

Mechanics and Design

Chapter 1 **Vectors and Tensors**



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- **Vectors, Vector Additions, etc.**

Convention:

$$\mathbf{a} = a_x \mathbf{i} + a_y \mathbf{j} + a_z \mathbf{k}$$

Base vectors:

$$\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$$

Indicial notation:

$$a_i = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{e}_i$$

$$\mathbf{a} = a_i \mathbf{e}_i = a_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + a_3 \mathbf{e}_3$$

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Summation Convention:

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$$a_i a_i = a_1 a_1 + a_2 a_2 + a_3 a_3$$

$$a_{kk} = a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ij} a_{ij} &= a_{11} a_{11} + a_{12} a_{12} + a_{13} a_{13} \\ &\quad + a_{21} a_{21} + a_{22} a_{22} + a_{23} a_{23} \\ &\quad + a_{31} a_{31} + a_{32} a_{32} + a_{33} a_{33} \end{aligned}$$

■ **Scalar Product and Vector Product**

Scalar Product

The scalar product is defined as **the product of the two magnitudes times the cosine of the angle between the vectors**

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = ab \cos \theta \quad (1-1)$$

From the definition of eq. (1-1), we immediately have

$$(m\mathbf{a}) \cdot (n\mathbf{b}) = mn(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}$$

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

The scalar product of two different unit base vectors defined above is zero, since $\cos(90^\circ) = 0$, that is,

$$\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{i} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} = 1$$

■ **Scalar Product and Vector Product**

Then the scalar product becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} &= (a_x \mathbf{i} + a_y \mathbf{j} + a_z \mathbf{k}) \cdot (b_x \mathbf{i} + b_y \mathbf{j} + b_z \mathbf{k}) \\ &= a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z\end{aligned}$$

or in an indicial notation, we have

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_i b_i$$

Vector Product (or cross product)

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$$

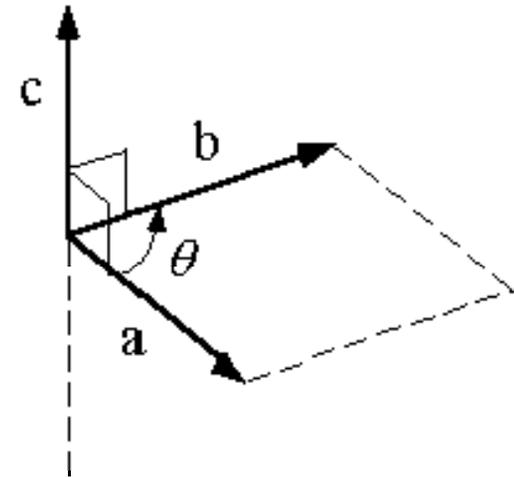
defined as **a vector c perpendicular to both a and b in the sense that makes a, b, c a right-handed system**. Magnitude of vector **c** is given by

$$c = ab \sin(\theta)$$

■ **Scalar Product and Vector Product**

In terms of components, vector product can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} &= (a_x \mathbf{i} + a_y \mathbf{j} + a_z \mathbf{k}) \times (b_x \mathbf{i} + b_y \mathbf{j} + b_z \mathbf{k}) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (a_y b_z - a_z b_y) \mathbf{i} + (a_z b_x - a_x b_z) \mathbf{j} + (a_x b_y - a_y b_x) \mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$



• Fig. 1.1 Definition of vector product

The vector product is distributive as

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

but it is not associative as

$$\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) \neq (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \times \mathbf{c}$$

■ **Scalar Product and Vector Product**

Scalar Triple Product

$$(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \\ c_x & c_y & c_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Permutation Symbol e_{mnr}

$$e_{mnr} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when any two indices are equal} \\ +1 & \text{when } (m, n, r) \text{ is even permutation of } (1, 2, 3) \\ -1 & \text{when } (m, n, r) \text{ is odd permutation of } (1, 2, 3) \end{cases}$$

where

even permutations are (1,2,3), (2,3,1), and (3,1,2)

odd permutations are (1,3,2), (2,1,3), and (3,2,1).

