

MATHEMATICAL PRELIMINARIES



ALGEBRA OF VECTORS AND TENSORS

Orthogonal basic unary vectors (versors) : $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$

$$(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j) = \delta_{ij} \equiv \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Any vector in E^3 is expressed as unique linear combinations of the basic versors

$$\mathbf{a} = a_1\mathbf{e}_1 + a_2\mathbf{e}_2 + a_3\mathbf{e}_3 \equiv a_i\mathbf{e}_i \quad - \text{ summation (Einstein) convention}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = [a_1, a_2, a_3] \quad - \text{ canonical equivalence of } E^3 \text{ and } R^3$$

INNER (SCALAR) PRODUCT

Let $\mathbf{a} = a_i\mathbf{e}_i$ and $\mathbf{b} = b_j\mathbf{e}_j$. We define the inner product of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} :

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \equiv (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = a_i b_j (\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j) = a_i b_j \delta_{ij} = a_i b_i$$

Note that $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{e}_i) = a_i$ hence we can write $\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{e}_i)\mathbf{e}_i$

VECTOR (CROSS) PRODUCT

We define the operation \times on the basic vectors:

$$\mathbf{e}_1 \times \mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{e}_3, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 \times \mathbf{e}_3 = \mathbf{e}_1, \quad \mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{e}_2,$$

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{e}_i \times \mathbf{e}_i}_{\text{no summation!}} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{e}_i \times \mathbf{e}_j = -\mathbf{e}_j \times \mathbf{e}_i$$

Assuming linearity with respect to both arguments, we extend this operation to all vectors in the space E^3

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = a_i \mathbf{e}_i \times b_j \mathbf{e}_j = a_i b_j \mathbf{e}_i \times \mathbf{e}_j = (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2) \mathbf{e}_1 + (a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3) \mathbf{e}_2 + (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1) \mathbf{e}_3$$

Practical way of computing the vector product

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{e}_2 & \mathbf{e}_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 - \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_2 + \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_3$$

ALTERNATING SYMBOL

$$\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i=j \text{ or } i=k \text{ or } j=k \\ 1 & \text{if } \{i, j, k\} \text{ is an even permutation of } \{1, 2, 3\} \\ -1 & \text{if } \{i, j, k\} \text{ is an odd permutation of } \{1, 2, 3\} \end{cases}$$

For instance we have $\epsilon_{213} = -1$, $\epsilon_{311} = 0$, $\epsilon_{231} = 1$.

The **vector product** of **a** and **b** can be nicely written as follows

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

Another useful operation is the **mixed product** of three vectors

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \epsilon_{ijk} a_i b_j c_k$$

Determinant of the matrix **A** (dim **A** = 3): $\det \mathbf{A} = \epsilon_{ijk} a_{1,i} a_{2,j} a_{3,k}$

2ND-RANK TENSORS IN E^3

Tensors as bilinear transformations (functionals) $E^3 \times E^3 \rightarrow R$

Bi-linearity means that

$$T(\alpha_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}) = \alpha_1 T(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}) + \alpha_2 T(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}),$$
$$T(\mathbf{x}, \alpha_1 \mathbf{y}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{y}_2) = \alpha_1 T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_1) + \alpha_2 T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_2).$$

For two arbitrary vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} we can write

$$T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = T(x_i \mathbf{e}_i, y_j \mathbf{e}_j) = x_i y_j T(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j) = t_{ij} x_i y_j$$

The **matrix T** such that $[T]_{ij} = t_{ij}$ **represents the tensor T in the assumed reference frame**
(or with respect to assumed basic versors)

Some operations on tensors:

Addition: $T = T_1 + T_2 \Rightarrow T = T_1 + T_2 \Rightarrow t_{ij} = t_{ij}^1 + t_{ij}^2$

Multiplication by a scalar $T = \beta T_1 \Rightarrow T = \beta T_1 \Rightarrow t_{ij} = \beta t_{ij}^1$

Multiplication of two tensors $T = T_1 T_2 \Rightarrow T = T_1 T_2 \Rightarrow t_{ij} = t_{ik}^1 t_{kj}^2$

Scalar (Frobenius) product of two tensors $s = T_1 : T_2 := t_{ij}^1 t_{ij}^2$ (*double summation !*)

