

Chapter 14

Week14

14.1. Monday for MAT3040

14.1.1. Multilinear Tensor Product

Definition 14.1 [Tensor Product among More spaces] Let V_1, \dots, V_p be vector spaces over \mathbb{F} . Let $S = \{(v_1, \dots, v_p) \mid v_i \in V_i\}$ (We assume no relations among distinct elements in S), and define $\mathfrak{X} = \text{span}(S)$.

1. Then define the tensor product space $V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_p = \mathfrak{X}/y$, where y is the vector subspace of \mathfrak{X} spanned by vectors of the form

$$(v_1, \dots, v_i + v'_i, \dots, v_p) - (v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_p) - (v_1, \dots, v'_i, \dots, v_p),$$

and

$$(v_1, \dots, \alpha v_i, \dots, v_p) - \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_p)$$

where $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$.

2. The tensor product for vectors is defined as

$$v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_p := \{(v_1, \dots, v_p) + y\} \in V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_p$$

1. We have

$$v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes (\alpha v_i + \beta v'_i) \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p = \alpha(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_i \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p) + \beta(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v'_i \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p)$$

2. A general vector in $V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p$ is

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (W_1^{(i)} \otimes \cdots \otimes W_p^{(i)}), \quad \text{where } W_j^{(i)} \in V_j, j = 1, \dots, p$$

3. Let $\mathcal{B}_i = \{v_i^{(1)}, \dots, v_i^{(\dim(V_i))}\}$ be a basis of $V_i, i = 1, \dots, p$, then

$$\mathcal{B} = \{V_1^{(\alpha_1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p^{(\alpha_p)} \mid 1 \leq \alpha_i \leq \dim(V_i)\}$$

is a basis of $V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p$. As a result,

$$\dim(V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p) = (\dim(V_1)) \times \cdots \times (\dim(V_p))$$

Theorem 14.1 — Universal Property of multi-linear tensor. Let $\text{Obj} = \{\phi : V_1 \times \cdots \times V_p \rightarrow W \mid \phi \text{ is a } p\text{-linear map}\}$, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(v_1, \dots, \alpha v_i + \beta v'_i, \dots, v_p) &= \alpha \phi(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_p) + \beta \phi(v_1, \dots, v'_i, \dots, v_p), \\ \forall v_i, v'_i \in V_i, i &= 1, \dots, p, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}. \end{aligned}$$

For instance, the multiplication of p matrices is a p -linear map.

Then the mapping in the Obj ,

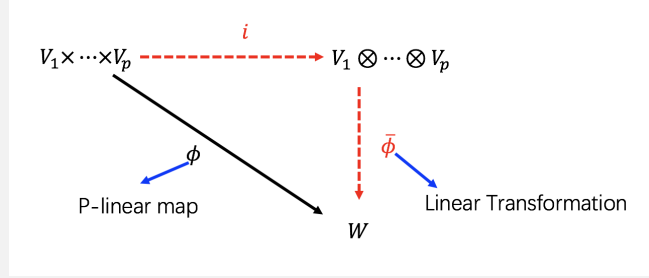
$$\begin{aligned} i : \quad V_1 \times V_p &\rightarrow V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p \\ \text{with } (v_1, \dots, v_p) &\mapsto v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p \end{aligned}$$

satisfies the universal property. In other words, for any $\phi : V_1 \times \cdots \times V_p \in \text{Obj}$, there

exists the unique linear transformation

$$\bar{\phi} : V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p \rightarrow W$$

such that the diagram below commutes:



In other words, $\phi = \bar{\phi} \circ i$.

Corollary 14.1 Let $T_i : V_i \rightarrow V'_i$ be a linear transformation, $1 \leq i \leq p$. There is a unique linear transformation

$$(T_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes T_p) : V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p \rightarrow V'_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V'_p$$

$$\text{satisfying} \quad (T_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes T_p)(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p) = T_1(v_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes T_p(v_p)$$

Proof. Construct the mapping

$$\phi : V_1 \times \cdots \times V_p \rightarrow V'_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V'_p$$

$$\text{with } (v_1, \dots, v_p) \mapsto T_1(v_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes T_p(v_p)$$

which is indeed p -linear.

By the universal property, we induce the unique linear transformation

$$\bar{\phi} : V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_p \rightarrow V'_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V'_p$$

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Notation. To make life easier, from now on, we only consider $V_1 = \cdots = V_p = V$. Then for any linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$, we have

$$T^{\otimes p} : V \otimes \cdots \otimes V \rightarrow W \otimes \cdots \otimes W$$

We use the short-hand notation $V^{\otimes p}$ to denote $\underbrace{V \otimes \cdots \otimes V}_{p \text{ terms in total}}$

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14.1.2. Exterior Power

Definition 14.2 A p -linear map $\phi : V \times \cdots \times V \rightarrow W$ is called **alternating** if

$$\phi(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_p) = \mathbf{0}_W, \quad \text{provided that there exists some } v_i = v_j \text{ for } i \neq j.$$

Also, we say ϕ is p -alternating ■

■ **Example 14.1** 1. The cross product mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : \quad \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \text{with } (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) &\mapsto \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w} \end{aligned}$$

is alternating:

- ϕ is bilinear
- $\phi(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.

2. The determinant mapping

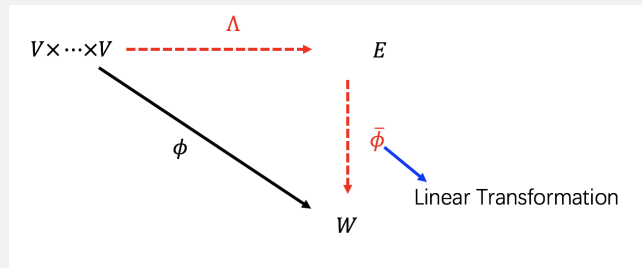
$$\begin{aligned} \phi : \quad \underbrace{\mathbb{F}^n \times \cdots \times \mathbb{F}^n}_{n \text{ terms in total}} &\rightarrow \mathbb{F} \\ \text{with } (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) &\mapsto \det([\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n]) \end{aligned}$$

is alternating:

- ϕ is n -linear by MAT2040 knowledge
- ϕ is alternating by MAT2040 knowledge

Theorem 14.2 — Universal Property for exterior power. Let $\text{Obj} := \{\phi : \underbrace{V \times \cdots \times V}_{p \text{ terms}} \rightarrow W \mid \phi \text{ is } p\text{-alternating map}\}$. Then there exists $\{\Lambda : V \times \cdots \times V \rightarrow E\} \in \text{Obj}$ satisfying the following:

- For all $\phi : V \times \cdots \times V \rightarrow W \in \text{Obj}$, there exists unique linear transformation $\bar{\phi} : E \rightarrow W$ satisfying



In other words, $\phi = \bar{\phi} \circ \Lambda$.