

# Lecture 35 : Tensor Product, Hom-Tensor adjointness

Recall: Last time we define tensor products & duals of vector spaces & maps

Def: The dual of  $V$ , denoted by  $V^*$ , is defined as:  $V^* = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(V, \mathbb{K})$

Theorem 1: If  $V$  is finite-dimensional, then  $\dim V^* = \dim V$ . ( $B$  basis  $\rightsquigarrow B^*$  dual basis)

Q: How to dualize a map?

Lemma: If  $f: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear map, then  $f^*: W^* \rightarrow V^*$  defined by  $f^*(\xi) = \xi \circ f: V \rightarrow W \rightarrow \mathbb{K} \quad \forall \xi \in W^*$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear

More precisely:  $f^*(\xi)(v) = \xi(f(v)) \quad \forall v \in V, \forall \xi \in W^*$

Prop: If  $\dim V = n, \dim W = m$  then  $[f^*]_{(B_W^*)^* (B_V)^*} = [f]_{B_V B_W}^T$ .  
(HW 12)

Theorem 2  $V \xrightarrow{\varphi} (V^*)^*$  linear ; surj  $\Leftrightarrow \dim V < \infty$   
 $v \longmapsto \varphi(v) : (f \longmapsto f \circ v) \quad \forall f \in V^*$

## §.1 Bilinear Maps and Tensor Products

Let  $V_1, V_2, W$  be 3 vector spaces over  $\mathbb{K}$

Def: A bilinear map  $f: V_1 \times V_2 \rightarrow W$  is a set map which is linear in each coordinate, i.e.:

$$\bullet \forall v_1 \in V_1 : \quad \begin{array}{l} V_2 \longrightarrow W \\ w \longmapsto f(v_1, w) \end{array} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(V_2, W)$$

$$\bullet \forall v_2 \in V_2 : \quad \begin{array}{l} V \longrightarrow W \\ w \longmapsto f(w, v_2) \end{array} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(V_1, W)$$

Def: The tensor product  $V_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} V_2$  is a vector space together with a bilinear map

$$\begin{array}{l} V_1 \times V_2 \xrightarrow{\varphi} V_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} V_2 \\ (v_1, v_2) \longmapsto v_1 \otimes v_2 \end{array}$$

$\uparrow$  indecomposable tensor

satisfying the following universal property:  $\forall$  any vector sp.  $W$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  and any bilinear map  $f: V_1 \times V_2 \rightarrow W$ , there exists a unique  $\tilde{f}: V_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} V_2 \rightarrow W$  linear map making the following diagram commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 V_1 \times V_2 & \xrightarrow{f} & W \\
 \downarrow \varphi & \nearrow \tilde{f} & \\
 V_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} V_2 & & 
 \end{array}
 \quad \exists! \tilde{f} \text{ linear}$$

Obs: The vector space  $V_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} V_2$  is unique up to unique isomorphism (UN12)

• Define: 
$$V_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} V_2 = \frac{\bigoplus_{v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2} \mathbb{K}(v_1, v_2)}{H}$$

$H =$  v. sp generated by:

①  $(z_1 v_1 + z_1' v_1', v_2) - z_1(v_1, v_2) - z_1'(v_1', v_2)$

②  $(v_1, z_2 v_2 + z_2' v_2') - z_2(v_1, v_2) - z_2'(v_1, v_2')$

Notation  $\overline{(v_1, v_2)} = v_1 \otimes v_2$  in  $V_1 \otimes V_2$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \varphi: V_1 \times V_2 & \xrightarrow{\pi} & V_1 \otimes V_2 & \text{natural projection} \\
 (v_1, v_2) & \longrightarrow & \overline{(v_1, v_2)} = v_1 \otimes v_2 & 
 \end{array}$$

$\varphi$  is bilinear by ① & ②.

• Q: How to define  $\tilde{f}$ ?

Use  $\tilde{f}(v_1 \otimes v_2) = \tilde{f}(\varphi(v_1, v_2)) = f(v_1, v_2)$

•  $\{v_1 \otimes v_2\}$  span, so it will be unique by construction.

We can use the universal property of  $\bigoplus$  to get a linear map  $g: \bigoplus_{\substack{v_1 \in V_1 \\ v_2 \in V_2}} \mathbb{K}(v_1, v_2) \longrightarrow W$  with  $g(v_1, v_2) = f(v_1, v_2)$  + extend linearly  
 ( $\{(v_1, v_2)\}$  is a basis for)

Now we want to check  $g|_H = 0$ .

