

1. Compute  $\delta_{ij}\delta_{jk}\delta_{ki}$

**Solution:**

$$\delta_{ij}\delta_{jk}\delta_{ki} = \delta_{ik}\delta_{ki} = \delta_{ii} = 3$$

2. Use suffix notation to show

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} + (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{a} = \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & [(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} + (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{a}]_i \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk}(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})_j c_k + b_j c_j a_i \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{jlm} a_l b_m c_k + b_j c_j a_i \\ &= (\delta_{kl} \delta_{im} - \delta_{km} \delta_{il}) a_l b_m c_k + b_j c_j a_i \\ &= a_k b_i c_k - a_i b_k c_k + b_j c_j a_i \\ &= a_k c_k b_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & [\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c}]_i \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} a_j (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})_k + a_j b_j c_i \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} a_j \epsilon_{klm} b_l c_m + a_j b_j c_i \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{klm} a_j b_l c_m + a_j b_j c_i \\ &= (\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}) a_j b_l c_m + a_j b_j c_i \\ &= a_j b_i c_j - a_j b_j c_i + a_j b_j c_i \\ &= a_j c_j b_i \end{aligned}$$

So we see the left side equals the right side.

3. Use suffix notation to show  $\vec{\nabla} \times (f\vec{\nabla}f) = 0$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [\vec{\nabla} \times (f\vec{\nabla}f)]_i \\
 &= \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (f \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k}) \\
 &= \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} + \epsilon_{ijk} f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \\
 &= [\vec{\nabla}f \times \vec{\nabla}f]_i + f[\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla}f)]_i \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Use suffix notation to show  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\nabla^2 \vec{u}) = \nabla^2 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u})$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\nabla^2 \vec{u}) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\nabla^2 u_i) \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} \\
 &= \frac{\partial^3 u_i}{\partial x_i \partial x_j \partial x_j} \\
 &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} \\
 &= \nabla^2 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u})
 \end{aligned}$$

5. An equation is given in terms of the suffix notation as

$$u_t \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial (u_k u_k)}{\partial x_i} - \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{klm} u_j \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_l}$$

(i). Write this equation in vector form.

**Solution:**

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \vec{u} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla}(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}) - \vec{u} \times (\vec{\nabla} \vec{u})$$

(ii). Prove this equation.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial(u_k u_k)}{\partial x_i} - \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{klm} u_j \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_l} \\ &= u_k \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} - (\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}) u_j \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_l} \\ &= u_k \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} - u_j \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} + u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \\ &= u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \\ &= u_t \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_t} \end{aligned}$$