Basic linear functionals $E^3 \rightarrow R$:

$$f_i(\mathbf{e}_j) := \delta_{ij}$$

In the case of the orthogonal base, the basic functionals (covectors) can be identified with the “normal” base. The “canonical” identity between base and co-base follows from the following formula

$$f_i(\mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{w}) \quad , \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad , \quad \mathbf{w} \in E^3$$

Tensor product of the basic functionals:

$$\begin{aligned} (f_i \otimes f_j)(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &:= f_i(\mathbf{x}) f_j(\mathbf{y}) = f_i(x_k \mathbf{e}_k) f_j(y_m \mathbf{e}_m) = \\ &= x_k y_m f_i(\mathbf{e}_k) f_j(\mathbf{e}_m) = x_k y_m (\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_k) (\mathbf{e}_j, \mathbf{e}_m) = x_k y_m \delta_{ik} \delta_{jm} = x_i y_j \end{aligned}$$

Thus we can write $T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = t_{ij} x_i y_j = t_{ij} (f_i \otimes f_j)(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ or $T = t_{ij} f_i \otimes f_j$.

Due to the above identification between base and co-base we may equally well write

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

The linear space of the 2nd-rank tensors is 9-dimensional.

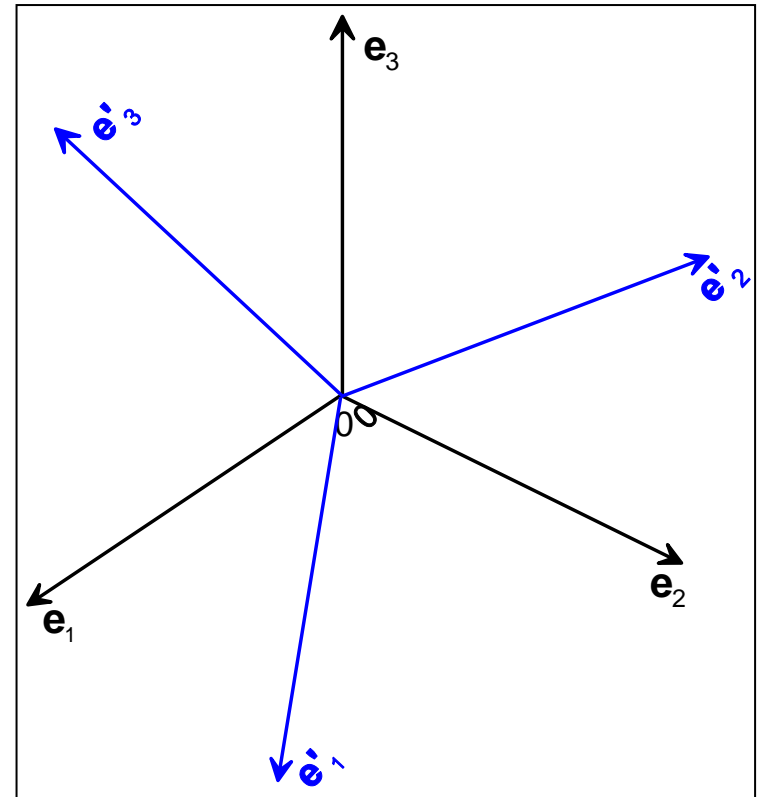
ORTHOGONAL TRANSFORMATIONS OF COORDINATE SYSTEMS

Assume that **different basic vectors** are introduced $\mathbf{e}'_1, \mathbf{e}'_2, \mathbf{e}'_3$ (see figure). These vectors can be expressed by means of the “old” basic vectors.

Consider $\mathbf{e}'_i = z_{ik} \mathbf{e}_k$, $\mathbf{e}'_j = z_{jm} \mathbf{e}_m$.

The orthogonality condition for the new base yields

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{I})_{ij} &= \delta_{ij} = (\mathbf{e}'_i, \mathbf{e}'_j) = z_{ik} z_{jm} (\mathbf{e}_k, \mathbf{e}_m) = z_{ik} z_{jm} \delta_{km} = \\ &= z_{ik} z_{jk} = (\mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^T)_{ij} = (\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z})_{ij} \end{aligned}$$



We conclude that the transformation of the basis **preserves orthonormality** of the basic vectors if and only if the **transformation matrix \mathbf{Z}** satisfies the relation $\mathbf{Z}^{-1} = \mathbf{Z}^T$, i.e., it is the **orthogonal matrix**.

