

Tensor bundles, tensor fields

$$T^k T^*M := (T^*M)^{\otimes k} = \bigcup_{p \in M} (T_p^*M)^{\otimes k}$$

$$T^k TM := (TM)^{\otimes k} = \bigcup_{p \in M} (T_p M)^{\otimes k}$$

$$T^{(k,l)} TM := (TM)^{\otimes k} \otimes (T^*M)^{\otimes l}$$

tensor bundles

Sections of tensor bundles = tensor fields

Special case: $T^k(M) := \Gamma(T^k T^*M)$

Note $T^k(M)$ is a $C^\infty(M)$ -module:

$$A \in T^k(M), f \in C^\infty(M), (fA)_p = f(p)A_p$$

Now for $A \in T^k(M)$, $X_1, \dots, X_k \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ vector fields,

we have $A(X_1, \dots, X_k) : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$p \longmapsto A_p(X_1|_p, \dots, X_k|_p)$$

a smooth function. (Exc)

Thus $A : \mathfrak{X}(M)^{\times k} \longrightarrow C^\infty(M)$ which is $C^\infty(M)$ -multilinear

Lemma The assignment $T^k(M) \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C^\infty(M)\text{-multilinear maps} \\ \mathfrak{X}(M)^k \longrightarrow C^\infty(M) \end{array} \right\}$

is bijective.

Pf

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$$(V^*)^{\otimes k} \xrightarrow{\text{bij}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{multilin maps} \\ V^{\times k} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right\}$$

Pullback of tensor fields

$F: M \rightarrow N$ smooth

$$\alpha \in T^k(T_{F(p)}^*N)$$

$$" (T_p^*M)^{\otimes k} \cong (T_p M^{\otimes k})^*$$

Define $dF_p^* \alpha \in T^k(T_p^*M)$ via

$$dF_p^* \alpha (v_1, \dots, v_k) = \alpha (dF_p(v_1), \dots, dF_p(v_k))$$

for any $v_1, \dots, v_k \in T_p M$.

For $A \in \mathcal{T}^k(N)$, define $F^*A \in \mathcal{T}^k(M)$ by

$$(F^*A)_p = dF_p^*(A_{F(p)})$$

If $v_1, \dots, v_k \in T_p M$, we have

$$(F^*A)_p(v_1, \dots, v_k) = A_{F(p)}(dF_p(v_1), \dots, dF_p(v_k)).$$

Prop $M \xrightarrow{F} N \xrightarrow{G} P$ smooth, A, B covariant tensor fields

on N , $f \in C^0(N)$ then

(a) $F^*(fB) = (f \circ F) F^*B$

(b) $F^*(A \otimes B) = F^*A \otimes F^*B$

(c) $F^*(A+B) = F^*A + F^*B$

(d) F^*B is smooth if B is smooth

(e) $(G \circ F)^*B = F^*(G^*B)$

(f) $\text{id}_N^*B = B$

Now back to linear algebra...

Tensor & Exterior Algebras

The tensor algebra of a vector space V is

$$\begin{aligned} T(V) &:= \underbrace{F}_0 \oplus \underbrace{V}_1 \oplus \underbrace{V^{\otimes 2}}_2 \oplus \underbrace{V^{\otimes 3}}_3 \oplus \dots \\ &= \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} V^{\otimes n} \end{aligned}$$

with multⁿ induced by $(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_s)(v_{s+1} \otimes \dots \otimes v_t)$
 $= v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_t$

E.g. $T(F) \cong F[x]$

$T(F^n) =$ "noncommuting polynomials in n variables"

Note $T(V) / (v_1 \otimes v_2 - v_2 \otimes v_1) = \text{Sym}(V)$ with $\text{Sym}^k(V) \cong k$ -th ^{gold} graded piece of $\text{Sym}(V)$. $\text{Sym}(V) \cong F[x_1, \dots, x_{\dim V}]$.

Defn Let $I = (v \otimes v \mid v \in V) \subseteq T(V)$ be the ideal of $T(V)$ gen'd by elts of the form $v \otimes v$. The exterior algebra of V is $\Lambda V := T(V) / I$. For $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$, set $v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_k := v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_k + I \in \Lambda V$. Elts of ΛV are linear combos of such terms.

Observe $v \wedge v = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{so}}$ $v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_k = 0$ if any v_i is repeated or the v_1, \dots, v_k are lin dep.

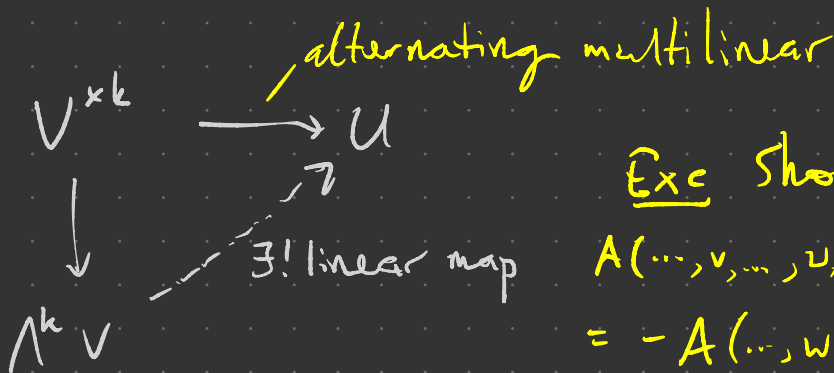
$$0 = (v_1 + v_2) \wedge (v_1 + v_2)$$

$$= \cancel{v_1 \wedge v_1} + v_1 \wedge v_2 + v_2 \wedge v_1 + \cancel{v_2 \wedge v_2}$$

$$= v_1 \wedge v_2 + v_2 \wedge v_1 \implies v_1 \wedge v_2 = -v_2 \wedge v_1$$

Note $\Lambda^k V$ = degree k terms of $\Lambda V \cong$ old $\Lambda^k V$.
 (better defn!)

