

# Chapter 4

## Tensors and Differential Forms

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### 4.1 Tensor Analysis

**4.1.1** Let all the components of a tensor  $\mathbf{A}$  vanish in a coordinate system  $K$ . For any coordinate system  $K'$ , the components of  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $K'$  are linear combinations of components of  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $K$  according to the transformation laws of tensors, and is therefore zero. So in every coordinate systems, all the components of  $\mathbf{A}$  vanish.

#### 4.1.2

$$A_{ij} = \sum_k \sum_l \frac{\partial(x^0)^k}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial(x^0)^l}{\partial x^j} A_{kl}^0 = \sum_k \sum_l \frac{\partial(x^0)^k}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial(x^0)^l}{\partial x^j} B_{kl}^0 = B_{ij}$$

**4.1.3** Let the vector be  $\mathbf{A}$ , and its components be  $A^i$  and  $(A')^i$  in the two reference frames. For  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $A^i = 0$  and  $(A')^i = 0$ . Applying the transformation law,

$$(A')^i = \sum_j \frac{\partial(x')^i}{\partial x^j} A^j = \frac{\partial(x')^i}{\partial x^0} A^0$$

For  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $(A')^i = 0$ , but at least one of  $\frac{\partial(x')^i}{\partial x^0} \neq 0$ , so  $A^0$  must be zero. So all the components of  $\mathbf{A}$  in the first reference frame vanish, and by exercise 4.1.1, all the components of  $\mathbf{A}$  vanish in every reference frame. In particular, the zeroth component of  $\mathbf{A}$  vanish in every reference frame.

**4.1.4** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an isotropic second-rank tensor in 3-D space. Consider the  $90^\circ$  rotation about  $x_3$  axis. Then  $(x')^1 = x^2$ ,  $(x')^2 = -x^1$ ,  $(x')^3 = x^3$ . So

$$A^{11} = (A')^{11} = \sum_i \sum_j \frac{\partial(x')^1}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial(x')^1}{\partial x^j} A^{ij} = \frac{\partial(x')^1}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial(x')^1}{\partial x^2} A^{22} = A^{22}$$

Similarly, we can prove  $A^{22} = A^{33}$ , so  $A^{11} = A^{22} = A^{33} = k$ ,  $k$  is a constant.

Consider the  $180^\circ$  rotation about  $x_3$  axis. Then  $(x'')^1 = -x^1$ ,  $(x'')^2 = -x^2$ ,  $(x'')^3 = x^3$ . So

$$A^{13} = (A'')^{13} = \sum_i \sum_j \frac{\partial(x'')^1}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial(x'')^3}{\partial x^j} A^{ij} = \frac{\partial(x'')^1}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial(x'')^3}{\partial x^3} A^{13} = (-1)(1)A^{13} = -A^{13}$$

so  $A^{13} = 0$ . Similarly, we can prove  $A^{31} = A^{12} = A^{21} = A^{23} = A^{32} = 0$ . Therefore,

$$A^{ij} = \begin{cases} k, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

which is  $k\delta_j^i$ .

**4.1.5** [First relation] If  $i = k$ , then  $R_{iklm} = -R_{kilm} = -R_{iklm}$ , so  $R_{iklm} = 0$ . The same is for  $l = m$ , so  $R_{iklm} \neq 0$  only if  $i \neq k$  and  $l \neq m$ .  $R_{ik--}$  will determine  $R_{ki--}$ , and  $R_{--lm}$  will determine  $R_{--ml}$ , so if we let  $(i, k), (l, m) \in \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}$ , then all the other components are determined. So the number of independent components is  $6 \times 6 = 36$ .

[Second relation] If  $(i, k) \neq (l, m)$ , then  $R_{iklm}$  determines  $R_{lmik}$ . So the number of components reduced is  $C_2^6 = 15$ , and the number of independent components becomes  $36 - 15 = 21$ .

[Third relation] If one of  $k, l, m$  equals  $i$ , let it be  $k$ , then the relation becomes  $R_{iilm} + R_{ilmi} + R_{imil} = 0$ . Using the first two relations, it becomes  $R_{imil} + R_{miil} = 0$ , which is the first relation, so no new information are obtained. If two of  $k, l, m$  are equal, let it be  $k = l$ , then the relation become  $R_{ikk m} + R_{ikmk} + R_{imkk} = 0$ . Using the first relation, it becomes  $R_{ikk m} + R_{ikmk} = 0$ , which is the first relation, so no new information are obtained. So the relation furnishes new information only if all four indices are different. Using the first relation,  $R_{iklm} + R_{ilmk} + R_{imkl} = 0$  becomes  $R_{ikml} + R_{ilkm} + R_{imlk} = 0$ , so the parity of the permutation of  $k, l, m$  does not matter. Using the first two relation,  $R_{iklm} + R_{ilmk} + R_{imkl} = 0$  becomes  $R_{klmi} + R_{kml i} + R_{kil m} = 0$ , so whether the first index is 1, 2, 3 or 4 does not matter. Therefore, let  $i = 1$ , and  $(k, l, m) = (2, 3, 4)$ , then we get a new equation, so the number of independent components becomes  $21 - 1 = 20$ .

**4.1.6** If two of  $i, k, l, m$  are equal, that it be  $i = k$ , then  $T_{iklm} = -T_{kilm} = -T_{iklm}$ , so  $T_{iklm} = 0$ . So  $T_{iklm} \neq 0$  only if all the indices are different. But there are only three possible values (3-D space) for the four indices, so at least two of  $i, k, l, m$  are equal, so  $T_{iklm} = 0$ . Therefore, there are no independent components.

