

Geometry Processing (601.458/658)

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Outline

Recall

Bases and Endomorphisms

Volume Forms and Determinants

$$A \xrightarrow{\Phi} B \xrightarrow{\Psi} C$$

Pull-Backs

Given sets A , B , and C , if we have functions $\Phi: A \rightarrow B$ and $\Psi: B \rightarrow C$, we can pull back functions from B to A using Φ^* and we can pull-back functions from C to B using Ψ^* .

Claim:

The pull-back of the composition is the composition of the pull-backs, in reversed order:

$$(\Psi \circ \Phi)^* = \Phi^* \circ \Psi^*$$

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Proof:

Given a function f on C and given $a \in A$:

$$\begin{aligned} [(\Psi \circ \Phi)^* f](a) &= f((\Psi \circ \Phi)(a)) \\ &= f(\Psi(\Phi(a))) \\ &= [\Psi^*(f)](\Phi(a)) \\ &= [\Phi^*(\Psi^*(f))](a) \\ &= [(\Phi^* \circ \Psi^*)(f)](a) \end{aligned}$$

Permutations

We denote by S_n the group of *permutations* on n elements – invertible maps:

$$\sigma: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

We denote a permutation $\sigma \in S_n$ as a reordering of the set $\{1, \dots, n\}$:

$$\sigma = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$$

with $1 \leq i_j \leq n$ and $i_j \neq i_k$.

This describes the order of the elements after permutation, so that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma: \{1, \dots, n\} &\rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\} \\ j &\mapsto i_j \end{aligned}$$

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An *inversion* in $\sigma \in S_n$ is a pair of indices (j, k) , with $1 \leq j < k \leq n$, for which the associated values of the permutation are out of order:

$$\sigma(j) > \sigma(k)$$

The *sign* of a permutation $\sigma \in S_n$, denoted $\text{sign}(\sigma)$, is $+1$ if the number of inversions is even and -1 if it is odd.

The sign of the identity permutation is $+1$.

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We denote by $\tau_{jk} \in S_n$ (with $1 \leq j \neq k \leq n$) the *transposition* that swaps the j -th and k -th elements.

Permutations

Claim:

Given any permutation $\sigma \in S_n$ and a transposition τ_{jk} :

$$\text{sign}(\tau_{jk} \circ \sigma) = -\text{sign}(\sigma)$$

Proof:

We can partition the elements as:

$$(i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \mathbf{i}_j, i_{j+1}, \dots, i_{k-1}, \mathbf{i}_k, i_{k+1}, \dots, i_n)$$

Note that transposing i_j and i_k can only introduce/remove inversions between pairs of indices if (at least) one of the indices is either i_j or i_k .

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$\{i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}\}$:

An element in this range is inverted w.r.t. i_j (resp. i_k) before the transposition if and only if it will be inverted w.r.t. i_j (resp. i_k) after the transposition.

\Rightarrow Transposing i_j and i_k won't change the number of inversions contributed from this range.

\Rightarrow This will not affect the parity.

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$\{i_{j+1}, \dots, i_{k-1}\}$:

An element in this range is inverted w.r.t. i_j (resp. i_k) before the transposition if and only if it will be not be inverted w.r.t. i_j (resp. i_k) after the transposition.

⇒ The change in the number of inversions contributed from this range will be even.

⇒ This will not affect the parity.

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$\{i_j, i_k\}$:

These elements are inverted before the transposition if and only if they will be not be inverted after the transposition.

⇒ The transposition changes the number of inversions by one.

⇒ This will change the parity.

Permutations

Claim:

Given any permutation $\sigma \in S_n$ and a transposition τ_{jk} :

$$\text{sign}(\tau_{jk} \circ \sigma) = -\text{sign}(\sigma)$$

Corollary:

Since the sign of the identity is $+1$, and since we can decompose any permutation as the composition of transpositions:

$$\sigma = \tau_{i_1 j_1} \circ \cdots \circ \tau_{i_k j_k}$$

\Rightarrow The sign of a permutation is defined by the parity of the count of constituent transpositions*:

$$\text{sign}(\sigma) = (-1)^k$$

*Though the decomposition into transpositions is not unique, the parity is.

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$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \tau_{i_1 j_1} \circ \cdots \circ \tau_{i_k j_k} \\ &\quad \Downarrow \\ \text{sign}(\sigma) &= (-1)^k\end{aligned}$$

Corollary:

For $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in S_n$ with decompositions:

$$\sigma_1 = \tau_{i_1 j_1} \circ \cdots \circ \tau_{i_k j_k} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_2 = \tau_{m_1 n_1} \circ \cdots \circ \tau_{m_l n_l}$$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2 &= \tau_{i_1 j_1} \circ \cdots \circ \tau_{i_k j_k} \circ \tau_{m_1 n_1} \circ \cdots \circ \tau_{m_l n_l} \\ &\quad \Downarrow\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{sign}(\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2) = (-1)^{k+l} = (-1)^k \cdot (-1)^l = \text{sign}(\sigma_1) \cdot \text{sign}(\sigma_2)$$

Permutations

Claim:

The sign of the composition of transpositions is the product of their signs:

$$\text{sign}(\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2) = \text{sign}(\sigma_1) \cdot \text{sign}(\sigma_2)$$

Corollary:

Since the sign of the identity is $+1$, for $\sigma \in S_n$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \text{sign}(\sigma \circ \sigma^{-1}) \\ &= \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \text{sign}(\sigma^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

\Downarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sign}(\sigma^{-1}) &= \frac{1}{\text{sign}(\sigma)} \\ &= \text{sign}(\sigma) \end{aligned}$$

Determinant

Given a square matrix $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, the *determinant* of the matrix is the signed sum of permuted products:

$$\det(\mathbf{M}) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{M}_{i, \sigma(i)}$$

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Determinant:  
det ← 0  
for i ∈ [1,n]  
    det ← det + (-1)i+1 · M0i · Determinant( Sub( M , 0 , i ) )  
return det
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With $\text{Sub}(\mathbf{L}, i, j)$ returning the sub-matrix obtained by removing the i -th row and j -th column.

