

The Space T_s^r

A tensor of type (r,s) or of order (r+s) is an element of the product space.

$$T_s^r = \underbrace{T \otimes \dots \otimes T}_{r \text{ times}} \otimes \underbrace{T^* \otimes \dots \otimes T^*}_{s \text{ times}}$$

In particular $T = T^i$ and $T^* = T_1$

A member of T^r a contravariant tensor of order r, a member of T_s , is a covariant tensor of order s, while a member of T_s^r is a mixed tensor of order (r + s). A member of T^r is also referred to as a tensor of type (r, 0). a member of T_s as a tensor of type (0, s) and a member of T_s^r a tensor of type (r, s), The contravariant and covariant vectors as tensors of types (1, 0) and (0,1) respectively and the scalars may be included as a tensor of type (0, 0).

Let $\{\underline{e}_a\}$ be the basis of T which induces naturally $\{\tilde{e}^a\}$ the dual basis of T i.e. T^* and $\{\tilde{e}^a\}$ induce the basis set $\{\underline{g}_a\}$ of T which a dual to T^* . Since the dimension of each are equal i, e, n. Define n^{r+s} functions

$$\underline{e}_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s} : \underbrace{T^* \times \dots \times T^*}_{r \text{ times}} \times \underbrace{T \times \dots \times T}_{s \text{ times}} \rightarrow R \text{ by}$$

$$\underline{e}_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s} (\tilde{\lambda}^1 \dots \tilde{\lambda}^r, \underline{\mu}_1, \dots, \underline{\mu}_s) \lambda_{a_1}^1 \dots \lambda_{a_r}^r \dots \mu_1^{b_1} \dots \mu_s^{b_s}.$$

Here we labels the vectors of T^* by superscript and that of the vectors of T by subscript and their respective components superscript and subscript. In particular

$$\underline{e}_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s} (\tilde{e}^{c_1} \dots \tilde{e}^{c_r}, \underline{g}_{d_1}, \dots, \underline{g}_{d_s}) = \delta_{a_1}^{c_1} \dots \delta_{a_r}^{c_r} \delta_{d_1}^{b_1} \dots \delta_{d_s}^{b_s}.$$

To show $\underline{e}_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s}$ the basis of T_s^r we have to show that they spans T_s^r that they are independent.

For any $\underline{\tau} (\tilde{e}^{a_1}, \dots, \tilde{e}^{a_r}, \underline{g}_{b_1}, \dots, \underline{g}_{b_s}) = \tau_{b_1 \dots b_s}^{a_1 \dots a_r}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \underline{\tau} (\tilde{\lambda}^1 \dots \tilde{\lambda}^r, \underline{\mu}_1, \dots, \underline{\mu}_s) &= \underline{\tau} (\lambda_{a_1}^1 \tilde{e}^{a_1}, \dots, \lambda_{a_r}^r \tilde{e}^{a_r}, \mu_1^{b_1} \underline{g}_{b_1}, \dots, \mu_s^{b_s} \underline{g}_{b_s}) \\ &= \lambda_{a_1}^1 \dots \lambda_{a_r}^r \cdot \mu_1^{b_1} \dots \mu_s^{b_s} \underline{\tau} (\tilde{e}^{a_1}, \dots, \tilde{e}^{a_r}, \underline{g}_{b_1}, \dots, \underline{g}_{b_s}) \\ &= \tau_{b_1 \dots b_s}^{a_1 \dots a_r} \lambda_{a_1}^1 \dots \lambda_{a_r}^r \mu_1^{b_1} \dots \mu_s^{b_s} = \tau_{b_1 \dots b_s}^{a_1 \dots a_r} \\ &= \tau_{b_1 \dots b_s}^{a_1 \dots a_r} \underline{e}_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s} (\tilde{\lambda}^1 \dots \tilde{\lambda}^r, \underline{\mu}_1, \dots, \underline{\mu}_s) \end{aligned}$$

so for any $\underline{\tau} \in T_s^r$ we have $\tau_{b_1 \dots b_s}^{a_1 \dots a_r} \underline{e}_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s}$, showing that the $\{\underline{e}_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s}\}$ spans T_s^r . More over, $\{\underline{e}_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s}\}$ is an independent set, for if

$$x_{b_1 \dots b_s}^{a_1 \dots a_r} \underline{e}_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s} = \underline{0}$$

$$\therefore x_{b_1 \dots b_s}^{a_1 \dots a_r} \underline{e}_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s} (\tilde{e}^{c_1}, \dots, \tilde{e}^{c_r}, \underline{g}_{d_1}, \dots, \underline{g}_{d_s}) = 0$$

$$\text{or } x_{b_1 \dots b_s}^{a_1 \dots a_r} \delta_{a_1}^{c_1} \dots \delta_{a_r}^{c_r} \delta_{d_1}^{b_1} \dots \delta_{d_s}^{b_s} = 0$$

$$\text{or } x_{d_1 \dots d_s}^{c_1 \dots c_r} = 0$$

for all $c_1 \dots c_r, d_1 \dots d_s$. On using equation (Equation Hobay)