**4.1.7** By the transformation law,

$$(T')_{\dots i} = \sum \dots \sum_k \dots \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial (x')^i} T_{\dots k}$$

Defining  $(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x})_{\dots ij} = \frac{\partial T_{\dots i}}{\partial x_j}$ . If the transformation is linear, then  $\frac{\partial^2 x^\mu}{\partial (x')^j \partial (x')^i} = 0$  for all  $\mu$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)'_{\dots ij} &= \frac{\partial (T')_{\dots i}}{\partial (x')^j} = \sum \dots \sum_k \dots \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial (x')^i} \sum_l \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial (x')^j} \frac{\partial T_{\dots k}}{\partial x^l} \\ &= \sum \dots \sum_k \sum_l \dots \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial (x')^j} \frac{\partial T_{\dots k}}{\partial x^l} \\ &= \sum \dots \sum_k \sum_l \dots \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial (x')^j} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)_{\dots kl} \end{aligned}$$

which is the transformation law for tensors of rank  $n + 1$ , so  $(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x})_{\dots ij} = \frac{\partial T_{\dots i}}{\partial x_j}$  is a tensor of rank  $n + 1$ .

**4.1.8** By the transformation law,

$$(T')_{ijk\dots} = \sum_l \sum_m \sum_n \dots \sum \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^j} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^k} \dots T_{lmn\dots}$$

Note that in Cartesian coordinates,  $\frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^j} = \frac{\partial (x')^j}{\partial x^m}$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j \frac{\partial (T')_{ijk\dots}}{\partial (x')^j} &= \sum_j \sum_l \sum_m \sum_n \dots \sum \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^j} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^k} \dots \frac{\partial T_{lmn\dots}}{\partial (x')^j} \\ &= \sum_l \sum_m \sum_n \dots \sum \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^k} \dots \sum_j \frac{\partial (x')^j}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial T_{lmn\dots}}{\partial (x')^j} \\ &= \sum_l \sum_m \sum_n \dots \sum \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^k} \dots \frac{\partial T_{lmn\dots}}{\partial x^m} \\ &= \sum_l \sum_n \dots \sum \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^k} \dots \sum_m \frac{\partial T_{lmn\dots}}{\partial x^m} \end{aligned}$$

which is the transformation law for tensors of rank  $n - 1$ , so  $\sum_j \frac{\partial T_{ijk\dots}}{\partial x^j}$  is a tensor of rank  $n - 1$ .

**4.1.9** When defining  $x_4 = ict$ , the Lorentz transformations take the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ x'_3 \\ x'_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & i\gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -i\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

or  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}$ , where  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{v}{c}$ . It can be verified that  $\mathbf{U}$  is orthogonal, so  $\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^T$ , and  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{x}'$ .  $\frac{\partial x'_i}{\partial x_j} = U_{ij}$ , and  $\frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x'_i} = U_{ji}^T = U_{ij}$ , so  $\frac{\partial x'_i}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x'_i}$ . (Therefore, as long as the transformation is orthogonal, this relation holds.)

$$\begin{aligned} (\Box^2)' &= \sum_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (x'_i)^2} = \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_i} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_i} \right) = \sum_i \sum_j \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x'_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_i} \right) = \sum_i \sum_j \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x'_i} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j \partial x'_i} \\ &= \sum_j \sum_i \frac{\partial x'_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x'_i \partial x_j} = \sum_j \sum_i \frac{\partial x'_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_i} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right) = \sum_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right) = \sum_j \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} = \Box^2 \end{aligned}$$

so the d'Alembertian is invariant under Lorentz transformation.

**4.1.10** (Using the Einstein convention)

$$K_{mn} A^m B^n = K_{mn} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^j} (A')^i (B')^j = (K')_{ij} (A')^i (B')^j$$

so

$$\left[ (K')_{ij} - K_{mn} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^j} \right] (A')^i (B')^j = 0$$

Because  $A'$  and  $B'$  are arbitrary, the coefficient must vanish. (For example, to prove  $(K')_{12} - K_{mn} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^1} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^2} = 0$ , set  $(A')^1 = (B')^2 = 1$ , all the other components of  $A'$  and  $B' = 0$ .) Therefore,

$$(K')_{ij} = K_{mn} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^j}$$

which means that  $K_{ij}$  is a second-rank tensor.

**4.1.11** (Using the Einstein convention)

$$\begin{aligned} (B')^k_i &= \frac{\partial (x')^k}{\partial x^p} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^i} B^p_m = \frac{\partial (x')^k}{\partial x^p} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^i} K_{mn} A^{np} \\ &= \frac{\partial (x')^k}{\partial x^p} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^i} K_{mn} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^j} \frac{\partial x^p}{\partial (x')^l} (A')^{jl} \\ &= K_{mn} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^j} \left( \frac{\partial (x')^k}{\partial x^p} \frac{\partial x^p}{\partial (x')^l} \right) (A')^{jl} \\ &= K_{mn} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^j} \delta_l^k (A')^{jl} \\ &= K_{mn} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^j} (A')^{jk} \\ &= (K')_{ij} (A')^{jk} \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\left[ (K')_{ij} - K_{mn} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^j} \right] (A')^{jk} = 0$$

Because  $A'$  is arbitrary, the coefficient must vanish. Therefore,

$$(K')_{ij} = K_{mn} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial (x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial (x')^j}$$

which means that  $K$  is a second-rank tensor.