Determinant: Example

$$\det(\mathbf{M}) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{M}_{i, \sigma(i)}$$

Example:

In the case of a 2×2 matrix:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{11} & \mathbf{M}_{12} \\ \mathbf{M}_{21} & \mathbf{M}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

the group of permutations is:

$$S_2 = \{(1,2), (2,1)\}$$

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$$\det(\mathbf{M}) = \mathbf{M}_{11} \cdot \mathbf{M}_{22} - \mathbf{M}_{12} \cdot \mathbf{M}_{21}$$

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$$V \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{L} \\ \xleftarrow{L^{-1}} \end{array} W$$

Claim:

Given vector spaces V and W , an invertible linear $L \in \text{Hom}(V, W)$, and a basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ for V , the set $\{L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)\} \subset W$ is a basis for W .

Proof:

If $\{L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)\}$ are linearly dependent, there exist $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n \in \mathbb{R}$ with at least one $\mathbf{a}_i \neq 0$ such that:

$$\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot L(v_1) + \dots + \mathbf{a}_n \cdot L(v_n) = 0$$

Applying L^{-1} to both sides gives:

$$\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot v_1 + \dots + \mathbf{a}_n \cdot v_n = 0$$

contradicting the linear independence of $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$.

Bases and Endomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{L} \\ \xleftarrow{L^{-1}} \end{array} & W \\ V^* & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{L^*} \\ \xleftarrow{L^{-*}} \end{array} & W^* \end{array}$$

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Claim:

The set $\{L^{-*}(v_1^*), \dots, L^{-*}(v_n^*)\} \subset W^*$ is the dual basis for $\{L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)\}$.

Proof:

Consider how the i -th dual basis vector acts on the j -th primal vector:

$$\begin{aligned} [L^{-*}(v_i^*)](L(v_j)) &= v_i^*(L^{-1}(L(v_j))) \\ &= v_i^*(v_j) \\ &= \delta_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

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Volume Forms

Recall:

Given a vector space V , we say that a map $B: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *bilinear* if it is linear in each entry:

$$\begin{aligned} B(\alpha \cdot u_1 + \beta \cdot u_2, v) &= \alpha \cdot B(u_1, v) + \beta \cdot B(u_2, v) \\ B(u, \alpha \cdot v_1 + \beta \cdot v_2) &= \alpha \cdot B(u, v_1) + \beta \cdot B(u, v_2) \end{aligned}$$

The space of bilinear maps is a vector space.

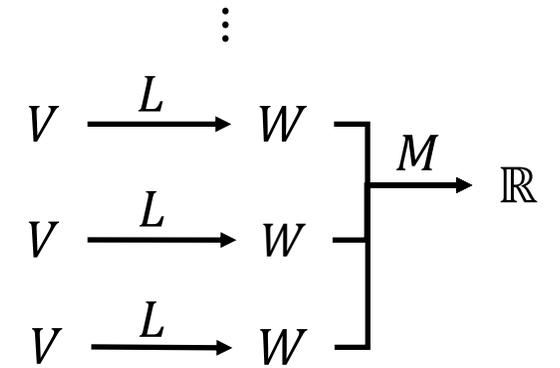
A map $M: V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *multi-linear* if it is linear in each entry.

The space of multi-linear maps is a vector space denoted $\otimes^n V^*$.

$M \in \otimes^n V^*$ is *alternating* if swapping two arguments negates the output.

The space of alternating multi-linear maps is a vector space denoted $\Lambda^n V^*$.

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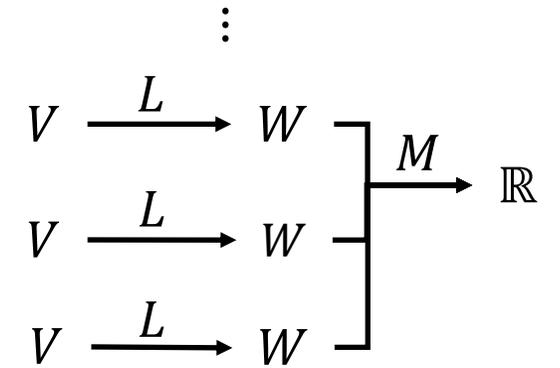


Recall:

Given vector spaces V and W , a multi-linear map $M \in \otimes^n W^*$, and a linear map $L \in \text{Hom}(V, W)$, we can pull-back M to a map:

$$L^*(M): V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$(v_1, \dots, v_n) \mapsto M(L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n))$$

Volume Forms



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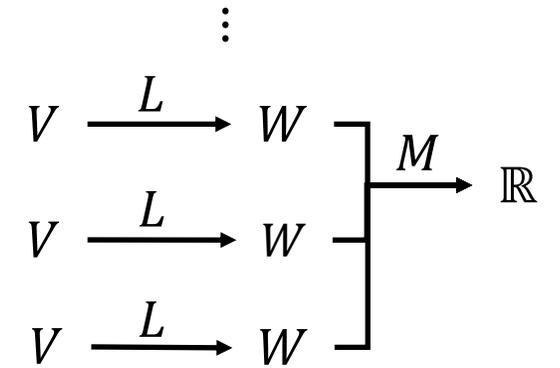
The pull-back of a multi-linear map, $M \in \otimes^n W^*$ is also multi-linear,
 $L^*(M) \in \otimes^n V^*$.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [L^*(M)](\alpha \cdot v_1 + \beta \cdot w, v_2, \dots, v_n) &= M(L(\alpha \cdot v_1 + \beta \cdot w), L(v_2), \dots, L(v_n)) \\
 &= M(\alpha \cdot L(v_1) + \beta \cdot L(w), L(v_2), \dots, L(v_n)) \\
 &= \alpha \cdot M(L(v_1), L(v_2), \dots, L(v_n)) + \beta \cdot M(L(w), L(v_2), \dots, L(v_n)) \\
 &= \alpha \cdot [L^*(M)](v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) + \beta \cdot [L^*(M)](w, v_2, \dots, v_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

A similar argument shows that this is true for *any* index.