Using the permutation symbol, the vector product can be represented by

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = e_{pqr} a_q b_r \mathbf{i}_p$$

■ **Scalar Product and Vector Product**

Kronecker Delta δ_{ij}

$$\delta_{pq} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p = q \\ 0 & \text{if } p \neq q \end{cases}$$

Some examples are given below:

$$\delta_{ii} = 3$$

$$\delta_{ij} \delta_{ij} = \delta_{ii} = 3$$

$$u_i \delta_{ij} = u_i = u_j$$

$$T_{ij} \delta_{ij} = T_{ii}$$

■ Rotation of Axes, etc

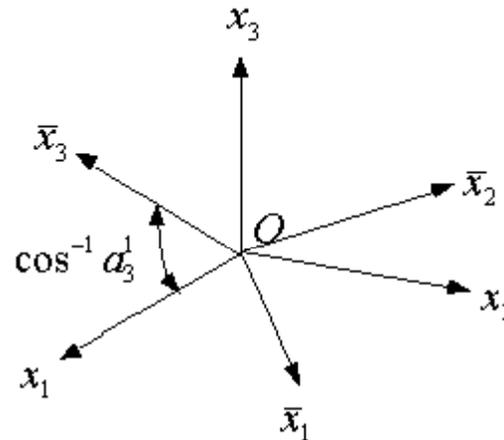
Change of Orthogonal Basis

- Vector is independent of a coordinate system.
- However, the components of a vector change when the coordinate system changes.

Let x_i and \bar{x}_i be the two coordinate systems, as shown in Fig. 1-2, which have the same origins.

Also, let the orientation of the two coordinate systems is given by the direction cosines as

	$\bar{\mathbf{i}}_1$	$\bar{\mathbf{i}}_2$	$\bar{\mathbf{i}}_3$
\mathbf{i}_1	a_1^1	a_2^1	a_3^1
\mathbf{i}_2	a_1^2	a_2^2	a_3^2
\mathbf{i}_3	a_1^3	a_2^3	a_3^3



• Fig. 1.2 Coordinate transformation

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Under this system,

$$\bar{\mathbf{i}}_r = a_r^s \mathbf{i}_s \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{i}_s = a_r^s \bar{\mathbf{i}}_r$$

Since the unit vectors are orthogonal, we have

$$\bar{\mathbf{i}}_p \cdot \bar{\mathbf{i}}_q = \delta_{pq} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{i}_p \cdot \mathbf{i}_q = \delta_{pq}$$

From these

$$\bar{\mathbf{i}}_p \cdot \bar{\mathbf{i}}_q = a_p^s a_q^r \mathbf{i}_s \cdot \mathbf{i}_r = a_p^s a_q^r \delta_{rs} = a_p^s a_q^s = \delta_{pq}$$

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad a_p^s a_q^s = \delta_{pq}$$

Similarly, we get

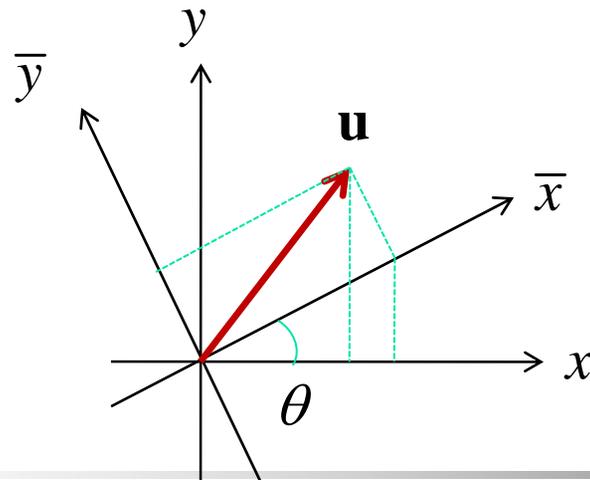
$$a_r^m a_r^n = \delta_{mn}$$

2D coordinate transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}_x \\ \bar{u}_y \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{u} = A\bar{\mathbf{u}}$$