## 3.2 Pseudotensors, Dual Tensors

**4.2.1** Let the transformation matrix from  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $\mathbf{x}'$  be  $A$ , then

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial(x')^1}{\partial x^1} & \frac{\partial(x')^1}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial(x')^1}{\partial x^3} \\ \frac{\partial(x')^2}{\partial x^1} & \frac{\partial(x')^2}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial(x')^2}{\partial x^3} \\ \frac{\partial(x')^3}{\partial x^1} & \frac{\partial(x')^3}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial(x')^3}{\partial x^3} \end{pmatrix}$$

(take  $n = 3$  for example). Then  $\det(A) = \varepsilon_{ljk} \frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^3}$  (using Einstein convention)(we use  $l$  instead of  $i$  for reason that will soon be clear). If we permute  $(1, 2, 3)$ , then we must permute  $(l, j, k)$  in the same way to retain the formula  $\frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^3}$ . Therefore,

$$\varepsilon_{ljk} \frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^p} = \varepsilon_{mnp} \varepsilon_{ljk} \frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^3} = \varepsilon_{mnp} \det(A) \quad (1)$$

$C_i$  is a pseudovector, so the transformation law gives

$$\begin{aligned} (C')_i &= \det(A) \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial(x')^i} C_m = \det(A) \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial(x')^i} \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{mnp} C^{np} \quad (\text{combine } \det(A) \text{ and } \varepsilon_{mnp}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial(x')^i} (\varepsilon_{mnp} \det(A)) C^{np} \quad (\text{use equation 1}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial(x')^i} \varepsilon_{ljk} \frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^p} C^{np} \quad (\text{combine } \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial(x')^i} \text{ and } \frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial x^m}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \delta_i^l \varepsilon_{ljk} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^p} C^{np} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^p} C^{np} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{ijk} (C')^{jk} \end{aligned}$$

the last equality holds because  $C_i = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{ijk} C^{jk}$  holds in all coordinate systems, so  $(C')_i = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{ijk} (C')^{jk}$ .

If  $j \neq k$ , let  $i$  be the remaining value other than  $j, k$ , then  $\varepsilon_{ijk} \neq 0$ , so we have

$$(C')^{jk} = \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^p} C^{np}$$

If  $j = k$ , then  $\frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^p} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^n} = \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^p}$ , and because  $C$  is antisymmetric, so  $(C')^{jk} = (C)^{jk} = 0$  for  $j = k$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^p} C^{np} \\ &= \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^2} (C^{12} + C^{21}) + \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^3} (C^{13} + C^{31}) + \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^3} (C^{23} + C^{32}) \\ &= 0 = (C')^{jk} \end{aligned}$$

so  $(C')^{jk} = \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^p} C^{np}$  still holds. Therefore, in all cases,

$$(C')^{jk} = \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^p} C^{np}$$

holds, which implies that  $C^{jk}$  is a tensor.

**4.2.2** If there is a one-to-one correspondence between two sets, then the numbers of elements of the two sets need to be the same. If there is a one-to-one correspondence between the components of a vector  $C_i$  and the components of a tensor  $(AB)^{jk}$ , because the numbers of components of  $C_i$  and  $(AB)^{jk}$  are different ( $n$  and  $n^2$ ), it should mean that the one-to-one correspondence exists between *independent* components of  $C_i$  and  $(AB)^{jk}$ , so the number of *independent* components of  $C_i$  and  $(AB)^{jk}$  should be the same.

By the antisymmetry property of  $AB^{jk}$ ,  $AB^{jj} = -AB^{jj}$ , so  $AB^{jj} = 0$ , and  $AB^{jk} = -AB^{kj}$ . So the number of *independent* components of and  $(AB)^{jk} = \frac{n \times n - n}{2}$ , should be equal to  $n$ , the number of *independent* components of  $C_i$ . So

$$\frac{n \times n - n}{2} = n$$

so  $n = 3$ .

### 4.2.3

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (\nabla \times \mathbf{A})_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} A^k = (\varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}) A^k = 0$$

because  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$  and  $\varepsilon_{ijk} + \varepsilon_{jik} = 0$ .

$$(\nabla \times \nabla \varphi)_i = \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} (\nabla \varphi)_k = \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \varphi = 0$$

because  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$  and  $\varepsilon_{ijk} + \varepsilon_{ikj} = 0$ .

### 4.2.4 (a)

$$\begin{aligned} (A')_{jl}^{ik} &= \frac{\partial(x')^i}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial(x')^j} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^p} \frac{\partial x^q}{\partial(x')^l} \delta_n^m \delta_q^p \\ &= \frac{\partial(x')^i}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial(x')^j} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^p} \frac{\partial x^p}{\partial(x')^l} \\ &= \frac{\partial(x')^i}{\partial(x')^j} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial(x')^l} = \delta_j^i \delta_l^k \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} (B')_{kl}^{ij} &= \frac{\partial(x')^i}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial x^p}{\partial(x')^k} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial x^q}{\partial(x')^l} (\delta_p^m \delta_q^n + \delta_q^m \delta_p^n) \\ &= \frac{\partial(x')^i}{\partial(x')^k} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial(x')^l} + \frac{\partial(x')^i}{\partial(x')^l} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial(x')^k} = \delta_k^i \delta_l^j + \delta_l^i \delta_k^j \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} (C')_{kl}^{ij} &= \frac{\partial(x')^i}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial x^p}{\partial(x')^k} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial x^q}{\partial(x')^l} (\delta_p^m \delta_q^n - \delta_q^m \delta_p^n) \\ &= \frac{\partial(x')^i}{\partial(x')^k} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial(x')^l} - \frac{\partial(x')^i}{\partial(x')^l} \frac{\partial(x')^j}{\partial(x')^k} = \delta_k^i \delta_l^j - \delta_l^i \delta_k^j \end{aligned}$$

**4.2.5** Similar with Exercise 4.2.1, let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the transformation matrix from  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $\mathbf{x}'$ , then  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = \varepsilon_{kl} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial x^2}$ , and

$$\varepsilon_{kl} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial x^n} = \varepsilon_{mn} \varepsilon_{kl} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial x^2} = \varepsilon_{mn} \det(\mathbf{A}) \quad (1)$$