Universal property



Exc Show

$$A(\dots, v, \dots, u, \dots) = -A(\dots, u, \dots, v, \dots)$$

Prop If e_1, \dots, e_n is a basis for V , then $\Rightarrow A(\dots, v, \dots, v, \dots) = 0$
 $\neq 2$ char $= 0$

$\{ e_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{i_k} \mid 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n \}$ is a basis of $\Lambda^k V$

Thus $\dim \Lambda^k V = \binom{n}{k}$ (in particular, $\dim \Lambda^n V = 1$, and $\Lambda^k V = 0$ for $k > n$)

E.g. For \mathbb{R}^3 , $\Lambda^0 \mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R}\{1\}$

$\Lambda^1 \mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R}\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$

$\Lambda^2 \mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R}\{e_1 \wedge e_2, e_1 \wedge e_3, e_2 \wedge e_3\}$

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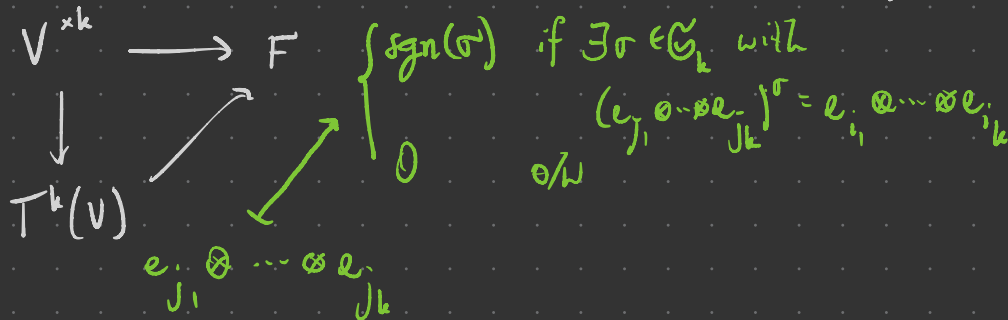
Note: \Rightarrow
 $\dim \Lambda V = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$

Pf of Prop Spanning follows from universal property:
 reordering wedge factors changes sign at worst.

For linear independence, we seek an alternating
 k -multilinear map $V^{\times k} \rightarrow F$ taking the value
 1 on a given $e_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{i_k}$ and 0 on all others.

Observe that $T^k(V)$ has basis $\{e_{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{j_k} \mid 1 \leq j_1, \dots, j_k \leq n\}$

so we may define



Exc Check that the composite $V^{\times k} \rightarrow F$ is alternating. \square

TPS For $\omega \in \Lambda^k V$, $\eta \in \Lambda^l V$, which sign appears
in $\omega \wedge \eta = \pm \eta \wedge \omega$?

Hint Start with $k=1$ and think about $v \wedge w_1 \wedge \dots \wedge w_l$
vs $w_1 \wedge \dots \wedge w_l \wedge v$
 $= (-1)^l v \wedge w_1 \wedge \dots \wedge w_l$

$$v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_k \wedge w_1 \wedge \dots \wedge w_l$$

$$\omega \wedge \eta = (-1)^{kl} \eta \wedge \omega \quad \text{--- graded commutative}$$

Functoriality T^k , Sym^k , and Λ^k are functorial in linear transformations:

$$\varphi: V \longrightarrow W$$

$$T^k(\varphi): v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k \longmapsto \varphi(v_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes \varphi(v_k)$$

$$\text{Sym}^k(\varphi)$$

$$\Lambda^k(\varphi)$$

These assemble to give graded F -algebra homomorphisms

$$T(\varphi) : TV \longrightarrow TW$$

$$\text{Sym}(\varphi) : \text{Sym}(V) \longrightarrow \text{Sym}(W)$$

$$\wedge \varphi : \wedge V \longrightarrow \wedge W$$

Suppose $\dim V = n$ and $\varphi : V \longrightarrow V$ is a linear endomorphism.

$$\text{Then } \wedge^n \varphi (e_1 \wedge \dots \wedge e_n) = \varphi(e_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi(e_n) \in \wedge^n V$$

$$= D(\varphi) e_1 \wedge \dots \wedge e_n$$

for some $D(\varphi) \in F$. Now $\text{End}(V) \cong V^n$ so this induces

$$D : V^n \longrightarrow F$$

matrix rep'n of
endos

Then D is alternating, multilinear, and $D(e_1, \dots, e_n) = D(\text{id}) = 1$.

By univ property of determinant, $D = \det$!

Prop For φ as above, $\wedge^n \varphi(w) = \det(\varphi)w \quad \forall w \in \wedge^n V$. \square

Interior mult'n

For $v \in V$, $i_v: \wedge^k(V^*) \longrightarrow \wedge^{k-1}(V^*)$ is called

$$\varphi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_k \longmapsto \varphi_1(v) \varphi_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_k$$

interior multiplication by v . For $\omega \in \wedge^k(V^*)$, write

$$v \lrcorner \omega := i_v \omega \quad \text{— read "v into } \omega \text{."}$$

Lemma For V finite dimⁿ,

(a) $i_v \circ i_v = 0$

(b) $\omega \in \wedge^k V^*$, $\eta \in \wedge^l V^*$ then

$$i_v(\omega \wedge \eta) = (i_v \omega) \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge (i_v \eta)$$

pf pp. 358-359 \square