Each vector \mathbf{x} from E^3 can be expressed with respect to both basis, namely

$$\mathbf{x} = x_i \mathbf{e}_i = x'_i \mathbf{e}'_i.$$

Thus $\mathbf{x} = x_i \mathbf{e}_i = x'_i z_{ij} \mathbf{e}_j = x'_j z_{ji} \mathbf{e}_i$,

meaning that

$$x_i = z_{ji} x'_j = (\mathbf{Z}^T)_{ij} x'_j = (\mathbf{Z}^{-1})_{ij} x'_j$$

and

$$x'_i = (\mathbf{Z})_{ij} x_j.$$

These are the transformation rules for the vectors!

Consider the **tensor** T and its representation with respect to both basis (reference frames)

$$T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = t_{ij} x_i y_j = t'_{ij} x'_i y'_j.$$

We can write

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= t_{ij} x_i y_j = t_{ij} z_{ki} x'_k z_{mj} y'_m = x'_k z_{ki} t_{ij} z_{mj} y'_m = \\ &= x'_k \underbrace{(\mathbf{ZT})_{kj}}_{(\mathbf{ZTZ}^T)_{km}} (\mathbf{Z}^T)_{jm} y'_m = x'_k \underbrace{(\mathbf{ZTZ}^T)_{km}}_{t'_{km}} y'_m = x'_k t'_{km} y'_m \end{aligned}$$

The matrix representing the tensor T in the new base is given as

$$\mathbf{T}' = \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Z}^T = \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Z}^{-1}$$

Thus, we have obtained the transformation rule for the 2nd – rank tensors!

DIFFERENT VIEW: 2ND-RANK TENSORS AS LINEAR MAPPINGS $E^3 \rightarrow E^3$

Consider the 2nd-rank tensor T and two vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} .

We have
$$T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = x_i \underset{w_i}{t_{ij}} y_j = x_i w_i = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}).$$

inner product

The vector \mathbf{w} can be defined as $\mathbf{w} = \mathcal{T}\mathbf{y}$.

The linear transformation $\mathcal{T}: E^3 \rightarrow E^3$ is defined by its action on the basic versors as

$$\mathcal{T}\mathbf{e}_j = t_{ij}\mathbf{e}_i$$

Indeed, for any vector \mathbf{w} we get

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathcal{T}\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{T}(y_j\mathbf{e}_j) = y_j\mathcal{T}\mathbf{e}_j = t_{ij}y_j\mathbf{e}_i = w_i\mathbf{e}_i.$$

Equivalence between 2-rank tensors and linear mappings can be established as follows

$$\mathcal{T} \rightarrow T: T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := (\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{T}\mathbf{y}) \quad , \quad T \rightarrow \mathcal{T}: \mathcal{T}\mathbf{y} := T(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{y})\mathbf{e}_i.$$

EIGENVECTORS, EIGENVALUES AND TENSOR INVARIANTS

The eigenvalue problem:

1st formulation: find $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and nonzero \mathbf{w} such that $\mathfrak{T}\mathbf{w} = \lambda \mathbf{w}$, or

2nd formulation: find $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and nonzero \mathbf{w} such that $T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = \lambda(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$ for each vector \mathbf{x} from the space E^3 .

Equivalently, we have

$$(t_{ij}v_j - \lambda v_i)\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow p_T(\lambda) = \det(\mathbf{T} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = 0.$$

Thus **eigenvalues are the roots of the characteristic polynomial** $p_T(\lambda)$.

Tensor \mathbf{T} is **symmetric** when $T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = T(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$, i.e. when $t_{ij} = t_{ji}$ (check!) or $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}^T$.

If the tensor \mathbf{T} is **symmetric** then its **all eigenvalues are real** and the **eigenvectors corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal** (the proof can be found in standard algebra textbooks).

