

1. If T_{ij} represents a 2-tensor, prove T_{ii} is independent of coordinates.

Solution:

$$T'_{i'j'} = a_{i'i}a_{j'j}T_{ij}, \text{ so}$$

$$T'_{i'i'} = a_{i'i}a_{i'j}T_{ij} = (A^t A)_{ij}T_{ij} = \delta_{ij}T_{ij} = T_{ii}$$

2. If T_i and S_j represent 1-tensors, prove $T_i S_j$ represents a 2-tensor.

Solution:

$$T'_{i'} = a_{i'i}T_i \text{ and } S'_{j'} = a_{j'j}S_j \text{ since they are 1-tensors.}$$

$$T'_{i'}S'_{j'} = a_{i'i}T_i a_{j'j}S_j = a_{i'i}a_{j'j}T_i S_j$$

So it represents a 2-tensor.

3. If T_{ijkl} represents a tensor of rank 4, prove T_{ijjl} represents a tensor of rank 2.

Solution:

$$T'_{i'j'k'l'} = a_{i'i}a_{j'j}a_{k'k}a_{l'l}T_{ijkl}, \text{ so}$$

$$T'_{i'j'j'l'} = a_{i'i}a_{j'j}a_{j'k}a_{l'l}T_{ijkl} = a_{i'i}a_{l'l}(A^t A)_{jk}T_{ijkl} = a_{i'i}a_{l'l}\delta_{jk}T_{ijkl} = a_{i'i}a_{l'l}T_{ijjl}$$

4. Construct an isotropic 5-tensor on $\mathbb{R}^3$ and prove it is isotropic.

Solution: Claim $T_{ijklm} = \delta_{ij}\epsilon_{klm}$ is an isotropic 5-tensor.

$$\begin{aligned} T'_{i'j'k'l'm'} &= a_{i'i}a_{j'j}a_{k'k}a_{l'l}a_{m'm}T_{ijklm} \\ &= a_{i'i}a_{j'j}a_{k'k}a_{l'l}a_{m'm}\delta_{ij}\epsilon_{klm} \\ &= (a_{i'i}a_{j'j}\delta_{ij})(a_{k'k}a_{l'l}a_{m'm}\epsilon_{klm}) \\ &= \delta'_{i'j'}\epsilon'_{k'l'm'} \\ &= \delta_{i'j'}\epsilon_{k'l'm'} \\ &= T_{i'j'k'l'm'} \end{aligned}$$

5. (i). If x_i represents a 1-tensor, and $A = (a_{ij})$ denotes the matrix of change of basis, prove that

$$\frac{\partial x'_i}{\partial x_j} = a_{ij} \text{ and } \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x'_j} = a_{ji}$$

Solution:

We know $x'_i = a_{ik}x_k$, so

$$\frac{\partial x'_i}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial(a_{ik}x_k)}{\partial x_j} = a_{ik} \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial x_j} = a_{ik}\delta_{jk} = a_{ij}$$

Similarly, $x_i = a_{ji}x'_j$, so

$$\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x'_j} = \frac{\partial(a_{ji}x'_j)}{\partial x'_j} = a_{ji} \frac{\partial x'_j}{\partial x'_j} = a_{ji}\delta_{jj} = a_{ji}$$

- (ii). If f is a smooth function, prove $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$ represents a 1-tensor.

Solution:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_{i'}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x'_{i'}} = a_{i'i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$$

- (iii). If u_i represents a 1-tensor, prove $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$ represents a 2-tensor.

Solution:

$$\frac{\partial u'_{i'}}{\partial x'_{j'}} = \frac{\partial(a_{i'i}u_i)}{\partial x'_{j'}} = a_{i'i} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x'_{j'}} = a_{i'i}a_{j'j} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$$

6. $\sigma \in S_n$. Define the $n \times n$ matrix $A = (\delta_{i\sigma^{-1}(j)})$.

- (i). If $n = 3$, $\sigma(1) = 3, \sigma(2) = 1, \sigma(3) = 2$, write out A explicitly.

Solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (ii). Prove $A \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$.

Solution:

$$(A^t A)_{ij} = A_{ik}^t A_{kj} = A_{ki} A_{kj} = \delta_{\sigma^{-1}(k)i} \delta_{\sigma^{-1}(k)j} = \delta_{ij}$$

So $A^t A = I_n$, the identity matrix, we get $A^{-1} = A^t$, $A \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$

(iii). Prove $A \in SO_n(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if $\text{sgn}(\sigma) = +1$.

Solution: We need to show $\det A = 1$ if and only if $\text{sgn}(\sigma) = +1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= \sum_{\tau \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\tau) \delta_{1\sigma^{-1}(\tau(1))} \dots \delta_{n\sigma^{-1}(\tau(n))} \\ &= \sum_{\tau \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma\tau) \delta_{1\sigma^{-1}(\sigma\tau(1))} \dots \delta_{n\sigma^{-1}(\sigma\tau(n))} \\ &= \text{sgn}(\sigma) \sum_{\tau \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\tau) \delta_{1\tau(1)} \dots \delta_{n\tau(n)} \\ &= \text{sgn}(\sigma) \det I_n \\ &= \text{sgn}(\sigma) \end{aligned}$$

We see $\det A = 1$ if and only if $\text{sgn}(\sigma) = +1$