$\varepsilon_{ij}$  is defined as  $\varepsilon_{11} = \varepsilon_{22} = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon_{12} = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon_{21} = -1$ , regardless of which coordinate system it is in. So it is invariant in all coordinate systems, and  $(\varepsilon')_{kl} = \varepsilon_{kl}$ . (We will use it later.)

$$\begin{aligned} (\varepsilon')_{ij} &= (\varepsilon')_{kl} (\delta')_i^k (\delta')_j^l = \varepsilon_{kl} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial(x')^i} \frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial(x')^j} \\ &= \varepsilon_{kl} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial(x')^i} \frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial x^n} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial(x')^j} \quad (\text{combining } \varepsilon_{kl} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial x^n}) \\ &= \left( \varepsilon_{kl} \frac{\partial(x')^k}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial(x')^l}{\partial x^n} \right) \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial(x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial(x')^j} \quad (\text{use equation 1}) \\ &= \varepsilon_{mn} \det(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial(x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial(x')^j} = \det(\mathbf{A}) \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial(x')^i} \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial(x')^j} \varepsilon_{mn} \end{aligned}$$

which is the transformation equation for a second-rank pseudotensor, Therefore  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  is a second-rank pseudotensor. It does not contradict the uniqueness of  $\delta_j^i$  because we proved  $\delta_j^i$  is the only isotropic second rank *tensor* (with a coefficient), while  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  is an isotropic second-rank *pseudotensor* (it fails to keep the transformation law under improper rotation).

**4.2.6**  $\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  in matrix form, and let the orthogonal transformation be  $S = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & \sin \varphi \\ -\sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix}$ .

Then the similarity transformation is

$$\varepsilon' = S\varepsilon S^T = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & \sin \varphi \\ -\sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

so  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  is invariant under orthogonal similarity transformations. It corresponds to the isotropic property of  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  under proper rotation.

**4.2.7** Using the result from Exercise 2.1.9, we have  $\varepsilon^{mnk}\varepsilon_{ijk} = \delta_i^m\delta_j^n - \delta_j^m\delta_i^n$ , so

$$\varepsilon^{mnk}A_k = \varepsilon^{mnk}\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{ijk}B^{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(\delta_i^m\delta_j^n - \delta_j^m\delta_i^n)B^{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(B^{mn} - B^{nm}) = B^{mn}$$

### 4.3 Tensors in General Coordinates

**4.3.1**  $q^i, q^j, q^k$  are independent, so  $\varepsilon^i, \varepsilon^j, \varepsilon^k$  is linear independent. (If  $\varepsilon^i, \varepsilon^j, \varepsilon^k$  is linear dependent, which means  $a\varepsilon^i + b\varepsilon^j + c\varepsilon^k = 0$ , then  $\frac{\partial(aq^i+bq^j+cq^k)}{\partial x}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \frac{\partial(aq^i+bq^j+cq^k)}{\partial y}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + \frac{\partial(aq^i+bq^j+cq^k)}{\partial z}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = 0$ , so  $aq^i + bq^j + cq^k = d$ , which means  $q^i, q^j, q^k$  are dependent.)

Express  $\frac{\varepsilon_j \times \varepsilon_k}{\varepsilon_j \times \varepsilon_k \cdot \varepsilon_i}$  in the bases of  $\varepsilon^i, \varepsilon^j, \varepsilon^k$ , and note that  $\varepsilon^p \cdot \varepsilon_q = \delta_q^p$ , no matter whether  $\varepsilon^i, \varepsilon^j, \varepsilon^k$  and  $\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j, \varepsilon_k$  are orthogonal. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\varepsilon_j \times \varepsilon_k}{\varepsilon_j \times \varepsilon_k \cdot \varepsilon_i} &= A_i \varepsilon^i + A_j \varepsilon^j + A_k \varepsilon^k \\ \frac{\varepsilon_j \times \varepsilon_k \cdot \varepsilon_i}{\varepsilon_j \times \varepsilon_k \cdot \varepsilon_i} &= 1 = A_i \\ \frac{\varepsilon_j \times \varepsilon_k \cdot \varepsilon_j}{\varepsilon_j \times \varepsilon_k \cdot \varepsilon_i} &= 0 = A_j \\ \frac{\varepsilon_j \times \varepsilon_k \cdot \varepsilon_k}{\varepsilon_j \times \varepsilon_k \cdot \varepsilon_i} &= 0 = A_k \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\frac{\varepsilon_j \times \varepsilon_k}{\varepsilon_j \times \varepsilon_k \cdot \varepsilon_i} = \varepsilon^i$$

**4.3.2** (a) If  $i \neq j$ , then  $g_{ij} = \varepsilon_i \cdot \varepsilon_j = 0$ , so  $g_{ij}$  is diagonal.

(b)  $g_{ji} = 0$  when  $i \neq j$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} g^{ii} g_{ii} &\quad (\text{no summation on } i) \\ &= g^{ij} g_{ji} \quad (\text{summation on } j) \\ &= \delta_i^i \quad (\text{by definition of } g^{ij}) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$g^{ii} = \frac{1}{g_{ii}}$$

(c)  $\varepsilon_j \cdot \varepsilon_i = 0$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} &(\varepsilon^i \cdot \varepsilon^i)(\varepsilon_i \cdot \varepsilon_i) \quad (\text{no summation on } i) \\ &= (\varepsilon^i \cdot \varepsilon^j)(\varepsilon_j \cdot \varepsilon_i) \quad (\text{summation on } j) \\ &= \delta_i^i = 1 \quad (\text{by Eq. 4.46}) \end{aligned}$$

so  $|\varepsilon^i|^2 |\varepsilon_i|^2 = 1$ , which means

$$|\varepsilon^i| = \frac{1}{|\varepsilon_i|}$$

#### 4.3.3

$$(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^j) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k) = \left( \frac{\partial q^i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial q^j}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial q^i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial q^j}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial q^i}{\partial z} \frac{\partial q^j}{\partial z} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial q^j} \frac{\partial x}{\partial q^k} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial q^j} \frac{\partial y}{\partial q^k} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial q^j} \frac{\partial z}{\partial q^k} \right)$$