The inverse of the above transformation equation becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}_x \\ \bar{u}_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{\mathbf{u}} = A^{-1}\mathbf{u} = A^T\mathbf{u}$$



Coordinate Transformation of Vector

$$\text{Let, } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^1 & a_2^1 & a_3^1 \\ a_1^2 & a_2^2 & a_3^2 \\ a_1^3 & a_2^3 & a_3^3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Then, } \mathbf{v} = A\bar{\mathbf{v}} \text{ or } \bar{\mathbf{v}} = A^T \mathbf{v}$$

$$A = [\bar{\mathbf{a}}_1 \quad \bar{\mathbf{a}}_2 \quad \bar{\mathbf{a}}_3]$$

Note that

$$A^T A = AA^T = 1$$

Second Order Tensors

The second order tensor may be expressed by tensor product or open product of two vectors. Let

$$\mathbf{a} = a_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + a_3 \mathbf{e}_3 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = b_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + b_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + b_3 \mathbf{e}_3$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{ab} = \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} &= (a_1\mathbf{e}_1 + a_2\mathbf{e}_2 + a_3\mathbf{e}_3) \otimes (b_1\mathbf{e}_1 + b_2\mathbf{e}_2 + b_3\mathbf{e}_3) \\ &= a_1b_1 \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + a_1b_2 \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + a_1b_3 \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \\ &\quad + a_2b_1 \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + a_2b_2 \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + a_2b_3 \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \\ &\quad + a_3b_1 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + a_3b_2 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + a_3b_3 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3\end{aligned}$$

Or

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{T} = & T_{11} \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + T_{12} \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + T_{13} \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 + \\ & + T_{21} \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + T_{22} \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + T_{23} \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \\ & + T_{31} \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + T_{32} \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + T_{33} \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3\end{aligned}$$

Here, we may consider $\mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j \neq \mathbf{e}_j \otimes \mathbf{e}_i$ as a base of the second order tensor, and T_{ij} is a component of the second order tensor \mathbf{T} .

It can be seen that the second order tensor map a vector to another vector, that is,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} = T \cdot \mathbf{v} &= (T_{11} \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + T_{12} \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + T_{13} \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 + \\ &\quad + T_{21} \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + T_{22} \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + T_{23} \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \\ &\quad + T_{31} \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + T_{32} \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + T_{33} \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3) \cdot (v_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + v_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + v_3 \mathbf{e}_3) \\ &= (T_{11}v_1 + T_{12}v_2 + T_{13}v_3)\mathbf{e}_1 + (T_{21}v_1 + T_{22}v_2 + T_{23}v_3)\mathbf{e}_2 \\ &\quad + (T_{31}v_1 + T_{32}v_2 + T_{33}v_3)\mathbf{e}_3 \\ &= T_{ij}v_j \mathbf{e}_i\end{aligned}$$

Symmetric Tensors and Skew tensors

Symmetric tensor $\longrightarrow T_{ij} = T_{ji}$

Skew or
Antisymmetric tensor $\longrightarrow T_{ij} = -T_{ji}$

Rotation of axes, change of tensor components

Let $u_i = T_{ip} v_p$ and $\bar{u}_i = \bar{T}_{ip} \bar{v}_p$

Where u_i and \bar{u}_i are the same vector but decomposed into two different coordinate systems, x_i and \bar{x}_i . The same applies to v_i and \bar{v}_i .

Then by the transformation of vector, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u}_i &= a_i^j u_j = a_i^j T_{jq} v_q \\ &= a_i^j T_{jq} a_p^q \bar{v}_p\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\bar{T}_{ip} = a_i^j a_p^q T_{jq}$$

In matrix form, we have,

$$\bar{T} = A^T T A \quad \text{or,} \quad T = A \bar{T} A^T$$

■ **Rotation of Axes, etc**

Scalar product of two tensors

$$\mathbf{T} : \mathbf{U} = T_{ij} U_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{T} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{U} = T_{ij} U_{ji}$$

