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**Prob 1.** Consider the transformation of coordinate frames given by

$$e_i = g_i^j e'_j,$$

where  $g^{-1} = g^T$ , that is  $g$  is an **orthogonal matrix**.

(a)

$$(\delta')^{ij} = g_k^i g_l^j \delta^{kl} = \sum_k g_k^i g_k^j = (g^T)_i^k g_k^j = (g^T g)_i^j = \delta_i^j = \delta^{ij}.$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} (\delta')_{ij} &= (g^{-1})_i^k (g^{-1})_j^l \delta_{kl} = \sum_k (g^{-1})_i^k (g^{-1})_j^k = \sum_k (g^{-1})_i^k (g^T)_j^k \\ &= (g^{-1})_i^k g_k^j = (g^{-1} g)_i^j = \delta_i^j = \delta_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$(\delta')_i^j = g_k^j (g^{-1})_i^k \delta_i^k = (g^{-1})_i^k g_k^j = (g^{-1} g)_i^j = \delta_i^j.$$

(d)

$$(\epsilon')_{jk}^i = g_l^i (g^{-1})_j^m (g^{-1})_k^n \epsilon_{mn}^l = g_l^i g_m^j g_n^k \epsilon^{lmn}.$$

When  $(ijk)$  is an **even permutation** of  $(123)$ , the RHS of the last equality in the above equation equals  $\det(g) = 1$  [since  $g \in SO(3)$ ]. In this case  $(\epsilon')_{jk}^i = 1$ .

When  $(ijk)$  is an **odd permutation** of  $(123)$ , the RHS equals  $-1$ , which implies  $(\epsilon')_{jk}^i = -1$ .

Finally, when any two of the three indices  $(ijk)$  are equal (for example,  $i = j$ ), the RHS is a  $3 \times 3$  determinant of a matrix with two identical columns. So the determinant vanishes and  $(\epsilon')_{jk}^i = 0$ .

**Prob 2.** In the expression  $\mathcal{I}^{ij} = \delta^{ij} x^l x_l - x^i x^j$ , we want to verify that both terms transform like a  $(2,0)$ -tensor. In the first term,  $x^l x_l$  is a scalar, while  $\delta^{ij}$  transforms like a  $(2,0)$ -tensor [as shown in Problem 1(a)], so the whole term transforms like a  $(2,0)$ -tensor. For the second term, we have,

$$x'^i x'^j = g_k^i g_l^j x^k x^l.$$

Hence the second term transforms like a  $(2,0)$ -tensor also. So  $\mathcal{I}^{ij}$  is a  $(2,0)$ -tensor.



We want to show that -

$$\varepsilon_{jk}^i \varepsilon_{l m}^i = \delta_{jl} \delta_{km} - \delta_{jm} \delta_{kl} \quad (*)$$

When  $j=k$ ,  $\varepsilon_{jk}^i = 0$ , hence LHS=0; RHS =  $\delta_{jl} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{jm} \delta_{jl} = 0$ .

When  $l=m$ ,  $\varepsilon_{l m}^i = 0$ , hence LHS=0; RHS =  $\delta_{jl} \delta_{kl} - \delta_{jm} \delta_{kl} = 0$ .

It remains to show (\*) when  $j \neq k$  and  $l \neq m$ .

Consider the following cases:

j	k	l	m
1	2	1	2
1	2	2	3
1	2	1	3
2	3	1	2
2	3	2	3
2	3	1	3
1	3	1	2
1	3	2	3
1	3	1	3

All other cases involve

i)  $j \leftrightarrow k$     ii)  $l \leftrightarrow m$     iii)  $j \leftrightarrow k$  and  $l \leftrightarrow m$ ,

where  $\leftrightarrow$  means interchanging.

For i) and ii) both the LHS and RHS of (\*) change sign.