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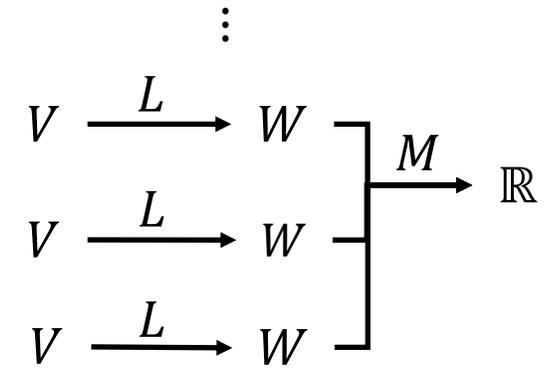
The pull-back of an alternating multi-linear map, $M \in \Lambda^n W^*$, is also an alternating multi-linear map, $L^*(M) \in \Lambda^n V^*$.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} [L^*(M)](v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n) &= M(L(v_1), L(v_2), L(v_3), \dots, L(v_n)) \\ &= -M(L(v_2), L(v_1), L(v_3), \dots, L(v_n)) \\ &= -[L^*(M)](v_2, v_1, v_3, \dots, v_n) \end{aligned}$$

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Volume Forms



Recall:

The pull-back is a linear map between functions spaces.

\Rightarrow As a map from (alternating) multi-linear maps on W to (alternating) multi-linear maps on V the pull-back is a linear map:

$$L^* \in \text{Hom}(\otimes^n W^*, \otimes^n V^*)$$

$$L^* \in \text{Hom}(\wedge^n W^*, \wedge^n V^*)$$

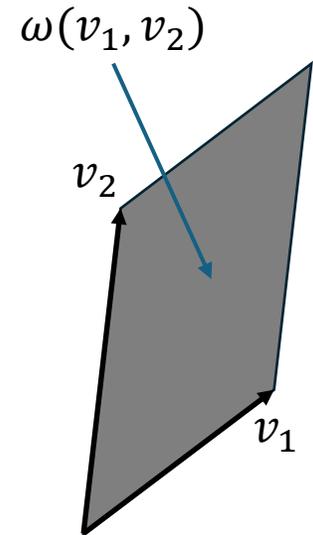
Volume Forms

Goal:

Given an n -dimensional vector space V , we would like to consider maps that takes n vectors in V and returns the **signed** volume of the associated parallelepiped:

$$\omega: V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

We begin by identifying the properties such a map should satisfy.

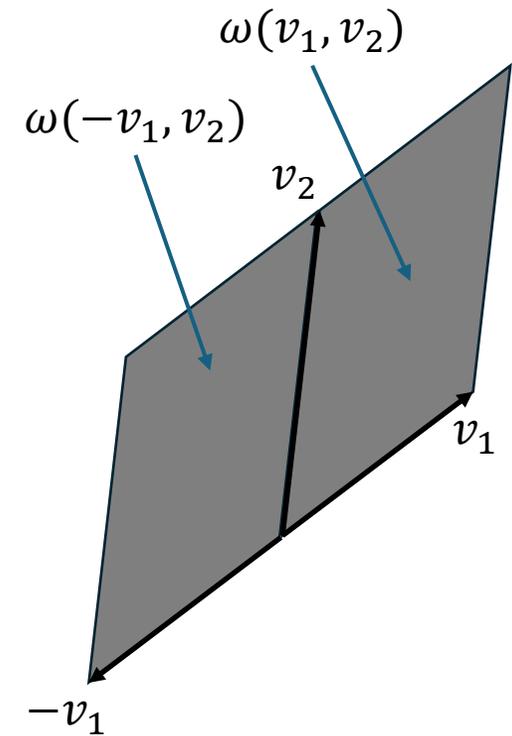


Volume Forms

Property 1:

Negating an argument should negate the signed volume:

$$\omega(-v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = -\omega(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

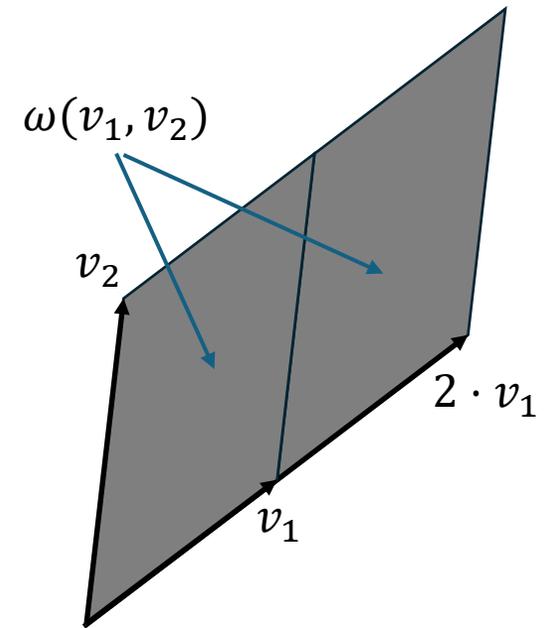


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Property 2:

For any positive integer $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have:

$$\omega(k \cdot v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = k \cdot \omega(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$



