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## Bilinear forms

$V$  vector sp.

$$\varphi: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \underline{\text{bilinear}}$$

↓  
means that  $\varphi$  is linear in each entry

Exercise Which  $\varphi$  is linear  
and which is bilinear?

$$\varphi(x, y) = 2x - y \quad \text{is } \underline{\text{linear}}$$

in  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\varphi(x, y) = 3xy \quad \text{is } \underline{\text{bilinear}}$$

↓  
linear in  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and linear in  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

$b_1, \dots, b_n$  basis of  $V$

$\beta^1, \dots, \beta^n$  dual basis of  $V^*$

Last time:

- $\beta^i \otimes \beta^j$  are bilinear forms on  $V$   
defined by  $(\beta^i \otimes \beta^j)(v, w) = \beta^i(v) \beta^j(w)$   
tensor product of linear forms
- any bilinear form  $\varphi: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
can be uniquely written as

$$\boxed{\varphi = B_{ij} \beta^i \otimes \beta^j}$$

Einstein notation  
for double sum

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n B_{ij} \beta^i \otimes \beta^j$$

where  $\boxed{B_{ij} = \varphi(b_i, b_j)}$  ← real numbers

Example

$$V = \mathbb{R}^3$$

Fix vector  $a \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\varphi_a(v, w) = a \cdot (v \times w)$$

scalar triple product

is a bilinear form

$\varphi_a(v, w) =$  signed volume of  
parallelepiped spanned  
by  $a, v, w$



sign depends on  
orientation of  $a, v, w$

Find components  $B_{ij}$  of  $\varphi_a$   
w.r.t. standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, e_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $a = \begin{bmatrix} a^1 \\ a^2 \\ a^3 \end{bmatrix}$  be the given vector.

Recall the cross product in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$l_i \times l_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } i = j \\ l_k & \text{when } (i, j, k) \text{ is a } \underline{\text{cyclic}} \\ & \text{permutation of } (1, 2, 3) \\ -l_k & \text{when } (i, j, k) \text{ is a } \underline{\text{non-cyclic}} \\ & \text{permutation of } (1, 2, 3) \end{cases}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} l_1 \times l_2 = l_3 \\ l_2 \times l_3 = l_1 \\ l_3 \times l_1 = l_2 \end{array} \right\} \text{cyclic}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} l_2 \times l_1 = -l_3 \\ l_3 \times l_2 = -l_1 \\ l_1 \times l_3 = -l_2 \end{array} \right\} \text{non-cyclic}$$

$$a \cdot l_k = a^k$$

Therefore

$$B_{ij} = \varphi_a(l_i, l_j) = a \cdot (l_i \times l_j)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } i = j \\ a^k & \text{when } (i, j, k) \text{ is a cyclic} \\ & \text{permutation of } (1, 2, 3) \\ -a^k & \text{when } (i, j, k) \text{ is a non-cyclic} \\ & \text{permutation of } (1, 2, 3) \end{cases}$$

Conclusion:  $B_{12} = a^3 = -B_{21}$

$$B_{23} = a^1 = -B_{32}$$

$$B_{31} = a^2 = -B_{13}$$

$$B_{\text{II}} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{diagonal components are zero}$$

Can write in a matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a^3 & -a^2 \\ -a^3 & 0 & a^1 \\ a^2 & -a^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \square$$

Matrix representation

$$\varphi: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

bilinear

$$B = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$$

basis of  $V$

$$B_{ij} = \varphi(b_i, b_j)$$

components of  $\varphi$  w.r.t.  $B$

Define 
$$B = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & \dots & B_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ B_{m1} & \dots & B_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$B_{ij}$   
row  $\uparrow$  column  $\uparrow$

matrix of  $\varphi$  w.r.t. basis  $B$

How do the components of  $\varphi$  change  
when we change basis?

OLD  $B = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$   
 NEW  $\tilde{B} = (\tilde{b}_1, \dots, \tilde{b}_m)$  } two bases of  $V$

$B^* = (\beta^1, \dots, \beta^m)$   
 $\tilde{B}^* = (\tilde{\beta}^1, \dots, \tilde{\beta}^m)$  } corresponding dual bases  
 of  $V^*$

$\beta^i \otimes \beta^j, i, j = 1, \dots, m$   
 $\tilde{\beta}^i \otimes \tilde{\beta}^j, i, j = 1, \dots, m$  } corresponding bases  
 of  $\underline{V^* \otimes V^*}$   
 "  $Bil(V \times V, \mathbb{R})$

Let  $\varphi: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  bilinear  
 $\varphi \in V^* \otimes V^*$

Components of  $\varphi$  w.r.t.  $B$  are

$$B_{ij} = \varphi(b_i, b_j) \quad \text{OLD}$$

Components of  $\varphi$  w.r.t.  $\tilde{B}$  are

$$\tilde{B}_{ij} = \varphi(\tilde{b}_i, \tilde{b}_j) \quad \text{NEW}$$

What is the relation between  
the  $B_{ij}$ 's and the  $\tilde{B}_{ij}$ 's?

