

1. Translate the suffix notation  $\delta_{ij}c_j + \epsilon_{kji}a_k b_j = d_l e_m c_i b_l c_m$  into ordinary vector equation.

**Solution:** This suffix notation can be rewritten as

$$c_i + \epsilon_{ikj}a_k b_j = b_l d_l c_m e_m c_i$$

So it stands for the expression

$$\vec{c} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (\vec{b}, \vec{d})(\vec{c}, \vec{e})\vec{c}$$

2. Use suffix notation to show that the  $n \times n$  identity matrix commutes with any  $n \times n$  matrix with respect to matrix multiplication.

**Solution:**

$$\delta_{ij}A_{jk} = A_{ik} = A_{ij}\delta_{jk}$$

3. Compute  $\epsilon_{ijk}\epsilon_{ijk}$

**Solution:** We know  $\epsilon_{ijk}^2 = 0$  if any of  $i, j, k$  are the same, and  $\epsilon_{ijk}^2 = 1$  if  $i, j, k$  are distinct, so

$$\epsilon_{ijk}\epsilon_{ijk} = \epsilon_{123}^2 + \epsilon_{231}^2 + \epsilon_{312}^2 + \epsilon_{132}^2 + \epsilon_{213}^2 + \epsilon_{321}^2 = 6$$

4. Use Suffix notation to show  $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = -\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} a_i(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})_i &= a_i \epsilon_{ijk} b_j c_k \\ &= -c_k \epsilon_{kji} b_j a_i \\ &= -c_k (\vec{b} \times \vec{a})_k \end{aligned}$$

5. Using suffix notation to find an alternative expression for  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{d})$  which doesn't involve cross product.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) &= \epsilon_{ijk} a_j b_k \epsilon_{ilm} c_l d_m \\
 &= \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ilm} a_j b_k c_l d_m \\
 &= (\sigma_{jl} \sigma_{km} - \sigma_{jm} \sigma_{kl}) a_j b_k c_l d_m \\
 &= a_j b_k c_j d_k - a_j b_k c_k d_j \\
 &= (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{d}) - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})
 \end{aligned}$$

6. If  $A, B$  are two  $n \times n$  matrices, use suffix notation to prove  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ , where  $T$  means transpose

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (AB)_{ij}^T &= (AB)_{ji} \\
 &= A_{jk} B_{ki} \\
 &= B_{ki} A_{jk} \\
 &= B_{ik}^T A_{kj}^T \\
 &= (B^T A^T)_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$