The **characteristic polynomial is invariant**, i.e. it is the same **in all orthogonal reference frames**. Indeed, according to the transformation rule we have

$$\begin{aligned} p_T(\lambda) &= \det(\mathbf{T}' - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = \det(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{Z}^{-1} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = \det[\mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{T} - \lambda\mathbf{I})\mathbf{Z}^{-1}] = \\ &= \det \mathbf{Z} \cdot \det(\mathbf{T} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) \cdot \det \mathbf{Z}^{-1} = \det \mathbf{Z} \cdot \det(\mathbf{T} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) \cdot (\det \mathbf{Z})^{-1} = \det(\mathbf{T} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) \end{aligned}$$

We are mostly interested in **3D case**. Then, we can write

$$p_T(\lambda) = -\lambda^3 + J_1\lambda^2 - J_2\lambda + J_3$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \text{tr}T := t_{ii} \equiv t_{11} + t_{22} + t_{33} && \text{("tr" means trace),} \\ J_2 &= \frac{1}{2}[(\text{tr}T)^2 - \text{tr}T^2] && \text{(calculate for 2D case!),} \\ J_3 &= \det T. \end{aligned}$$

The following **relations** hold **between invariants and the eigenvalues** (Viète formulas for 3rd-order polynomial)

$$J_1 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 \quad , \quad J_2 = \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_1\lambda_3 + \lambda_2\lambda_3 \quad , \quad J_3 = \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3.$$

CAYLEY-HAMILTON THEOREM

Any square matrix \mathbf{A} satisfies its own characteristic polynomial $p_{\mathbf{A}}(\lambda) = \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})$, i.e. we have $p_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{0}$.

Proof:

For invertible square matrix \mathbf{M} we have $\mathbf{M}^{-1} = (\det \mathbf{M})^{-1} (\text{cof } \mathbf{M})^T$. Thus $\mathbf{M} (\text{cof } \mathbf{M})^T = \det \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{I}$. Let $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}$. Then $\mathbf{B}(\lambda) := [\text{cof}(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})]^T$ is the matrix polynomial of the order not larger than $n - 1$ (n – dimension of \mathbf{A})

$$\mathbf{B}(\lambda) = \lambda^{n-1} \mathbf{B}_{n-1} + \lambda^{n-2} \mathbf{B}_{n-2} + \dots + \lambda \mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{B}_0$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) \left(\lambda^{n-1} \mathbf{B}_{n-1} + \lambda^{n-2} \mathbf{B}_{n-2} + \dots + \lambda \mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{B}_0 \right) &= \\ = \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) \cdot \mathbf{I} &= (\lambda^n + c_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + c_1 \lambda + c_0) \mathbf{I} \end{aligned}$$

The above equality is satisfied for any number λ so the corresponding matrix coefficients at both sides should be the same.

Thus

$$-\mathbf{B}_{n-1} = \mathbf{I}$$

$$-\mathbf{B}_{k-1} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}_k = c_k \mathbf{I} \quad , \quad k = n-1, n-2, \dots, 1$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}_0 = c_0 \mathbf{I}$$

Let's multiply (from the left side) the first equation by \mathbf{A}^n , the second one by \mathbf{A}^{n-1} and so on (then the last equation remains unchanged) and sum up all equations. The left-hand side of the obtained equation is zero since all terms will cancel out in pairs! Thus we get

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{A}^n + c_{n-1} \mathbf{A}^{n-1} + \dots + c_1 \mathbf{A} + c_0 \mathbf{I} \equiv p_A(\mathbf{A})$$

as stated.

For the matrices with the dimension equal 3 we have $-\mathbf{T}^3 + J_1 \mathbf{T}^2 - J_2 \mathbf{T} + J_3 \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$.

This relation will be used in the section devoted to the constitutive relations in fluid mechanics. In particular, note that the **third** power of such matrix can be expressed as the linear combination of \mathbf{I} , \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{A}^2 . Using recursion one can show that this conclusion holds true for any natural power of the matrix \mathbf{A} .

PRODUCT OF ALTERNATING SYMBOLS

Important identity

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{k\beta\gamma} = \delta_{i\beta} \delta_{j\gamma} - \delta_{i\gamma} \delta_{j\beta}$$

Proof

Consider
$$\begin{vmatrix} \delta_{11} & \delta_{12} & \delta_{13} \\ \delta_{21} & \delta_{22} & \delta_{23} \\ \delta_{31} & \delta_{32} & \delta_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

After row's permutation one gets
$$\begin{vmatrix} \delta_{i1} & \delta_{i2} & \delta_{i3} \\ \delta_{j1} & \delta_{j2} & \delta_{j3} \\ \delta_{k1} & \delta_{k2} & \delta_{k3} \end{vmatrix} = \epsilon_{ijk}.$$

Then, after column's permutation we obtain
$$\begin{vmatrix} \delta_{i\alpha} & \delta_{i\beta} & \delta_{i\gamma} \\ \delta_{j\alpha} & \delta_{j\beta} & \delta_{j\gamma} \\ \delta_{k\alpha} & \delta_{k\beta} & \delta_{k\gamma} \end{vmatrix} = \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma}.$$

Now, put $k = \alpha$ and apply summation.

