

of Coordinates

EINSTEIN'S SUMMATION CONVENTION

Consider An Expression

$$a_1 x^1 + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n$$

Index notation is Initial Convention

In Summation Form

$$\sum_{j=1}^N a_j x^j$$

In Shorter Notation

$$a_j x^j$$

This shows that if any index ^{given} repeated ~~the~~ term, then a summation with respect to that index over the range from 1 to N is implied. This convention is called Einstein's Summation Convention.

DUMMY INDEX:- (OR UMBRAL INDEX)

An Index which is repeated in a given term so that the summation convention implied, is called a Dummy Index.

FREE INDEX:- (OR REAL INDEX)

An Index which occurring only once in a given term, is called a Free index.

For example,

consider An Expression $A_k B_{ik}$ then "k" is

a Dummy index while "i" is a free index

SCALARS OR INVARIANTS: (TENSOR OF RANK ZERO)

Suppose ϕ is a function of the coordinates x^k and

Let $\bar{\phi}$ denote the functional value ϕ^* under a transformation to another set of coordinates \bar{x}^k . If $\phi = \bar{\phi}$

then the function ϕ is called scalar or invariant or

Tensor of Rank Zero.

CONTRAVARIANT AND COVARIANT VECTORS:

OR (CONTRAVARIANT AND COVARIANT TENSOR OF RANK ONE)

If N quantities A^1, A^2, \dots, A^N in one coordinate system

(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N) are related to N other quantities $\bar{A}^1, \bar{A}^2, \dots, \bar{A}^N$

in another coordinate system $(\bar{x}^1, \bar{x}^2, \dots, \bar{x}^N)$ by the

Transformation Equations

$$\bar{A}^p = \sum_{q=1}^N \frac{\partial \bar{x}^p}{\partial x^q} A^q$$

OR

$$\bar{A}^p = \frac{\partial \bar{x}^p}{\partial x^q} A^q$$

then the quantities A^q are called components of

a contravariant vector or contravariant tensor of the

first rank or first order.

If N quantities A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N in one coordinate system

(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N) are related to N other quantities $\bar{A}_1, \bar{A}_2, \dots, \bar{A}_N$

in another coordinate system $(\bar{x}^1, \bar{x}^2, \dots, \bar{x}^N)$ by the

Transformation Equations

$$\bar{A}_p = \sum_{q=1}^N \frac{\partial x^q}{\partial \bar{x}^p} A_q$$

OR

$$\bar{A}_p = \frac{\partial x^q}{\partial \bar{x}^p} A_q$$

CONTRAVARIANT, COVARIANT AND MIXED TENSORS:

→ of N^2 quantities A^{qs} in one coordinate system (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N)

are related to N^2 other quantities \bar{A}^{pr} in another coordinate

system $(\bar{x}^1, \bar{x}^2, \dots, \bar{x}^N)$ by the Transformation Equations

$$\bar{A}^{pr} = \sum_{s=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^N \frac{\partial \bar{x}^p}{\partial x^q} \frac{\partial \bar{x}^r}{\partial x^s} A^{qs} \quad p, r = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

OR

$$\bar{A}^{pr} = \frac{\partial \bar{x}^p}{\partial x^q} \frac{\partial \bar{x}^r}{\partial x^s} A^{qs}$$

Then the quantities A^{qs} are called components of a Contravariant

Tensor of the second rank or Rank Two

→ of N^2 quantities A_{qs} in one coordinate system (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N)

are related to N^2 other quantities \bar{A}_{pr} in another coordinate

system $(\bar{x}^1, \bar{x}^2, \dots, \bar{x}^N)$ by the Transformation Equations

$$\frac{\partial \bar{x}^p}{\partial x^q} \frac{\partial \bar{x}^r}{\partial x^s} A_{qs} = \bar{A}_{pr} = \sum_{s=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^N \frac{\partial \bar{x}^p}{\partial x^q} \frac{\partial \bar{x}^r}{\partial x^s} A_{qs} \quad p, r = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Then the quantities A_{qs} are called components

of a Covariant Tensor of the second rank or Rank Two

→ of N^2 quantities A_s^q in one coordinate system (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N)

are related to N^2 other quantities \bar{A}_r^p in another

coordinate system $(\bar{x}^1, \bar{x}^2, \dots, \bar{x}^N)$ by the Transformation

Equations

$$\bar{A}_r^p = \sum_{s=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^N \frac{\partial \bar{x}^p}{\partial x^q} \frac{\partial x^s}{\partial \bar{x}^r} A_s^q \quad p, r = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

OR

$$\bar{A}_r^p = \frac{\partial \bar{x}^p}{\partial x^q} \frac{\partial x^s}{\partial \bar{x}^r} A_s^q$$

The Kronecker Delta is denoted by δ_{pq} and defined as

$$\delta_{pq} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \neq q \\ 1 & \text{if } p = q \end{cases}$$

The Kronecker Delta is a Mixed Tensor of second rank

TENSOR OF RANK GREATER THAN TWO.

