

Questions on Vectors and Tensors

- Basic Operations** Consider two vectors $\mathbf{a} \sim (1, 4, 6)$ and $\mathbf{b} \sim (2, 0, 4)$, where the components have been expressed in a given orthonormal basis. Compute
 - $\|\mathbf{a}\|$.
 - The angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .
 - The area of the parallelogram bounded by \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .
 - $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$.
- Projection** Denote the basis in Problem 1 as $\{\mathbf{e}_i\}_{i=1}^3$. What is the component of \mathbf{a} in the direction $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2$.
- Basic Operations** As we have seen we can express vectors in terms of their components with respect to a particular basis. Thus we can write

$$\mathbf{v} = v_i \mathbf{e}_i.$$

When the particular basis is understood (ie. everyone reading the equation will assume the same basis) one can safely express the components of the vector in a “column vector”; ie. as

$$v_i \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This convention also applies to second order tensors. In this case we have for a basis $e = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$

$$\mathbf{T} = T_{ij} \mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j.$$

If the basis is understood we can express the components in a 3×3 matrix. The following ordering is conventional:

$$T_{ij} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} & T_{23} \\ T_{31} & T_{32} & T_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

For the problems assume an orthonormal basis $e = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$ and

$$\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{e}_1 + 5\mathbf{e}_2 - 7\mathbf{e}_3,$$

$$\mathbf{b} = 0\mathbf{e}_1 - 8\mathbf{e}_2 + 1\mathbf{e}_3,$$

$$c_i \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$T_{ij} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 & 2 \\ 8 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find expressions for the following. If the operation is a scalar just report the number. If the operation results in a vector, give it in dyadic form (component values times basis vectors, summed over all needed basis vectors) as well as in column vector form assuming the e basis. If the operation results in a tensor, give it in dyadic form (component values times $\mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1$ etc. summed over all needed $\mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j$) as well as in matrix form assuming the e basis.

(a) $(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c}$, (b) $b_3\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$, (c) $(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b}$, (d) δ_{ii} , (e) $T_{3j}\delta_{3j}$, (f) $T_{ij}\delta_{ij}$, (g) $T_{ij}T_{ij}$, (h) $\mathbf{T}\mathbf{c}$, (i) I_T , (j) II_T , (k) III_T , (l) $\mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2$, (m) $\mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2$.

4. **Tensor Operations** Let $\mathbf{a} = 1\mathbf{e}_1 + 4\mathbf{e}_2 + 6\mathbf{e}_3$, $\mathbf{b} = 7\mathbf{e}_1 + 2\mathbf{e}_2 + 3\mathbf{e}_3$, $\mathbf{c} = 1\mathbf{e}_2 + 2\mathbf{e}_3$, and $\mathbf{T} = 12\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} + 7\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{c}$. Determine the following

1. $\mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{T}$
2. $\mathbf{T}\mathbf{e}_1$
3. \mathbf{T}^T

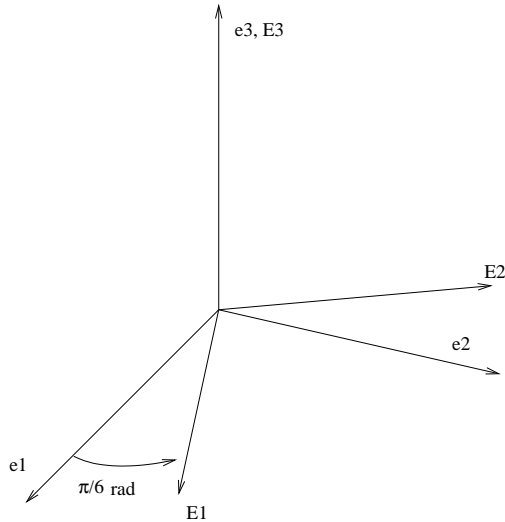
5. **Tensor-Vector Operations** [*This is a two dimensional problem.*] Let the components of a 2nd order tensor \mathbf{A} be $A_{11} = 1$, $A_{12} = A_{21} = 2$, $A_{22} = 3$. Let the components of a vector \mathbf{v} be $v_1 = 1$, $v_2 = 2$.