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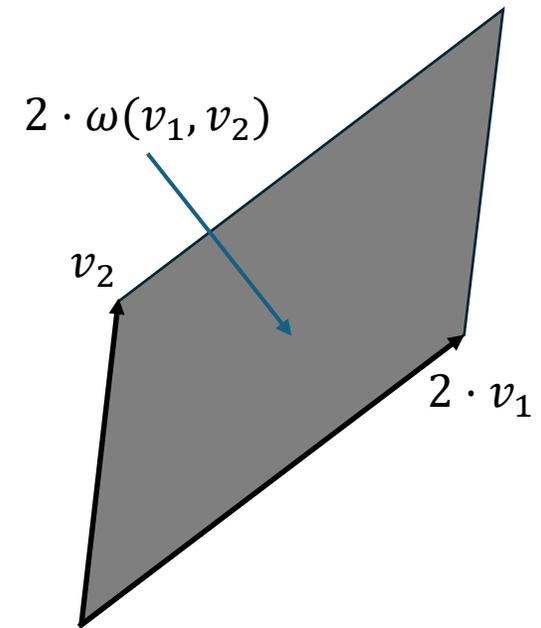
$$\omega\left(\frac{v_1}{k}, v_2, \dots, v_n\right) = \frac{1}{k} \cdot \omega(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

\Rightarrow For any rational number $q \in \mathbb{Q}$:

$$\omega(q \cdot v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = q \cdot \omega(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

\Rightarrow By continuity, for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\alpha \cdot \omega(q \cdot v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = \alpha \cdot \omega(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

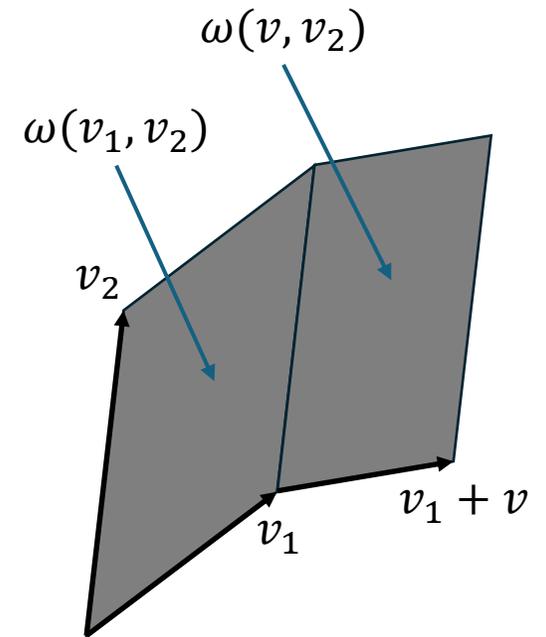


Volume Forms

Property 3:

For any vector $v \in V$ we have:

$$\omega(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) + \omega(v, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

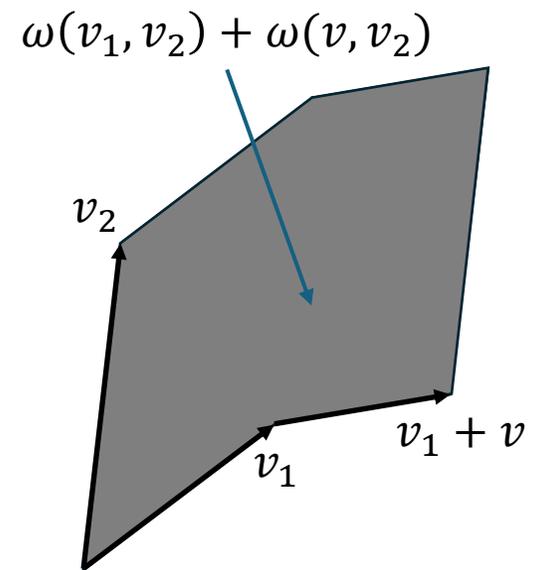


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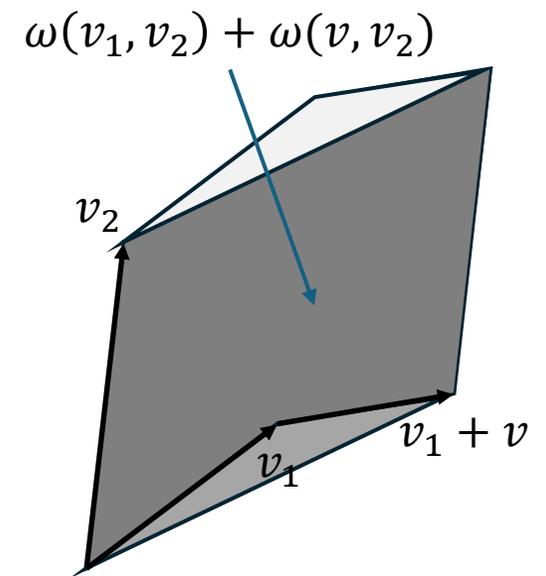


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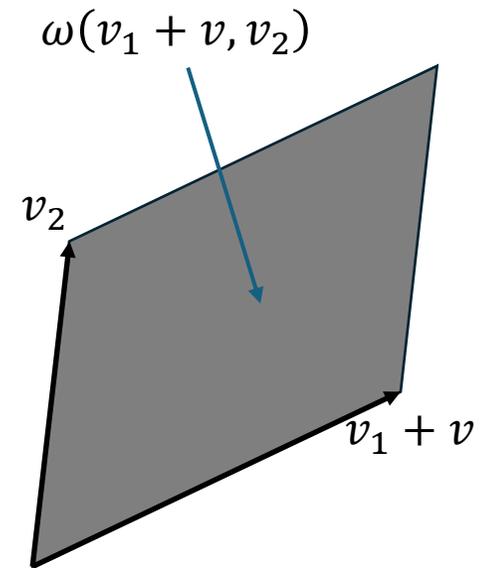


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For any vector $v \in V$ we have:

$$\omega(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) + \omega(v, v_2, \dots, v_n) = \omega(v_1 + v, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$



Volume Forms

Property 1-3:

For any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and any vector $v \in V$, we should have:

$$\begin{aligned}\omega(\alpha \cdot v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) &= \alpha \cdot \omega(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \\ \omega(v_1 + v, v_2, \dots, v_n) &= \omega(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) + \omega(v, v_2, \dots, v_n)\end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Since this is true for all arguments, the map ω should be multi-linear:

$$\omega \in \bigotimes^n V^*$$

Volume Forms

Additionally:

If for any $1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$ the i -th and j -th arguments are the same, we get a degenerate parallelepiped and the volume should be zero.