For iii) both sides are unchanged. So we just need to prove (\*) for the cases listed in the table. We have, for example,

$$\varepsilon_{12}^1 \varepsilon_{12}^1 = \varepsilon_{312}^3 \varepsilon_{312}^3 = 1.1 = 1 ; \delta_{11} \delta_{22} - \delta_{12} \delta_{21} = \delta_{11} \delta_{22} = 1.1 = 1 ;$$

$$\varepsilon_{12}^1 \varepsilon_{123}^1 = \varepsilon_{312}^3 \varepsilon_{323}^3 = 1.0 = 0 ; \delta_{12} \delta_{23} - \delta_{13} \delta_{22} = 0 ,$$

$$\varepsilon_{12}^1 \varepsilon_{113}^1 = \varepsilon_{312}^3 \varepsilon_{313}^3 = 1.0 = 0 ; \delta_{11} \delta_{23} - \delta_{13} \delta_{21} = 0$$

(\*) can be proved similarly for the other 6 quadruplets of values for  $j, k, l, m$  shown in the table.

**Prob. 4**  $(\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}))^i = \varepsilon^i_{jk} A^j (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})^k$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \varepsilon^i_{jk} A^j \varepsilon^k_{lm} B^l C^m = \varepsilon^i_{jk} \varepsilon^k_{lm} A^j B^l C^m \\
 &= \varepsilon^k_{ij} \varepsilon^k_{lm} A^j B^l C^m \\
 &= (\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}) A^j B^l C^m \\
 &= (\delta_{il} B^l)(\delta_{jm} A^j C^m) - (\delta_{im} C^m)(\delta_{jl} A^j B^l) \\
 &= B^i A_m C^m - C^i A_l B^l = B^i (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - C^i (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \\
 \therefore \vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) &= \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})
 \end{aligned}$$


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**Prob. 5**  $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = A_i (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})^i = A_i \varepsilon^i_{jk} B^j C^k$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \varepsilon^i_{jk} A_i B^j C^k = \varepsilon_{ijk} A^i B^j C^k \\
 &= \varepsilon_{jki} B^j C^k A^i = \varepsilon^j_{ki} B_j C^k A^i \\
 &= B_j (\varepsilon^j_{ki} C^k A^i) = B_j (\vec{C} \times \vec{A})^j \\
 &= \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) &= A^i (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})^i = \varepsilon_{ijk} A^i B^j C^k \\
 &= \varepsilon_{kij} C^k A^i B^j = \varepsilon^k_{ij} C_k A^i B^j \\
 &= C_k (\varepsilon^k_{ij} A^i B^j) = C_k (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})^k \\
 &= \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})
 \end{aligned}$$


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**Prob. 6**

$A$ , being linear, maps  $\vec{0} \in V$  to  $\vec{0} \in W$ . Hence  $\vec{0} \in \text{Ker } A$ . Suppose  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in \text{Ker } A$ , then

$$A(\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) = A(\vec{v}_1) + A(\vec{v}_2) = \vec{0} + \vec{0} = \vec{0},$$

which implies  $\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \in \text{Ker } A$ . If  $\vec{v} \in \text{Ker } A$ , then  $A(\alpha \vec{v}) = \alpha A(\vec{v}) = \alpha \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0}$ , for all  $\alpha \in F$ , implying  $\alpha \vec{v} \in \text{Ker } A$ . So  $\text{Ker } A \subset V$  is a <sup>vector</sup> subspace of  $V$ .

Clearly,  $\vec{0} \in W$  is in  $\text{Im } A$ , since  $A(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$ . If  $\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2 \in \text{Im } A$ , then there exist  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in V$  such that

$$A(\vec{v}_1) = \vec{w}_1, \quad A(\vec{v}_2) = \vec{w}_2.$$

$$\text{So } A(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2) = \alpha_1 A(\vec{v}_1) + \alpha_2 A(\vec{v}_2) = \alpha_1 \vec{w}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{w}_2.$$

Hence  $\alpha_1 \vec{w}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{w}_2 \in \text{Im } A$ . So  $\text{Im } A$  is a vector subspace of  $W$ .

Let  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r\}$  be a basis of  $\text{Ker } A$  and  $\{\vec{w}_1', \dots, \vec{w}_s'\}$  be a basis of  $\text{Im } A$ . For each  $1 \leq i \leq s$ , let  $\vec{v}_i' \in V$  such that  $A(\vec{v}_i') = \vec{w}_i'$ . Consider the set of vectors

$$\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r, \vec{v}_1', \dots, \vec{v}_s'\}.$$

We will show that it forms a basis of  $V$ .

