

Review for vector spaces V and W , have

a vector space $W \otimes V = \text{Bil}(W^\vee, V^\vee)$

called their tensor product

[whose elts are called tensors]

and a bilinear map $W \times V$ to $W \otimes V$ denoted

(w, v) mapsto $w \otimes v$,

explicitly, $w \otimes v : W^\vee \times V^\vee$ to F is def by

$$(w \otimes v)(\psi, \theta) = \psi(w)\theta(v)$$

Rem the elts of $W \otimes V$ taking the form $w \otimes v$
are called pure tensors

all other elts are called mixed tensors

today: be more concrete, assuming V, W fin. dim'l

Q what is $\dim W \otimes V$ in terms of
 $\dim W$ and $\dim V$? [pause]

A $\dim W \otimes V = \dim \text{Bil}(W^\vee, V^\vee)$
 $= (\dim W^\vee)(\dim V^\vee)$
 $= (\dim W)(\dim V)$

Q how to get a basis for $W \otimes V$
of this size? [pause]
in terms of bases of W and V ? [pause]

A fix ordered bases v_1, \dots, v_n for V
 w_1, \dots, w_m for W
consider the elts $w_j \otimes v_i$

Thm $(w_j \otimes v_i)_{\{j, i\}}$ is a basis for $W \otimes V$

Pf this set has size $mn = \dim W \otimes V$
so, enough to show it is linearly indep.

suppose $\sum_{\{j, i\}} c_{\{j, i\}} (w_j \otimes v_i) = \mathbf{0}$
for some $c_{\{j, i\}}$ in F

[idea: need to use def of $w_j \otimes v_i$ somehow]
our chosen bases of V and W define dual bases

$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$ for V^\vee

ψ_1, \dots, ψ_m for W^\vee

[recall what dual means]

then the def of $w_j \otimes v_i$ becomes:

$$(w_j \otimes v_i)(\psi_\ell, \theta_k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (j, i) = (\ell, k) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

so evaluating $\sum_{\{j, i\}} c_{\{j, i\}} (w_j \otimes v_i)$
(as a bilinear functional) on (ψ_ℓ, θ_k)

$$\text{gives } c_{\{\ell, k\}} (w_\ell \otimes v_k)(\psi_\ell, \theta_k) = c_{\{\ell, k\}}$$

so if $\sum_{\{j, i\}} c_{\{j, i\}} (w_j \otimes v_i) = \mathbf{0}_{\{W \otimes V\}}$
then $c_{\{\ell, k\}} = 0$ for all ℓ, k

hence the set of $w_j \otimes v_i$'s is linearly indep. \square

Q suppose $v = \sum_i a_{iv_i}$
 $w = \sum_j b_{jw_j}$

what is the expansion of $w \otimes v$ wrt the basis
 $(w_j \otimes v_i)_{\{j, i\}}$?

simpler questions:

given v, v' in V and w, w' in W and c in F ,

how to simplify $(w + w') \otimes v$?

$w \otimes (v + v')$?

$(cw) \otimes v$?

$w \otimes (cv)$?

A [mentioned last time that we would prove:]

Lem the map $B : W \times V$ to $W \otimes V$ def by
 $B(w, v) = w \otimes v$ is bilinear

i.e., $B(w, -) : V$ to $W \otimes V$

and $B(-, v) : W$ to $W \otimes V$

are linear maps for any w in W , v in V

equivalently: for all v, v', w, w' , and c ,

$$1) (w + w') \otimes v = w \otimes v + w' \otimes v$$

$$2) w \otimes (v + v') = w \otimes v + w \otimes v'$$

$$3) (cw) \otimes v = c(w \otimes v) = w \otimes (cv)$$

Pf of 1) for any (ψ, θ) in $W^v \times V^v$:

$$((w + w') \otimes v)(\psi, \theta) \text{ [pause: next?]}$$

$$= \psi(w + w')\theta(v)$$

$$= (\psi(w) + \psi(w'))\theta(v)$$

$$= \psi(w)\theta(v) + \psi(w')\theta(v)$$

$$= (w \otimes v)(\psi, \theta) + (w' \otimes v)(\psi, \theta)$$

$$= (w \otimes v + w' \otimes v)(\psi, \theta)$$

hence $(w + w') \otimes v = w \otimes v + w' \otimes v$

Pf of 2) similar

Pf of 3) “left to the reader”

