

Lecture 37: More on Tensor Algebras, Minors of a matrix

Last Time: Defined $T(V)$, $S(V)$ & $\Lambda(V)$

- $S^k(V) = \text{Sym}^k(V) = V^{\otimes k}$
 (k^{th} symmetric product of V)
 $k \geq 2$
- subspace spanned by
 $v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_k - v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_{i+1} \otimes v_i \otimes \dots \otimes v_k$
 $1 \leq i \leq k-1$
 $\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 $i \quad i+1$
 $\forall v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$
- $S^0(V) = \mathbb{K}$,
 $S^1(V) = V$
- $\Lambda^k(V) = V^{\otimes k}$
 (k^{th} exterior product of V)
- subspace spanned by
 $v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_k + v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_{i+1} \otimes v_i \otimes \dots \otimes v_k$
 $1 \leq i \leq k-1$
 $\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 $i \quad i+1$
 $\forall v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$
- $\Lambda^0(V) = \mathbb{K}$ $\Lambda^1(V) = V$.

Bases: $B = \{v_i : i \in I\}$ basis for V

$$\text{For } V^{\otimes n} = \{v_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{i_n} \mid i_1, \dots, i_n \in I\}$$

$$\text{For } S^n(V) = \{v_{i_1}^{r_1} \dots v_{i_s}^{r_s} \mid i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_s, r_1 + \dots + r_s = n, r_i \geq 0\}$$

$$\text{For } \Lambda^n(V) = \{v_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge v_{i_n} \mid i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n\}$$

Thm: $T(V) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} V^{\otimes k}$, $S(V) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} S^k(V)$, $\Lambda(V) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^k(V)$ are $\mathbb{K}$ -algebras

PF/ Define mult. $V^{\otimes k} \times V^{\otimes l} \rightarrow V^{\otimes (k+l)}$ by concatenation of indecomposables. Show it descends to 2 quotients.

Alternative approach: in $\text{char}(K) = 0$ we can view $S^n(V)$ & $\Lambda^n(V)$ as subspaces of $T^n(V)$. & the multiplication respects the structure.

Prop: (1) $S^2 = S$, $A^2 = A$

$$(2) \text{Ker}(S) = \langle v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n - v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_{i+1} \otimes v_i \otimes \dots \otimes v_n : 1 \leq i \leq n-1, v_1, \dots, v_n \in V \rangle$$

$$\text{Ker}(A) = \langle v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n + v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_{i+1} \otimes v_i \otimes \dots \otimes v_n : 1 \leq i \leq n-1, v_1, \dots, v_n \in V \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Im } S \cong S^n(V) \quad \& \quad \text{Im } A \cong \Lambda^n(V). \quad (\text{HW13})$$

Obs: View $\text{Sym}^n(V) = (T^n(V))^{S_n}$, $\Lambda^n(V) = (T^n(V))^{S_n, \varepsilon}$ signed action
 $\varepsilon = \text{sg}(\sigma)$

Compatibility with linear maps

Prop: $f: V \longrightarrow W$ $\rightsquigarrow \exists$ $T^n(f): T^n(V) \longrightarrow T^n(W)$ linear
linear
 $S^n(f): S^n(V) \longrightarrow S^n(W)$ linear
 $\Lambda^n(f): \Lambda^n(V) \longrightarrow \Lambda^n(W)$ linear

Universal Properties & Decompositions

Prop Given a (unital, assoc.) K -algebra A & a K -linear map $V \xrightarrow{\varphi} A$, then

• $\exists$ a unique extension : $\bar{\varphi}: T^*(V) \longrightarrow A$. ($\bar{\varphi}|_V = \varphi$)

• If A is a commutative algebra, then $\exists! \bar{\varphi}: S^*(V) \longrightarrow A$ $\bar{\varphi}|_V = \varphi$

• If A is skew-commutative, i.e. $ab = -ba \ \forall a, b \in A$, then

$$\exists! \bar{\varphi}: \Lambda^*(V) \longrightarrow A. \quad \bar{\varphi}|_V = \varphi.$$

Prop: $\bar{\Phi}: V \otimes V \simeq S^2(V) \oplus \Lambda^2(V)$ ($\simeq$ even + odd func)

Q: What happens to T^n , S^n & Λ^n when we consider direct sums?

