

ME261: Assignment 1

Due: 26/8/16

1. Using indicial notation, show that

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}) &= (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{d}) - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{d})(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c}), \\(\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b})^T &= \mathbf{b} \otimes \mathbf{a}, \\(\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{d}) &= (\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{d}, \\(\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b}) : (\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v}) &= (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{u})(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{v}), \\T(\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b}) &= (T\mathbf{a}) \otimes \mathbf{b}, \\(\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b})T &= \mathbf{a} \otimes (T^T\mathbf{b}), \\T : (\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b}) &= \mathbf{a} \cdot T\mathbf{b}.\end{aligned}$$

2. Show using indicial notation that

$$\mathbf{R} : (\mathbf{S}\mathbf{T}) = (\mathbf{S}^T\mathbf{R}) : \mathbf{T} = (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{T}^T) : \mathbf{S} = (\mathbf{T}\mathbf{R}^T) : \mathbf{S}^T,$$

3. If \mathbf{S} and \mathbf{W} are symmetric and antisymmetric tensors, respectively, and \mathbf{T} is an arbitrary second-order tensor prove that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{S} : \mathbf{T} &= \mathbf{S} : \mathbf{T}^T = \mathbf{S} : \left[\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{T}^T + \mathbf{T}) \right] \\ \mathbf{W} : \mathbf{T} &= -\mathbf{W} : \mathbf{T}^T = \mathbf{W} : \left[\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{T} - \mathbf{T}^T) \right] \\ \mathbf{S} : \mathbf{W} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

4. Prove using indicial notation that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{cof} T(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) &= (T\mathbf{u}) \times (T\mathbf{v}), \\(\mathbf{cof} T)^T &= \frac{1}{2} [(\text{tr} T)^2 - \text{tr}(T^2)] \mathbf{I} - (\text{tr} T)\mathbf{T} + T^2, \\ \mathbf{cof} (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{S}) &= (\mathbf{cof} \mathbf{R})(\mathbf{cof} \mathbf{S}).\end{aligned}$$

5. Prove using indicial notation that

$$\begin{aligned}\det T &= \det T^T, \\ \det(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{S}) &= (\det \mathbf{R})(\det \mathbf{S}), \\ \det(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{S}) &= \det \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{cof} \mathbf{R} : \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{R} : \mathbf{cof} \mathbf{S} + \det \mathbf{S}, \\ \epsilon_{pqr}(\det T) &= \epsilon_{ijk}T_{ip}T_{jq}T_{kr} = \epsilon_{ijk}T_{pi}T_{qj}T_{rk}.\end{aligned}$$