Cor given $v = \sum_i a_{iv} e_i$,
 $w = \sum_j b_{jw} e_j$

$$\begin{aligned} w \otimes v &= \sum_{\{j, i\}} (b_{jw} e_j) \otimes (a_{iv} e_i) \\ &= \sum_{\{j, i\}} b_{ja} a_{iv} (e_j \otimes e_i) \end{aligned}$$

Q what is the “simplest” mixed tensor, i.e.,
 tensor not of the form $w \otimes v$?
 [pause]
 if $\dim V = 1$ or $\dim W = 1$? no dice

take $V = W = F^2$ and (e_1, e_2) the standard basis

by the thm, $F^2 \otimes F^2$ has the basis
 $(e_1 \otimes e_1, e_1 \otimes e_2, e_2 \otimes e_1, e_2 \otimes e_2)$

any pure tensor will look like

$$\begin{aligned} &(b_1 e_1 + b_2 e_2) \otimes (c_1 e_1 + c_2 e_2) \\ &= b_1 c_1 (e_1 \otimes e_1) + b_1 c_2 (e_1 \otimes e_2) \\ &\quad + b_2 c_1 (e_2 \otimes e_1) + b_2 c_2 (e_2 \otimes e_2) \end{aligned}$$

the mixed tensors are the ones that
cannot be written this way for any b_1, b_2, c_1, c_2
[pause: example?]
e.g., $e_1 \otimes e_1 + e_2 \otimes e_2$

Rem so far we’ve discussed the \otimes operation
 on vectors

remember that \otimes also denotes
a separate operation on vector spaces

Properties of Tensor Products of Vector Spaces

recall that $W \oplus V$ denotes the vector space formed by $W \times V$

[e.g., $F^m \oplus F^n = F^{m+n}$]

[below, equality signs should be isomorphism signs]

- 1) $W \otimes (V \oplus V') = W \otimes V \oplus W \otimes V'$
- 2) $(W \oplus W') \otimes V = W \otimes V \oplus W' \otimes V$
- 3) $(W \otimes V) \otimes U = W \otimes (V \otimes U)$

seem obvious but take more work:

iso's, not equalities, so we must give actual maps

e.g., what's the left-to-right linear iso in 1)

$W \otimes (V \oplus V')$ spanned by pure tensors $w \otimes (v, v')$
so enough to say where they go: [pause: where?]

$$w \otimes (v, v') \mapsto (w \otimes v, w \otimes v')$$

(Axler §9B, 9D) using the associativity 3),
form iterated tensor products:

$$V_1 \otimes V_2 \otimes \dots \otimes V_r$$

Def a map $\mu : V_1 \times V_2 \times \dots \times V_r$ to U
is multilinear iff,

for any index i , and choice of w_j in V_j for all $j \neq i$,
the map V_i to U given by
 $v \mapsto \mu(\dots, w_{i-1}, v, w_{i+1}, \dots)$ is linear

$U = F$: we say μ is a multilinear functional

$U = F$ and $V = V_i$ for all i : it's an r -linear form

let $\text{Mult}(V_1, \dots, V_r) = \{\text{multilinear functionals on}$
 $V_1 \times V_2 \times \dots \times V_r\}$

Thm just as $V_1 \otimes V_2$ satisfies
 $\text{Bil}(V_1, V_2) = (V_1 \otimes V_2)^v$,

so $V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_r$ satisfies
 $\text{Mult}(V_1, \dots, V_r) = (V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_r)^v$

[why care?] on Wed:

determinants as multilinear forms