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Tensor Products \otimes

The most important notion in
all of science!

QM vs. GR.

Conj. QM \geq GR

space-time is created
via entanglement

\nwarrow defined
using \otimes

Recall:

1) For any set X we can create
a vector space $\mathbb{F}X$ with
basis $\{e_x\}_{x \in X}$ indexed

by X .

$$\text{Ex. } \mathbb{F}\{1, 2\} \cong \mathbb{F}^2$$

$$\mathbb{F}[N] \cong \mathbb{F}[x]$$

2) if V v.s.p., $U \leq V$ then

we can form

$$V/U = \{v+U \mid v \in V\}$$

w/ op's $(v_1+U) + (v_2+U) = (v_1+v_2)+U$

$$\lambda(v+U) = (\lambda v)+U$$

Also, $v_1+U = v_2+U \iff v_1 - v_2 \in U.$

Let V, W be any two vec. sp's, Goal: Define a new vector space $V \otimes W$.

① Form $F(V \times W)$. This is a vector space with basis $\{e_{(v,w)} \mid v \in V, w \in W\}$

② Let $U \leq F(V \times W)$ be the span of the set $\{e_{(v_1+v_2, w)} - e_{v_1, w} - e_{v_2, w} \mid v_1, v_2 \in V, w \in W\} \cup \{e_{v, w_1+w_2} - e_{v, w_1} - e_{v, w_2} \mid v \in V, w_1, w_2 \in W\} \cup \{e_{\lambda v, w} - \lambda e_{v, w} \mid v \in V, w \in W, \lambda \in F\} \cup \{e_{v, \lambda w} - \lambda e_{v, w} \mid v \in V, w \in W, \lambda \in F\}.$

③ Define

$$V \otimes W := \frac{F(V \times W)}{U}$$

This space is the tensor product of V and W .

Notation : For $v \in V, w \in W$ we put

$$v \otimes w = e_{(v,w)} + U \in V \otimes W,$$

Properties, For any $v_1, v_2 \in V, w_1, w_2 \in W$ and $\lambda \in F$, we have:

$$(v_1 + v_2) \otimes w = v_1 \otimes w + v_2 \otimes w$$

$$v \otimes (w_1 + w_2) = v \otimes w_1 + v \otimes w_2$$

$$(\lambda v) \otimes w = \lambda (v \otimes w)$$

$$v \otimes (\lambda w) = \lambda (v \otimes w).$$

Proof $v_1 \otimes w + v_2 \otimes w = (e_{(v_1,w)} + U) + (e_{(v_2,w)} + U)$
 $= (e_{(v_1,w)} + e_{(v_2,w)} + U)$

$(v_1 + v_2) \otimes w = e_{(v_1+v_2,w)} + U$. These are equal since $e_{(v_1+v_2,w)} - e_{(v_1,w)} - e_{(v_2,w)} \in U$. Similar

Then, if V has basis
 $\mathcal{B} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ and W

has basis

$$\mathcal{C} = \{c_1, \dots, c_m\}$$

then $V \otimes W$ has basis

~~$$\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{C} = (b_1 \otimes c_1, b_1 \otimes c_2, \dots, b_1 \otimes c_m,$$~~

$$b_2 \otimes c_1, b_2 \otimes c_2, \dots, b_2 \otimes c_m,$$

$$\dots, b_n \otimes c_1, b_n \otimes c_2, \dots, b_n \otimes c_m)$$

proof $\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{C}$ spans clear.

$\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{C}$ lin indep. SKIPPED.

Cor $\dim V \otimes W = (\dim V)(\dim W)$

V, W, X v.sp's

Def A bilinear map

$\beta : V \times W \rightarrow X$
is a fun ot.

$$\beta(v_1 + v_2, w) = \beta(v_1, w) + \beta(v_2, w)$$

$$\beta(v, w_1 + w_2) = \dots$$

$$\beta(\lambda v, w) = \lambda \beta(v, w) = \beta(v, \lambda w)$$

Not. $Bil(V \times W, X) = \{ \beta \}$

Thm There is a bijection

$$Bil(V \times W, X) \cong Hom(V \otimes W, X)$$

Proof Let $\beta : V \times W \rightarrow X$ bil. map.

By property of free vector spaces

$\exists!$ linear map $\bar{\beta} : FV \times W \rightarrow X$

given by $\bar{\beta}(e_{(v,w)}) = \beta(v, w)$.

β bil $\Rightarrow U \subseteq \ker \bar{\beta}$. Get $\bar{\beta}$ induced
lin. $B : V \otimes W \rightarrow X$. Conv, given B , define
 $\beta(v, w) = B(v \otimes w)$

Cor

If $L_1: V_1 \rightarrow W_1$ and $L_2: V_2 \rightarrow W_2$

are lin maps, $\exists!$ lin map

$$L_1 \otimes L_2: V_1 \otimes V_2 \rightarrow W_1 \otimes W_2$$

Subject to

$$v_1 \otimes v_2 \mapsto L_1(v_1) \otimes L_2(v_2)$$

proof Define

$$\beta: V_1 \times V_2 \rightarrow W_1 \otimes W_2$$

by $\beta(v_1, v_2) = L_1(v_1) \otimes L_2(v_2)$.

Check β bil. Thus $\exists!$

bil. $B = L_1 \otimes L_2: V_1 \otimes V_2 \rightarrow W_1 \otimes W_2$

as claimed.

Then

$$[L_1 \otimes L_2]_{\mathcal{B}_1 \otimes \mathcal{B}_2, \mathcal{C}_1 \otimes \mathcal{C}_2} =$$

$$= [L_1]_{\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{C}_1} \otimes [L_2]_{\mathcal{B}_2, \mathcal{C}_2}$$

Kronecker product

$$[a_{ij}] \otimes [b_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}[b_{ij}] & \dots \\ \vdots & \\ \vdots & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Ex } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \otimes \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \\ \epsilon & \eta \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathcal{B}} = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} a\alpha & a\beta & b\alpha & b\beta \\ a\gamma & a\delta & b\gamma & b\delta \\ \hline c\epsilon & c\eta & d\epsilon & d\eta \end{array} \right]$$

Appl.

Transition probability matrices: Rows & cols are $\in (0, 1)$, sum to 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 2/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} =$$