The result is as follows
$$\begin{vmatrix} \delta_{ik} & \delta_{i\beta} & \delta_{i\gamma} \\ \delta_{jk} & \delta_{j\beta} & \delta_{j\gamma} \\ \delta_{kk} & \delta_{k\beta} & \delta_{k\gamma} \end{vmatrix} = \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{k\beta\gamma}, \text{ or}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{k\beta\gamma} &= \delta_{ik} (\delta_{j\beta} \delta_{k\gamma} - \delta_{k\beta} \delta_{j\gamma}) - \delta_{i\beta} (\delta_{jk} \delta_{k\gamma} - \delta_{kk} \delta_{j\gamma}) + \delta_{i\gamma} (\delta_{jk} \delta_{k\beta} - \delta_{kk} \delta_{j\beta}) = \\ &= \delta_{j\beta} \delta_{i\gamma} - \delta_{i\beta} \delta_{j\gamma} - \delta_{i\beta} \delta_{j\gamma} + \underset{3}{3} \delta_{i\beta} \delta_{j\gamma} + \delta_{j\beta} \delta_{i\gamma} - \underset{3}{3} \delta_{j\beta} \delta_{i\gamma} = \delta_{i\beta} \delta_{j\gamma} - \delta_{j\beta} \delta_{i\gamma} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: Using index formalism derive the following vector identity

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

BASIC DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS (IN CARTESIAN C.S.)

Gradient of a scalar field $f = f(t, \mathbf{r})$

$$\nabla f = \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} \right] = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{e}_i \quad (\text{vector})$$

∇ - nabla operator

Divergence of the vector field $\mathbf{w} = w_i(t, \mathbf{r}) \mathbf{e}_i$

$$\text{div } \mathbf{w} \equiv \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}}_{\text{formal inner product}} = \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial w_3}{\partial x_3} = \frac{\partial w_j}{\partial x_j} \quad (\text{scalar})$$

Rotation (curl) of the vector field $\mathbf{w} = w_i(t, \mathbf{r}) \mathbf{e}_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rot } \mathbf{w} &\equiv \underbrace{\nabla \times \mathbf{w}}_{\text{formal vector product}} = \left[\frac{\partial w_3}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial x_3} \right] \mathbf{e}_1 + \left[\frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_3} - \frac{\partial w_3}{\partial x_1} \right] \mathbf{e}_2 + \left[\frac{\partial w_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_2} \right] \mathbf{e}_3 = \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial w_k}{\partial x_j} \mathbf{e}_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial w_j}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{e}_k \end{aligned} \quad (\text{vector})$$

Gradient of the vector field $\mathbf{w} = w_i(t, \mathbf{r}) \mathbf{e}_i$

$$\text{Grad } \mathbf{w} \equiv \nabla \mathbf{w} = \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x_j} \mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j \quad (2^{\text{nd}}\text{-rank tensor})$$

formal dyadic product

Divergence of the tensor field $T = t_{ij}(t, \mathbf{r}) \mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j$

$$\text{Div} T \equiv \nabla \cdot T = \frac{\partial t_{ij}}{\partial x_j} \mathbf{e}_i \quad (\text{vector})$$

formal matrix-vector product

Scalar Laplace operator

$$\Delta f \equiv \nabla \cdot (\nabla f) \equiv \nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_3^2} \equiv \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_k \partial x_k}$$

Vector Laplace operator

$$\Delta \mathbf{w} \equiv \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (\nabla \mathbf{w})}_{\substack{\text{Divergence of} \\ \text{the tensor } \nabla \mathbf{w}}} \equiv \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}) - \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{w}) = \Delta w_j \mathbf{e}_j = \frac{\partial^2 w_j}{\partial x_k \partial x_k} \mathbf{e}_j$$

Scalar Laplacian of the component w_j

NOTE: only in the Cartesian coordinate system the components of the vector Laplacian are equal to scalar Laplacians of the vector field components!

