Lior Silberman's Math 412: Problem Set 5 (due 12/10/2016)

Practice

P1. Let $U = \mathrm{Span}_F \{\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2\}$ be two-dimensional. Show that the element $\underline{u}_1 \otimes \underline{u}_1 + \underline{u}_2 \otimes \underline{u}_2 \in U \otimes U$ is not a pure tensor, that is not of the form $\underline{u} \otimes \underline{u}$ for any $\underline{u} \in U$.

P2. Let $\iota \colon U \times V \to U \otimes V$ be the standard inclusion map ($\iota(\underline{u}, \underline{v}) = \underline{u} \otimes$ vv). Show that $\iota(\underline{u}, \underline{v}) = 0$ iff $\underline{u} = \underline{0}_U$ or $\underline{v} = \underline{0}_V$ and that for non-zero vectors we have $\iota(\underline{u}, \underline{v}) = \iota(\underline{u}', \underline{v}')$ iff $\underline{u}' = \alpha \underline{u}$ and $\underline{v}' = \alpha^{-1} \underline{v}$ for some $\alpha \in F^\times$.

P3. Let U, V be finite-dimensional spaces and let $A \in \mathrm{End}(U)$, $B \in \mathrm{End}(V)$.
- (a) Construct a map $A \oplus B \in \mathrm{End}_F(U \oplus V)$ restricting to A, B on the images of U, V in $U \oplus V$.
- (b) Show that $\mathrm{Tr}(A \oplus B) = \mathrm{Tr}(A) + \mathrm{Tr}(B)$.
- (c) Evaluate $\det(A \oplus B)$.

Tensor products of maps

1. Let U, V be finite-dimensional spaces, and let $A \in \mathrm{End}(U)$, $B \in \mathrm{End}(V)$.
   - (a) Show that $(\underline{u}, \underline{v}) \mapsto (A\underline{u}) \otimes (B\underline{v})$ is bilinear, and obtain a linear map $A \otimes B \in \mathrm{End}(U \otimes V)$.
   - (b) Suppose A, B are diagonable. Using an appropriate basis for $U \otimes V$, Obtain a formula for $\det(A \otimes B)$ in terms of $\det(A)$ and $\det(B)$.
   - (c) Extending (a) by induction, show for any $A \in \mathrm{End}_F(V)$, the map $A^{\otimes k}$ induces maps $\mathrm{Sym}^k A \in \mathrm{End}(\mathrm{Sym}^k V)$ and $\bigwedge^k A \in \mathrm{End}(\bigwedge^k V)$.
   - (*d) Show that the formula of (b) holds for all A, B.

2. Suppose $\frac{1}{2} \in F$, and let U be finite-dimensional. Construct isomorphisms

$$\{ \text{ symmetric bilinear forms on } U \} \leftrightarrow \left(\mathrm{Sym}^2 U\right)' \leftrightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^2\left(U'\right) .$$

Nilpotence

3. Let $U \in M_n(F)$ be *strictly upper-triangular*, that is upper triangular with zeroes along the diagonal. Show that $U^n = 0$ and construct such U with $U^{n-1} \neq 0$.

4. Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space, $T \in \mathrm{End}(V)$.
   - (*a) Show that the following statements are equivalent:
     (1) $\forall \underline{v} \in V : \exists k \geq 0 : T^k \underline{v} = \underline{0}$; (2) $\exists k \geq 0 : \forall \underline{v} \in V : T^k \underline{v} = \underline{0}$.
   - DEF A linear map satisfying (2) is called *nilpotent*. Example: see problem 5.
   - (b) Find nilpotent $A, B \in M_2(F)$ such that $A + B$ isn't nilpotent.
   - (c) Suppose that $A, B \in \mathrm{End}(V)$ are nilpotent and that A, B commute. Show that $A + B$ is nilpotent.