→ of N^i quantities $A^{p_1 p_2 \dots p_i}$ in one coordinate system

(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N) are related to N^i other quantities $\bar{A}^{p_1 p_2 \dots p_i}$

in another coordinate system $(\bar{x}^1, \bar{x}^2, \dots, \bar{x}^N)$ by the

Transformation Equations

$$\bar{A}^{p_1 p_2 \dots p_i} = \frac{\partial \bar{x}^{p_1}}{\partial x^{q_1}} \frac{\partial \bar{x}^{p_2}}{\partial x^{q_2}} \dots \frac{\partial \bar{x}^{p_i}}{\partial x^{q_i}} A^{q_1 q_2 \dots q_i}$$

Then the quantities $A^{q_1 q_2 \dots q_i}$ are called components of a

Contravariant Tensor of the Rank " i " or the Rank

→ of N^i quantities $A_{q_1 q_2 \dots q_i}$ in one coordinate system (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N)

are related to N^i other quantities $\bar{A}_{p_1 p_2 \dots p_i}$ in another

coordinate system $(\bar{x}^1, \bar{x}^2, \dots, \bar{x}^N)$ by the Transformation Equations

$$\bar{A}_{p_1 p_2 \dots p_i} = \frac{\partial x^{q_1}}{\partial \bar{x}^{p_1}} \frac{\partial x^{q_2}}{\partial \bar{x}^{p_2}} \dots \frac{\partial x^{q_i}}{\partial \bar{x}^{p_i}} A_{q_1 q_2 \dots q_i}$$

Then the quantities $A_{q_1 q_2 \dots q_i}$ are called components

of a Covariant Tensor of the Rank " i " or the Rank

→ of N^{i+j} quantities $A^{q_1 q_2 \dots q_i}_{r_1 r_2 \dots r_j}$ in one coordinate system

(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N) are related to N^{i+j} other quantities

$\bar{A}^{p_1 p_2 \dots p_i}_{r_1 r_2 \dots r_j}$ in another coordinate system $(\bar{x}^1, \bar{x}^2, \dots, \bar{x}^N)$

by the Transformation Equations

$$\bar{A}^{p_1 p_2 \dots p_i}_{r_1 r_2 \dots r_j} = \frac{\partial x^{q_1}}{\partial \bar{x}^{p_1}} \frac{\partial x^{q_2}}{\partial \bar{x}^{p_2}} \dots \frac{\partial x^{q_i}}{\partial \bar{x}^{p_i}} \frac{\partial x^{r_1}}{\partial \bar{x}^{s_1}} \frac{\partial x^{r_2}}{\partial \bar{x}^{s_2}} \dots \frac{\partial x^{r_j}}{\partial \bar{x}^{s_j}} A^{q_1 q_2 \dots q_i}_{r_1 r_2 \dots r_j}$$

Then the quantities $A^{q_1 q_2 \dots q_i}_{r_1 r_2 \dots r_j}$ are called components of a Mixed

TENSOR CALCULUS

DIFFERENTIATION OF TENSORS

THEOREM (7.19): If $A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}$ is a tensor of order n , then its partial derivative w.r.t. x_p , i.e. $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}$ is also a tensor of order $n+1$.

The law of transformation for the given tensor is

$$A'_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n} = \ell_{j_1 i_1} \ell_{j_2 i_2} \dots \ell_{j_n i_n} A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \quad (1)$$

where all the symbols have the usual meanings. Differentiating both sides of equation (1) w.r.t. x'_k we get

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x'_k} A'_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n} = \ell_{j_1 i_1} \ell_{j_2 i_2} \dots \ell_{j_n i_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \frac{\partial x_p}{\partial x'_k} \text{ where } p \text{ is dummy.}$$

Now we know that $x'_k = \ell_{kp} x_p$ or $x_p = \ell_{kp} x'_k$

$$\frac{\partial x_p}{\partial x'_k} = \ell_{kp}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_k} A'_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n} = \ell_{j_1 i_1} \dots \ell_{j_n i_n} \ell_{kp} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \quad (2)$$

which shows that $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}$ is a tensor of order $n+1$.