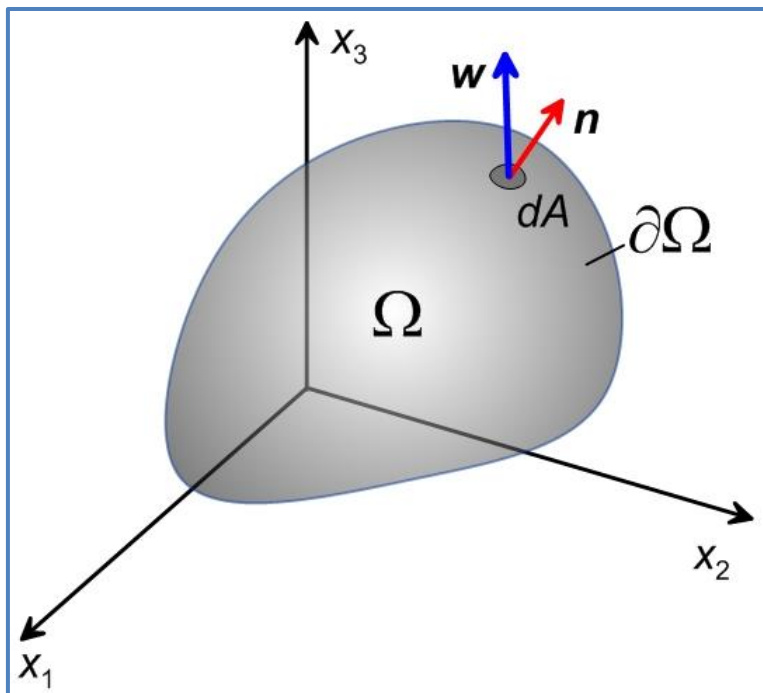
USEFUL DIFFERENTIAL FORMULAE

- 1) $\nabla(\varphi\psi) = \psi \nabla\varphi + \varphi \nabla\psi$
- 2) $\nabla \cdot (\varphi\mathbf{w}) = \nabla\varphi \cdot \mathbf{w} + \varphi \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}$
- 3) $\nabla \times (\varphi\mathbf{w}) = \nabla\varphi \times \mathbf{w} + \varphi \nabla \times \mathbf{w}$
- 4) $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{u} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{w})$
- 5) $\nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) = \nabla\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} - \nabla\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w})\mathbf{u} - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})\mathbf{w}$
- 6) $\nabla(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}) = \nabla\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \nabla\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{w}) + \mathbf{w} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{u})$
- 7) $\nabla(\frac{1}{2}u^2) \equiv \frac{1}{2}\nabla(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}) = \nabla\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{u})$
- 8) $\nabla \cdot \nabla\varphi = \nabla^2\varphi \equiv \Delta\varphi$
- 9) $\nabla \times \nabla\varphi \equiv \mathbf{0}$, $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{w}) = 0$
- 10) $\Delta\mathbf{w} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}) - \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{w})$

Exercise: Derive all the formulae using the index calculus.

INTEGRAL THEOREMS

GREEN-GAUSS-OSTROGRADSKY (GGO) THEOREM



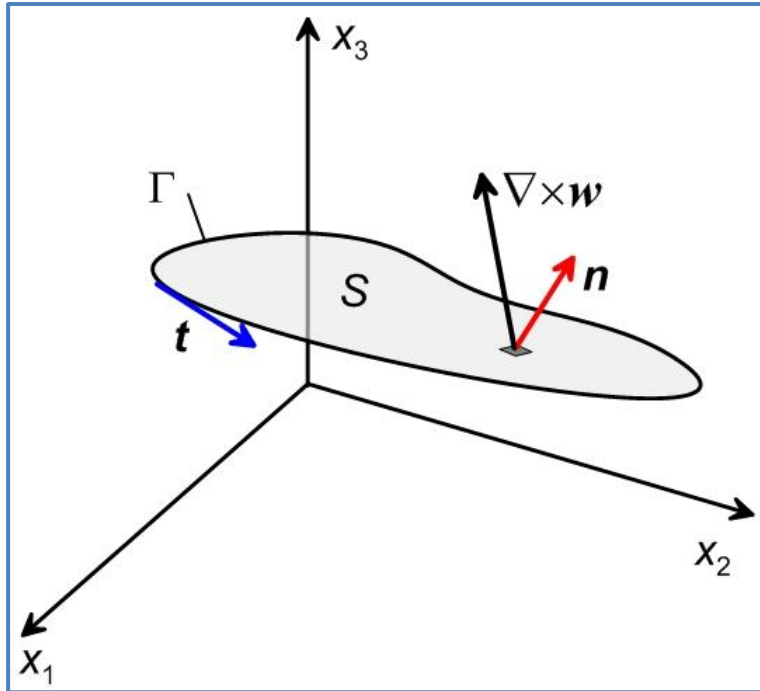
Consider the vector field $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x})$ defined in a 3D volume Ω bounded by sufficiently regular surface $\partial\Omega$. Then

