

MATH 23B PROBLEM SET 2

due February 18th

Let V be a vector space of dimension d and e_1, \dots, e_d a basis of V . We denote by $\mathcal{A}(r, d)$ be the set of subsets I of $[1, \dots, d]$ such that $|I| = r$. For any $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_r\} \in \mathcal{A}(r, d)$ we associate an r -linear form ω^I on V by

$$\omega^I(v_1, \dots, v_r) := \sum_{\sigma \in S_r} \text{sign}(\sigma) \prod_{1 \leq k \leq r} e^{i_{\sigma(k)}}(v_k)$$

1. a) Prove that $\omega^I \in \Omega^r(V)$.

b) Prove that the set $\omega^I, I \in \mathcal{A}(r, d)$ is a basis of the space $\Omega^r(V)$.

Let $A : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear map. We denote by $\Omega^r(A) : \Omega^r(V) \rightarrow \Omega^r(V)$ the linear map such that for any $\omega \in \Omega^r(V), v_1, \dots, v_r \in V$ we have $\Omega^r(A)(\omega)(v_1, \dots, v_r) = \omega(A(v_1), \dots, A(v_r))$.

2. Prove that $\Omega^r(A \circ B) = \Omega^r(B) \circ \Omega^r(A)$

Since $e_i, 1 \leq i \leq d$ is a basis of V there exists a $d \times d$ -matrix $(a_{i,k})$ such that $A(e_k) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq d} a_{i,k} e_i$. We call $(a_{i,k})$ the matrix of an operator A in respect to a basis $e_i, 1 \leq i \leq d$.

3. Write the matrix of the operator Ω^r in respect to the basis $\omega^I, I \in \mathcal{A}(r, d)$.

A hint. First do the case when $r = 1$ and $r = 2$, then the case $r = d$ and only afterwards approach the general case.

4.a) Let $p(x, y)$ be a polynomial such that $p(0, y) = 0, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove that $p(x, y)$ is divisible by x (that is show the existence of a polynomial $q(x, y)$ such that $p(x, y) = xq(x, y)$).

b) Let $p(x, y)$ be a polynomial such that $p(y, y) = 0, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove that $p(x, y)$ is divisible by $x - y$