

**Problem 1** An orthogonal transformation  $A: V \rightarrow V$  is one satisfying  $AA^T = \mathbb{1}$  (where  $A^T$  is the transpose of  $A$ ). Verify the following tensorial properties under orthogonal transformations for the Kronecker deltas and the Levi-Civita tensor:

- (a)  $\delta^{ij}$  transforms as a  $(2,0)$ -type tensor;
- (b)  $\delta_{ij}$  transforms as a  $(0,2)$ -type tensor;
- (c)  $\delta_i^j$  transforms as a  $(1,1)$ -type tensor;
- (d)  $\varepsilon^{ijk}$  transforms as a  $(1,2)$ -type tensor.

**Problem 2** Show that the inertia tensor density

$$I^{ij} = \delta^{ij} x^k x_k - x^i x^j \quad ; \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3$$

in classical mechanics, where the  $x^i$  are Cartesian coordinates of a mass element, transforms as a  $(2,0)$ -type tensor under orthogonal transformations of the coordinates.

**Problem 3** Verify the following contraction property of the Levi-Civita tensor:

$$\varepsilon^{kij} \varepsilon_{k\ell m} = \delta_{i\ell} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{j\ell}.$$

**Problem 4** Given  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (\varepsilon^{ijk} A^j B^k) \vec{e}_i$ ,

Use the contraction property of the Levi-Civita tensor in Prob. 3 to prove that

$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}).$$

[This is called the "bac" minus "cab" identity.]

Prob. 5

Use the properties of the Levi-Civita tensor to show that -

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}).$$

Prob. 6

Let  $\vec{A} : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear operator, where  $V$  and  $W$  are vector spaces over the same field. Prove the following relationship between the dimensions of the various vector spaces:

$$\dim(V) = \dim(\text{Ker } A) + \dim(\text{Im } A),$$

where  $\text{Ker } A$  and  $\text{Im } A$  are the kernel and image of the operator  $A$ , respectively.

(Hint: First show that  $\text{Ker } A$  and  $\text{Im } A$  are vector subspaces of  $V$  and  $W$ , respectively).

Prob. 7

Let  $W \subset V$  be a vector subspace of the vector space  $V$ . Define the quotient space  $V/W$  to be the space of equivalence classes  $\{\vec{v}\}$ , with the equivalence relationship  $\sim$  defined by

$$\vec{v}_1 \sim \vec{v}_2 \text{ if } \vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 \in W.$$

Consider the projection map  $\pi : V \rightarrow V/W$  defined by

$$\pi(\vec{v}) = \{\vec{v}\}.$$

Use the result in Prob. 6 to show that -

$$\dim\left(\frac{V}{W}\right) = \dim(V) - \dim(W)$$

(Hint:  $\text{Ker } \pi = W$ ).