Note that  $j$  is summed, so  $\frac{\partial q^j}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial q^j} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} = 1$ , and  $\frac{\partial q^j}{\partial x} \frac{\partial y}{\partial q^j} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 0$ . Similarly,  $\frac{\partial q^j}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial q^j} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial z}{\partial q^j} = 1$ , and other cross terms are zero. So the equation becomes

$$\frac{\partial q^i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial q^k} + \frac{\partial q^i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial q^k} + \frac{\partial q^i}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial q^k} = \frac{\partial q^i}{\partial q^k} = \delta_k^i$$

#### 4.3.4

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{jk}^m \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_m &= \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k}{\partial q^j} = \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial q^j \partial q^k} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial q^j \partial q^k} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial q^j \partial q^k} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial q^k \partial q^j} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial q^k \partial q^j} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial q^k \partial q^j} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_j}{\partial q^k} = \Gamma_{kj}^m \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_m \end{aligned}$$

so  $(\Gamma_{jk}^m - \Gamma_{kj}^m) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_m = 0$ . Because  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_m$  are linear independent,  $\Gamma_{jk}^m - \Gamma_{kj}^m$  must be zero for every  $m$ , so

$$\Gamma_{jk}^m = \Gamma_{kj}^m$$

**4.3.5**  $(q^1, q^2, q^3) = (\rho, \varphi, z)$ , and  $x = \rho \cos \varphi$ ,  $y = \rho \sin \varphi$ ,  $z = z$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1 &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial \rho} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \frac{\partial y}{\partial \rho} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = \cos \varphi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \sin \varphi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2 &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial \varphi} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \frac{\partial y}{\partial \varphi} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + \frac{\partial z}{\partial \varphi} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = -\rho \sin \varphi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \rho \cos \varphi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_3 &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \\ (g_{ij}) &= \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1 & \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2 & \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_3 \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1 & \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2 & \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_3 \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_3 \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1 & \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_3 \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2 & \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_3 \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Because  $g^{ij} g_{jk} = \delta_k^i$ , the unit matrix, so  $(g^{ij}) = (g_{jk})^{-1}$ , the matrix inverse. Therefore,

$$(g^{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\rho^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**4.3.6** Differentiate  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k = \delta_k^i$  by  $q^j$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i}{\partial q^j} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k}{\partial q^j} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i}{\partial q^j} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k = -\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k}{\partial q^j} = -\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i \cdot (\Gamma_{jk}^\mu \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_\mu) = -\Gamma_{jk}^i$$

so

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i}{\partial q^j} = -\Gamma_{jk}^i \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^k$$

when expanded in the contravariant basis.

$V_{i,j}$  is defined as  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}'}{\partial q^j} = V_{i,j} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i$ . Expand the vector in contravariant basis  $\mathbf{V}' = V_i \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i$  and differentiate, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}'}{\partial q^j} &= \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial q^j} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i + V_i \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i}{\partial q^j} \\ &= \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial q^j} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i - V_i \Gamma_{jk}^i \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^k \quad (\text{interchange } i \text{ and } k \text{ in the second term}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left( \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial q^j} - V_k \Gamma_{ji}^k \right) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i \quad (i \text{ and } j \text{ in } \Gamma_{ji}^k \text{ can be interchanged}) \\
&= \left( \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial q^j} - V_k \Gamma_{ij}^k \right) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i = V_{i;j} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$V_{i;j} = \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial q^j} - V_k \Gamma_{ij}^k$$

because the set of  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i$  are linear independent.

#### 4.3.7

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\partial V_i}{\partial q^j} - V_k \Gamma_{ij}^k = \frac{\partial (g_{ik} V^k)}{\partial q^j} - V_k \Gamma_{ij}^k \\
&= g_{ik} \frac{\partial V^k}{\partial q^j} + \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial q^j} V^k - V_k \Gamma_{ij}^k \\
&= g_{ik} \frac{\partial V^k}{\partial q^j} + \frac{\partial (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k)}{\partial q^j} V^k - V_k \Gamma_{ij}^k \\
&= g_{ik} \frac{\partial V^k}{\partial q^j} + V^k \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k}{\partial q^j} + V^k \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}{\partial q^j} - V_k \Gamma_{ij}^k \\
&= g_{ik} \frac{\partial V^k}{\partial q^j} + V^m \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_m}{\partial q^j} + V_k \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^k \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}{\partial q^j} - V_k \Gamma_{ij}^k \\
&= g_{ik} \frac{\partial V^k}{\partial q^j} + V^m (g_{ik} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^k) \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_m}{\partial q^j} + V_k \Gamma_{ij}^k - V_k \Gamma_{ij}^k \\
&= g_{ik} \frac{\partial V^k}{\partial q^j} + g_{ik} V^m \Gamma_{mj}^k \\
&= g_{ik} \left[ \frac{\partial V^k}{\partial q^j} + V^m \Gamma_{mj}^k \right]
\end{aligned}$$

(Or note that  $\mathbf{V}' = V_i \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i = V^k \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k$ , so

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}'}{\partial q^j} = \left[ \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial q^j} - V_k \Gamma_{ij}^k \right] \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i = \left[ \frac{\partial V^k}{\partial q^j} + V^m \Gamma_{mj}^k \right] \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k$$

Take the scalar product of both sides with  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i$ , and note that  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i = 1$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i = g_{ik}$ . Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial V_i}{\partial q^j} - V_k \Gamma_{ij}^k = \left[ \frac{\partial V^k}{\partial q^j} + V^m \Gamma_{mj}^k \right] g_{ik}$$

which is another verification.)

