TENSOR PRODUCTS OF F-VECTOR SPACES¹

MORRIS WEISFELD²

Kuranishi [1] has defined the concept of an F-vector space. Each F-vector space determines a pair of numbers (m, p) called the characteristic. The characteristic constitutes a generalization to this class of in general infinite dimensional vector spaces of the notion of dimension for finite dimensional vector spaces. The latter, in fact, correspond to F-vector spaces of characteristic (m, 0) with m equaling the dimension. Isomorphism of F-vector spaces, over the same field of course, is such that they are isomorphic if and only if they have the same characteristic.

Except for a very special case, the construction of the space of formal curves, Kuranishi left open the question of forming tensor products of F-vector spaces. It will be shown that the tensor product of two F-vector spaces having characteristics (m, p) and (m', p') respectively exists and is an F-vector space of characteristic (mm', p+p'). It is immediately seen that this generalizes the well-known result for finite dimensional vector spaces.

All vector spaces are taken over some infinite field.

A PF-vector space $H = (H, H^{(l)}, B^{(l)}, h^{(l)})$ is a vector space such that

- (1) $H^{(l)}$ and $B^{(l)}$ are vector subspaces for each nonnegative integer l;
- (2) $H = H^{(0)} \supseteq H^{(1)} \supseteq \cdots \supseteq H^{(l)} \supseteq H^{(l+1)} \supseteq \cdots$;
- (3) $\bigcap_{l} H^{(l)} = \{0\};$
- (4) $H^{(l)} = B^{(l)} \oplus H^{(l+1)}$;
- (5) $B^{(l)}$ has finite dimension d^l and $h^{(l)} = \{h_1^l, h_2^l, \dots, h_d^{l_l}\}$ is an ordered basis for $B^{(l)}$.

An F-vector space $H = (H, H^{(l)}, B^{(l)}, h^{(l)})$ is a PF-vector space such that there are integers p and k and a real number m_1 such that for all sufficiently large l

$$m_1(l-k)^p \le \dim(H/H^{(l)}) \le m_1(l+k)^p$$
.

p is called the degree and m defined to be equal to $p!m_1$ is called the

Received by the editors August 9, 1967.

¹ This research was supported under NSF contract GP-6623. The author thanks Professor C. S. Coleman for many valuable technical discussions, and also thanks the mathematics faculty at Harvey Mudd for extending support to him under their contract.

² Currently at Duke University.

multiplicity. m and p are uniquely determined and (m, p) is the characteristic mentioned above.

Let $H = (H, H^{(l)}, B^{(l)}, h^{(l)})$ and $H' = (H', H'^{(l)}, B'^{(l)}, h'^{(l)})$ be PF-vector spaces. The vector space $H^* = H \otimes H'$ is called the *tensor product of H and H'* and consists of all formal infinite linear combinations of the linearly independent elements $x \otimes y$ where $x \in h^{(l)}$ and $y \in h'^{(j)}$ for some l and j. One distinguishes the following subspaces

$$B^{*(j)} = \sum_{s=0}^{j} \oplus (B^{(j-s)} \otimes B^{'(s)}), \quad j \ge 0,$$

$$H^{*(j)} = \sum_{s=0}^{j} \oplus (H^{(j-s)} \otimes H'^{(s)}), \quad j \geq 0.$$

An ordered basis $h^{*(j)}$ of $B^{*(j)}$ consists of the elements $h_q^{j-s} \otimes h_r^{\prime s}$, $0 \le s \le j$, $1 \le q \le d^{j-s}$, $1 \le r \le d^s$ ordered as follows:

$$h_q^{j-s} \otimes h_r^{\prime s} < h_u^{j-t} \otimes h_v^{\prime t}$$

if and only if s < t, or s = t and r < v, or s = t and r = v and q < u.

Taking into account the various natural isomorphisms, it is readily verified that $H^* = (H^*, H^{*(l)}, B^{*(l)}, h^{*(l)})$ is a PF-vector space. If H and H' are also F-vector spaces one wants to show that H^* is also an F-vector space and to determine its characteristic. Although the condition for being an F-vector space is fairly stringent it does permit enough malignancy to have defeated every effort at the direct construction of bounds for $H^*/H^{*(l)}$ in terms of those for $H/H^{(l)}$ and $H'/H'^{(l)}$ attempted by the author. It appears that passing to isomorphic F-vector spaces on which suitable computations can be made is the only means at hand.

