

Alternating multilinear forms on  $V/F$ ,  $\dim V = n$ .

$$\Phi: V^n \rightarrow F \quad \begin{matrix} \text{a} \\ \uparrow \\ n \end{matrix}$$

multilinear.

$$\Phi(u_1, \dots, u_{i-1}, \alpha a + \beta b, u_{i+1}, \dots, u_n) = \\ \alpha \Phi(u_1, \dots, u_{i-1}, a, u_{i+1}, \dots, u_n) + \beta \Phi(u_1, \dots, u_{i-1}, b, u_{i+1}, \dots, u_n)$$

$$\Phi(u_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, u_{\sigma(n)}) = \epsilon(\sigma) \Phi(u_1, \dots, u_n) \quad \sigma \in S_n \leftarrow \text{alternating.}$$

Note:  $\Phi(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_n) = 0$ .

In particular, exchanging two inputs negates the value.

It's enough to require  $\Phi(v_1, \dots, v_n) = 0$  if  $v_i = v_j$  for some  $i \neq j$ .

Existence:

Fix any basis of  $V$ :  $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ .

It's enough to define  $\Phi$  on  $u_1, \dots, u_n$ .

$$\Phi(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \text{some sum of multiples of } \Phi(u_1, \dots, u_n):$$

$$\Phi\left(\sum \alpha_{i_1} u_{i_1}, \dots, \sum \alpha_{i_n} u_{i_n}\right) = \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_n = 1 \\ \text{pairwise} \\ \text{distinct}}}^n \alpha_{i_1} \alpha_{i_2} \dots \alpha_{i_n} \Phi(u_{i_1}, u_{i_2}, \dots, u_{i_n})$$

$$= \Phi(u_1, \dots, u_n) \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \epsilon(\sigma) \alpha_{\sigma(1)} \alpha_{\sigma(2)} \dots \alpha_{\sigma(n)}$$

alternating multilinear forms are unique up to scalar multiplication.

Alternating n-linear forms are a vector space over  $F$ .

$$\Lambda^n V$$

$$\dim \Lambda^n V = 1.$$

Let  $V = F^n$ ,  $A \in M_{n,n}(F)$ ,  $A = (\alpha_{ij})$ .

$$\rightarrow = \mathcal{S}(\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}), \quad \{Ae_1, \dots, Ae_n\}, \quad Ae_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{ij} e_i$$

Take  $\Phi_{\text{tr}} \in \Lambda^n F^n$  to be determined by  $\Phi_{\text{tr}}(e_1, \dots, e_n) = 1$ .

Def:  $\det(A) = \Phi_{\text{tr}}(Ae_1, \dots, Ae_n)$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \epsilon(\sigma) \alpha_{\sigma(1)1} \alpha_{\sigma(2)2} \dots \alpha_{\sigma(n)n}$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \epsilon(\sigma) \alpha_{1\sigma^{-1}(1)} \alpha_{2\sigma^{-1}(2)} \dots \alpha_{n\sigma^{-1}(n)}$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \epsilon(\sigma) \alpha_{1\sigma(1)} \alpha_{2\sigma(2)} \dots \alpha_{n\sigma(n)}$$

$$\det(A) = \det(A^T)$$

Hardest property to check:

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$$

$$\Phi_{\text{str}}(ABe_1, \dots, ABe_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Def } \Psi_A(v_1, \dots, v_n) &= \Phi_{\text{str}}(Av_1, \dots, Av_n) \\ &= \lambda \Phi_{\text{str}}(v_1, \dots, v_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \Phi(e_1, \dots, e_n) &= \Psi_A(e_1, \dots, e_n) = \Phi_{\text{str}}(Ae_1, \dots, Ae_n) \\ \lambda &= \det(A) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{now } \Psi_A(Be_1, \dots, Be_n) &= \det(A) \Phi_{\text{str}}(Be_1, \dots, Be_n) \\ &\parallel \\ \Phi_{\text{str}}(ABe_1, \dots, ABe_n) &= \det(A) \det(B) \\ &\parallel \\ &= \det(AB) \end{aligned}$$