

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 \uparrow
 i $i+1$
 $\forall v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$

$v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_k = v_1 \dots v_k$

$S^0(V) = \mathbb{K}$,

$S^1(V) = V$

• $\Lambda^k(V) = V^{\otimes k}$

(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 \uparrow
 i $i+1$
 $\forall v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$

$\Lambda^0(V) = \mathbb{K}$ $\Lambda^1(V) = V$.

$v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_k = v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_k$

$v_{\sigma(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge v_{\sigma(k)} = \text{sgn}(\sigma) v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_k$
 $\forall \sigma \in S_k$

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

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

$\dim V = m$

$\dim = m^n$

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

$\dim = \binom{m+n-1}{n}$

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

$\dim = \binom{m}{n}$

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 char $(K) = 0$ we can view $S^n(V)$ & $\Lambda^n(V)$ as subspaces of $T^n(V)$. & the multiplication respects the structure.

Define $S_n \subset T^n(V)$ via $\begin{cases} \sigma \cdot (v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n) = \text{sg}(\sigma) v_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{\sigma(n)} \\ \sigma \cdot (v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n) = v_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{\sigma(n)} \end{cases}$

(Need to show it extends from index tensors to $T^n(V)$, can do this via

univ property $\sigma: \underbrace{V \times \dots \times V}_{n \text{ times}} \longrightarrow T^n(V)$ multilinear

$\Rightarrow \exists ! \bar{\sigma}: T^n(V) \rightarrow T^n(V)$ with $\bar{\sigma}(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \bar{\sigma}(v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(n)})$

Define 2 operators $S, A: T^n V \longrightarrow T^n V$ via 2 actions above

$$S(\xi) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \sigma(\xi) \quad \& \quad A(\xi) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \sigma(\xi)$$

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

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

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

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

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

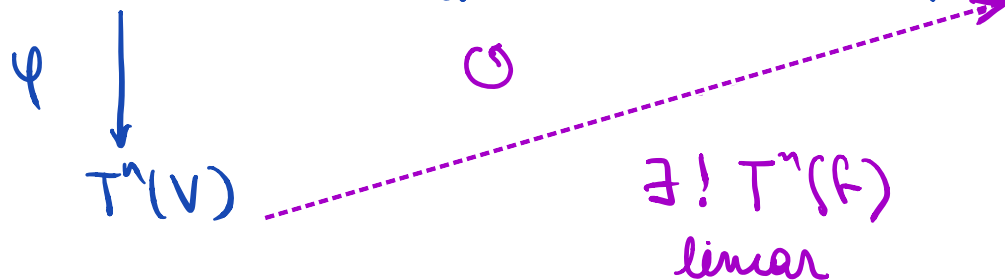
$S^n(f): S^n(V) \longrightarrow S^n(W)$ linear

minors of matrices (Later today) $\rightarrow \Lambda^n(f): \Lambda^n(V) \longrightarrow \Lambda^n(W)$ linear

Proof:

$\bullet T^n(f)(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n) = f(v_1) \otimes \dots \otimes f(v_n)$ determines $T^n(f)$ uniquely

(Via univ prop: $V \times \dots \times V \xrightarrow[\text{mult}]{f \times \dots \times f} W \times \dots \times W \xrightarrow[\text{mult}]{\varphi} T^n(W)$)



$\bullet S^n(f)(v_1 \dots v_n) = f(v_1) \dots f(v_n)$ defines $S^n(f)$

$\bullet \Lambda^n(f)(v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n) = f(v_1) \wedge \dots \wedge f(v_n)$ defines $\Lambda^n(f)$

Check $T^n(f)|_{\ker S} \subset \ker(S)$, $\Lambda^n(f)|_{\ker(A)} \subset \ker(A)$

Universal Properties & Decompositions

Prop Given a (unital, assc.) 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

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

Prop: $\bar{\Phi}: V \otimes V \cong S^2(V) \oplus \Lambda^2(V)$ (\cong even + odd func)
 $(v \otimes v') \longmapsto \left(\frac{v \otimes v' + v' \otimes v}{2}, \frac{v \otimes v' - v' \otimes v}{2} \right)$

⚠ Fails for $n \geq 2$
 $V^{\otimes n} = \bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} S^\lambda(V)$

BF/ Well-defined via universal property:

Write $V \times V \longrightarrow S^2(V) \oplus \Lambda^2(V)$ bilinear
 $(v, v') \longmapsto (v \cdot v', v \wedge v')$

\Rightarrow This map factors through $V \otimes V$. This defines $\bar{\Phi}$.