1''  $g((z_1 v_1 + z'_1 v'_1, v_2)) = f((z_1 v_1 + z'_1 v'_1, v_2))$   
 $\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} z_1 f(v_1, v_2) + z'_1 f(v'_1, v_2) = z_1 g(v_1, v_2) + z'_1 g(v'_1, v_2)$   
 † bilinear

So  $g((z_1 v_1 + z'_1 v'_1, v_2) - z_1 (v_1, v_2) - z'_1 (v'_1, v_2)) = 0$

2'' Similarly  $g((v_1, z_2 v_2 + z'_2 v'_2) - z_2 (v_1, v_2) - z'_2 (v_1, v'_2)) = 0$

Conclusion:  $H \subseteq \ker g$  so  $g$  gives a unique linear map

$$\tilde{f}: V_1 \otimes V_2 = \frac{\bigoplus_{v_i \in V_i} \mathbb{K}(v_1, v_2)}{H} \longrightarrow W.$$

The diagram (\*) commutes by construction.  $\square$

Proposition: If  $f_1: V_1 \longrightarrow W_1$  &  $f_2: V_2 \longrightarrow W_2$  are  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear, then

$$(f_1, f_2): V_1 \times V_2 \longrightarrow W_1 \times W_2$$

$\downarrow$  bilinear  
 bilinear  $\dashrightarrow W_1 \otimes W_2$

$\leadsto$  get!  $f_1 \otimes f_2: V_1 \otimes V_2 \longrightarrow V_1 \otimes W_2$  linear.

Lemma:  $\dim_{\mathbb{K}}(V_1 \otimes V_2) = \dim_{\mathbb{K}} V_1 \cdot \dim_{\mathbb{K}} V_2$  (product of cardinalities)

3F/ We write down a basis for  $V_1 \otimes V_2$  as a product of bases.

If  $B_{V_1} = \{v_i^{(1)} : i \in I_1\}$  is a basis for  $V_1$  &

$B_{V_2} = \{v_j^{(2)} : j \in I_2\}$  span  $V_2$ , then

Claim  $B = \{v_i^{(1)} \otimes v_j^{(2)} \mid \substack{i \in I_1 \\ j \in I_2}\}$  is a basis for  $V_1 \otimes V_2$

• B spans  $V_1 \otimes V_2$ :

It's enough to write the spanning set of indecomposable tensors as (finite) linear combinations of elements in B.

If  $v_1 \in V_1$ ,  $v_2 \in V_2$  then:

$$v_1 = \sum_{i \in I_1} a_i v_i^{(1)} \quad \& \quad v_2 = \sum_{j \in I_2} b_j v_j^{(2)} \quad \text{with } \begin{matrix} a_i = 0 \\ b_j = 0 \end{matrix}$$

for all but finitely many  $i \in I_1, j \in I_2$ .

$$\text{Then } v_1 \otimes v_2 = \varphi \left( \sum_{\substack{i \in I_1 \\ \text{finite}}} a_i v_i^{(1)}, \sum_{\substack{j \in I_2 \\ \text{finite}}} b_j v_j^{(2)} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Reln ①}}{=} \sum_{\substack{i \in I_1 \\ \text{finite}}} a_i \varphi \left( v_i^{(1)}, \sum_{j \in I_2} b_j v_j^{(2)} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Reln ②}}{=} \sum_{\substack{i \in I_1 \\ j \in I_2 \\ \text{finite}}} \underbrace{a_i b_j}_{\in K} \underbrace{\varphi(v_i^{(1)}, v_j^{(2)})}_{= v_i^{(1)} \otimes v_j^{(2)}} \quad \begin{matrix} a_i b_j = 0 \text{ for all} \\ \text{but finitely many } i \in I_1, \\ j \in I_2 \end{matrix}$$

• B is li:

$$\sum_{\substack{i \in I_1 \\ j \in I_2 \\ \text{finite}}} c_{ij} v_i^{(1)} \otimes v_j^{(2)} = 0 \in V_1 \otimes V_2 \quad \text{Want to show } c_{ij} = 0$$

$$\text{Use def to rewrite it as } \sum_{\substack{j \in I_2 \\ \text{finite}}} \underbrace{\left( \sum_{\substack{i \in I_1 \\ \text{finite}}} c_{ij} v_i^{(1)} \right)}_{\in V_1} \otimes \underbrace{v_j^{(2)}}_{\in V_2} = 0.$$

Pick  $l \in I_2$ . We'll show  $c_{il} = 0 \forall i$

Since  $B_{V_2}$  is a basis for  $V_2: \exists \Psi: V_2 \rightarrow K$  linear with  
 $\Psi(v_j^{(2)}) = \delta_{j,l}$   $\Psi = (v_l^{(2)})^* \in V_2^*$ .

By Proposition  $\exists id_{V_1} \otimes \Psi: V_1 \otimes V_2 \rightarrow V_1 \otimes K$  linear with  
 $(id_{V_1} \otimes \Psi)(v_1 \otimes v_2) = v_1 \otimes \Psi(v_2)$ .  
 $\underbrace{V_1 \otimes K}_{= V_1}$

Apply  $id_{V_1} \otimes \Psi$  to  $(0)$ . Then:

$$0 = (id_{V_1} \otimes \Psi)(0) = \sum_{\substack{j \in I_2 \\ \text{finite}}} \left( \underbrace{\sum_{i \in I_1} c_{ij} v_i^{(1)}}_{\in V_1} \right) \otimes \underbrace{\Psi(v_j^{(2)})}_{\in K}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $V_1 \otimes K = V_1$   
 $\vec{v} \otimes a \mapsto a\vec{v}$

$$= \sum_{i \in I_1} c_{il} v_i^{(1)} \otimes 1$$

*only  $j=l$  survives*

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \sum_{\substack{i \in I_1 \\ \text{finite}}} c_{il} v_i^{(1)} \Rightarrow c_{il} = 0 \forall i$$

$\uparrow$   
 $V_1$

$B_{V_1}$  basis □

Remark: Assume  $\dim V_i = n_i < \infty$  &  $\dim W_i = m_i < \infty$ .

