

Prob 15

(5) is the 5-dimensional subspace of symmetric, traceless tensors, so a basis set would be

$$\{\vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_3, \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_3\}$$

A tensor in this subspace can be written

$$\tilde{S} = \tilde{S}^{11} \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_1 + \tilde{S}^{22} \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_2 + \tilde{S}^{12} \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_2 + \tilde{S}^{13} \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_3 + \tilde{S}^{23} \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_3$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{S}^{ij} = S^{ij} - \frac{\delta^{ij} \mathcal{T}}{3} \quad (\mathcal{T} = \text{trace of } T = \sum_i T^{ii})$$

$$S^{ij} = T^{ij} + T^{ji}$$

with  $T = T^{ij} \vec{e}_i \otimes \vec{e}_j$  a general tensor in  $T^2(V)$ .

(1) is the 1-dimensional subspace with basis vector

$$\vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_2 + \vec{e}_3 \otimes \vec{e}_3$$

(3) is the 3-dimensional anti-symmetric subspace of  $T^2(V)$  with basis set

$$\{\vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_2 - \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_3 - \vec{e}_3 \otimes \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_3 - \vec{e}_3 \otimes \vec{e}_2\}$$

A general tensor here can be written

$$A = A^{12} (\vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_2 - \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_1) + A^{13} (\vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_3 - \vec{e}_3 \otimes \vec{e}_1) + A^{23} (\vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_3 - \vec{e}_3 \otimes \vec{e}_2)$$

$$\text{where } A^{ij} = T^{ij} - T^{ji}$$

Prb. 16 The dimension of  $\Lambda^3(V)$  with  $\dim V = 5$  is

$$\binom{5}{3} = \frac{5!}{3!(5-3)!} = \frac{5!}{3!2!} = 10$$

A basis is  $\{\vec{e}_i \wedge \vec{e}_j \wedge \vec{e}_k\}, (1 \leq i < j < k \leq 5)$

Written out explicitly, it is the following set:

$$\begin{aligned} &\vec{e}_1 \wedge \vec{e}_2 \wedge \vec{e}_3 \\ &\vec{e}_1 \wedge \vec{e}_2 \wedge \vec{e}_4 \\ &\vec{e}_1 \wedge \vec{e}_2 \wedge \vec{e}_5 \\ &\vec{e}_1 \wedge \vec{e}_3 \wedge \vec{e}_4 \\ &\vec{e}_1 \wedge \vec{e}_3 \wedge \vec{e}_5 \\ &\vec{e}_1 \wedge \vec{e}_4 \wedge \vec{e}_5 \\ &\vec{e}_2 \wedge \vec{e}_3 \wedge \vec{e}_4 \\ &\vec{e}_2 \wedge \vec{e}_3 \wedge \vec{e}_5 \\ &\vec{e}_2 \wedge \vec{e}_4 \wedge \vec{e}_5 \\ &\vec{e}_3 \wedge \vec{e}_4 \wedge \vec{e}_5 \end{aligned}$$

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Prb. 17 A <sup>general</sup> tensor in  $T^3(V)$   $\dim V = 3$  can be written

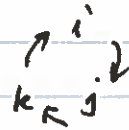
$$T = T^{ijk} \vec{e}_i \otimes \vec{e}_j \otimes \vec{e}_k \quad 1 \leq i, j, k \leq 3$$

A symmetric tensor  $\in P^3(V)$  can be written

$$S = S^{ijk} \vec{e}_i \otimes \vec{e}_j \otimes \vec{e}_k$$

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where  $S^{ijk} = [S_3(T)]^{ijk}$



$$= \frac{1}{3!} (T^{ijk} + T^{jki} + T^{kij} + T^{ikj} + T^{kji} + T^{jik})$$

An antisymmetric tensor  $\in \Lambda^3(V)$  can be written

$$A = A^{ijk} \vec{e}_i \otimes \vec{e}_j \otimes \vec{e}_k$$

$\swarrow$  antisymmetrizer

where  $A^{ijk} = [A_3(T)]^{ijk}$

$$= \frac{1}{3!} (T^{ijk} + T^{jki} + T^{kij} - T^{ikj} - T^{kji} - T^{jik})$$

$\Lambda^3(V)$  is one-dimensional, since the only independent component is  $A^{123}$

A basis of  $\Lambda^3(V)$  consists of the exterior vector

$$\vec{e}_1 \wedge \vec{e}_2 \wedge \vec{e}_3$$

$P^3(V)$  is ten-dimensional. The independent components are <sup>10</sup>

$$S^{111}, S^{222}, S^{333}, S^{112}, S^{113}, S^{221}, S^{223}, S^{331}, S^{332}, S^{123}.$$

A basis of  $P^3(V)$  is the set

$$\{ \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3 \otimes \vec{e}_3 \otimes \vec{e}_3, \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_2, \\ \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_3, \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_3, \vec{e}_3 \otimes \vec{e}_3 \otimes \vec{e}_1, \\ \vec{e}_3 \otimes \vec{e}_3 \otimes \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_1 \otimes \vec{e}_2 \otimes \vec{e}_3 \}$$

**Prb. 17** So  $P^3(V) \oplus \Lambda^3(V)$  is 11-dimensional.

$T^3(V)$ , however, is 27-dimensional.

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**Prb. 18** Let  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \Lambda^r(W^*)$ . We need to show that -

$$A^*(\alpha_1 \varphi_1 + \alpha_2 \varphi_2) = \alpha_1 A^*(\varphi_1) + \alpha_2 A^*(\varphi_2) \quad (*)$$

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{F}$ .

