



ME 527 – Advanced Fluid 

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Outline

- ▶ Basic Rules
- ▶ Vectors and Tensors
- ▶ Tensor Operation
- ▶ Isotropic Tensors

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(Cartesian Tensor)

Basic Rules

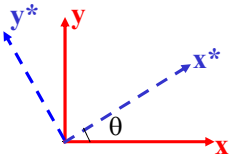
- A free index appears only once in each term of a tensor equation. The equation then holds for all possible values of that index.
- Summation is implied on an index, which appears twice.
- No index can appear more than twice in any term.

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Definition (Cartesian Tensors) 

Change of Frame

$$x_i^* = Q_{ij} x_j$$

$$x_j = Q_{ij} x_i^*$$


$$\det|Q_{ij}| = \pm 1$$

$$Q_{ij} Q_{ik} = \delta_{jk} \quad Q_{ij} Q_{kj} = \delta_{ik}$$

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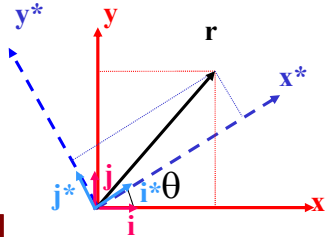
$$\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} = x^*\mathbf{i}^* + y^*\mathbf{j}^*$$

$$\mathbf{i}^* = \mathbf{i} \cos \theta + \mathbf{j} \sin \theta$$

$$\mathbf{j}^* = -\mathbf{i} \sin \theta + \mathbf{j} \cos \theta$$

$$x^* = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta$$

$$y^* = -x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta$$



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Transformation in
Two Dimension

$$[Q] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Kronecker
Delta

$$[\delta_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Scalar \longrightarrow $T^* = T$

Vector \longrightarrow $\mathbf{v}^* = \mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{v}$

Second Order
Tensor \longrightarrow $\boldsymbol{\tau}^* = \mathbf{Q} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \mathbf{Q}^T$

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Vector \longrightarrow $v_i^* = Q_{ij} v_j$

Second Order
Tensor \longrightarrow $t_{ij}^* = Q_{ik} Q_{jl} t_{kl}$

Third Order
Tensor \longrightarrow $\lambda_{ijk}^* = Q_{im} Q_{jn} Q_{kl} \lambda_{mnl}$

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Alternating Symbol →

ϵ_{ijk}

$\epsilon_{ijk} = 1$, for i, j, k even permutation
 $\epsilon_{ijk} = -1$, for i, j, k odd permutation
 $\epsilon_{ijk} = 0$, when two indices are equal

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Gradient →

$$(\nabla\phi)_i = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_i} = \phi_{,i}$$

$$(\nabla\mathbf{v})_{ij} = \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_i} = v_{j,i}$$

Divergence →

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = v_{i,i}$$

$$(\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau})_j = \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_i} = \tau_{ij,i}$$

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Curl →

$$(\nabla \times \mathbf{U})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial U_k}{\partial x_j} = \epsilon_{ijk} U_{k,j}$$

Determinant →

$$\det|\mathbf{A}| = \epsilon_{ijk} A_{1i} A_{2j} A_{3k}$$

Identity →

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{imn} = \delta_{jm} \delta_{kn} - \delta_{jn} \delta_{km}$$

Laplacian →

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_i \partial x_i} = \phi_{,ii}$$

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Rank Zero: →

All Scalars

Rank One: →

None

Rank Two: →

$\alpha \delta_{ij}$

Rank Three: →

$\alpha \epsilon_{ijk}$

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Rank Four:

$$\alpha\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl} + \beta(\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk}) + \gamma(\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} - \delta_{il}\delta_{jk})$$

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Concluding Remarks

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Thank you!

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