

On Levi-Civita pseudotensor

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In this paper we present properties of Levi-Civita pseudotensor. Let us firstly denote n as dimension of space. We define covariant Levi-Civita pseudotensor as follows

$$\varepsilon^{i_1 \dots i_n} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i_1, \dots, i_n) \text{ is an even permutation} \\ -1 & \text{if } (i_1, \dots, i_n) \text{ is an odd permutation} \\ 0 & \text{if } i_p = i_q \text{ for some } p, q \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

and consistently contravariant

$$\varepsilon_{i_1 \dots i_n} = g_{i_1 j_1} \dots g_{i_n j_n} \varepsilon^{j_1 \dots j_n}, \quad (2)$$

where g_{ij} is metric tensor ($g^{ik}g_{kj} = \delta_j^i$) and $\sqrt{-g} = 1$. One can easily see that we can, using equality (2), define determinant of matrix M

$$\det(M) \varepsilon_{i_1 \dots i_n} = M_{i_1 j_1} \dots M_{i_n j_n} \varepsilon^{j_1 \dots j_n}. \quad (3)$$

It is worth mentioning that in curved space unit antisymmetric pseudotensor $E^{i_1 \dots i_n}$ will be defined as follows

$$E^{i_1 \dots i_n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \varepsilon^{i_1 \dots i_n} \quad (4)$$

$$E_{i_1 \dots i_n} = \sqrt{-g} \varepsilon_{i_1 \dots i_n} \quad (5)$$

Now we will present useful properties of Levi-Civita pseudotensor.

$$\varepsilon^{i_1 \dots i_n} \varepsilon_{i_1 \dots i_n} = n! \quad (6)$$

$$\varepsilon^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \varepsilon_{j_1 i_2 \dots i_n} = (n-1)! \delta_{j_1}^{i_1} \quad (7)$$

2 dimensions

$$(\varepsilon^{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$(\varepsilon_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$\varepsilon^{ij}\varepsilon_{pq} = \delta_p^i\delta_q^j - \delta_q^i\delta_p^j \quad (10)$$

$$\varepsilon^{ij}\varepsilon_{jk} = \delta_k^i \quad (11)$$

$$\varepsilon^{ij}\varepsilon_{ij} = 2 \quad (12)$$

3 dimensions

$$\varepsilon^{ijk}\varepsilon_{pqr} = \delta_p^i\delta_q^j\delta_r^k + \delta_q^i\delta_r^j\delta_p^k + \delta_r^i\delta_p^j\delta_q^k - \delta_p^i\delta_r^j\delta_q^k - \delta_r^i\delta_q^j\delta_p^k - \delta_q^i\delta_p^j\delta_r^k \quad (13)$$

$$\varepsilon^{ijk}\varepsilon_{ipq} = \delta_p^j\delta_q^k - \delta_q^j\delta_p^k \quad (14)$$

$$\varepsilon^{ipq}\varepsilon_{jpq} = 2\delta_j^i \quad (15)$$

$$\varepsilon^{ijk}\varepsilon_{ijk} = 6 \quad (16)$$