Let H and H'' be PF-vector spaces. A linear mapping F from H into H'' is called *analytic* if and only if there is an integer k such that $F(H^{(l)}) \subseteq H''(l-k)$ for all sufficiently large l. H and H'' are *isomorphic* if and only if there are analytic linear mappings F of H into H'' and G of H'' into H such that $G \circ F$ and $F \circ G$ are identity mappings in their respective domains.

Suppose that H and H'' are isomorphic PF-vector spaces and that H is also an F-vector space of characteristic (m, p). Then the mappings F and G are bijections which are used to identify H and H''. Moreover, there are integers k and k' such that

³ More precisely, H^* is the vector space generated by $B^{*(l)}$ and $h^{*(l)}$, which are defined just below, as constructed by Kuranishi [1, pp. 230–231] but omitting the condition for an F-vector space.

$$H^{(l)} \subseteq H''^{(l-k)} \subseteq H^{(l-k-k')}$$
.

But then, for some k_1 and all sufficiently large l,

$$\frac{m}{p!}(l+k_1)^p \ge \dim(H/H^{(l)}) \ge \dim(H''/H''^{(l-k)})$$

$$\geq \dim(H/H^{(l-k-k')}) \geq \frac{m}{p!} (l-k_1)^p.$$

Therefore, H'' is an F-vector space of characteristic (m, p). Thus, if $H = (H, H^{(l)}, B^{(l)}, h^{(l)})$ is an F-vector space, $H'' = (H'', H''^{(l)}, B''^{(l)}, h''^{(l)})$ is a PF-vector space, and H and H'' are isomorphic, then H'' is an F-vector space having the same characteristic as H. Kuranishi⁴ also proved that two F-vector spaces having the same characteristic are isomorphic.

Let H, H', H'', H''' be PF-vector spaces. Suppose that H is isomorphic to H'' under the analytic linear mappings F, G and that H' is isomorphic to H''' under the analytic linear mappings F', G'. Form $H^* = H \otimes H'$ and $H^{**} = H'' \otimes H'''$. Define F^* and G^* as follows: $F^*(x \otimes y) = F(x) \otimes F'(y)$ for $x \in H$ and $y \in H'$; $G^*(x \otimes y) = G(x) \otimes G'(y)$ for $x \in H''$ and $y \in H'''$. Then one easily demonstrates that F^* and G^* are analytic linear mappings such that F^*G^* and G^*F^* are identities on their respective domains. Thus, if H and H'' are isomorphic PF-vector spaces, then the tensor products $H \otimes H'$ and $H'' \otimes H'''$ are isomorphic PF-spaces.

Let $H = (H, H^{(1)}, B^{(1)}, h^{(1)})$ and $H' = (H', H'^{(1)}, B'^{(1)}, h'^{(1)})$ be F-vector spaces of characteristics (m, p) and (m', p') respectively. Let $H^* = H \otimes H'$ be the tensor product of H and H'. The characteristic of H^* will now be determined.

If p=0, the $m=m_1$ is equal to the dimension of H. Let $B''^{(0)}$ be a vector space of dimension m and let $h''^{(0)}$ be an ordered basis for $B''^{(0)}$. Let $B''^{(l)}=\left\{0\right\}$ and $h''^{(l)}=\varnothing$ for l>0. Let H'' be the F-vector space generated by $B''^{(l)}$ and $H''^{(l)}$. Then H and H'' are isomorphic F-vector spaces because they have the same characteristic. Let $H^{**}=H''\otimes H'$. The vector spaces $H^{**}/H^{**(l)}$ and $B''^{(0)}\otimes (B''^{(0)}\oplus \cdots \oplus B''^{(l-1)})$ are isomorphic and hence have the same dimension. Hence,

$$mm'_1(l-k')^{p'} \le \dim(H^{**}/H^{**(l)}) \le mm'_1(l+k')^{p'}$$

⁴ The preceding result is a slight modification of a result of Kuranishi's [1, Proposition I.2, Theorem I.1].

where $m' = p'!m_1'$, for sufficiently large l. This implies that H^{**} has characteristic (mm', p'), and, since H^* and H^{**} are isomorphic PF-vector spaces, H^* has the same characteristic.

Now let p be greater than zero.