Assume  $f_1: V_1 \rightarrow W_1$  linear are identified with matrices

$$f_2: V_2 \rightarrow W_2 \text{ ---}$$

$X_1 \in \text{Mat}_{m_1 \times n_1}(K)$  &  $X_2 \in \text{Mat}_{m_2 \times n_2}(K)$ . Then:  $f_1 \otimes f_2$

gets identified with a matrix  $X_1 \otimes X_2 \in \text{Mat}_{(m_1, m_2) \times (n_1, n_2)}(K)$ .

More precisely, if  $X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n_1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m_1 1} & \dots & a_{m_1 n_1} \end{bmatrix}$  &  $X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \dots & b_{1n_2} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{m_2 1} & \dots & b_{m_2 n_2} \end{bmatrix}$ ,

then  $X_1 \otimes X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} X_2 & \dots & a_{1n_1} X_2 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m_1 1} X_2 & \dots & a_{m_1 n_1} X_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$m_2 \times n_2$  matrix  $\rightarrow$   $a_{m_1 1} X_2$

$B_{V_1} = \{v_i^{(1)} \mid i=1, \dots, n_1\}$   
 $B_{V_2} = \{v_i^{(2)} \mid i=1, \dots, n_2\}$   
 $B_{W_1} = \{w_i^{(1)} \mid i=1, \dots, m_1\}$   
 $B_{W_2} = \{w_i^{(2)} \mid i=1, \dots, m_2\}$

Here we use  $B_{V_1 \otimes V_2} = B_{V_1} \times B_{V_2} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n_1} \{v_i^{(1)}\} \times \{v_j^{(2)} \mid j=1, \dots, n_2\}$   
 $B_{W_1 \otimes W_2} = B_{W_1} \times B_{W_2} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{m_1} \{w_i^{(1)}\} \times \{w_j^{(2)} \mid j=1, \dots, m_2\}$   
 (as in the Lemma)

### § 2. Hom-Tensor adjointness:

Prop: There is a natural map  $V^* \otimes W \xrightarrow{\Phi} \text{Hom}(V, W)$

with  $\Phi(\xi \otimes \omega) : v \mapsto \underbrace{\xi(v)}_{\in \mathbb{K}} \cdot \omega$ .

However,  $\Phi$  is an isomorphism if  $V$  is finite-dimensional.  
 In general:  $\Phi$  is always injective.

Proof Define  $\varphi : V^* \times W \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(V, W)$   
 $(\xi, \omega) \longmapsto \{v \mapsto \xi(v)\omega\}$

• Easy check:  $\varphi$  is bilinear. Hence, it yields a unique linear map

$$\phi : V^* \otimes W \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(V, W)$$

with  $\phi(\xi \otimes \omega) = \varphi(\xi, \omega)$ .

•  $\varphi$  is injective: Let  $\alpha \in V^* \otimes W$  be such that  $\phi(\alpha) = 0$

Write  $\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j \otimes \omega_j$  (absorb scalars into  $\xi_j$ )

We can assume  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n$  are linearly independent. Other-

wise, use the dependency relation to reduce the number of  $w$ 's.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{Eg write } w_N &= \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} a_j w_j \rightsquigarrow \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \xi_j \otimes w_j + \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \xi_N \otimes a_j w_j \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \xi_j \otimes w_j + \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} (a_j \xi_N \otimes w_j) \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \underbrace{(\xi_j + a_j \xi_N)}_{\text{new } \xi'_j} \otimes w_j
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then: } \forall v \in V \quad \sum_{j=1}^N \xi_j(v) w_j &= \phi(\alpha)(v) = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow \xi_j(v) &= 0 \quad \forall j=1, \dots, N \\
 \{w_1, \dots, w_N\} &\text{ li}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } \xi_j(v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V \Rightarrow \xi_j = 0$$

$$\underline{\text{Conclude:}} \quad \alpha = \sum_{j=1}^N 0 \otimes w_j = 0.$$

• Claim: If  $\dim V = n < \infty$ , then  $\phi$  is surjective

Pr/ Let  $B_V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ . Given  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(V, W)$

$$\text{let } w_i = f(v_i) \quad i=1, \dots, n.$$

$$\text{Then } \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^* \otimes w_i \in V^* \otimes W \text{ satisfies } \phi(\alpha) = f.$$

$$\text{because } \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(v_i^* \otimes w_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{v_i^*(v_j)}_{\delta_{ij}} \cdot w_i = w_j$$

So  $\phi(\alpha)$  &  $f$  agree on  $B_V$ , so they are the same function.  $\square$

In particular, when  $W=V$  &  $\dim V < \infty$ , we use this to write a canonical tensor in  $V^* \otimes V$ , that is basis independent (next time)