1. Compute the components of $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{v}$
 - (a) using the relation $w_i = A_{ij}v_j$,
 - (b) using matrix vector multiplication rules.
2. Compute the scalar $s = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{v} \equiv \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v})$
 - (a) using the relation $s = A_{ij}v_i v_j$,
 - (b) using matrix vector multiplication.

6. **Orthogonality of Skew and Symmetric Tensors** If \mathbf{A} is a symmetric tensor and \mathbf{B} is skew-symmetric tensor, show $\text{tr}[\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B}] = A_{ij}B_{ij} = 0$.

7. **Symmetric Contraction** Consider a tensor $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^3$ (i.e. symmetric) and an arbitrary tensor \mathbf{B} . Prove that $\mathbf{A} : \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} : \text{sym}[\mathbf{B}]$.

8. **Vector Component Extraction** Given $\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{e}_1 + 4\mathbf{e}_2 + 5\mathbf{e}_3$ find a_A in the \mathbf{E}_A basis as defined in the following figure. Do this by using our component extraction rules.



9. **Tensor Component Extraction** Consider a 2nd order tensor \mathbf{T} whose components in the \mathbf{e}_i basis are given by

$$\mathbf{T} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the component extraction rule for tensors, find T_{12} and T_{33} in the \mathbf{E}_A basis. Assume \mathbf{e}_i and \mathbf{E}_A are as defined in Problem 8. [Do not try and assemble the rotation tensor. It is a waste of time for this problem.]

10. **Basis conversion for tensor components** Consider the tensor $\mathbf{T} = T_{ij}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i \otimes \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j$, where

$$\mathbf{T} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}_{\{\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i\}}$$

Consider a second basis $\{\hat{\mathbf{E}}_A\}$ whose relation to the basis $\{\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i\}$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{E}}_1 &= \frac{1}{2}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 \\ \hat{\mathbf{E}}_2 &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Find the value of T_{11} in the $\{\hat{\mathbf{E}}_A\}$ basis.

11. **Identity Representation** Consider an arbitrary vector \mathbf{a} . Starting from $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a}$ show that the identity tensor can be expressed as $\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_i$ where $\{\mathbf{e}_i\}_{i=1}^3$ represents any orthonormal basis. Note that the identity tensor is defined to be the tensor $\mathbf{1}$ such that $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{1}\mathbf{a}$ for all vectors \mathbf{a} .
12. **Cross Product** Let $\mathbf{v} = 1\mathbf{e}_1 + 2\mathbf{e}_2$, $\mathbf{w} = 2\mathbf{e}_3 + 2\mathbf{e}_1 + 1\mathbf{e}_2$ and $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}$. What is z_3 ? Do this problem using indicial notation methods. Do NOT use the classical technique with the determinant.

13. **Permutation Symbol** Show that $e_{ijk}e_{ijk} = 6$.

14. **Orthogonal Tensor** In two dimensions, any orthogonal tensor can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{R} = \cos(\theta)\mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + \sin(\theta)\mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 \\ - \sin(\theta)\mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + \cos(\theta)\mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2.$$

1. Show that $\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{1}$; ie. prove that the inverse of an orthogonal tensor is its transpose.
2. Show that $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}\|$ for all \mathbf{v} ; ie. an orthogonal tensor does not change the length of a vector.

15. **Rodriguez Formula** Let $\mathbf{\Lambda} \in SO(3)$ (i.e. a rotation tensor).

(a) Argue that $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ admits the following representation:

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 + \sin(\theta)(\mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 - \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2) + \cos(\theta)(\mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2) \quad (*)$$

where $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$ form an orthonormal basis. [Hint: Every rotation has a vector \mathbf{e}_3 such that $\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{e}_3 = \mathbf{e}_3$.]

(b) Using the representation in part (a) show that one also has the following representation for $\mathbf{\Lambda}$:

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \mathbb{I} + \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta} \mathbf{\Theta} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin^2(\theta/2)}{(\theta/2)^2} \mathbf{\Theta}^2 \quad (\#)$$

where $\mathbf{\Theta}$ is the skew-symmetric tensor with axial vector $\check{\mathbf{\Theta}} = \theta\mathbf{e}_3$. [Remark: Formula (#) is often referred to as Rodriguez' formula. This representation plays a crucial role in non-linear computational mechanics.]

