

Today's topics :

- 1) Recap 2) order of a tensor
- 3) Transformation rules for vectors and tensors.
- 4) Transpose of a tensor.

In the last class, we defined tensors as linear transformations between vector spaces. In particular, we considered only tensors that map the Euclidean vector space to itself. We showed that for a given basis, a tensor can be represented as a matrix, and the vector Tu can be obtained by the multiplication of the matrix T_{ij} with the column matrix u_k . We then defined some special tensors such as I , O , $\underline{u} \otimes \underline{v}$ (where $\underline{u}, \underline{v}$ are vectors).

We then showed that the space of all tensors, denoted by Lin is a vector space. We then showed that every tensor T can be represented as

$$T = T_{ij} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j.$$

Order of a tensor : The tensors we have discussed so far are called second-order tensors.

0-order tensors — scalars

1st-order " — vectors.

An n^{th} -order tensor is a linear transformation that maps a vector space to the set of $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$ -order tensors which is also a vector space.

The above definition implies, a vector can be viewed as a linear transformation from the space in which it lives to 0-order tensor, i.e. scalars. In other words, $\chi: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. How is a vector a linear transformation?

$$\chi(u) = \underline{\chi} \cdot \underline{u}, \quad \underline{u} \in V$$

is a linear transformation. Of course, this identification depends on the inner-product. By tensor, we usually mean a second-order tensor.

Transformation rules for vectors and tensors:

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V - Euclidean vector space. Let $\{\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3\}$ denote its basis.

Recall that a vector can be represented by its components with respect to the chosen basis as

$$\underline{v} = v_i \underline{e}_i \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Note: By basis, we always mean orthonormal basis.

How would the components change if we choose an alternate basis? Let v'_1, v'_2, v'_3 denote the components of \underline{v} in a new basis $\{\underline{e}'_1, \underline{e}'_2, \underline{e}'_3\}$:

$$\underline{v} = v'_i \underline{e}'_i \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Recall that a component, say v'_i can be obtained

from \underline{v} as $v'_i = \underline{v} \cdot \underline{e}'_i$. But \underline{e}'_i itself can

be represented with respect to basis $\{\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3\}$ as

$$\underline{e}'_i = \lambda_{ij} \underline{e}_j \quad \text{--- these are three equations.}$$

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What are λ_{ij} 's?

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λ_{ij} is the cosine of the angle between vectors \underline{e}_i' and \underline{e}_j . Since the angle between \underline{e}_i' and \underline{e}_j is the same as angle between \underline{e}_j and \underline{e}_i' it follows that

$$\underline{e}_i = \lambda_{ji} \underline{e}_j' \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

From (1), (2) and (4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{v} &= v_j' \underline{e}_j' = v_i \underline{e}_i \\ &= v_i \lambda_{ji} \underline{e}_j' \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{v_j' &= \lambda_{ji} v_i} \quad \text{--- (5)} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, from (1), (2) and (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{v} &= v_j \underline{e}_j = v_i' \underline{e}_i' \\ &= v_i' \lambda_{ij} \underline{e}_j \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{v_j &= \lambda_{ij} v_i'} \quad \text{--- (6)} \end{aligned}$$

(5)

If λ_{ij} s can be collected as a matrix

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{11} & \lambda_{12} & \lambda_{13} \\ \lambda_{21} & \lambda_{22} & \lambda_{23} \\ \lambda_{31} & \lambda_{32} & \lambda_{33} \end{bmatrix},$$

then (5) and (6) show that

$$\boxed{\Lambda^{-1} = \Lambda^T} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

or in other words $\Lambda \Lambda^T = \Lambda^T \Lambda = \text{identity matrix}$. Such matrices are called orthogonal matrices.

Ex: Is Λ^T also an orthogonal matrix?

Ex: Recall the definition of dot product:

$$\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = u_i v_i.$$

How does an inner product appear when we choose a different basis?

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} &= u_i v_i \\ &= (\lambda_{ji} u'_j) (\lambda_{ki} v'_k) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \underbrace{\lambda_{ji} \lambda_{ki}}_{(\Lambda \Lambda^T)_{jk} = \delta_{jk}} u_j' v_k'$$

$$= u_k' v_k'$$

This means the inner product between two vectors does not depend on the choice of the basis

Let us now see how tensors transform under a change of basis. Recall that any tensor can be represented as

$$T = T_{ij} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j = T'_{ij} \underline{e}'_i \otimes \underline{e}'_j$$

for a given basis $\{\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3\}$ and $\{\underline{e}'_1, \underline{e}'_2, \underline{e}'_3\}$

From (3), we have

$$T'_{ij} \underline{e}'_i \otimes \underline{e}'_j = T'_{ij} (\lambda_{ik} \underline{e}_k) \otimes (\lambda_{jl} \underline{e}_l)$$

$$= T'_{ij} \lambda_{ik} \lambda_{jl} \underline{e}_k \otimes \underline{e}_l$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Interchange} \\ \text{dummy indices} \\ \begin{array}{l} i \leftrightarrow k \\ j \leftrightarrow l \end{array} \end{array} T'_{kl} \lambda_{ki} \lambda_{lj} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{ij} = T'_{kl} \lambda_{ki} \lambda_{lj}$$

In matrix form, we have

$$[T] = \Lambda^T [T'] \Lambda.$$

Similarly ^{using ⑦} $[T'] = \Lambda [T] \Lambda^T$, i.e.

$$T'_{ij} = \Lambda_{ik} T_{kl} \Lambda_{jl}.$$

Transpose of a second-order tensor : V -Euclidean vector space

S - second order tensor. The transpose of S , denoted as S^T is a unique second-order tensor that satisfies the condition

$$S \underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = \underline{u} \cdot S^T \underline{v} \quad \forall \underline{u}, \underline{v} \in V$$

How does a transpose look like in indicial notation?

Recall that for any tensor T ,

$$T_{ij} = T \underline{e}_j \cdot \underline{e}_i$$

$$S^T_{ij} = S^T \underline{e}_j \cdot \underline{e}_i = \underline{e}_j \cdot S \underline{e}_i = S_{ji}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{S^T_{ij} = S_{ji}} \rightarrow \text{This also shows transpose is unique!}$$