

Problem Set 5 – ACSE-2 – November 2020

- (1) **Tensor maths:** Given vectors **a** and **b** and second order tensor **S** with the following components:

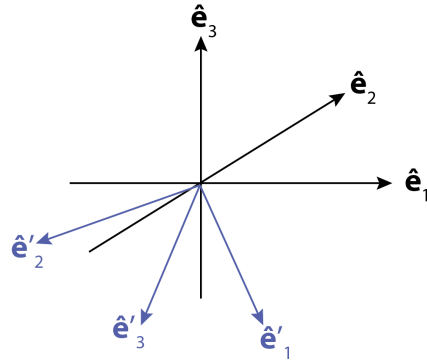
$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & 7 & 4 \\ 9 & 8 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

determine:

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| (a) $\text{tr}(\mathbf{S})$ | (b) $\mathbf{S}:\mathbf{S}$ | (c) $\mathbf{S}:\mathbf{S}^T$ | (d) $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{S}$ |
| (e) $\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}$ | (f) $\mathbf{S}^T \cdot \mathbf{a}$ | (g) $\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}$ | (h) $\mathbf{b}\mathbf{a}$ |

- (2) **Coordinate transformation:** Let $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$ be a set of orthonormal base vectors. Then define a new right-handed coordinate system by $\hat{\mathbf{e}}'_1, \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_2, \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_3$ (see figure) where:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_1 &= \frac{1}{3}(2\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 + 2\hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3) \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 - \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2) \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_3 &= \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 - 4\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3) \end{aligned}$$



Check that $\hat{\mathbf{e}}'_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_2 = 0$ and $\hat{\mathbf{e}}'_3 = \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_1 \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_2$. Is the new basis orthonormal? Determine the direction cosines of the transformation and write out the transformation matrix.

- (3) **Special tensors, index notation:** Simplify the following expressions:

- Simplify: $\delta_{ij}\delta_{jk}\delta_{kp}\delta_{pi}$
- Show that: $\epsilon_{ijk}\epsilon_{lmk} = \delta_{il}\delta_{jm} - \delta_{im}\delta_{jl}$
- Use the identity in b) and index notation to show that:
 $\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c}$
- If you manage question c, you could also try to derive the various scalar triple product identities, i.e., $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c}$ and others in the lecture slides.

- (4) **Vector derivatives:** Use index notation to establish the following identities, where F is a scalar function and \mathbf{v} is a vector

- $\nabla \times (\nabla F) = \mathbf{0}$
- $\nabla^2 \mathbf{v} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) - \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})$