Let  $L =$  change of basis matrix

i.e.  $\tilde{b}_j = L_j^i b_i$

$$\tilde{B}_{ij} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{defn of } \tilde{B}_{ij}}}{\varphi}(\tilde{b}_i, \tilde{b}_j) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{change names of dummy indices} \\ \text{as needed}}}{\varphi}(L_i^k b_k, L_j^l b_l)$$

$$= \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{bilinearity of } \varphi}}{L_i^k L_j^l} \varphi(b_k, b_l) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{defn of } B_{kl}}}{L_i^k L_j^l} B_{kl}$$

We conclude that

$$\tilde{B}_{ij} = L_i^k L_j^l B_{kl}$$

NEW

OLD

and hence say that a bilinear form  $\varphi$   
is a covariant 2-tensor.

Exercise In terms of matrices

$$\tilde{B} = L^T B L$$

Example For scalar triple product  $\varphi_a$

find components  $\tilde{B}_{ij}$

w.r.t basis  $\tilde{B} = (\underbrace{e_2}_{\tilde{b}_1}, \underbrace{e_1+e_3}_{\tilde{b}_2}, \underbrace{e_3}_{\tilde{b}_3})$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{B} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{L^T} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & a^3 & -a^2 \\ -a^3 & 0 & a' \\ a^2 & -a' & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_B \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_L$$

$$BL = \begin{bmatrix} a^3 & -a^2 & -a^2 \\ 0 & a'-a^3 & a' \\ -a' & a^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a'-a^3 & a' \\ a^3-a' & 0 & -a^2 \\ -a' & a^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

components  $\tilde{B}_{ij}$  are the entries of this matrix

Reality check:

- $\tilde{B}$  is antisymmetric like  $B$  ✓
- $\tilde{B}_{12} = \varphi_a(\tilde{b}_1, \tilde{b}_2) = a \cdot \underbrace{(e_2 \times (e_1 + e_3))}_{-e + e} = a' - a^3$  ✓
- $\tilde{B}_{13} = \dots$
- $\tilde{B}_{23} = \dots$





Similarly for trilinear and  
multilinear forms

$T: V \times V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is trilinear  
when  $T$  is linear in each of its 3 variables.

The space of all trilinear forms is  
denoted  $V^* \otimes V^* \otimes V^*$ , has dimension  $m^3$   
and has basis  $\beta^i \otimes \beta^j \otimes \beta^k$ ,  $i, j, k = 1, \dots, m$ .

A trilinear form  $T: V \times V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
is a covariant 3-tensor because  
its components  $T_{ijk}$  w.r.t. a basis  
change by  $\tilde{T}_{ijk} = L_i^p L_j^q L_k^r T_{pqr}$   
when the basis changes by  $L$ .

## Example of trilinear form

$$V = \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\varphi: V \times V \times V \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\varphi(u, v, w) = u \cdot (v \times w)$$

scalar triple product

$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} - & u & - \\ - & v & - \\ - & w & - \end{bmatrix}$$

check this equality in coordinates

recall Leibniz formula for determinants

case of  $3 \times 3$  matrices:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} \\ + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} \\ + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31}$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in S_3} \underbrace{\text{sign } \sigma}_{+} a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} a_{3\sigma(3)}$$

$$\sigma = (\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \sigma(3))$$

$$S_3 = \{ \text{permutations of 3 elements} \} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2), \\ (2, 3, 1), (2, 1, 3), \\ (3, 1, 2), (3, 2, 1) \end{array} \right\}$$

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$T: \underbrace{V \times \dots \times V}_{k \text{ factors}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is multilinear  
or k-linear

when  $T$  is linear in each of its  $k$  variables.

The space  $\underbrace{V^* \otimes \dots \otimes V^*}_{k \text{ factors}}$  of all  $k$ -linear

forms has dimension  $m^k$  and has basis

$$\beta^{i_1} \otimes \beta^{i_2} \otimes \dots \otimes \beta^{i_k}, \quad i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k = 1, \dots, m.$$

A  $k$ -linear form  $T$  is a covariant  $k$ -tensor.