**4.3.8** From Eq. 4.63,  $\Gamma_{ij}^n = \frac{1}{2} g^{nk} \left[ \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial q^j} + \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial q^i} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} \right]$ . Because  $g^{ij}$  has only diagonal components,  $g^{nk} \neq 0$  only when  $n = k$ , so  $\Gamma_{ij}^n = \frac{1}{2} g^{nn} \left[ \frac{\partial g_{in}}{\partial q^j} + \frac{\partial g_{jn}}{\partial q^i} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^n} \right]$  ( $n$  is not summed). The only non-constant component of  $(g_{ij})$  is  $g_{22} = \rho = q^1$ , so the only non-zero derivative of  $g_{ij}$  is  $\frac{\partial g_{22}}{\partial q^1} = 2\rho$ . When  $n = 1$ ,  $\frac{\partial g_{in}}{\partial q^j} + \frac{\partial g_{jn}}{\partial q^i} = 0$ , so  $i, j$  must be 2 to have non-zero  $\Gamma_{ij}^n$ . When  $n = 2$ ,  $\frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^n} = 0$ , so one of  $i, j$  must be 1 and the other must be 2 to make  $\frac{\partial g_{in}}{\partial q^j} + \frac{\partial g_{jn}}{\partial q^i} \neq 0$ . When  $n = 3$ , none of the derivatives can be non-zero. Therefore, there are only three nonzero  $\Gamma_{ij}^n$ :  $\Gamma_{22}^1, \Gamma_{12}^2, \Gamma_{21}^2$ .

$$\Gamma_{22}^1 = \frac{1}{2} (1) [-2\rho] = -\rho$$

$$\Gamma_{12}^2 = \Gamma_{21}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\rho^2} \right) [2\rho] = \frac{1}{\rho}$$



**4.3.9**  $V_{;j}^i = \frac{\partial V^i}{\partial q^j} + V^k \Gamma_{kj}^i$ , so

$$V_{;2}^1 = \frac{\partial V^1}{\partial q^2} + V^2 \Gamma_{22}^1 = \frac{\partial V^\rho}{\partial \varphi} - V^\varphi \rho = V_{;\varphi}^\rho$$

$$V_{;1}^2 = \frac{\partial V^2}{\partial q^1} + V^2 \Gamma_{21}^2 = \frac{\partial V^\varphi}{\partial \rho} + V^\rho \frac{1}{\rho} = V_{;\rho}^\varphi$$

$$V_{;2}^2 = \frac{\partial V^2}{\partial q^2} + V^1 \Gamma_{12}^2 = \frac{\partial V^\varphi}{\partial \varphi} + V^\rho \frac{1}{\rho} = V_{;\varphi}^\varphi$$

For all the other  $i, j$ ,

$$V_{;j}^i = \frac{\partial V^i}{\partial q^j}$$

**4.3.10**  $g_{ij;k}$  and  $g_{;k}^{ij}$  are not defined in the text, but I think they are probably defined as

$$\frac{\partial(g_{ij}\epsilon^i \cdot \epsilon^j)}{\partial q^k} = g_{ij;k} \epsilon^i \cdot \epsilon^j \text{ and } \frac{\partial(g^{ij}\epsilon_i \cdot \epsilon_j)}{\partial q^k} = g_{;k}^{ij} \epsilon_i \cdot \epsilon_j.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(g_{ij}\epsilon^i \cdot \epsilon^j)}{\partial q^k} &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} \epsilon^i \cdot \epsilon^j + g_{ij} \frac{\partial \epsilon^i}{\partial q^k} \cdot \epsilon^j + g_{ij} \epsilon^i \cdot \frac{\partial \epsilon^j}{\partial q^k} \\ &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} \epsilon^i \cdot \epsilon^j + g_{ij} (-\Gamma_{k\alpha}^i \epsilon^\alpha) \cdot \epsilon^j + g_{ij} \epsilon^i \cdot (-\Gamma_{k\beta}^j \epsilon^\beta) \end{aligned}$$

(interchange  $i$  and  $\alpha$  in the second term, and interchange  $j$  and  $\beta$  in the last term)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} \epsilon^i \cdot \epsilon^j - g_{\alpha j} \Gamma_{ki}^\alpha \epsilon^i \cdot \epsilon^j - g_{i\beta} \Gamma_{kj}^\beta \epsilon^i \cdot \epsilon^j \\ &= \left[ \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} - g_{j\alpha} \Gamma_{ik}^\alpha - g_{i\beta} \Gamma_{jk}^\beta \right] \epsilon^i \cdot \epsilon^j \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ij;k} &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} - g_{j\alpha} \Gamma_{ik}^\alpha - g_{i\beta} \Gamma_{jk}^\beta \quad (\text{using Eq. 4.63}) \\ &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} - g_{j\alpha} \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha m} \left[ \frac{\partial g_{im}}{\partial q^k} + \frac{\partial g_{km}}{\partial q^i} - \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial q^m} \right] - g_{i\beta} \frac{1}{2} g^{\beta n} \left[ \frac{\partial g_{jn}}{\partial q^k} + \frac{\partial g_{kn}}{\partial q^j} - \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial q^n} \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_j^m \left[ \frac{\partial g_{im}}{\partial q^k} + \frac{\partial g_{km}}{\partial q^i} - \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial q^m} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \delta_i^n \left[ \frac{\partial g_{jn}}{\partial q^k} + \frac{\partial g_{kn}}{\partial q^j} - \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial q^n} \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} + \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial q^i} - \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial q^j} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} + \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial q^j} - \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial q^i} \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial q^k} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