Extra credit

5. Let V be finite-dimensional.
   (a) Construct an isomorphism $U \otimes V' \to \mathrm{Hom}_F(V,U)$.
   (b) Define a map $\mathrm{Tr}\colon U \otimes U' \to F$ extending the evaluation pairing $U \times U' \to F$.
   DEF The *trace* of $T \in \mathrm{Hom}_F(U,U)$ is given by identifying T with an element of $U \otimes U'$ via (a) and then applying the map of (b).
   (c) Let $T \in \mathrm{End}_F(U)$, and let A be the matrix of T with respect to the basis $\{\underline{u}_i\}_{i=1}^n \subset U$. Show that $\mathrm{Tr}\, T = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii}$.
   RMK This shows that similar matrices have the same trace!
   (d) Solve P3(b) from this point of view.

Supplementary problems

A. (The tensor algebra) Fix a vector space U.
   (a) Extend the bilinear map $\otimes\colon U^{\otimes n} \times U^{\otimes m} \to U^{\otimes n} \otimes U^{\otimes m} \simeq U^{\otimes(n+m)}$ to a bilinear map $\otimes\colon \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} U^{\otimes n} \times \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} U^{\otimes n} \to \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} U^{\otimes n}$.
   (b) Show that this map $\otimes$ is associative and distributive over addition. Show that $1_F \in F \simeq U^{\otimes 0}$ is an identity for this multiplication.
   DEF This algebra is called the *tensor algebra* $T(U)$.
   (c) Show that the tensor algebra is *free:* for any F-algebra A and any F-linear map $f\colon U \to A$ there is a unique F-algebra homomorphism $\bar{f}\colon T(U) \to A$ whose restriction to $U^{\otimes 1}$ is f.

B. (The symmetric algebra). Fix a vector space U.
   (a) Endow $\bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathrm{Sym}^n U$ with a product structure as in 3(a).
   (b) Show that this creates a commutative algebra $\mathrm{Sym}(U)$.
   (c) Fixing a basis $\{\underline{u}_i\}_{i\in I} \subset U$, construct an isomorphism $F\left[\{x_i\}_{i\in I}\right] \to \mathrm{Sym}^* U$.
   RMK In particular, $\mathrm{Sym}^*(U')$ gives a coordinate-free notion of "polynomial function on U".
   (d) Let $I \lhd T(U)$ be the two-sided ideal generated by all elements of the form $\underline{u} \otimes \underline{v} - \underline{v} \otimes \underline{u} \in U^{\otimes 2}$. Show that the map $\mathrm{Sym}(U) \to T(U)/I$ is an isomorphism.
   RMK When the field F has finite characteristic, the correct definition of the symmetric algebra (the definition which gives the universal property) is $\mathrm{Sym}(U) \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} T(U)/I$, not the space of symetric tensors.

C. Let V be a (possibly infinite-dimensional) vector space, $A \in \mathrm{End}(V)$.
   (a) Show that the following are equivalent for $\underline{v} \in V$:
      (1) $\dim_F \mathrm{Span}_F \{A^n \underline{v}\}_{n=0}^{\infty} < \infty$;
      (2) there is a finite-dimensional subspace $\underline{v} \in W \subset V$ such that $AW \subset W$.
   DEF Call such $\underline{v}$ *locally finite*, and let V_{fin} be the set of locally finite vectors.
   (b) Show that V_{fin} is a subspace of V.
   (c) Call A *locally nilpotent* if for every $\underline{v} \in V$ there is $n \geq 0$ such that $A^n \underline{v} = \underline{0}$ (condition (1) of 5(a)). Find a vector space V and a locally nilpotent map $A \in \mathrm{End}(V)$ which is not nilpotent.
   (*d) A is called *locally finite* if $V_{\mathrm{fin}} = V$, that is if every vector is contained in a finite-dimensional A-invariant subspace. Find a space V and locally finite linear maps $A, B \in \mathrm{End}(V)$ such that $A + B$ is not locally finite.