We can take the tensor product of a covariant  $k$ -tensor  $T$  with a covariant  $l$ -tensor  $U$  to obtain a covariant  $(k+l)$ -tensor

$$T \otimes U : \underbrace{V \times \dots \times V}_{k+l \text{ factors}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(T \otimes U) (\underbrace{v_1, \dots, v_k}_{\text{first } k \text{ vectors}}, \underbrace{v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{k+l}}_{\text{last } l \text{ vectors}}) = T(\underbrace{v_1, \dots, v_k}_{\text{first } k \text{ vectors}}) U(\underbrace{v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{k+l}}_{\text{last } l \text{ vectors}})$$

## Inner products

as a special case of bilinear forms

An inner product on a vector space  $V$  is a bilinear form on  $V$  which is

- symmetric and
- positive definite.

$$g: V \times V \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(v, w) \longmapsto g(v, w)$$

bilinear  
 $\downarrow$   
 linear in  $v$   
 & linear in  $w$

- symmetric

$$g(v, w) = g(w, v)$$

$$\forall v, w \in V$$

- positive definite

$$g(v, v) > 0$$

$$\forall v \in V, v \neq 0$$

Examples  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

Are the following bilinear forms  
inner products?

Check

- symmetry and
- positive definiteness

$$a) \varphi(v, w) = v \bullet w$$

↑  
standard inner product  
(scalar product)  
dot product

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v^1 \\ v^2 \\ v^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w = \begin{bmatrix} w^1 \\ w^2 \\ w^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v \bullet w = v^i w^i$$

$$b) \varphi(v, w) = -v \bullet w$$

This  $\varphi$  is negative definite  $\varphi(v, v) < 0$   
 $\forall v \neq 0$

$$c) \varphi(v, w) = v \bullet w + 2v^1 w^2$$

This  $\varphi$  is not symmetric

$$d) \varphi(v, w) = v \bullet 3w$$

Answers: a) Yes b) No c) No d) Yes

Examples  $V = \mathbb{R}[x]_2$  polys. degree  $\leq 2$

Are the following bilinear forms

inner products?

Check

- symmetry and
- positive definiteness

a)  $\varphi(p, q) = \int_0^1 p(x) q(x) dx$

- $\int_0^1 p(x) q(x) dx = \int_0^1 q(x) p(x) dx$  because  $p(x)q(x) = q(x)p(x)$

- $\int_0^1 (p(x))^2 dx \geq 0$  always because  $(p(x))^2 \geq 0$   
 $= 0$  only when  $p(x) = 0 \forall x \in [0, 1]$   
 which is only when  $p \equiv 0$

b)  $\varphi(p, q) = \int_0^1 p'(x) q'(x) dx$

- $\int_0^1 (p'(x))^2 dx = 0 \Rightarrow p'(x) = 0 \forall x \in [0, 1] \not\Rightarrow p \equiv 0$

c)  $\varphi(p, q) = \int_3^\pi e^x p(x) q(x) dx$

d)  $\varphi(p, q) = p(1)q(1) + p(2)q(2)$

Is there  $p \in \mathbb{R}[x]_2$ ,  $p \neq 0$  s.t.  $(p(1))^2 + (p(2))^2 = 0$ ?

e)  $\varphi(p, q) = p(1)q(1) + p(2)q(2) + p(3)q(3)$

Is there a nonzero polynomial of degree 2 with 3 distinct zeros?

Answers: a) Yes b) No c) Yes d) No e) Yes

$g: V \times V \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  inner product

$v, w \in V$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{norm of } v &= \|v\| \stackrel{\text{defn}}{=} \sqrt{g(v, v)} \\ &= |v| \qquad \qquad \qquad \geq 0 \text{ so ok} \end{aligned}$$

unit vector:  $\|v\| = 1$

orthogonal vectors:  $v \perp w \stackrel{\text{defn}}{\iff} g(v, w) = 0$   
 = perpendicular

orthonormal vectors:  $v \perp w$  and  $\|v\| = \|w\| = 1$   
 = o.m.

$B = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$  basis of  $V$

orthonormal basis:  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  are o.m.  
 = o.m. basis

$$g(b_i, b_j) = \delta_{ij}$$

says  
 $= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } i=j \leftarrow \|b_i\| = 1 \\ 0 & \text{when } i \neq j \leftarrow b_i \perp b_j \end{cases}$

Examples

a)  $V = \mathbb{R}^m$

$g =$  standard inner product

$$B = (e_1, \dots, e_m)$$

standard basis is an o.m. basis for the standard inner product

b)  $V = \mathbb{R}[x]_2$

$$g(p, q) = \int_{-1}^1 p(x) q(x) dx$$

$$B = (p_1, p_2, p_3) \text{ where}$$

$$p_1(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$p_2(x) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} x$$

$$p_3(x) = \sqrt{\frac{5}{8}} (3x^2 - 1)$$

Check that  $B$  is an o.m. basis for the inner product above.

$p_1, p_2, p_3$  are the first three

Legendre polynomials up to scaling