

4. Show that

(a)  $\epsilon_{ijk}\epsilon_{jki} = 6,$

(b)  $\epsilon_{ijk}A_jA_k = 0$  for all  $i$ , and

(c)  $\epsilon_{ilm}\epsilon_{jlm} = 2\delta_{ij}.$

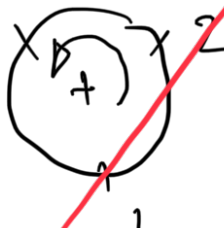
$$\begin{aligned} 4(a): \quad \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{jki} &= \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} \\ &= \delta_{\underline{jj}} \delta_{\underline{kk}} - \delta_{jk} \delta_{kj} \\ &= (\delta_{11} + \delta_{22} + \delta_{33}) \delta_{kk} - \delta_{jj} \\ &= 3 \times 3 - 3 \\ &= 9 - 3 \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

4 (b) :  $\epsilon_{ijk} A_j A_k = 0 \quad \forall i$

long expansion

$$\begin{aligned} & \epsilon_{i11} A_1 A_1 + \epsilon_{i12} A_1 A_2 + \epsilon_{i13} A_1 A_3 \\ & + \epsilon_{i21} A_2 A_1 + \epsilon_{i22} A_2 A_2 + \epsilon_{i23} A_2 A_3 \\ & + \epsilon_{i31} A_3 A_1 + \epsilon_{i32} A_3 A_2 + \epsilon_{i33} A_3 A_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \epsilon_{312} A_1 A_2 + \epsilon_{213} A_1 A_3 + \epsilon_{321} A_2 A_1 + \epsilon_{123} A_2 A_3 + \epsilon_{231} A_3 A_1 + \epsilon_{132} A_3 A_2$$

$$= \cancel{A_1 A_2} - \cancel{A_2 A_1} - \cancel{A_1 A_3} + \cancel{A_3 A_1} + \cancel{A_2 A_3} - \cancel{A_3 A_2}$$


$$\underline{= 0}$$

The work in red loop is WRONG.

We continue from the previous step.  
We write the expression for  $i=1, 2$ , and 3  
as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{i=1} & \rightarrow 0 \\ & \cancel{\epsilon_{112} A_1 A_2} + \cancel{\epsilon_{113} A_1 A_3} + \cancel{\epsilon_{121} A_2 A_1} + \epsilon_{123} A_2 A_3 \\ & + \cancel{\epsilon_{131} A_3 A_1} + \epsilon_{132} A_3 A_2 \\ & = \epsilon_{123} A_2 A_3 + \epsilon_{132} A_3 A_2 \\ & = A_2 A_3 - A_3 A_2 \\ & = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{i=2} & \rightarrow 0 \\ & \cancel{\epsilon_{212} A_1 A_2} + \epsilon_{213} A_1 A_3 + \cancel{\epsilon_{221} A_2 A_1} + \cancel{\epsilon_{223} A_2 A_3} \\ & + \epsilon_{231} A_3 A_1 + \cancel{\epsilon_{232} A_3 A_2} \\ & = \epsilon_{213} A_1 A_3 + \epsilon_{231} A_3 A_1 \\ & = -A_1 A_3 + A_3 A_1 \\ & = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$i=3$$

$$= 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& \underline{\underline{\epsilon_{312} A_1 A_2 + \cancel{\epsilon_{313} A_1 A_3} + \epsilon_{321} A_2 A_1 + \cancel{\epsilon_{323} A_2 A_3} \\
& + \cancel{\epsilon_{331} A_3 A_1} + \cancel{\epsilon_{332} A_3 A_2}}} \\
& \quad \quad \quad \swarrow \quad \quad \quad \swarrow \\
& \quad \quad \quad 0 \quad \quad \quad 0 \\
& = \epsilon_{312} A_1 A_2 + \epsilon_{321} A_2 A_1 \\
& = A_1 A_2 - A_2 A_1 \\
& = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown that  $\forall i$   
 $\epsilon_{ijk} A_j A_k = 0$ .

### Second method

$$\underline{A} \times \underline{B} = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \hat{e}_i$$

$$\therefore (\underline{A} \times \underline{B})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

further,  $\underline{A} \times \underline{B} = |\underline{A}| |\underline{B}| \sin \theta \hat{n}$ , where  $\hat{n}$  is a unit vector  $\hat{n} = n_1 \hat{e}_1 + n_2 \hat{e}_2 + n_3 \hat{e}_3$

$$\therefore (\underline{A} \times \underline{B})_i = |\underline{A}| |\underline{B}| \sin \theta n_i \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

for  $\underline{B} = \underline{A}$ ,  $\theta = 0^\circ$

$$\therefore \text{from (1) and (2)} \quad \underline{\epsilon_{ijk} A_j A_k = 0 \quad \forall i}$$

$$4(c) : \quad \epsilon_{ilm} \epsilon_{jlm} = 2\delta_{ij}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S.} \quad \epsilon_{ilm} \epsilon_{jlm} &= \epsilon_{mil} \epsilon_{mjl} \\
 &= \delta_{ij} \delta_{ll} - \delta_{il} \delta_{lj} \\
 &= 3\delta_{ij} - \delta_{ij} \\
 &= 2\delta_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$

