

## Vector products

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = ab \cos \theta$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = ab \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{n}}$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}) - \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})$$

## Suffix notation

1. A suffix that appears twice implies a summation.
2. Any suffix cannot appear more than twice in any term.

We define the **Kronecker delta** as:

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

and the **Levi-Civita** as:

$$\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} +1 & 123, 312, 231 \\ -1 & 132, 213, 321 \\ 0 & \text{repeat indices.} \end{cases}$$

Consequently:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{ijk} &= \epsilon_{kij} = \epsilon_{jki} \\ &= -\epsilon_{jik} = -\epsilon_{ikj} = -\epsilon_{kji} \end{aligned}$$

and we have the following identities:

$$\mathbf{a} = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i \mathbf{e}_i = a_i \mathbf{e}_i$$

$$\delta_{ii} = 3$$

$$[\dots]_j \delta_{jk} = [\dots]_k$$

$$\mathbf{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_j = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_i \times \mathbf{e}_j = \epsilon_{ijk} \mathbf{e}_k$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \epsilon_{ijk} a_j b_k \mathbf{e}_i$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = \epsilon_{ijk} a_i b_j c_k$$

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{klm} = \delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}$$

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijl} = 2\delta_{kl} \text{ and } \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} = 6.$$

## Transformations

$$\mathbf{e}'_i = \ell_{ij} \mathbf{e}_j$$

$$\ell_{ik} \ell_{jk} = \ell_{ki} \ell_{kj} = \delta_{ij}$$

$$L^T L = L L^T = I \text{ where } (L)_{ij} = \ell_{ij}$$

## Tensors

A rank 3 tensor is defined as:

$$T'_{ijk} = \ell_{ip} \ell_{jq} \ell_{kr} T_{pqr}$$

which relates frame  $S$  in  $\{\mathbf{e}_i\}$  to frame  $S'$  in  $\{\mathbf{e}'_i\}$  with rule  $\mathbf{e}'_i = \ell_{ij} \mathbf{e}_j$ , etc.

Properties of tensors:

1. The addition of two rank  $n$  tensors is also a rank  $n$  tensor.
2. The multiplication of a rank  $m$  tensor with a rank  $n$  tensor yields a rank  $m+n$  tensor.
3. If  $T_{ijk\dots s}$  is a rank  $m$  tensor then  $T_{\mathbf{ii}k\dots s}$  is a rank  $m-2$  tensor.
4. If  $T_{ij}$  is a tensor then  $T_{ji}$  is also a tensor.

## Symmetric tensors

$T_{ij}$  is a symmetric tensor when  $T_{ij} = T_{ji}$  in frame  $S$ . Then  $T'_{ij} = T'_{ji}$  in frame  $S'$ .

Similarly  $T_{ij}$  is an anti-symmetric tensor if  $T_{ij} = -T_{ji}$  and  $T'_{ij} = -T'_{ji}$ .

Finally **any tensor** can be written as a sum of symmetric and anti-symmetric parts:

$$T_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(T_{ij} + T_{ji}) + \frac{1}{2}(T_{ij} - T_{ji}).$$

## Quotient theorem

Consider 9 entities  $T_{ij}$  in frame  $S$  and  $T'_{ij}$  in frame  $S'$ . Let  $b_i = T_{ij} a_j$  where  $a_j$  is a vector. If  $b_i$  always transforms as a vector then  $T_{ij}$  is a rank 2 tensor.

Generalising, let  $R_{ijk\dots r}$  be a rank  $m$  tensor and  $T_{ijk\dots s}$  a set of  $3^n$  numbers where  $n > m$ . If  $T_{ijk\dots s} R_{ijk\dots r}$  is a rank  $n-m$  tensor then  $T_{ijk\dots s}$  is a rank  $n$  tensor.

## Matrices

We define a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  as  $(A)_{ij} = a_{ij}$  where  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .

- $\text{Tr } A = a_{ii}$
- $(A^T)_{ij} = a_{ji}$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$
- $(I)_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$

The determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \epsilon_{lmn} a_{1l} a_{2m} a_{3n} \\ &= \epsilon_{lmn} a_{l1} a_{m2} a_{n3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \det A = \epsilon_{lmn} a_{il} a_{jm} a_{kn}.$$

Furthermore:

$$\epsilon_{lmn} \det A = \epsilon_{ijk} a_{il} a_{jm} a_{kn}$$

$$\det A = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmn} a_{il} a_{jm} a_{kn}.$$

Properties of determinants:

1. Adding rows to each other does not change the determinant.
2. Interchanging two rows changes determinant signs.
3.  $\det A = \det A^T$
4.  $\det(AB) = \det A \cdot \det B$

These also apply to columns. Finally:

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmn} \det A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{il} & a_{im} & a_{in} \\ a_{jl} & a_{jm} & a_{jn} \\ a_{kl} & a_{km} & a_{kn} \end{vmatrix}$$

and setting  $A = I$  yields:

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmn} = \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{il} & \delta_{im} & \delta_{in} \\ \delta_{jl} & \delta_{jm} & \delta_{jn} \\ \delta_{kl} & \delta_{km} & \delta_{kn} \end{vmatrix}.$$

## Linear equations

Consider  $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x}$ .  $\therefore x_i = A_{ij}^{-1} y_j$

$$A_{ij}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\det A} \epsilon_{imn} \epsilon_{jpk} a_{pm} a_{qn}$$

## Orthogonal matrices

### Pseudotensors

### Invariant tensors