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2 parts

- 1) continuum mechanics (focused on solids)
- 2) Elasticity / BC problem / energy / FEM

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Tests: closed books but open notes

— notes, HW, equation sheet (1 pg, both sides)

Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>

→ Cumulative

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\* HW format

Math Preliminaries - Tensor Math / Continuum Mechanics

# Tensors

- Abstract entities that behave following certain transformation rules
- They can be defined in terms of those rules
  - ↳ kind of like generalization of vector into higher dimensions

For more details: - Aris book (fluid mechanics)  
- Sokolnikoff book

## Tensor notation

Tensor notation

- Direct:  $\underline{\underline{t}} = \underline{\underline{\sigma}} \cdot \underline{\underline{n}}$

Rank 1                      Rank 2

Rank 1: column vector  
Rank 2: Matrix

- Matrix:  $[t] = [\underline{\sigma}][n]$

lose directional information  
need to define coordinate sys

- Index notation:  $f_i = \delta_{ij} n_j$

Note: In direct & matrix notation, the rank of the tensor is denoted by the # of underscores. In indicial notation, denoted by the # of indices.

## The summation convention

Let's consider the following sum:

$$S = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n \quad (\text{dot product})$$

( $a, x$  vectors)

we can write this as a sum

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j x_j = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k x_k$$

we can see that the choice of letter for the indices is irrelevant

↳ Indices w/ this property are called

"dummy" indices

we can write the same using "summation convention"

$$S = a_i x_i = a_j x_j = a_k x_k$$

(this is missing  $N$ , but usually known by context)

Examples :  $a_i x_i = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + a_3 x_3$   
 $(n = 3)$

$$a_i a_i = a_1 a_1 + a_2 a_2 + a_3 a_3 + a_4 a_4$$

$$= a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2$$

Note :  $a_i a_i \neq (a_i)^2$

$\uparrow$   
 No sum.

Note: a product having more than 2 of the same dummy indices is meaningless

(Indexial notation assumes summation when there are 2 repeated indices)

↳ "dummy indices" = 2 indices sum assumed unless noted otherwise.

ex:  $t_i = \delta_{ij} n_j \rightarrow$  dummy indices on  $j$ .  
 $\rightarrow$  sum on  $j$   
 $(i \text{ is free index})$

An index that appears only once in each product term in an equation is referred to as a "free index"

$$\overbrace{A_{ij} x_j}^{\text{product term}} = \overbrace{b_i}^{\text{product term}}$$

↑ free
↑ dummy
↑ free

Expanding:

Assume  $n = 3$

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 A_{ij} x_j = b_i \Rightarrow A_{i1} x_1 + A_{i2} x_2 + A_{i3} x_3 = b_i$$

$$A_{ij} x_j = b_j \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A_{11} x_1 + A_{12} x_2 + A_{13} x_3 = b_1 \\ A_{21} x_1 + A_{22} x_2 + A_{23} x_3 = b_2 \\ A_{31} x_1 + A_{32} x_2 + A_{33} x_3 = b_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Index notation is compact!

Note: All terms in an expression must have the same free indices

↳ they have to appear on every term

For example:

$A_{ij} x_j = b_k$  is meaningless