

Differential Geometry

Chapter V. Tensors and Multilinear Forms

V.1. Multilinear Forms—Proofs of Theorems

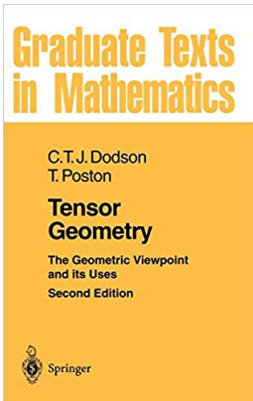


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$$\begin{aligned} \dim(X_1^* \otimes X_2) &= \dim(X_1^*)\dim(X_2) \text{ by Exercise V.1.4(c)} \\ &= \dim(X_1)\dim(X_2) \text{ by Lemma III.1.04} \\ &= \dim(L(X; Y)) \text{ (see page 27 or think matrices).} \end{aligned}$$

So \hat{f} is onto (surjective), and hence \hat{f} is a vector space isomorphism and $L(X_1; X_2) \cong X_1^* \otimes X_2$, as claimed. □

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 &= \bigotimes ((\mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{x}_i, \dots, \mathbf{A}_n \mathbf{x}_n)) a \\
 &\quad \text{since } \bigotimes \text{ is linear (see Definition V.1.04)} \\
 &= \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) a.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence \mathbf{h} is multilinear, as claimed. □