Choose an arbitrary  $\vec{v} \in V$ . Then  $A(\vec{v}) \in \text{Im } A$ . So we can write

$$A(\vec{v}) = \sum_{i=1}^s c^i \vec{w}_i' = \sum_{i=1}^s c^i A(\vec{v}_i') \quad ; \quad c^i \in F.$$

(Using Einstein summation convention)

From the linearity of  $A$  we have

$$A\left(\vec{v} - \sum_{i=1}^s c^i \vec{v}_i'\right) = \vec{0}.$$

Then  $\vec{v} - \sum_{i=1}^s c^i \vec{v}_i' \in \text{Ker } A$ , so we can write

$$\vec{v} - \sum_{i=1}^s c^i \vec{v}_i' = \sum_{i=1}^r d^i \vec{v}_i \quad ; \quad d^i \in F,$$

Prob. 6 cont'd .

or

$$\vec{v} = \sum_{i=1}^s c^i \vec{v}_i' + \sum_{i=1}^r d^i \vec{v}_i,$$

that is,  $\vec{v}$  is a linear combination of  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r, \vec{v}_1', \dots, \vec{v}_s'\}$ .  
We still have to show that this set is linearly independent.

Suppose  $\sum_{i=1}^r a^i \vec{v}_i + \sum_{j=1}^s b^j \vec{v}_j' = \vec{0}$ ,  $a^i, b^j \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq s$ .

Then, since  $A(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$ , we have  $\vec{0} = A(\vec{0}) = A\left(\sum_{i=1}^r a^i \vec{v}_i + \sum_{j=1}^s b^j \vec{v}_j'\right)$  (since  $\vec{v}_i \in \text{Ker } A$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{0} &= A\left(\sum_{i=1}^r a^i \vec{v}_i + \sum_{j=1}^s b^j \vec{v}_j'\right) = \sum_{i=1}^r a^i A(\vec{v}_i) + \sum_{j=1}^s b^j A(\vec{v}_j') \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^s b^j A(\vec{v}_j') = \sum_{j=1}^s b^j \vec{w}_j'. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{\vec{w}_j'\}$ , being a basis of  $\text{Im } A$ , is linearly independent,

$$b^i = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq s.$$

Thus  $\sum_{i=1}^r a^i \vec{v}_i = \vec{0}$

But  $\{\vec{v}_i\}$  is linearly independent, since it is a basis of  $\text{Ker } A$ . Therefore

$$a^i = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq r.$$

So we have shown that the linearly independent set

$$\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r, \vec{v}_1', \dots, \vec{v}_s'\}$$

is a basis of  $V$ . Finally we conclude

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

**Prbl. 7**  $\frac{V}{W}$  is made into a vector space by the following definitions of vector addition and scalar multiplication:

$$\{\vec{v}_1\} + \{\vec{v}_2\} = \{\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2\}, \quad \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in V$$

$$\alpha \{\vec{v}\} = \{\alpha \vec{v}\}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{F}$$

To show these definitions make sense we have to show that they are independent of the representative of the equivalence class  $\{\vec{v}\}$ .

Suppose  $\vec{v}_1'$  is another representative of  $\{\vec{v}_1\}$  (besides  $\vec{v}_1$ )  
and  $\vec{v}_2'$  is another representative of  $\{\vec{v}_2\}$  (besides  $\vec{v}_2$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \{\vec{v}_1'\} + \{\vec{v}_2'\} &= \{\vec{v}_1' + \vec{v}_2'\} \quad \leftarrow \text{by def. of vector addition in } V/W \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{let } \vec{v}_1' = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{w}_1 \\ \vec{v}_2' = \vec{v}_2 + \vec{w}_2, \\ \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2 \in W \end{array} \right. \\ &= \{\vec{v}_1 + \vec{w}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + \vec{w}_2\} = \{\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + (\vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2)\} \\ &= \{\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2\} \quad (\text{since } \vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2 \in W, W \text{ being a subspace}) \\ &= \{\vec{v}_1\} + \{\vec{v}_2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Also, for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $\vec{v}'$  another representative of  $\{\vec{v}\}$  (besides  $\vec{v}$ ),  
let  $\vec{v}' = \vec{v} + \vec{w}$ ,  $\vec{w} \in W$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \{\vec{v}'\} &= \alpha \{\vec{v} + \vec{w}\} = \alpha \{\vec{v}\} = \{\alpha \vec{v}\} \\ &= \{\alpha (\vec{v}' - \vec{w})\} = \{\alpha \vec{v}' - \alpha \vec{w}\} \quad \leftarrow \text{by def. of scalar multiplication in } V/W \\ &= \{\alpha \vec{v}'\} \end{aligned}$$