Thus we have seen that any $\underline{\tau} \in T_s^r$ can be expressed as a linear combination of

$\underline{e}_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s}$ and $\underline{e}_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s}$ are independent hence form the basis of the space T_s^r .

Now for the non-singular transformations of the bases

$$\underline{e}'_a = X_{a'}^c \underline{e}_c, \tilde{e}'^a = X_d^{a'} \tilde{e}^d \cdot X_{a'}^c X_d^{a'} = \delta_d^c \text{ (Equation Hobay)}$$

Change the components of the tensor T_s^r according to the transformation law

$$\tau_{b_1 \dots b_s}^{a_1 \dots a_r} = X_{c_1}^{a'_1} \dots X_{c_r}^{a'_r} X_{b'_1}^{d_1} \dots X_{b'_s}^{d_s} \tau_{d_1 \dots d_s}^{c_1 \dots c_r} \text{ (Equation Hobay)}$$

Also the basis of T_s^r transform like

$$\underline{e}'_{a_1 \dots a_r}^{b_1 \dots b_s} = X_{a'_1}^{c_1} \dots X_{a'_r}^{c_r} X_{d'_1}^{b'_1} \dots X_{d'_s}^{b'_s} \underline{e}_{c_1 \dots c_r}^{d_1 \dots d_s} \text{ (Equation Hobay)}$$

A useful theorem for determining tensor character is the so called quotient theorem. If the result of taking the product (outer or inner) of a given set of elements with a tensor of any specified type of arbitrary components is known to be a tensor, then the given set of elements are also components of a tensor, we consider an example, suppose τ_{bc}^a are a set of n^3 quantities. let λ_g^f be a mixed tensor of rank two whose components can be chosen arbitrarily and suppose it is given that the inner product

$$\tau_{bc}^a \lambda_g^c = \mu_{bg}^a \text{ (Equation Hobay)}$$

is a tensor for all such λ_g^f . For transformed basis, we get

$$\tau_{bc}^{*a} \lambda_g'^c = \mu_{bg}'^a \text{ (Equation Hobay)}$$

where τ_{bc}^{*a} are transformed components, Let $\tau_{bc}'^a$ be defined for the same transformed basis by the following relation,

$$\tau_{bc}'^a = X_d^{a'} X_{b'}^i X_{c'}^h \tau_{ih}^d \text{ (Equation Hobay)}$$

Since this is a tensor transformation law, we know the elements, so defined will satisfy.

$$\tau_{bc}'^a \lambda_g'^c = \mu_{bg}'^a$$

Subtracting (1,4,9) from (1.4,7) we get

$$(\tau_{bc}^{*a} - \tau_{bc}'^a) \lambda_g'^c = 0$$

Since λ_g^f has arbitrary components its components in transform basis are also arbitrary. $\lambda_g'^c$ can

be assume any convenient values. Thus taking

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lambda_g'^c &= 1 && \text{when } c = g \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ yields}$$

$$\tau_{bd}^{*a} - \tau_{bd}'^a = 0$$

$$\tau_{bd}^{*a} = \tau_{bd}'^a$$

This being true for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, we have quite generally

$$\tau_{bc}^{*a} = \tau_{bc}'^a$$

We are now interested to introduce the special type of tensor, Consider the tensor p of type (1,1) defined by specifying its components relative to a given basis $\{\underline{e}_a\}$ to be the Kronecker delta, i.e. $p_b^a = \delta_b^a$. Relative to another basis $\{\underline{e}'_a\}$ its components are

$$p_b'^a = X_c^{a'} X_{b'}^d \delta_d^c = X_c^{a'} X_{b'}^c = \delta_b^a$$

Thus P has the same components relative to any basis. This special tensor is called the Kronecker tensor and it is customary to use δ_b^a rather than p_b^a for its components.