Using multi-linearity, this gives:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \omega(v_1 + v_2, v_1 + v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n) \\ &= \cancel{\omega(v_1, v_1, v_3, \dots, v_n)} \\ &\quad + \omega(v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n) \\ &\quad + \omega(v_2, v_1, v_3, \dots, v_n) \\ &\quad + \cancel{\omega(v_2, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n)} \\ &= \omega(v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n) + \omega(v_2, v_1, v_3, \dots, v_n) \\ &\quad \Downarrow \\ \omega(v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n) &= -\omega(v_2, v_1, v_3, \dots, v_n) \end{aligned}$$

Volume Forms

Additionally:

If for any $1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$ the i -th and j -th arguments are the same, we get a degenerate parallelepiped and the volume should be zero.

⇒ Swapping the first two arguments should negate the volume:

$$\omega(v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n) = -\omega(v_2, v_1, v_3, \dots, v_n)$$

⇒ Since this is true for any pair of indices, the map ω should be alternating:

$$\omega \in \Lambda^n V^*$$

Volume Forms

Definition:

For an n -dimensional vector space V , we say that an alternating, multilinear map on n arguments, $\omega \in \Lambda^n V^*$, is a *volume form*.

Claim:

The vector space of volume forms is one-dimensional.

Equivalently:

If we know the value of the volume form on one n -tuple of (linearly independent) vectors, we know its value on all n -tuples.

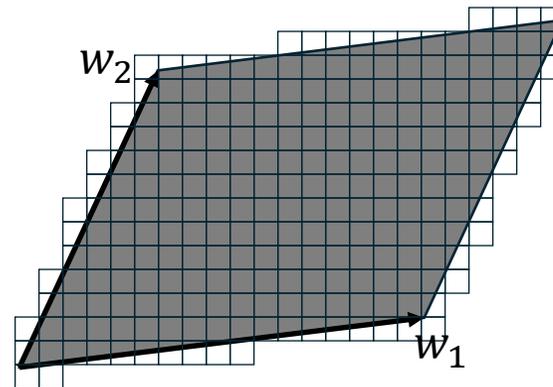
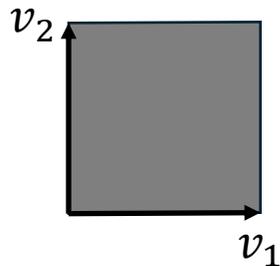
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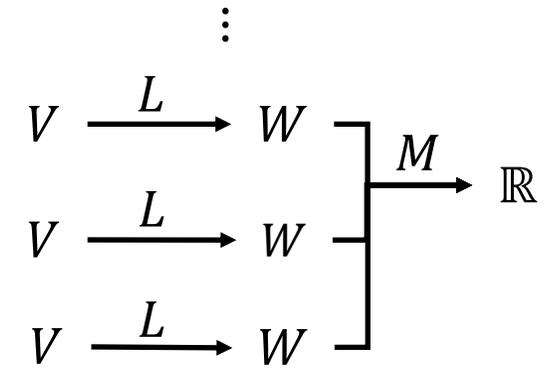
If we know the value of the volume form on one n -tuple of (linearly independent) vectors, we know its value on all n -tuples.

“Proof”:

If we know the volume of some parallelepiped $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$, we can define the value for any other parallelepiped $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ by scaling and tiling.



Determinants



Recall:

For any endomorphism $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$, the pull-back L^* is an endomorphism, $L^* \in \text{Hom}(\Lambda^n V^*, \Lambda^n V^*)$.

Since the space of volume forms is one-dimensional, for any endomorphism $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$ there exists $\lambda_L \in \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$L^*(\omega) = \lambda_L \cdot \omega$$

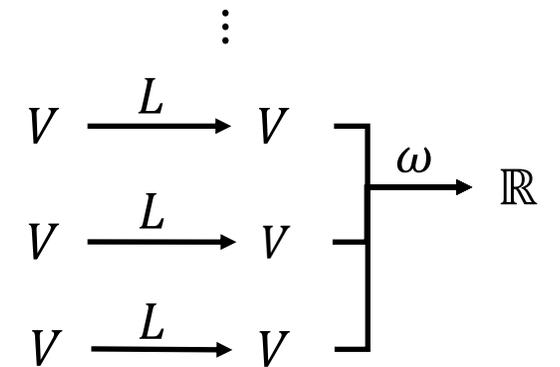
for all volume forms ω .

Definition:

For an endomorphism $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$, the *determinant* of L , denoted $\det(L)$, is the scalar satisfying:

$$L^*(\omega) = \det(L) \cdot \omega$$

Determinants



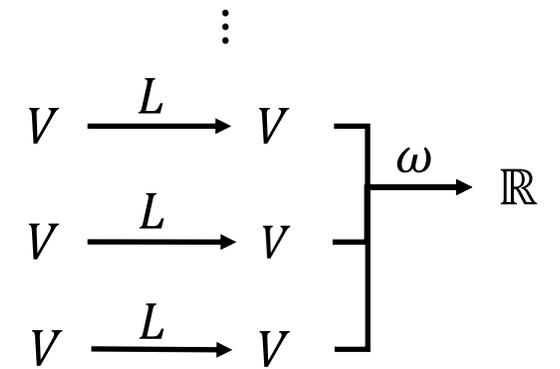
Given a vector space V , a volume form ω , and an endomorphism $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(L) \cdot \omega(v_1, \dots, v_n) &= [L^*(\omega)](v_1, \dots, v_n) \\ &= \omega(L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$\det(L) = \frac{\omega(L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n))}{\omega(v_1, \dots, v_n)}$$

\Rightarrow The determinant of an endomorphism L is the *change in volume* that a parallelepiped goes through after being transformed by L .

