

- (1) let  $T$  be a  $k$ -tensor on  $V$ . Prove that  $T$  is alternating if and only if  $T(v_1, \dots, v_k) = 0$  for any  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  such that  $v_i = v_j$  for some  $i \neq j$ .
- (2) Let  $T$  be a 2-tensor on  $V$ .

Prove that there exist unique tensors  $T_1, T_2$  such that  $T_1$  is alternating,  $T_2$  is symmetric and  $T = T_1 + T_2$

- (3) let  $\sigma \in S_{k+l}$  be the following permutation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & k & k+1 & \dots & k+l \\ l+1 & \dots & l+k & 1 & \dots & l \end{pmatrix}$$

Prove that  $\text{sign}(\sigma) = (-1)^{kl}$ .

- (4) Let  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  be a basis of a vector space  $V$ .

Let  $T = (e_1^* + e_3^*) \otimes e_1^*$  and  $S = (e_1^* + e_2^*) \otimes e_2^*$ .

Compute  $T \otimes S$  and  $\text{alt}(T \otimes S)$ .

**Extra Credit.** Compute the dimension of the space of symmetric  $k$ -tensors on a vector space  $V$ .

Suppose  $\dim V > 1$  and  $k > 2$ . Is it true that any  $k$  tensor can be written as a sum of a symmetric and an alternating tensor?