NOTE: (i) If the partial derivative of $A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}$ w.r.t. x_p is denoted by $A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n, p}$, then equation (2) can be written in the form

$$A'_{j_1 \dots j_n, k} = \ell_{j_1 i_1} \dots \ell_{j_n i_n} \ell_{kp} A_{i_1 \dots i_n, p} \quad (3)$$

Differentiating both sides of equation (3) w.r.t. x'_m we can show

$$A'_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n, km} = \ell_{j_1 i_1} \dots \ell_{j_n i_n} \ell_{kp} \ell_{mq} A_{i_1 \dots i_n, pq}$$

where $A_{i_1 \dots i_n, pq} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_q \partial x_p} A_{i_1 \dots i_n}$ which shows that $A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n, pq}$ is a tensor of order $n+2$.

If ϕ is a scalar, then $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i}$ or $\phi_{,i}$ is a tensor of order 1 i.e. a vector.

INTEGRATION OF TENSORS

Integration of a tensor with respect to the coordinate direction yields a tensor of one order higher. If integration is combined with a contraction. For example,

$$\int A_{mnd} x'_p = \int (\ell_{mi} \ell_{nj} A_{ij}) \ell_{pk} dx_k = \ell_{mi} \ell_{nj} \ell_{pk} \left(\int A_{ij} dx_k \right) \text{ and thus } \left(\int A_{ij} dx_k \right)$$

is a tensor of order 3. However $\left(\int A_{ij} dx_j \right)$ is a contraction of $\left(\int A_{ij} dx_k \right)$ and is a tensor of order 1 i.e. one less than A . Integration of a tensor w.r.t. a scalar, for example volume or surface, can be shown to yield a tensor of the same order.

7.27 APPLICATION TO VECTOR ANALYSIS

DOT PRODUCT

Let \bar{A} and \bar{B} be two vectors with components A_1, A_2, A_3 and B_1, B_2, B_3 respectively then $\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} = A_1 B_1 + A_2 B_2 + A_3 B_3 = A_i B_i$.

THEOREM (7.20): Prove that if A_i and B_j are the components of two first order tensors \bar{A} and \bar{B} respectively, then $A_i B_i$ is a zeroth order tensor.

PROOF: Since A_i and B_j are the components of first order tensors, therefore under transformation law from the system K to K' , we have

$$A'_m = \ell_{mi} A_i \quad (1)$$

$$B'_n = \ell_{nj} B_j \quad (2)$$

Multiplying equations (1) and (2), we get

$$A'_m B'_n = \ell_{mi} \ell_{nj} A_i B_j \quad (3)$$

Setting $m = n$ in equation (3), we have

$$A'_m B'_m = \ell_{mi} \ell_{mj} A_i B_j = \delta_{ij} A_i B_j = A_i B_i \quad (4)$$

which shows that $A_i B_i$ is a scalar or zeroth order tensor.

NOTE: (i) Equation (4) can be written as

$$A'_1 B'_1 + A'_2 B'_2 + A'_3 B'_3 = A_1 B_1 + A_2 B_2 + A_3 B_3$$

showing that the scalar product of two vectors is invariant under the orthogonal rotation of axes.

(ii) We have already proved that $A_i B_j$ are the components of a second order tensor, whereas in the above theorem we have seen that $A_i B_i$ is a zeroth order tensor. So the difference between $A_i B_j$ and $A_i B_i$ must be carefully observed.

CROSS PRODUCT

Let \bar{A} and \bar{B} be two vectors with components A_1, A_2, A_3 and B_1, B_2, B_3 respectively then $\bar{C} = \bar{A} \times \bar{B} = (A_2 B_3 - A_3 B_2, A_3 B_1 - A_1 B_3, A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1)$.

We now show that the components of $\bar{C} = \bar{A} \times \bar{B}$ are given by

$$C_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Now } C_1 = \epsilon_{1jk} A_j B_k = \epsilon_{123} A_2 B_3 + \epsilon_{132} A_3 B_2 = A_2 B_3 - A_3 B_2 = (\bar{A} \times \bar{B})_1$$

$$C_2 = \epsilon_{2jk} A_j B_k = \epsilon_{231} A_3 B_1 + \epsilon_{213} A_1 B_3 = A_3 B_1 - A_1 B_3 = (\bar{A} \times \bar{B})_2$$

$$C_3 = \epsilon_{3jk} A_j B_k = \epsilon_{312} A_1 B_2 + \epsilon_{321} A_2 B_1 = A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1 = (\bar{A} \times \bar{B})_3$$

$$\text{Thus } (\bar{A} \times \bar{B})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$$

NOTE: From equation (1), we have $C_i \hat{e}_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \hat{e}_i$

$$\bar{C} = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \hat{e}_i$$

$\bar{A} \times \bar{B} = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \hat{e}_i$ where now the summation is over all the indices.