We can prove  $g_{;k}^{ij} = 0$  in a similar way. Or we can note that

$$g_{;k}^{lj} \epsilon_l \cdot \epsilon_j = \frac{\partial(g^{lj} \epsilon_l \cdot \epsilon_j)}{\partial q^k} = \frac{\partial(g_{lj} \epsilon^l \cdot \epsilon^j)}{\partial q^k} = g_{lj;k} \epsilon^l \cdot \epsilon^j = 0$$

multiply both side with  $\epsilon^j \cdot \epsilon^i$ , and note that  $(\epsilon_l \cdot \epsilon_j)(\epsilon^j \cdot \epsilon^i) = \delta_l^i$ , we have

$$g_{;k}^{lj} (\epsilon_l \cdot \epsilon_j) (\epsilon^j \cdot \epsilon^i) = 0$$

$$g_{;k}^{lj} \delta_l^i = 0$$

$$g_{;k}^{ij} = 0$$

**4.3.11** From Example 4.3.1, the metric tensor of spherical polar coordinates is

$$(g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

so  $[\det(g)]^{1/2} = r^2 \sin \theta$ . Use Eq. 4.69, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} &= \frac{1}{[\det(g)]^{1/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial q^k} ([\det(g)]^{1/2} V^k) \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \sin \theta V^r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (r^2 \sin \theta V^\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} (r^2 \sin \theta V^\varphi) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Compared with the results in Chapter 3, and note that

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_r &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial r} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r & \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_r V^r &= \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r (V^r) = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r V_r & V^r &= V_r \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_\theta &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \theta} = r \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta & \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_\theta V^\theta &= \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta (r V^\theta) = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta V_\theta & V^\theta &= \frac{1}{r} V_\theta \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_\varphi &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \varphi} = r \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\varphi & \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_\varphi V^\varphi &= \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\varphi (r \sin \theta V^\varphi) = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\varphi V_\varphi & V^\varphi &= \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} V_\varphi \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $V^r, V^\theta, V^\varphi$  into the above equation, we get Eq. 3.157.

**4.3.12**  $A_i = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial q^i}$  because it is the gradient of a scalar. From Exercise 4.3.6 we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_{i;j} &= \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial q^j} - A_k \Gamma_{ij}^k = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial q^j \partial q^i} - A_k \Gamma_{ij}^k \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial q^i \partial q^j} - A_k \Gamma_{ji}^k = \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial q^i} - A_k \Gamma_{ji}^k = A_{j;i} \end{aligned}$$

so

$$A_{i;j} - A_{j;i} = 0$$

## 4.4 Jacobians

**4.4.1** (a) If  $f(u, v) = 0$ , then by differentiating we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which means  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} : \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} : \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} : \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = (-\frac{\partial f}{\partial v}) : \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}$ , so  $\nabla u = (\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial z})$  are parallel to  $\nabla v = (\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial z})$ , and therefore  $(\nabla u) \times (\nabla v) = 0$

If  $(\nabla u) \times (\nabla v) = 0$ , then  $(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}) = a(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial z})$  (or  $u, v$  being interchanged, and  $a$  can be zero for one or both of  $\nabla u, \nabla v$  being zero). So  $\frac{\partial(u-av)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial(u-av)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(u-av)}{\partial z} = 0$ , means that  $u - av = b$ , a constant, so  $u - av - b = 0$  is the relation for  $u$  and  $v$ .

(b)

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \left[ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \right) \times \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \right) \right]_z = [(\nabla u) \times (\nabla v)]_z = 0$$

**4.4.2**  $h_1, h_2$  are defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial q_1} &= h_1 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 = \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_1} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_1} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial q_2} &= h_2 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 = \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_2} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_2} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y\end{aligned}$$

Because  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_2$  are orthogonal, the area of the parallelogram formed by  $h_1 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1$  and  $h_2 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2$  is  $h_1 h_2$ , and also the area of the parallelogram equals to the determinant of components in Cartesian coordinate, so

$$Area = h_1 h_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_1} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_2} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_1} \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_2} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_2} \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_1}$$

**4.4.3** (a) Solve for  $x, y$ , we have  $x = \frac{vu}{v+1}$ ,  $y = \frac{u}{v+1}$ , so

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} = \left( \frac{v}{v+1} \right) \left( \frac{-u}{(v+1)^2} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{v+1} \right) \left( \frac{u}{v+1} - \frac{vu}{(v+1)^2} \right) = \frac{-u}{(v+1)^2}$$

(b)

$$J^{-1} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = (1) \left( \frac{-x}{y^2} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{y} \right) (1) = \frac{-(x+y)}{y^2} = \frac{(v+1)^2}{-u}$$

so

$$J = \frac{1}{J^{-1}} = \frac{-u}{(v+1)^2}$$

## 4.5 Differential Forms

**4.5.1** ( $i, j, k$  denotes any cyclic permutation of 1,2,3)

$$\begin{aligned} *1 &= (1)(-1)^0 dt \wedge dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3 = dt \wedge dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3 \\ *dx_i &= (-1)(-1)^1 dt \wedge dx_j \wedge dx_k = dt \wedge dx_j \wedge dx_k \\ *dt &= (1)(-1)^0 dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3 = dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3 \\ *(dx_j \wedge dx_k) &= (1)(-1)^2 dt \wedge dx_i = dt \wedge dx_i \\ *(dt \wedge dx_i) &= (1)(-1)^1 dx_j \wedge dx_k = -dx_j \wedge dx_k \\ *(dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3) &= (-1)(-1)^3 dt = dt \\ *(dt \wedge dx_i \wedge dx_j) &= (1)(-1)^2 dx_k = dx_k \\ *(dt \wedge dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3) &= (1)(-1)^3 = -1 \end{aligned}$$

