
HW 2: Index Notation

1. Which of the following are valid expressions in index notation? If an expression is not valid, explain why.

(a) $a = b_i c_{ij} d_j$

(b) $a = b_i c_i + d_j$

(c) $a_i = \delta_{ij} b_i + c_i$

(d) $a_k = b_i c_{ki}$

(e) $a_k = b_k c + d_i e_{ik}$

(f) $a_i = b_i + c_{ij} d_{ji} e_i$

(g) $a_\ell = \epsilon_{ijk} b_j c_k$

(h) $a_{ij} = b_{ji}$

(i) $a_{ij} = b_i c_j + e_{jk}$

(j) $a_{k\ell} = b_i c_{ki} d_\ell + e_{ki}$

2. Prove the following by writing out the implicit summations:

(a) $\delta_{ij} \delta_{ij} = 3$

(b) $\epsilon_{pqr} \epsilon_{pqr} = 6$

3. Prove the following by using the epsilon-delta relation (equation 2.19 in the textbook):

$$\epsilon_{pqi} \epsilon_{pqj} = 2 \delta_{ij}$$

4. Using index notation, show that

(a) $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = -\vec{v} \times \vec{u}$

(b) [6700 only] $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) \vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{c}$

(c) [6700 only] $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b}$

5. Using index notation, show that for *any* vector \vec{u} , the following is always true:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{u}) = 0.$$