

Review given vector spaces V, W, U :

$$W \times V = \{(w, v) \mid w \text{ in } W, v \text{ in } V\}$$

a map $\beta : W \times V$ to U is bilinear iff

$\beta(w, -), \beta(-, v)$ are linear for all w in W, v in V

β is called a bilinear pairing when $U = F$

$$\text{Bil}(W, V) = \{\text{bilinear pairings on } W \times V\}$$

is a vector space: $(a \cdot \beta + \beta')(,) = a\beta(,) + \beta'(,)$

Ex last time: dot products are bilinear
they are also symmetric: $w \cdot v = v \cdot w$

Ex let $\beta : F^2 \times F^2$ to F be def by
 $\beta((a, c), (b, d)) = ad - bc$

is it bilinear? yes [how to check?]

is it symmetric? no

in fact, it is anti-symmetric: $\beta((a, c), (b, d))$
 $= -\beta((b, d), (a, c))$

contrast $(W \times V)^\vee = \text{Hom}(W \times V, F)$
with $\text{Bil}(W, V)$

know: $\dim (W \times V)^\vee = \dim W + \dim V$

goal: $\dim \text{Bil}(W, V) = (\dim W)(\dim V)$
[what other spaces have this dim?]

Df the evaluation map $\langle , \rangle : V^\vee \times V$ to F
is def by $\langle \theta, v \rangle = \theta(v)$

[the notation \langle , \rangle will help avoid confusion soon]

Lem \langle , \rangle is a bilinear pairing

Pf for fixed θ , want $\langle \theta, - \rangle$ linear
true by definition of θ

for fixed v , want $\langle -, v \rangle$ linear:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle a\theta + \theta', v \rangle &= (a\theta + \theta')(v) \\ &= a\theta(v) + \theta'(v) \\ &= a\langle \theta, v \rangle + \langle \theta', v \rangle\end{aligned}$$

[idea: can build all other pairings from \langle , \rangle]

Lem if $S : W$ to V^\vee is linear
then $\beta_S : W \times V$ to F
def by $\beta_S(w, v) = \langle Sw, v \rangle$ is bilinear

moreover:

$\Phi : \text{Hom}(W, V^\vee)$ to $\text{Bil}(W, V)$ def by $\Phi(S) = \beta_S$
is linear

Pf $\beta_S(w, -) = \langle Sw, - \rangle$ linear by lem
as for $\beta_S(-, v) = \langle S(-), v \rangle$:
 $\langle -, v \rangle$ is linear by lem, so $\langle S(-), v \rangle$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(a \cdot S + S')(w, v) &= \langle (a \cdot S + S')w, v \rangle \\ &= a\langle Sw, v \rangle + \langle S'w, v \rangle \text{ in Hom} \\ &= a\Phi(S)(w, v) + \Phi(S')(w, v) \\ &= (a \cdot \Phi(S) + \Phi(S'))(w, v) \text{ in Bil}\end{aligned}$$

[something stronger holds:]

Thm Φ is a linear iso $\text{Hom}(W, V^\vee)$ to $\text{Bil}(W, V)$

Pf we give a two-sided inverse

let $\Psi : \text{Bil}(W, V)$ to $\text{Hom}(W, V^\vee)$ be def as follows:

$\Psi(\beta) : W$ to V^\vee is the linear map
def by $\Psi(\beta)(w) = \beta(w, -)$ for all w

$$\begin{aligned} [\Psi(a \cdot \beta + \beta')(w) &= (a \cdot \beta + \beta')(w, -) \\ &= a\beta(w, -) + \beta'(w, -) \text{ in Bil} \\ &= a \cdot \Psi(\beta)(w) + \Psi(\beta')(w) \\ &= (a \cdot \Psi(\beta) + \Psi(\beta'))(w) \text{ in Hom}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(\Phi(S))(w) &= \Phi(S)(w, -) = \langle Sw, - \rangle = Sw \\ &\text{for all } w \end{aligned}$$

[where last step uses def of \langle , \rangle]

$$\text{so } \Psi(\Phi(S)) = S$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\Psi(\beta))(w, v) &= \langle \Psi(\beta)w, v \rangle = \beta(w, v) \\ &\text{for all } w, v \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \Phi(\Psi(\beta)) = \beta \quad \square$$

Rem thm works even if V, W are infin. dim'l

Cor if V, W are fin. dim'l,
then $\dim \text{Bil}(W, V) = \dim \text{Hom}(W, V^\vee)$
 $= (\dim W)(\dim V)$

[now make this concrete:]

Ex fix ordered bases v_1, \dots, v_n for V ,
 w_1, \dots, w_m for W

for any $m \times n$ matrix M : let β_M be def by

$$\beta_M(w, v) = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & \dots & b_m \end{pmatrix} M \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

for all $v = \sum_i a_i v_i$ and $w = \sum_j b_j w_j$

claim that β_M is a bilinear pairing on $W \times V$

in fact: M mapsto β_M

is just a basis-dependent version of

S mapsto β_S

how?

write elts of V, W as cols wrt given bases

col of a_i 's? v wrt (v_i)

matrix M ? linear map $T : V$ to W

row of b_j 's? w^t wrt (w_j^t)

row-col multiplication? $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$

so $\beta_M(w, v) = \langle w^t, Tv \rangle$

[want to find S s.t. the right-hand side is $\langle Sw, v \rangle$]

recall: $T : V$ to W has a dual $T^v : W^v$ to V^v def by

$$T^v(\theta) = \theta \circ T, \text{ meaning } \langle T^v(\theta), v \rangle = \langle \theta, Tv \rangle$$

let $S : W$ to V^v be def by $Sw = T^v(w^t)$

then $\beta_M(w, v) = \langle T^v(w^t), v \rangle = \langle Sw, v \rangle$

Rem earlier examples are special cases:

$M = I_n$ yields $v \cdot w$

$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ yields the anti-symmetric ex

[check the latter explicitly]

(Axler §9D) motivation for tensors:

knowing $\text{Bil}(W, V)$ usually differs from $(W \oplus V)^\vee$,
we seek a vector space $W \otimes V$ s.t.

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

Df Axler defines the tensor product
of W and V to be

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

this is often painful in practice [why?]
other authors use other defns

for all (w, v) in $W \times V$, let $w \otimes v$ in $W \otimes V$ be
the bilinear pairing on $W^\vee \times V^\vee$ such that

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

for all (ψ, θ) in $W^\vee \times V^\vee$

[next time:]

Lem the map $W \times V$ to $W \otimes V$ that sends (w, v) mapsto $w \otimes v$ is itself bilinear

Thm for any V, W, U ,
every bilinear map $\beta : W \times V$ to U
takes the form

$$\beta(w, v) = [\beta](w \otimes v)$$

for some unique linear map $[\beta] : W \otimes V$ to U

moreover, this gives a linear iso
 $\{\text{bilinear maps } W \times V \text{ to } U\} = \text{Hom}(W \otimes V, U)$

Slogan (w, v) mapsto $w \otimes v$ is the “universal”
bilinear map out of $W \times V$