Lemma: Consider 2 K -vector spaces V & W . Then $\forall n$

$$(1) S^n(V \oplus W) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^n S^i(V) \otimes S^{n-i}(W)$$

$$(2) \Lambda^n(V \oplus W) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^n \Lambda^i(V) \otimes \Lambda^{n-i}(W)$$

$$(3) T^n(V \oplus W) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^n \left(\bigoplus_{i_1 + \dots + i_k = n} T^{i_1}(V) \otimes T^{i_2}(W) \otimes T^{i_3}(V) \otimes \dots \right)$$

Minors of a matrix

$$V \cong \mathbb{K}^n, \quad W \cong \mathbb{K}^m, \quad V \xrightarrow{f} W$$

$$B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}, \quad B' = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}, \quad (f \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{K}))$$

• Write $\Lambda^k(V) \xrightarrow{\Lambda^k(f)} \Lambda^k(W)$

$$\begin{matrix} \cong \\ \mathbb{K}^{\binom{n}{k}} \end{matrix} \qquad \begin{matrix} \cong \\ \mathbb{K}^{\binom{m}{k}} \end{matrix}$$

Def: Minors of f are the entries of the matrix for g .

More precisely, write $\underline{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_k) \in \binom{[m]}{k}$ (k -subsets of $[m]$)

$$\underline{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_k) \in \binom{[n]}{k} \quad (\text{---} [n])$$

$$[N] = \{1, \dots, N\}$$

$$\Delta_{\underline{j}}^i(f) = \text{coeff of } w_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge w_{i_k} \text{ in } \left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij_1} w_i \right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij_k} w_i \right)$$

Recall $w_{\sigma(i_1)} \wedge \dots \wedge w_{\sigma(i_k)} = \text{sgn}(\sigma) w_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge w_{i_k} \quad \forall \sigma \in S_k.$

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) a_{\sigma(1)1} a_{\sigma(2)2} \cdots a_{\sigma(n)n}.$$

Consequence ② Row-expansion formula for $\det(A)$

Obs: Combine Consequences ① & ② to get column expansion formulas.

Consequence ③ A with 2 equal rows, resp. cols, then $\det(A) = 0$.

Cofactor formula

$$\text{Cof}(A)_{i,j} = (-1)^{i+j} \det A^{(i,j)} \quad \text{A without row } i \text{ col } j$$

Consequence ④ $(\text{Cof } A)^T A = \det(A) I_n = A (\text{Cof } A)^T$

Obs: Same carries over to matrices $A \in \text{Mat}_{n \times n}(R)$ for $R = \text{commutative ring}$
(use permutation formula to define $\det(A)$)
The cofactor formula yields Cayley-Hamilton for $A \in \text{Mat}_{n \times n}(R)$.

Permanents

Q: What happens if we do this for $S^k(V) \xrightarrow{S^k(f)} S^k(W)$? A Permanents!

Def: $\text{Perm}(f)_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} = \text{coeff of } w_{i_1} \dots w_{i_k} \text{ in } S^k(f)_{(v_{j_1}, \dots, v_{j_k})} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq m \\ 1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_k \leq n \end{pmatrix}$

⚠ We are NOT allowed to have repetitions, so we are not capturing all the coefficients of $S^k(f)$.

In particular, for $n=m=k$, we have $\text{Perm}(A) = \text{coeff of } w_1 \dots w_n \text{ in}$

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_{i1} w_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_{i2} w_i \right) \dots \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_{in} w_i \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Perm}(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} a_{\sigma(1)1} \dots a_{\sigma(n)n}$$

⚠ It is no longer true that matrices with repeated rows have vanishing permanent. This makes it very hard to compute! No Algorithms for perm!