THEOREM (7.21): Prove that

- (i) the components of $\bar{A} \times \bar{B}$ i.e. $C_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$ transform as the components of a vector under a rotation of the coordinate axes.
- (ii) $\bar{A} \times \bar{B}$ is invariant under the rotation of coordinate axes.

PROOF:

(i) Let ϵ_{ijk}, A_j, B_k be the components of a third order, and two first order tensors in the system $Ox_1 x_2 x_3$ and $\epsilon'_{mnp}, A'_n, B'_p$ be their corresponding components in the system $Ox'_1 x'_2 x'_3$. Then the laws of transformation are

$$\epsilon'_{mnp} = \ell_{mi} \ell_{nj} \ell_{pk} \epsilon_{ijk} \tag{1}$$

$$A'_n = \ell_{nj} A_j = \ell_{nr} A_r \tag{2}$$

$$B'_p = \ell_{pk} B_k = \ell_{ps} B_s \tag{3}$$

from equations (1), (2), and (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon'_{mnp} A'_n B'_p &= \ell_{mi} \ell_{nj} \ell_{pk} \epsilon_{ijk} \ell_{nr} A_r \ell_{ps} B_s \\ &= \ell_{mi} (\ell_{nj} \ell_{nr}) (\ell_{pk} \ell_{ps}) \epsilon_{ijk} A_r B_s \\ &= \ell_{mi} \delta_{jr} \delta_{ks} \epsilon_{ijk} A_r B_s \\ &= \ell_{mi} \epsilon_{ijk} (\delta_{jr} A_r) (\delta_{ks} B_s) \\ &= \ell_{mi} \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \\ C'_m &= \ell_{mi} C_i \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where $C'_m = \epsilon'_{mnp} A'_n B'_p$

Equation (4) shows that the components of $\bar{A} \times \bar{B}$ transform as the components of a vector.

$$\bar{A} \times \bar{B} = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \hat{e}_i$$

$$\epsilon'_{mnp} A'_n B'_p = \ell_{mi} \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \tag{5}$$

$$\hat{e}'_m = \ell_{mi} \hat{e}_i = \ell_{mr} \hat{e}_r \tag{6}$$

from equations (5) and (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon'_{mnp} A'_n B'_p \hat{e}'_m &= \ell_{mi} \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \ell_{mr} \hat{e}_r \\ &= \ell_{mi} \ell_{mr} \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \hat{e}_r \\ &= \delta_{ir} \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \hat{e}_r \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k (\delta_{ir} \hat{e}_r) = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \hat{e}_i \end{aligned}$$

which shows that $\bar{A} \times \bar{B}$ is invariant under the rotation of coordinate axes.

SCALAR TRIPLE PRODUCT

Considering $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{C}$ as the scalar product of \vec{A} and $\vec{B} \times \vec{C}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{C} &= A_i (B \times C)_i \\ &= A_i \epsilon_{ijk} B_j C_k = \epsilon_{ijk} A_i B_j C_k\end{aligned}$$

(1)

THEOREM (7.22): Prove that

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

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

PROOF: (i) Since $\epsilon_{ijk} = \epsilon_{jki} = \epsilon_{kij}$, therefore,

$$\epsilon_{ijk} A_i B_j C_k = \epsilon_{jki} B_j C_k A_i = \epsilon_{kij} C_k A_i B_j$$

Using equation (1) above, we get

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{C} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{C} \times \vec{A} = \vec{C} \cdot \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(ii) \quad \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{C} &= \epsilon_{ijk} A_i B_j C_k \\ &= (\epsilon_{ijk} A_i B_j) C_k = (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})_k C_k = \vec{A} \times \vec{B} \cdot \vec{C}\end{aligned}$$

VECTOR TRIPLE PRODUCT

THEOREM (7.23): Prove that $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) \vec{B} - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{C}$

PROOF: We have

$$\begin{aligned}[\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})]_i &= \epsilon_{ijk} A_j (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})_k \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} A_j \epsilon_{klm} B_l C_m = \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmk} A_j B_l C_m \\ &= (\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}) A_j B_l C_m \\ &= \delta_{il} \delta_{jm} A_j B_l C_m - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl} A_j B_l C_m \\ &= A_j B_i C_j - A_j B_j C_i = (A_j C_j) B_i - (A_j B_j) C_i \\ &= (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) B_i - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) C_i\end{aligned}$$

which gives the three components of the required formula for $i = 1, 2, 3$.

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

THE DEL - OPERATOR

In Cartesian tensors, the del - operator denoted by ∇ is defined as

$$\nabla = \hat{e}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \hat{e}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \hat{e}_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} = \hat{e}_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$