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \underbrace{(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{n})}_{\substack{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n} = w_n \\ \text{component of} \\ \mathbf{w} \text{ normal to } S}} dS = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}}_{\substack{\text{divergence} \\ \text{of } \mathbf{w}}} dx$$

We have analogous (dual) theorem with vector products, namely

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{w} dS = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\nabla \times \mathbf{w}}_{\substack{\text{rotation} \\ \text{of } \mathbf{w}}} dx$$

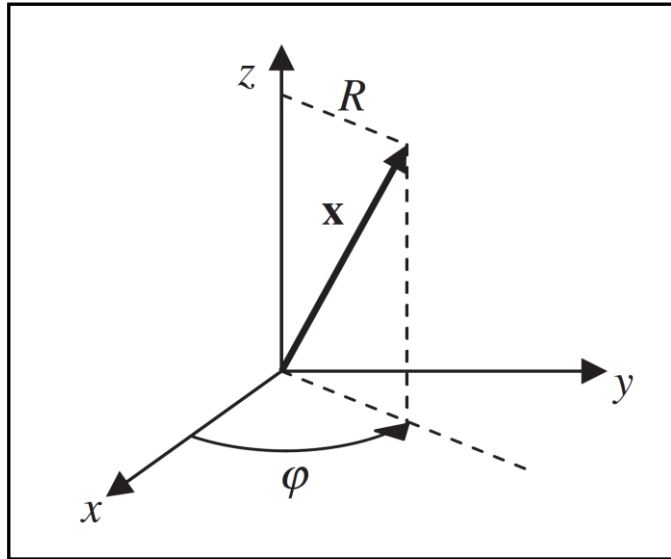
STOKES THEOREM



Consider the vector field $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x})$, the closed line (loop) γ and sufficiently regular (yet arbitrary) surface S spanned (like a soap bubble) by this line. Then

$$\oint_{\gamma} \underbrace{(\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\tau})}_{\mathbf{w} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \equiv w_{\bar{\tau}}} dl = \int_S \underbrace{(\nabla \times \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{n})}_{\text{component of rot } \mathbf{w} \text{ normal to } S} dS$$

POLAR AND CYLINDRICAL SYSTEMS OF COORDINATES



$$x = R \cos \varphi, \quad y = R \sin \varphi, \quad z \equiv z$$

$$R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \varphi = \arctan(y/x)$$

$$\text{Basic vectors: } \begin{cases} e_R = e_x \cos \varphi + e_y \sin \varphi \\ e_\varphi = -e_x \sin \varphi + e_y \cos \varphi \\ e_z = e_z \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Gradient of } f : \quad \nabla f = \frac{\partial}{\partial R} f e_R + \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} f e_\varphi + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} f e_z$$

$$\text{Scalar Laplacian of } f : \quad \Delta f = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R \frac{\partial}{\partial R} f) + \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} f + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} f$$

$$\text{Divergence of } \mathbf{u} = u_R e_R + u_\varphi e_\varphi + u_z e_z : \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R u_R) + \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} u_\varphi + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} u_z$$