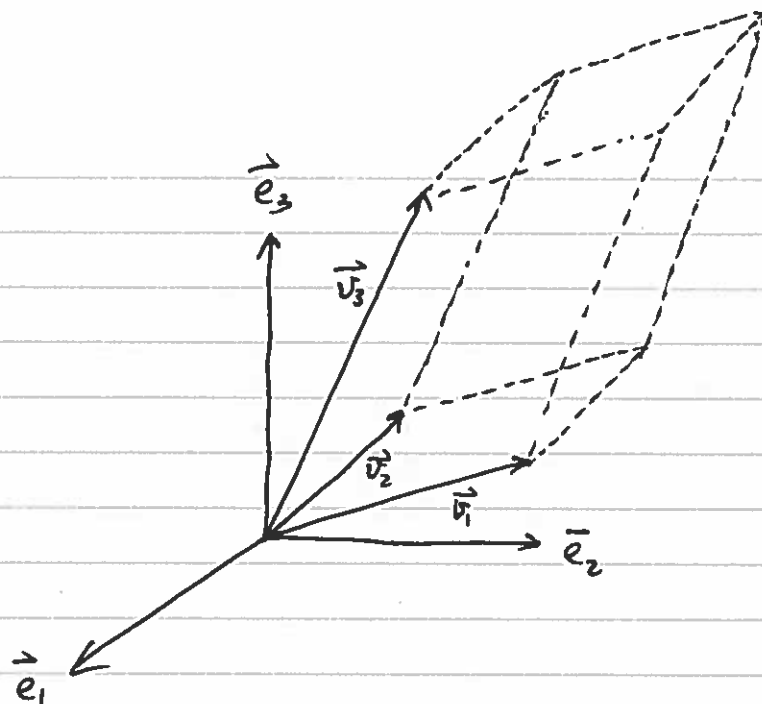
First, note that  $\alpha_1 \varphi_1 + \alpha_2 \varphi_2 \in \Lambda^r(W^*)$ . We thus have

$$\begin{aligned} & A^*(\alpha_1 \varphi_1 + \alpha_2 \varphi_2)(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r) \quad \text{for any } \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r \in V \\ &= (\alpha_1 \varphi_1 + \alpha_2 \varphi_2)(A\vec{v}_1, \dots, A\vec{v}_r) \\ &= (\alpha_1 \varphi_1)(A\vec{v}_1, \dots, A\vec{v}_r) + (\alpha_2 \varphi_2)(A\vec{v}_1, \dots, A\vec{v}_r) \\ &= \alpha_1 (A^*\varphi_1)(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r) + \alpha_2 (A^*\varphi_2)(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r) \\ &= (\alpha_1 A^*\varphi_1 + \alpha_2 A^*\varphi_2)(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r). \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (*)$  follows.

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Prob. 19



$\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$  is an oriented frame in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (The order 123 gives the orientation). The volume of the parallelepiped formed by the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  is given, from 3-d vector analysis, by

$$|\vec{v}_1 \cdot (\vec{v}_2 \times \vec{v}_3)|$$

If we express  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  in terms of components with respect to  $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\}$  by

$$\vec{v}_1 = v_1^1 \vec{e}_1 + v_1^2 \vec{e}_2 + v_1^3 \vec{e}_3, \quad \vec{v}_2 = v_2^1 \vec{e}_1 + v_2^2 \vec{e}_2 + v_2^3 \vec{e}_3$$

$$\vec{v}_3 = v_3^1 \vec{e}_1 + v_3^2 \vec{e}_2 + v_3^3 \vec{e}_3,$$

we see that

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot (\vec{v}_2 \times \vec{v}_3) = \begin{vmatrix} v_1^1 & v_1^2 & v_1^3 \\ v_2^1 & v_2^2 & v_2^3 \\ v_3^1 & v_3^2 & v_3^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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This is precisely the pairing

$$\langle \vec{v}_1 \wedge \vec{v}_2 \wedge \vec{v}_3, \vec{e}^{*1} \wedge \vec{e}^{*2} \wedge \vec{e}^{*3} \rangle \quad (*)$$

where  $\{\vec{e}^{*i}\}$  is the dual basis to  $\{\vec{e}_i\}$ .

$\vec{e}^{*1} \wedge \vec{e}^{*2} \wedge \vec{e}^{*3}$  is called the volume form. The pairing given by (\*) is actually called the oriented volume.

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Prob. 20  $\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S(n)} (\text{sgn } \sigma) a_1^{\sigma(1)} a_2^{\sigma(2)} \dots a_n^{\sigma(n)}$

$$= \sum_{\sigma} (\text{sgn } \sigma) a_{\sigma^{-1}(1)}^1 a_{\sigma^{-1}(2)}^2 \dots a_{\sigma^{-1}(n)}^n$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma^{-1}} (\text{sgn } \sigma^{-1}) a_{\sigma^{-1}(1)}^1 a_{\sigma^{-1}(2)}^2 \dots a_{\sigma^{-1}(n)}^n$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in S(n)} (\text{sgn } \sigma) a_{\sigma(1)}^1 a_{\sigma(2)}^2 \dots a_{\sigma(n)}^n.$$

In the 3rd equality, we have used the fact that -

$\text{sgn } \sigma = \text{sgn } \sigma^{-1}$ . In the last equality we have used

$$\sum_{\sigma} = \sum_{\sigma^{-1}}.$$