**4.5.2** Let the force field be  $\mathbf{F} = F_x \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + F_y \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + F_z \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$ , so the infinitely small work done is  $dw = \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = F_x dx + F_y dy + F_z dz$ , and  $w = F_x(x_2 - x_1) + F_y(y_2 - y_1) + F_z(z_2 - z_1)$ . Substituting, we get  $F_x = \frac{a}{3}$ ,  $F_y = \frac{b}{2}$ ,  $F_z = c$ . So

$$dw = \frac{a}{3} dx + \frac{b}{2} dy + cdz$$

## 4.6 Differentiating Forms

**4.6.1** (a)  $d\omega_1 = dx \wedge dy + dy \wedge dx = 0$

(b)  $d\omega_2 = dx \wedge dy - dy \wedge dx = 2dx \wedge dy$

(c)  $d(d\omega_2) = 2d(dx) \wedge dy - 2dx \wedge d(dy) = 0$

**4.6.2**

$$d\omega_3 = (ydx + xdy) \wedge dz + (zdx + xdz) \wedge dy - (zdy + ydz) \wedge dx = 2zdx \wedge dy - 2ydz \wedge dx$$

$$d(d\omega_3) = 2dz \wedge dx \wedge dy - 2dy \wedge dz \wedge dx = 0$$

#### 4.6.3 (a)

$$\omega_2 \wedge \omega_3 = (x dy - y dx) \wedge (xy dz + xz dy - yz dx) = x^2 y dy \wedge dz + xy^2 dz \wedge dx$$

$$d(\omega_2 \wedge \omega_3) = 2xy dx \wedge dy \wedge dz + 2xy dy \wedge dz \wedge dx = 4xy dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$$

(b)

$$d(\omega_2 \wedge \omega_3) = (d\omega_2) \wedge \omega_3 - \omega_2 \wedge (d\omega_3) = 2xy dx \wedge dy \wedge dz - (-2xy) dy \wedge dz \wedge dx = 4xy dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$$

## 4.7 Integrating Forms

### 4.7.1

$$\begin{aligned} & A(x, y, z) dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \\ &= A(u, v, w) \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} dv + \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} dw \right) \wedge \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} dv + \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} dw \right) \wedge \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} dv + \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} dw \right) \\ &= A(u, v, w) \left[ \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right) - \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \right) + \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \right) \right] du \wedge dv \wedge dw \\ &= A(u, v, w) \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} \end{vmatrix} du \wedge dv \wedge dw \\ &= A(u, v, w) \frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(u, v, w)} du \wedge dv \wedge dw \end{aligned}$$

**4.7.2**  $\int_S \nabla \times \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = kI = k \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$ , where  $\mathbf{J}$  is the current density. In the differential form, the equation becomes

$$\left[ \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial z} \right] dy \wedge dz + \left[ \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \right] dz \wedge dx + \left[ \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} \right] dx \wedge dy = kJ_x dy \wedge dz + kJ_y dz \wedge dx + kJ_z dx \wedge dy$$

the corresponding components of the two sides equal, respectively.

**4.7.3** If  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = A$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = B$ , then  $\frac{\partial A}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial B}{\partial x}$ , so being exact implies being closed. If  $\frac{\partial A}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} = \varphi(x, y)$ , then  $A = \int_{y_0}^y \varphi(x, y) dy + h(x)$  and  $B = \int_{x_0}^x \varphi(x, y) dx + g(y)$ . Let  $f = \int_{x_0}^x \int_{y_0}^y \varphi(x, y) dx dy + \int_{x_0}^x h(x) dx + \int_{y_0}^y g(y) dy$ , then  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \int_{y_0}^y \varphi(x, y) dy + h(x) = A$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \int_{x_0}^x \varphi(x, y) dx + g(y) = B$ , so being closed implies being exact. Therefore, being closed and being exact are sufficient and necessary conditions for each other.

To find the function  $f$  for exact  $A dx + B dy$ , let  $f = \int_{x_0}^x A(x, y) dx + \int_{y_0}^y B(x_0, y) dy$ , then  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = A(x, y)$ , and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\partial A(x, y)}{\partial y} dx + B(x_0, y) = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\partial B(x, y)}{\partial x} dx + B(x_0, y) = B(x, y) - B(x_0, y) + B(x_0, y) = B(x, y)$ . So  $f$  satisfy the condition.

(1)  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} = 1$ , so  $y dx + x dy$  is closed and exact. Let  $x_0 = y_0 = 0$ , then

$$f = \int_{x_0}^x y dx + \int_{y_0}^y x_0 dy = xy$$

(2)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) \neq \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$ , so  $\frac{y dx + x dy}{x^2 + y^2}$  is neither closed nor exact.

(3)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\ln(xy) + 1] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{y} \right) = \frac{1}{y}$ , so  $[\ln(xy) + 1] dx + \frac{x}{y} dy$  is closed and exact. Let  $x_0 = 0$ , then

$$f = \int_{x_0}^x [\ln(xy) + 1] dx + \int_{y_0}^y \frac{x_0}{y} dy = x \ln(xy)$$

(4)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{-x^2 + y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$ , so  $\frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} dx + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} dy$  is closed and exact. Let  $x_0 = 0$ , then

$$f = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} dx + \int_{y_0}^y \frac{x_0}{x_0^2 + y^2} dy = -\tan^{-1} \frac{x}{y}$$

(5)  $f(z)dx = (x + iy)dx + (-y + ix)dy$ .  $\frac{\partial(x+iy)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(-y+ix)}{\partial x} = i$ , so  $(x + iy)dx + (-y + ix)dy$  is closed and exact. Let  $x_0 = y_0 = 0$ , then

$$f = \int_{x_0}^x (x + iy)dx + \int_{y_0}^y (-y + ix_0)dy = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{2} + ixy$$