Determinants



Given a vector space V , a volume form ω , and an endomorphism $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$, we have:

The determinant does **not** define the volume of a parallelepiped. It only defines the change relative to an existing measure of volume.

$$\det(L) = \frac{\omega(L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n))}{\omega(v_1, \dots, v_n)}$$

\Rightarrow The determinant of an endomorphism L is the *change in volume* that a parallelepiped goes through after being transformed by L .

Determinants: Properties

Linear dependence:

Given vectors $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ that are linearly **dependent**, any volume form will evaluate to zero on $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$.

Proof:

Without loss of generality, assume:

$$v_n = \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot v_1 + \dots + \mathbf{a}_{n-1} \cdot v_{n-1}$$

Then for any volume form $\omega: V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n) &= \omega(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot v_1 + \dots + \mathbf{a}_{n-1} \cdot v_{n-1}) \\ &= \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \omega(\boxed{v_1}, \dots, v_{n-1}, \boxed{v_1}) + \dots + \mathbf{a}_{n-1} \cdot \omega(v_1, \dots, \boxed{v_{n-1}}, \boxed{v_{n-1}}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Determinants: Properties

Linear independence:

Given vectors $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ that are linearly **independent**, if a volume form evaluates to zero on $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ then it evaluates to zero on every n -tuple.

Proof:

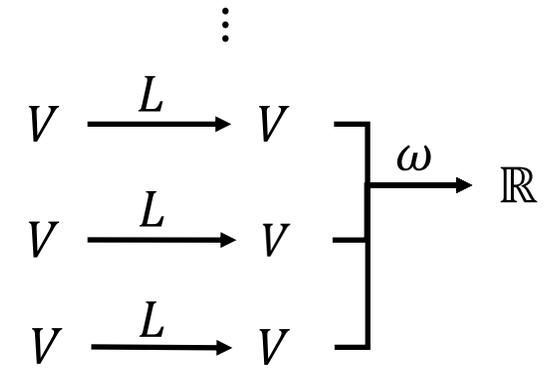
Assume that $\omega \in \wedge^n V^*$ evaluates to zero on $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ but there is some other set of vectors $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ with:

$$\omega(w_1, \dots, w_n) \neq 0$$

Let $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$ be an endomorphism taking v_i to w_i :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\neq \omega(w_1, \dots, w_n) \\ &= \omega(L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)) \\ &= [L^*(\omega)](v_1, \dots, v_n) \\ &= \det(L) \cdot \omega(v_1, \dots, v_n) \end{aligned}$$

Determinants: Properties



Singular endomorphisms:

If $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$ is not invertible, the determinant is zero.

Proof:

Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be a basis and $\omega \in \wedge^n V^*$ be some non-zero volume form.

Since L is not invertible, the set $\{L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)\}$ is linearly dependent.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \omega(L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)) \\ &= [L^*(\omega)](v_1, \dots, v_n) \\ &= \det(L) \cdot \omega(v_1, \dots, v_n) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is linearly independent, $\omega(v_1, \dots, v_n) \neq 0$

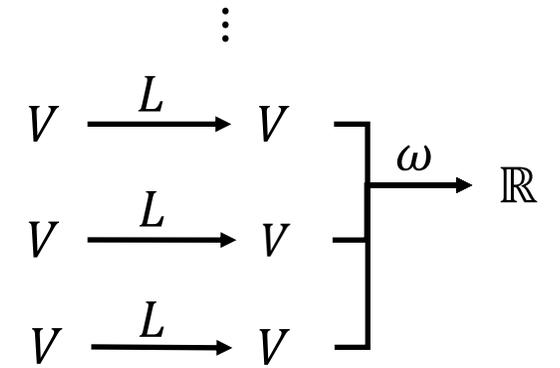
$$\Rightarrow \det(L) = 0$$

Determinants: Properties

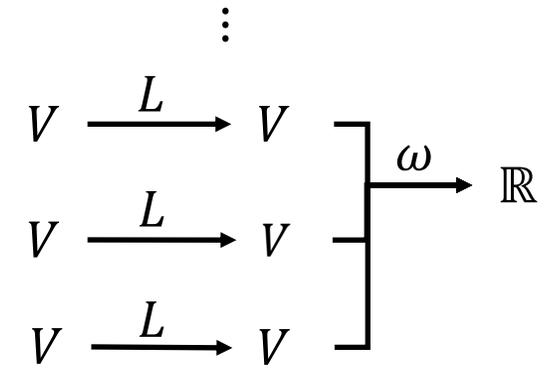
Properties:

The determinant of the identity is one:

$$\begin{aligned}\det(\text{Id}_V) &= \frac{\omega(\text{Id}_V(v_1), \dots, \text{Id}_V(v_n))}{\omega(v_1, \dots, v_n)} \\ &= \frac{\omega(v_1, \dots, v_n)}{\omega(v_1, \dots, v_n)} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$



Determinants: Properties



Properties:

For $L, M \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$, the determinant of the composition is the product of the determinants:

$$\det(L \circ M) = \det(L) \cdot \det(M)$$

Proof:

For any $\omega \in \wedge^n V^*$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(L \circ M) \cdot \omega &= (L \circ M)^*(\omega) \\ &= (M^* \circ L^*)(\omega) \\ &= M^*(L^*(\omega)) \\ &= \det(M) \cdot L^*(\omega) \\ &= \det(M) \cdot \det(L) \cdot \omega \end{aligned}$$

Determinants: Properties

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{M} & W \\ M^{-1} \circ L \circ M \downarrow & & \downarrow L \\ V & \xleftarrow{M^{-1}} & W \end{array}$$

Properties:

Given vector spaces V and W , an invertible linear map $M \in \text{Hom}(V, W)$, and an endomorphism $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$, we can define an endomorphism:

$$M^{-1} \circ L \circ M: V \rightarrow V$$

The determinant of this endomorphism satisfies:

$$\det(M^{-1} \circ L \circ M) = \det(L)$$

Note:

We cannot simply use the fact the determinant of the composition is the composition of determinants because M is not an endomorphism.

Determinants: Properties

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Proof:

Let ω_W be a volume form on W , let $\omega_V \equiv M^*(\omega_W)$ be its pull-back to V , and let $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be a basis for V .

Expanding, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det(M^{-1} \circ L \circ M) \cdot \omega_V(v_1, \dots, v_n) &= [(M^{-1} \circ L \circ M)^*(\omega_V)](v_1, \dots, v_n) \\
 &= \left[M^* \left(L^* \left(M^{-*}(\omega_V) \right) \right) \right] (v_1, \dots, v_n) \\
 &= \left[M^* \left(L^* \left(M^{-*} \left(M^*(\omega_W) \right) \right) \right) \right] (v_1, \dots, v_n) \\
 &= \left[M^* \left(L^*(\omega_W) \right) \right] (v_1, \dots, v_n) \\
 &= [L^*(\omega_W)](M(v_1), \dots, M(v_n)) \\
 &= \det(L) \cdot \omega_W(M(v_1), \dots, M(v_n)) \\
 &= \det(L) \cdot [M^*(\omega_W)](v_1, \dots, v_n) \\
 &= \det(L) \cdot \omega_V(v_1, \dots, v_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$V \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{L, M^{-1}} \\ \xleftarrow{M} \end{array} W$$

Determinants: Properties

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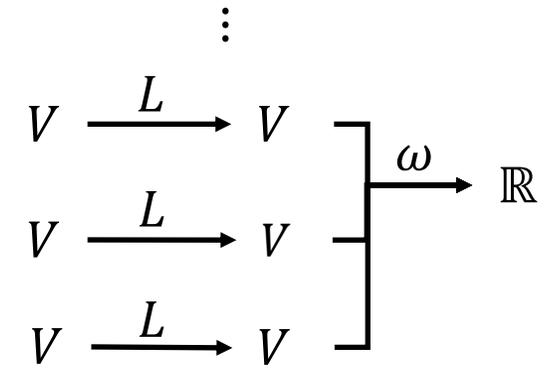
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Corollary:

Given vector spaces V and W , an **invertible** linear map $M \in \text{Hom}(W, V)$, and a linear map $L \in \text{Hom}(V, W)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(M \circ L) &= \det(M^{-1} \circ M \circ L \circ M) \\ &= \det(L \circ M) \end{aligned}$$

Determinants: Properties



Properties:

If $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$ is invertible, the determinant of the inverse is the reciprocal of the determinant:

$$\det(L^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(L)}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \det(\text{Id}_V) \\ &= \det(L \circ L^{-1}) \\ &= \det(L) \cdot \det(L^{-1}) \\ &\quad \Downarrow \\ \det(L^{-1}) &= \frac{1}{\det(L)} \end{aligned}$$

Volume Forms

Claim:

Given a vector space V and vectors $\{w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*\} \subset V^*$, the map:

$$w_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge w_n^*: V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(v_1, \dots, v_n) \mapsto \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n w_i^*(v_{\sigma(i)})$$

is a volume form on V .

Proof:

Cumbersome, but straightforward.

Volume Forms

Note:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n w_i^*(v_{\sigma(i)}) &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{sign}(\sigma^{-1}) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n w_i^*(v_{\sigma^{-1}(i)}) \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=\bar{n}}^1 w_i^*(v_{\sigma^{-1}(i)}) \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n w_{\sigma(i)}^*(v_i)\end{aligned}$$

It doesn't matter if we apply σ to the index of w_i^* or v_i .

Volume Forms

Note:

Given a vector space V with basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$, let $\{v_1^*, \dots, v_n^*\}$ be the dual basis, we have:

$$[v_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge v_n^*](v_1, \dots, v_n) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n v_i^*(v_{\sigma(i)})$$

For any permutation $\sigma \in S_n$ that is not the identity, there must be some index $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that:

$$\sigma(i) \neq i$$

\Rightarrow The product vanishes for all σ that are not the identity.

$$\begin{aligned} [w_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge w_n^*](v_1, \dots, v_n) &= \text{sign}(\text{Id}) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n v_i^*(v_i) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Volume Forms

Note:

Given a vector space V with basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ and an endomorphism $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$, let $\{v_1^*, \dots, v_n^*\}$ be the dual basis, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(L) \cdot [w_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge w_n^*](v_1, \dots, v_n) &= [L^*(w_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge w_n^*)](v_1, \dots, v_n) \\ &= [w_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge w_n^*]_n(L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)) \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n v_i^*(L(v_{\sigma(i)})) \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{L}_{i, \sigma(i)} \\ &= \det(\mathbf{L}) \cdot [w_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge w_n^*](v_1, \dots, v_n) \end{aligned}$$

Volume Forms

Claim:

If $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$ is an endomorphism, we have:

$$[w_1^* \wedge \cdots \wedge w_n^*](L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)) = [L^*(w_1^*) \wedge \cdots \wedge L^*(w_n^*)](v_1, \dots, v_n)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} [w_1^* \wedge \cdots \wedge w_n^*](L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)) &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n w_i^*(L(v_{\sigma(i)})) \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n [L^*(w_i^*)](v_{\sigma(i)}) \\ &= [L^*(w_1^*) \wedge \cdots \wedge L^*(w_n^*)](v_1, \dots, v_n) \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary:

If $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$ is an endomorphism, we have:

$$L^*(w_1^* \wedge \cdots \wedge w_n^*) = L^*(w_1^*) \wedge \cdots \wedge L^*(w_n^*)$$

Proof:

For any $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \subset V$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} [L^*(w_1^* \wedge \cdots \wedge w_n^*)](v_1, \dots, v_n) &= [w_1^* \wedge \cdots \wedge w_n^*](L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)) \\ &= [L^*(w_1^*) \wedge \cdots \wedge L^*(w_n^*)](v_1, \dots, v_n) \end{aligned}$$

Volume Forms

Claim:

Under the association $V \simeq V^{**}$, for any basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ for V and any (not necessarily dual) basis $\{w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*\}$ for V^* we have:

$$[w_1^* \wedge \cdots \wedge w_n^*](v_1, \dots, v_n) = [v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_n](w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} [w_1^* \wedge \cdots \wedge w_n^*](v_1, \dots, v_n) &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n w_i^*(v_{\sigma(i)}) \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n v_{\sigma(i)}(w_i^*) \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n v_i(w_{\sigma(i)}^*) \\ &= [v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_n](w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*) \end{aligned}$$

Volume Forms

Properties:

For $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$:

$$\det(L) = \det(L^*)$$

Volume Forms

Proof:

Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be a basis for V , let $\{w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*\}$ and let be a basis for V^* .

Under the association $V \simeq V^{**}$ we can define the volume form on V^* :

$$[v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n] \in \Lambda^n V^{**}$$

Pulling back via the dual L^* and evaluating on $\{w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*\}$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(L^*) \cdot [v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n](w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*) &= [L^{**}(v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n)](w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*) \\ &= [L^{**}(v_1) \wedge \dots \wedge L^{**}(v_n)](w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*) \\ &= [L(v_1) \wedge \dots \wedge L(v_n)](w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*) \\ &= [w_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge w_n^*](L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)) \\ &= [L^*(w_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge w_n^*)](v_1, \dots, v_n) \\ &= \det(L) \cdot [w_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge w_n^*](v_1, \dots, v_n) \\ &= \det(L) \cdot [v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n](w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*) \end{aligned}$$

Determinants

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{L} & W \\ B_V \downarrow & & \downarrow B_W \\ V^* & \xleftarrow{L^*} & W^* \end{array}$$

Recall:

Given inner-product spaces $\{V, B_V: V \rightarrow V^*\}$ and $\{W, B_W: W \rightarrow W^*\}$, a linear map $L \in \text{Hom}(V, W)$ is *orthogonal* if the inner-product on V is the pull-back of the inner-product on W (as a bilinear form):

$$B_V = L^* \circ B_W \circ L$$

\Rightarrow Taking $V = W$, if we have two inner-products $B_1, B_2: V \rightarrow V^*$, an endomorphism $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$ will be orthogonal if:

$$B_1 = L^* \circ B_2 \circ L$$

Q: What can we say about the determinant of L ?

Determinants

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{L} & V \\ B_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow B_2 \\ V^* & \xleftarrow{L^*} & V^* \end{array}$$

Claim:

Given a vector space V with two inner-product, $B_1, B_2: V \rightarrow V$, if an endomorphism $L: \{V, B_1\} \rightarrow \{V, B_2\}$ is orthogonal, then:

$$\det(L) = \pm \sqrt{\det(B_2^{-1} \circ B_1)}$$

Determinants

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{L} & V \\ B_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow B_2 \\ V^* & \xleftarrow{L^*} & V^* \end{array}$$

Proof:

Since L is orthogonal, we have:

$$B_1 = L^* \circ B_2 \circ L$$

This gives:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \det(B_1 \circ B_1^{-1}) \\ &= \det(L^* \circ B_2 \circ L \circ B_1^{-1}) \\ &= \det(L^*) \cdot \det(B_2 \circ L \circ B_1^{-1}) \\ &= \det(L) \cdot \det(L \circ B_1^{-1} \circ B_2) \\ &= \det(L) \cdot \det(L) \cdot \det(B_1^{-1} \circ B_2) \\ &= \frac{[\det(L)]^2}{\det(B_2^{-1} \circ B_1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(L) = \pm \sqrt{\det(B_2^{-1} \circ B_1)}$$

Determinants

Definition:

Given an inner-product space, $\{V, B: V \rightarrow V^*\}$, let $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be a B -orthogonal basis. We say that a volume form $\omega \in \Lambda^n V^*$ is a *unit volume form* if:

$$\omega(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \pm 1$$

Claim:

If ω is a unit volume form w.r.t. one B -orthogonal basis, it is a unit volume form for all B -orthogonal bases.

Determinants

Proof:

Let $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ be some other B -orthogonal basis.

\Rightarrow There exists an orthogonal transformation $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$ such that:

$$L(v_i) = w_i$$

Applying ω to this basis gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\omega(w_1, \dots, w_n) &= \omega(L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)) \\ &= [L^*(\omega)](v_1, \dots, v_n) \\ &= \det(L) \cdot \omega(v_1, \dots, v_n) \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\det(B^{-1} \circ B)} \\ &= \pm 1\end{aligned}$$

Determinants

Claim:

Given a vector space V with two inner-products, $B_1, B_2: V \rightarrow V^*$, two **unit** volume forms $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \wedge^n V^*$ are related by:

$$\omega_2 = \pm \sqrt{\det(B_1^{-1} \circ B_2)} \cdot \omega_1$$

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Proof:

Choose $L: \{V, B_2\} \rightarrow \{V, B_1\}$ to be an orthogonal transformation.

Since ω_2 is a unit-volume form, for any B_2 -orthogonal basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$:

$$\pm 1 = \omega_2(v_1, \dots, v_n)$$

Since $\{L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)\}$ is B_1 -orthogonal:

$$\begin{aligned} \pm 1 &= \omega_1(L(v_1), \dots, L(v_n)) \\ &= \det(L) \cdot \omega_1(v_1, \dots, v_n) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\omega_2(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \pm \det(L) \cdot \omega_1(v_1, \dots, v_n)$$

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