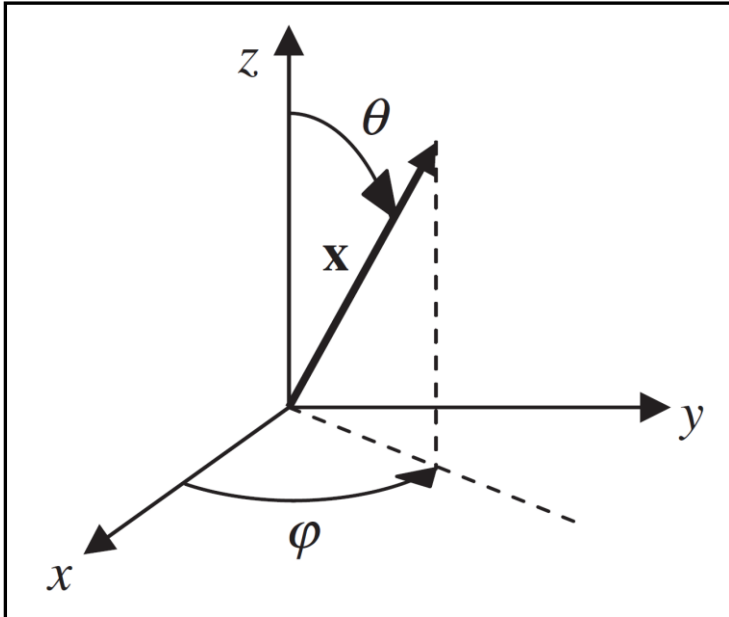
$$\text{Rotation of } \mathbf{u} = u_R e_R + u_\varphi e_\varphi + u_z e_z :$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} u_z - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} u_\varphi \right) e_R + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} u_R - \frac{\partial}{\partial R} u_z \right) e_\varphi + \frac{1}{R} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R u_\varphi) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} u_R \right] e_z$$

$$\text{Vector Laplacian of } \mathbf{u} = u_R e_R + u_\varphi e_\varphi + u_z e_z :$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{u} = \left(\Delta u_R - \frac{1}{R^2} u_R - \frac{2}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} u_\varphi \right) e_R + \left(\Delta u_\varphi + \frac{2}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} u_R - \frac{1}{R^2} u_\varphi \right) e_\varphi + \Delta u_z e_z$$

SPHERICAL COORDINATE SYSTEM



$$x = r \cos \varphi \sin \theta, \quad y = r \sin \varphi \sin \theta, \quad z = r \cos \theta$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}, \quad \varphi = \operatorname{arctg}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), \quad \theta = \operatorname{arctg}\left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z}\right)$$

Basic vectors:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{e}_r = \mathbf{e}_x \sin \theta \cos \varphi + \mathbf{e}_y \sin \theta \sin \varphi + \mathbf{e}_z \cos \theta \\ \mathbf{e}_\varphi = -\mathbf{e}_x \sin \varphi + \mathbf{e}_y \cos \varphi \\ \mathbf{e}_\theta = \mathbf{e}_x \cos \theta \cos \varphi + \mathbf{e}_y \cos \theta \sin \varphi - \mathbf{e}_z \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

Gradient of f :
$$\nabla f = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} f \mathbf{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f \mathbf{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} f \mathbf{e}_\varphi$$

Scalar Laplasjan of f :
$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{r^2} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} f \right) + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} f \right]$$

Divergence of $\mathbf{u} = u_r \mathbf{e}_r + u_\theta \mathbf{e}_\theta + u_\varphi \mathbf{e}_\varphi$:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 u_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (u_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} u_\varphi \right]$$

Rotation of $\mathbf{u} = u_r \mathbf{e}_r + u_\theta \mathbf{e}_\theta + u_\varphi \mathbf{e}_\varphi$:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (u_\varphi \sin \theta) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} u_\theta \right] \mathbf{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} u_r - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r u_\varphi) \right] \mathbf{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r u_\theta) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} u_r \right] \mathbf{e}_\varphi$$

Vector Laplacian of $\mathbf{u} = u_r \mathbf{e}_r + u_\theta \mathbf{e}_\theta + u_\varphi \mathbf{e}_\varphi$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathbf{u} = & \left[\Delta u_r - \frac{2}{r^2} u_r - \frac{2}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (u_\theta \sin \theta) - \frac{2}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} u_\varphi \right] \mathbf{e}_r + \\ & + \left(\Delta u_\theta + \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} u_r - \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} u_\theta - \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} u_\varphi \right) \mathbf{e}_\theta + \\ & + \left(\Delta u_\varphi + \frac{2}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} u_\varphi + \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} u_\theta - \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} u_\varphi \right) \mathbf{e}_\varphi \end{aligned}$$