16. **Indices** How many indices will a rank 3 tensor have?

17. **Tensor Classification** Classify $A_{ij}B_jC_iD_{lmn}X_{mn}Y_l$ as the components of a scalar, vector, or higher order tensor.

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19. **3rd Order Tensor** Let φ be a third order tensor that is skew-symmetric; i.e.

$$\varphi(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = -\varphi(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}) = -\varphi(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}) = -\varphi(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u})$$

for all vectors $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$. Let \mathbf{S} be a second order tensor; show that

$$\varphi(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3) + \varphi(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{S}\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3) + \varphi(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{S}\mathbf{e}_3) = \text{tr}[\mathbf{S}]\varphi(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3)$$

[Hint: First show $\varphi(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3) = S_{11}\varphi(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3)$.]

20. **Components of the isotropic elasticity tensor** Consider the 4th order tensor \mathbb{C} with components $\lambda\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl} + \mu(\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk})$, where λ and μ are given constants.
1. Determine the value of $\mathbb{C}_{1122} = \mathbb{C}(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2)$.
 2. Determine the value of $\mathbb{C}_{1112} = \mathbb{C}(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2)$.
21. **Basic Field Operations** Let $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})$ and $\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x})$ be two vector fields and $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{x})$ be a tensor field. Convert the following expressions to indicial or symbolic notation as appropriate.
1. $\text{div}[\mathbf{S}] \cdot \mathbf{w}$
 2. $\mathbf{v} \otimes (\mathbf{S}\mathbf{w})$
 3. $v_i w_j w_{k,k}$
 4. $w_j S_{ij} u_{l,i}$
22. **Eigenvalues** Consider the scalar $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$ for symmetric \mathbf{S} . Show that the necessary equations that this quantity be a maximum over all unit vectors \mathbf{x} is given by the eigenvalue equation $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x} = s\mathbf{x}$. To do this extremize $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$ with respect to \mathbf{x} subject to the constraint $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$ using a Lagrange multiplier method.
23. **Invariants** Consider the tensor $\mathbf{S} = 2(\mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2)$. Compute the principal invariants of \mathbf{S} .
24. **Spectral Form** Consider the tensor $\mathbf{S} = 1(\mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2) + 2(\mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2)$. Express \mathbf{S} in spectral form.
25. **Directional Derivative** Given a stress field $\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})$ on a domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, explain in words the meaning of $D_{\mathbf{v}}\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) = \left. \frac{d}{d\alpha} \right|_{\alpha=0} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x} + \alpha\mathbf{v})$, where $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is given. In particular, your answer should allow one to understand the meaning of the components of $D_{\mathbf{v}}\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})$.
26. **Directional Derivative** Compute $D\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{A})$ where $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{A}$.
27. **Directional Derivative of 2nd Invariant** The second invariant of a rank 2 tensor \mathbf{A} is given by $I_2(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{1}{2}[A_{ii}A_{jj} - A_{kl}A_{lk}]$. Determine the directional derivative of $I_2(\mathbf{A})$ in the direction \mathbf{H} . Infer from this result the expression for $\frac{\partial}{\partial A_{ij}} I_2(\mathbf{A})$ by applying the relation
- $$\frac{\partial I_2(\mathbf{A})}{\partial A_{ij}} H_{ij} = DI_2(\mathbf{A})[\mathbf{H}]$$
28. **Directional Derivative** Consider $f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 x_2 x_3 + x_1 x_2$
1. Compute the directional derivative of f in the direction $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$ at the point $(1, 2, 3)$. [Warning! Normalize!]
 2. Compute the gradient of f – i.e. ∇f .
29. **Directional derivative** Consider $f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 x_2 x_3$