It is convenient to set the symbol x^q equal to zero when x is negative and q is positive, and this will be assumed henceforth. Note then that one can choose k so large that

(1)
$$m_1(n-k)^p \leq \dim(B^{(0)} \otimes \cdots \otimes B^{(n-1)}) \leq m_1(n+k)^p,$$

$$m_1'(n-k)^{p'} \leq \dim(B'^{(0)} \otimes \cdots \otimes B'^{(n-1)}) \leq m_1'(n+k)^{p'}$$

for all $n \ge 0$, and also such that

$$(2) k \ge 1/(2m_1).$$

Let B''(l) be a vector space of dimension equal to

$$[m_1(l+1+k)^p] - [m_1(l+k)^p]^5$$

for l>0. Let $B''^{(0)}$ be a vector space of dimension $[m_1(1+k)^p]$. Let $h''^{(l)}$ be an ordered basis for $B''^{(l)}$ for each $l\geq 0$. Clearly

$$\dim(B^{\prime\prime(0)}\otimes\cdots\otimes B^{\prime\prime(l-1)})\leq m_1(l+k)^p.$$

Also, utilizing the inequality (2),

(4)
$$\dim(B''(0) \otimes \cdots \otimes B''(l-1)) \ge m_1(l+k)^p - 1 \ge m_1(l-k)^p$$
.

Let $H'' = (H'', B''^{(l)}, H''^{(l)}, h''^{(l)})$ be the *F*-vector space generated by $B''^{(l)}$ and $h''^{(l)}$ as constructed by Kuranishi. H'' has characteristic $(m, p), m = p!m_1$, and thus is isomorphic to H.

Note that

(5)
$$pm_1(j-k-2)^{p-1} \leq \dim B^{\prime\prime}(j) \leq pm_1(j+k+2)^{p-1}.$$

Let H^{**} be the tensor product $H'' \otimes H'$. Then

$$\dim(H^{**}/H^{**(l)}) = \dim(B^{**(0)} \otimes \cdots \otimes B^{**(l-1)})$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} (\dim B''^{(l-1-j)}) \cdot (\dim(B'^{(0)} \otimes \cdots \otimes B'^{(j)}).$$

Thus, utilizing inequalities (1) and (5)

(6)
$$pm_1m_1' \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} (l-1-j-k-2)(j+1-k)^{p'} \le \dim(H^{**}/H^{**(l)})$$

and

⁵ [y] is the greatest integer in y.

(7)
$$\dim(H^{**}/H^{**(l)}) \leq pm_1m_1' \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} (l-1-j+k+2)^{p-1}(j+k+1)^{p'}.$$

Note that

(8)
$$\binom{j}{p} \le \frac{1}{p!} j^p \le \binom{j+p}{p}$$

and

(9)
$$\sum_{s=0}^{r} {r-s+q \choose q} {s+t \choose t} = {r+q+t+1 \choose q+t+1}.$$

The suprabound (7)

$$pm_{1}m_{1}' \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} (l+k+1-j)^{p-1}(j+k+1)^{p'}$$

$$\leq p!p'!m_{1}m_{1}' \sum_{j=0}^{l+2k+2} \frac{1}{(p-1)!} (l+2k+2-j)^{p-1} \frac{1}{p'!} j^{p'}$$

$$\leq mm' \sum_{j=0}^{l+2k+2} {l+2k+2-j+p-1 \choose p-1} {j+p' \choose p'}$$

$$= mm' {l+2k+2+p+p' \choose p+p'}$$

$$\leq \frac{mm'}{(p+p')!} (l+k')^{p+p'}$$

for some k' and sufficiently large l.

The infrabound (6)

$$pm_{1}m_{1}' \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} (l-3-j-k)^{p-1}(j+1-k)^{p'}$$

$$\geq mm' \sum_{j=0}^{l-2k-2} \frac{1}{(p-1)!} (l-2k-2-j)^{p-1} \frac{1}{p'!} j^{p'}$$

$$\geq mm' \sum_{j=0}^{l-2k-2+1} {l-2k-2-j \choose p-1} {j \choose p'}$$

$$= mm' {l-2k-2+1 \choose p+p'}$$

$$\geq \frac{mm'}{(p+p')!} (l-k'')^{p+p'}$$

for some k'' and sufficiently large l.

The bounds (10) and (11) imply that H^{**} has characteristic (mm', p+p'). Since H^* and H^{**} are isomorphic PF-vector spaces, H^* has the same characteristic.

REFERENCES

- 1. M. Kuranishi, On the local theory of continuous infinite pseudo-groups. I, Nagoya Math J. 15 (1959), 225-260.
 - 2. S. Mac Lane and G. Birkhoff, Algebra, Macmillan, New York, 1967.

HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE