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Recall R comm w $\mathbb{1}$, M an R -module, $\mathcal{U}^k(M) \cong M \otimes_R M \otimes_R \dots \otimes_R M$

Def $\mathcal{U}(M) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{U}^i(M) \cong R \oplus M \oplus (M \otimes_R M) \oplus \dots$

tensor algebra, it is an R -algebra w/ a copy of M as an R -submodule
It is also a graded ring

Def A ring S is graded if $S \cong S_0 \oplus S_1 \oplus \dots$ as abelian groups
and $S_i S_j \subseteq S_{i+j}$. Elements of S_j are homogeneous of degree k .

Def An ideal $I \subseteq S$ is graded if $I = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} (I \cap S_k)$
A ring homomorphism between graded rings $S \rightarrow T$ is graded if $\varphi(S_k) \subseteq T_k \forall k$.

Props

- S_0 is always a subring
- I is graded means that if $i = i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_n$ w/ $i_j \in S_k$ then each $i_j \in I$.

Examples $\mathbb{R}[x, y, z]$ is graded. $\mathbb{R} S_k =$ homogeneous of degree k .

e.g. $\mathbb{R}[x, y, z]$ $x^3 + x^2z \in S_3$

(x, y) is graded ideal

$(1+x)$ is NOT, $1+x \in (1+x)$ but $1 \notin (1+x)$

Prop I graded ideal then $S/I \cong \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} S_k/I_k$

Symmetric Algebras

- $\mathcal{U}(M)$ has M as a submodule w/ no "extra" relations
- Suppose we also want our ring to be commutative?

Def. The symmetric algebra

$$\text{Sym}(M) \cong \mathcal{U}(M) / \langle \underbrace{m_1 \otimes m_2 - m_2 \otimes m_1}_{\text{ideal generated}} \mid m_i \in M \rangle = \mathcal{C}(M)$$

Remk. This is a commutative ring. $\mathcal{C}(M)$ gen by elts of degree 2.

$$\text{Thus } \text{Sym}(M) \cong \bigoplus \mathcal{C}^n(M) / \mathcal{C}^n(M)$$

Def. $\text{Sym}^k(M) = k^{\text{th}} \text{ symmetric power} \cong M \otimes_k M \otimes \dots \otimes_k M /$

like \otimes but order doesn't matter.

$$\langle m_1 \otimes m_2 - m_2 \otimes m_1, \dots \rangle$$

Remk 1. $\text{Sym}(M)$ has universal property w.r.t. commutative R -algs.

2. $\text{Sym}(V) \cong$ poly ring in $\dim V$ variables

Exterior Algebras

Def. The exterior algebra $\wedge(M) \cong \mathcal{U}(M) / \wedge(M)$

where $\wedge(M)$ is ideal generated by all tensors of form $m \otimes m$.

1. $\Lambda(M)$ is graded, $\Lambda(M) \cong \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^i(M)$

$$\Lambda^0(M) = R, \quad \Lambda^1(M) = M$$

$\Lambda^k(M) =$ non exterior power

2. $(x+y) \otimes (x+y) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x \otimes y = -y \otimes x$

3. Multiplication usually written w/ a wedge, i.e.

$$m_1 \otimes \dots \otimes m_k + \Lambda(M) \in \mathcal{Q}(\Lambda(M)) \text{ is denoted } m_1 \wedge \dots \wedge m_k.$$

4. Thus $m_1 \wedge \dots \wedge m_k =$ symbol $m_{\sigma(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge m_{\sigma(k)}$

WARNING

$a \wedge b$ may not be $b \wedge a$

ab may not be ba for $a, b \in \Lambda(M)$.

5. Universal property

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \Lambda^k(M) & \\ \uparrow & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{Q}: M \times \dots \times M & \rightarrow & N \end{array}$$

$\mathcal{Q}: M \times \dots \times M \rightarrow N$ alternating multilinear

then $\exists!$ $\mathcal{Q}: \Lambda^k(M) \rightarrow N$.

Example

Let $\varphi: R \rightarrow R, M = R^n = \langle e_1, \dots, e_n \rangle$
Determine $\Lambda^k(M)$.

Homomorphisms

Suppose $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$ an R -module homo. We get

$$\varphi^k(\varphi): \varphi^k(M) \rightarrow \varphi^k(N)$$

which gives

$$S_{\text{sub}}^k \varphi: S_{\text{sub}}^k(M) \rightarrow S_{\text{sub}}^k(N)$$

$$\Lambda^k(\varphi): \Lambda^k(M) \rightarrow \Lambda^k(N)$$

Special case

V an n -dim vector space
 $\varphi: V \rightarrow V$ linear.

$$\Lambda^n(\varphi): \Lambda^n(V) \rightarrow \Lambda^n(V) \text{ is mult by a scalar.}$$

Theorem This scalar is $\det \varphi$.

Proof

Pick a basis v_1, \dots, v_n .

$$\Lambda^n(\varphi): v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n = \varphi(v_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi(v_n)$$

$$= \left(\sum a_{1i} v_i \right) \wedge \left(\sum a_{2j} v_j \right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left(\sum a_{nk} v_k \right)$$

$$\vdots$$