HW3

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题目 1. (2.2.9) 证明

$$[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}] + [\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{d}] + [\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{d}] = \mathbf{0}$$

解答. 因为对于任意三维空间向量 a, b, c, d 有:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}) &= \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}) \\ &= \mathbf{a} \cdot ((\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{d})\mathbf{c} - (\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{d}) \\ &= (\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{d})(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}) - (\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{d}) \end{aligned}$$

所以

$$\begin{aligned} &[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}] + [\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{d}] + [\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{d}] \\ &= & (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}) + (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{d}) + (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{d}) \\ &= & (\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{d})(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}) - (\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{d}) + \\ & & (\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{d})(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}) - (\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{d}) + \\ & & (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{d})(\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{b}) - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{d}) \\ &= & \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$