1. Compute the directional derivative of f in the direction of $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2$ at the point $(2, 2, 2)$. [Warning! Normalize!].
 2. Compute the gradient of f .
30. **Gradient of a vector field** Consider a vector field $\mathbf{v} = v_i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i$, where $v_1 = x_1^2$, $v_2 = x_2$, and $v_3 = x_3 x_1$. Compute the components of $\nabla \mathbf{v}$.
31. **Directional Derivative** Consider $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) = 4(x_1)^2 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 + x_1 x_2 x_3 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 + x_3 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$ and compute $D\mathbf{g}[\hat{\mathbf{h}}]$ at the point $(0, 0, 0)$ where $\hat{\mathbf{h}} = (\mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_3)/\sqrt{3}$
32. **Directional Derivative** The definition of the derivative of a scalar valued function of a second order tensor is the operator $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{A}}$ such that

$$\left. \frac{d}{d\alpha} \right|_{\alpha=0} f(\mathbf{A} + \alpha \mathbf{H}) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial A_{ij}} H_{ij}.$$

Use this definition to show that

1. $\frac{\partial \frac{1}{3} \text{tr}[\boldsymbol{\sigma}]}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{1}$
 2. $\frac{\partial (\varepsilon_{ij} \varepsilon_{ij})}{\partial \varepsilon_{kl}} = 2\varepsilon_{kl}$
33. **Gradient** Consider $f : \mathbb{S}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of the form $f(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \|\mathbf{s}\| - (R + k \text{tr}[\boldsymbol{\sigma}])$, where \mathbf{s} is the deviatoric part of $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ and R and k are constants. Find $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}$.
34. **Gradient** Consider $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $f(\mathbf{x}) = x_k x_i A_{ki} + e_{ijk} x_j c_k d_i$. \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{c} , and \mathbf{d} are given constant tensors and vectors.
1. Compute the components of the gradient of $f(\cdot)$; i.e., find $\partial f / \partial x_i$.
 2. Express $\partial f / \partial \mathbf{x}$ in symbolic form.
35. **Directional Derivative** Determine the rate of change of the following tensor valued function:

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}) = [5\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}] \mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{x}$$

at the point $\mathbf{x} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$ in the direction $\hat{\mathbf{h}} = (\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3)/\sqrt{3}$, where $\mathbf{A} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 \otimes \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 \otimes \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3 + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3 \otimes \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2$.

36. **Gradient** Consider $f : \mathbb{E}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^2 + 2x_1 x_2^2 + 3x_2^2 x_3$. Find $\text{grad}(f)$.
37. **Gradient** Consider $f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^2 + x_1 x_2 x_3$. Compute ∇f
38. **Directional Derivative** Consider $f(\mathbf{x}) = 4x_1 + x_1 x_2 x_3 + \cos(x_2)$.
1. Compute the directional derivative of f in the direction $\mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2$ at the point $(1, 1, 1)$.
 2. Compute the gradient of f , ∇f .

39. **Directional Derivative** Consider $f(\mathbf{x}) = 4(x_1)^2 + x_1x_2x_3$.

1. Compute the directional derivative of f in the direction $\mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_3$ at the point $(0,1,1)$. [Warning! Normalize!]
2. Compute the gradient of f , ∇f .

40. **Divergence theorem** Use the Divergence Theorem to show that

$$\int_{\partial\mathcal{R}} \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{x} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, dA = \text{vol}[\mathcal{R}],$$

where \mathcal{R} is a simply connected region of space with boundary $\partial\mathcal{R}$ and outward unit normal $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$.

41. **Divergence Theorem** Use the Divergence Theorem to show that

$$\int_{\mathcal{R}} 5x_i x_j \, dV = \int_{\partial\mathcal{R}} x_i x_j x_k \hat{n}_k \, dA.$$

42. **Divergence Theorem** Consider a ball, B , of radius 4 centered at the origin. Using the divergence theorem, compute

$$\int_{\partial B} \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dA,$$

where \mathbf{x} is (as usual) the position vector and \mathbf{n} is the unit outward normal to the surface ∂B .

43. **Divergence theorem** Compute the value of the integral

$$\int_{\partial\mathcal{R}} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, dA,$$

where \mathcal{R} is a simply connected region of space with boundary $\partial\mathcal{R}$ and outward unit normal $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$.

44. **Divergence Theorem** Consider the unit ball $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{x} \mid \|\mathbf{x}\| < 1\}$ with boundary $\partial\mathcal{B} = S^2 = \{\mathbf{x} \mid \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1\}$. Using the divergence theorem compute

$$\int_{\mathcal{B}} \text{div} \left(\frac{\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} \right) \, dV.$$