We view $S^2(V)$ & $\Lambda^2(V)$ as subspaces of $\Lambda \otimes \Lambda$. & construct

the inverse map $\bar{\Phi}^{-1}$ via the inclusions $S^2(V) \hookrightarrow T^2(V)$ & $\Lambda^2(V) \hookrightarrow T^2(V)$ \square

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

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

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

(Think of polynomials in variables x_i (↪ basis elements in V)
commuting y_j

)

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

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

(Variables don't commute, so we can't rearrange putting V -part before W -piece)

PF/ Pick bases for V & W & check both sides of each identity share the same natural basis.

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda^k(V) & \xrightarrow{\Lambda^k(f)} & \Lambda^k(W) \\ \cong \mathbb{K}^{\binom{n}{k}} & & \cong \mathbb{K}^{\binom{m}{k}} \\ & \text{--- } g \text{ ---} & \\ & g \in \text{Mat}_{\binom{m}{k} \times \binom{n}{k}}(\mathbb{K}) & \end{array}$$

Basis: $\{v_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge v_{j_k} : 1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_k \leq n\}$ for $\Lambda^k(V)$ ($= \emptyset$ if $k > n$)

$\{w_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge w_{i_k} : 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq m\}$ for $\Lambda^k(W)$ ($= \emptyset$ if $k > m$)

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 $[m]$)

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda^k(f)_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}} = \det \left(f \begin{array}{c} \underline{i} \\ \underline{j} \end{array} \right) = \Delta_{\underline{j}}^{\underline{i}}(f)$$

\hookrightarrow submatrix of f with rows in \underline{i} & columns in \underline{j}

Q How do we compute $\Lambda^k(f)_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}}$? Write $f(v_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} w_i$

$$\Lambda^k(f)(v_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge v_{j_k}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij_1} w_i \right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij_k} w_i \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta_{\underline{j}}^{\underline{i}}(f) = \text{coeff of } w_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge w_{i_k} \text{ in } \Lambda^k(f)(v_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge v_{j_k})$$

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

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

So coeff of $w_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge w_{i_k}$ in $\left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij_1} w_i \right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij_k} w_i \right)$ is

$$\Delta_{j,i}^i(f) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{sign}(\sigma) a_{i_{\sigma(1)} j_1} a_{i_{\sigma(2)} j_2} \dots a_{i_{\sigma(k)} j_k}$$

In particular: $k=n=m$ write $\det(f) = \Delta_{1, \dots, n}^{1, \dots, n}(f)$

This recovers the permutation formula for determinants.

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

$$= \sum_{\tau \in S_n} \text{sign}(\tau) a_{1\tau(1)} a_{2\tau(2)} \dots a_{n\tau(n)}$$

$\tau = \sigma^{-1}$

Consequence ① $\det(A) = \det(A^T) \quad A \in \text{Mat}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{K})$

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

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

PF/ Fix $i \Rightarrow \det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \underbrace{\sum_{\sigma: \sigma(j)=i} \text{sign}(\sigma) a_{\sigma(1)1} \cdots a_{\sigma(j)j} \cdots a_{\sigma(n)n}}_{(*)}$

Restrict σ to $\tilde{\sigma} = \{1, \dots, \hat{j}, \dots, n\} \xrightarrow{\text{bij}}$ $\{1, \dots, \hat{i}, \dots, n\}$ so $\tilde{\sigma} \in S_{n-1}$ &

$$\text{sign}(\sigma) = (-1)^{i+j} \text{sign}(\tilde{\sigma})$$

Then $(*) = \det(A^{(i,j)}) (-1)^{i+j}$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \det A^{(i,j)}$$

(expansion along i^{th} row)

Obs: Combine Consequences (1) & (2) to get column expansion formulas. \square

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

PF/ $\det(A) = \Lambda^n(f) (v_1, \dots, v_n) = 0$ in $\Lambda^n(\mathbb{K}^n) \cong \mathbb{K}$ by $(*)$ \square

Cofactor formula

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

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

PF/ $((\text{Cof } A)^T A)_{ij} = \sum_{l=1}^n (\text{Cof } A)_{il}^T a_{lj} = \sum_{l=1}^n (-1)^{i+l} \det(A^{(l,i)}) a_{lj}$

- If $i=j$ This is j^{th} column expansion of $\det(A)$.
- If $i \neq j$ det(A') where A' is the matrix obtained from A by replacing i^{th} col of A by the j^{th} col of A

By Consequence ③, $\det(A') = 0$.

Conclude: $(\text{Cof } A)^T A = \det A I_n$.

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

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

! 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!