So we have shown that both vector addition and scalar multiplication in  $V/W$  are independent of the representatives.

Prob. 7 cont'd.

The zero element in  $V/W$  is  $W$  itself, since for  $\vec{w} \in W$ ;

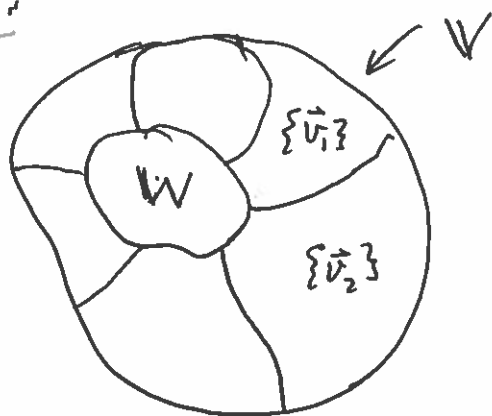
$$\{\vec{v}\} + \{\vec{w}\} = \{\vec{v} + \vec{w}\} = \{\vec{v}\}$$

Next we show that  $\pi : V \rightarrow V/W$  is a linear map.

$$\pi(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2) = \{\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2\}$$

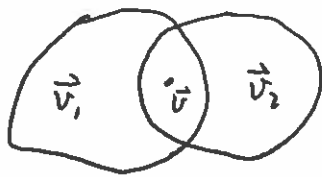
$$= \alpha_1 \{\vec{v}_1\} + \alpha_2 \{\vec{v}_2\} = \alpha_1 \pi(\vec{v}_1) + \alpha_2 \pi(\vec{v}_2).$$

We know that all the equivalence classes in  $V/W$  are disjoint.



For if this is not the case, suppose  $\{\vec{v}_1\}, \{\vec{v}_2\}$  are two distinct equivalence classes, and there exists a  $\vec{v}$  which is a representative of both  $\{\vec{v}_1\}$  and  $\{\vec{v}_2\}$ . Then we have

$\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$   
are representatives  
of different  
equivalence classes



$$\vec{v} - \vec{v}_1 = \vec{w}_1 \in W \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{v} - \vec{v}_2 = \vec{w}_2 \in W, \text{ which imply}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1 = \vec{w}_1 - \vec{w}_2 \in W,$$

which implies  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  are both representatives of the same equivalence class. Contradiction. So all the equivalence classes are disjoint, and  $W$  is an equivalence class.

**Prob. 7** cont'd. Pick an equivalence class  $\{\vec{v}\}$  that is not  $W$ . Then

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$$\pi(\vec{v}) = \{\vec{v}\} \neq W, \text{ or } \pi(\vec{v}) \neq \vec{0} \in V/W$$

~~is not~~ but  $\pi(\vec{w}) = \{\vec{w}\} = W = \vec{0} \in V/W$ .

Hence  $\text{Ker } \pi = W$ .

So we can apply the result of Prob 7 to the linear map

$$\pi : V \rightarrow V/W \text{ and}$$

get

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(V) &= \dim(\text{Ker } \pi) + \dim(\text{Im } \pi) \\ &= \dim W + \dim(\text{Im } \pi) \end{aligned}$$

But the map  $\pi$  is clearly onto (surjective)

$$\therefore \text{Im } \pi = V/W$$

$$\therefore \dim(V) = \dim W + \dim(V/W)$$

$$\text{or } \dim(V/W) = \dim V - \dim W$$

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