chapter 4

# Tensor algebras

### 4.1 Algebras

**4.1 (Definition of algebras).** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. An *associative algebra* or simply an *algebra* over  $R$ , or more simply  *$R$ -algebra*, is a ring  $A$  that is also an  $R$ -module satisfying

- (i) for all  $r \in R$  and  $a, b \in A$  we have  $r(ab) = (ra)b = a(rb)$ .

Unital?

Although there are some important examples of *non-associative* algebras in which the associativity of multiplication is dropped, we will assume that an  $R$ -algebra is associative if no mention.

- (a) The set of matrices  $M_n(R)$  over a ring  $R$  is a unital  $R$ -algebra.
- (b) The set of quaternions  $\mathbb{H}$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra.

### 4.2 Graded and filtered algebras

All of them are possible for  $R$ -modules?

**4.2.** Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ . As vector spaces, define  $T(V) := \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} T^k(V)$ , where  $T^k(V) := V^{\otimes_R k}$ . Then, it has a canonical algebra structure. This tensor algebra has the universal property. For any linear map  $f : V \rightarrow A$  to an  $F$ -algebra  $A$ , there is a unique algebra homomorphism  $\varphi : T(V) \rightarrow A$  such that

For any linear map  $f : V \rightarrow A$  such that  $f(v)^2 = 0$  for all  $v \in V$ , there is a unique algebra homomorphism  $\varphi : \Lambda(V) \rightarrow A$  such that

**4.3 (Multilinear forms).** A *multilinear form* is an element of  $T^k(V)^*$ . We have a canonical isomorphism  $T^k(V)^* \cong T^k(V^*)$  defined such that

$$T^k(V^*) \rightarrow T^k(V)^* : v_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k^* \mapsto (v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k \mapsto v_1^*(v_1) \cdots v_k^*(v_k)),$$

The *alternatization* or the *anti-symmetrization* is an idempotent linear map  $\text{Alt} : T(V)^* \rightarrow T(V)^*$  defined degree-wise such that

$$\text{Alt}(\omega)(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k) := \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \omega(v_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{\sigma(k)}), \quad \omega \in T^k(V)^*, v_j \in V, 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

An *alternating multilinear form* is an element of the image  $\text{Alt}(T(V)^*)$  of the alternatization.

For each  $k \geq 0$  we canonically have a commutative diagram of linear maps

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Alt}(T^k(V)^*) & \subset & T^k(V)^* & \cong & T^k(V^*) & \twoheadrightarrow & \Lambda^k(V^*) \\ \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & \cap \\ \text{Alt}(T(V)^*) & \subset & T(V)^* & \cong & T(V^*) & \twoheadrightarrow & \Lambda(V^*) \end{array}$$

such that the horizontal composition  $\text{Alt}(T^k(V)^*) \rightarrow \Lambda^k(V^*)$  is a linear isomorphism for each degree  $k \geq 0$ . Then, we can describe the wedge product in terms of alternating forms by  $\omega \wedge \eta := \text{Alt}(\omega \otimes \eta)$ , where the tensor product is induced from the identification  $T(V)^* \cong T(V^*)$ . Concretely,

$$(\omega \wedge \eta)(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{k+l}) = \frac{1}{(k+l)!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{k+l}} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \omega(v_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{\sigma(k)}) \eta(v_{\sigma(k+1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{\sigma(k+l)}).$$

**4.4 (Geometric convention).** In geometry, we often differently choose the canonical isomorphism

$$T^k(V^*) \rightarrow T^k(V)^* : v_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k^* \mapsto (v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k \mapsto k! v_1^*(v_1) \cdots v_k^*(v_k)),$$

which makes  $T^k(V)^*$  an algebra such that the geometric area of the unit hypercube  $[0, 1]^k$  is one, not  $k!$ . Then, to make the linear isomorphism  $\text{Alt}(T(V)^*) \rightarrow \Lambda(V^*)$  an algebra isomorphism, we have no choice but to define

$$\omega \wedge \eta := \frac{(k+l)!}{k!l!} \text{Alt}(\omega \otimes \eta), \quad \omega \in \text{Alt}(T^k(V)^*), \quad \eta \in \text{Alt}(T^l(V)^*),$$

or equivalently,

$$(\omega \wedge \eta)(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{k+l}) := \frac{1}{k!l!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{k+l}} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \omega(v_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{\sigma(k)}) \eta(v_{\sigma(k+1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{\sigma(k+l)}).$$

In this convention, we have

$$dx \wedge dy = dx \otimes dy - dy \otimes dx.$$

(geometric: Kobayashi-Nomizu convention, algebraic: Spivak convention)

## 4.3 Exterior algebras

**4.5 (Determinants).**

## 4.4 Symmetric algebras

# Chapter 5

## 5.1 Clifford algebras

Let  $V$  be a quadratic vector space over a field  $k$  with a quadratic form  $Q$ , usually assumed to be non-degenerate. The *Clifford algebra* of  $V$  is defined as the universal map  $V \rightarrow \text{Cl}(V, Q)$  among linear maps  $f : V \rightarrow A$  to a unital  $k$ -algebra such that  $f(v)^2 = Q(v)$ . We have a construction  $T(V)/(v^2 - Q(v) : v \in V)$ . Note that it is the exterior algebra if  $Q = 0$ . It has a natural  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -grading.

**5.1 (Real Clifford algebras).** If  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ , then the grading automorphism is represented by the Clifford multiplication of the complexified volume element  $\omega_{\mathbb{C}} := i^{\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor} e_1 \cdots e_n$  of the complexified Clifford algebra, and the direct sum decomposition into even and odd parts is the eigenspace decomposition with respect to  $\omega_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

**5.2.**  $\text{Cl}(V, Q)$

## Chapter 6

# Semi-simple algebras

6.1 Artin-Wedderburn theorem

6.2 Character theory

6.3 Central simple algebras