If we list all the terms of tensor product, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T} : \mathbf{U} &= T_{ij} U_{ij} \\ &= T_{11} U_{11} + T_{12} U_{12} + T_{13} U_{13} \\ &\quad + T_{21} U_{21} + T_{22} U_{22} + T_{23} U_{23} \\ &\quad + T_{31} U_{31} + T_{32} U_{32} + T_{33} U_{33} \end{aligned}$$

The product of two second-order tensors

$$\mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{U}$$

$$(\mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{U}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{T} \cdot (\mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{v})$$

$$\text{If } \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{U}, \text{ then } P_{ij} = T_{ik} U_{kj}$$

■ Rotation of Axes, etc

The Trace

Definition : $tr(\mathbf{T}) = T_{kk}$

Note that

(1) $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = tr(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})$

(2) $\mathbf{A} : \mathbf{B} = tr(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}^T) = tr(\mathbf{A}^T \cdot \mathbf{B})$

(3) $tr(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = tr(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A})$

(4) $tr(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C}) = tr(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{A}) = tr(\mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})$ Cyclic property of trace

Proof >

(1) $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = tr(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})$

Let, $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$, i.e., $P_{ij} = A_{ik} B_{kj}$

Then, $tr(\mathbf{P}) = P_{ii} = A_{ik} B_{ki} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$

(2) $\mathbf{A} : \mathbf{B} = tr(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}^T) = tr(\mathbf{A}^T \cdot \mathbf{B})$

Let, $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}^T$, i.e., $P_{ij} = A_{ik} B_{jk}$

Then, $tr(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}^T) = P_{ii} = A_{ik} B_{ik} = \mathbf{A} : \mathbf{B}$

■ **Review of Elementary Matrix Concepts**

Eigenvectors and eigenvalues of a matrix

Linear transformation, $y = Mx$, associates, to each point $P(x_1, x_2, x_3)$, another point $Q(y_1, y_2, y_3)$. Also, it associates to any other point (rx_1, rx_2, rx_3) on the line OP, another point (ry_1, ry_2, ry_3) on the line OQ.

So we may consider the transformation to be a transformation of the line OP into the line OQ.

Now any line transformed into itself is called an **eigenvector of the matrix M**.

That is,

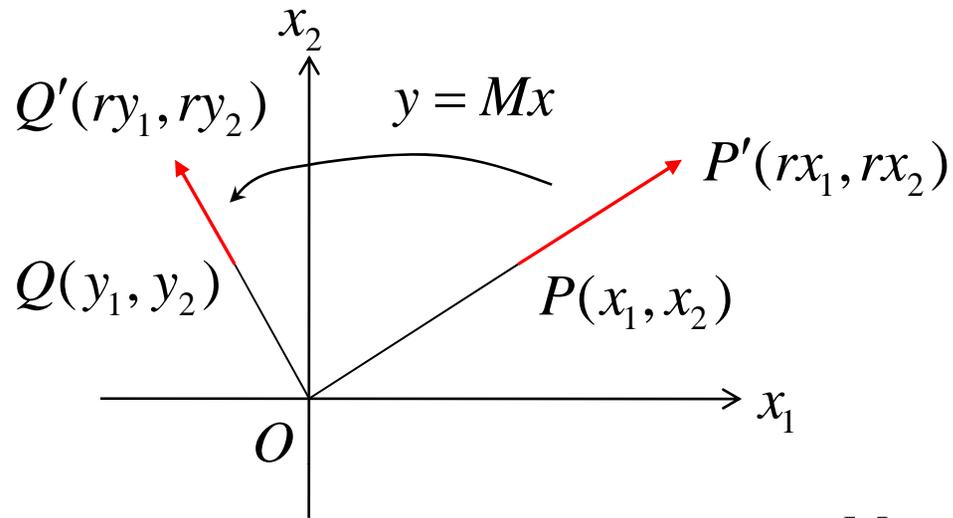
$$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{I}\mathbf{x}$$

A nontrivial solution will exist if and only if the determinant vanishes:

$$|(\mathbf{M} - \lambda\mathbf{I})| = 0$$

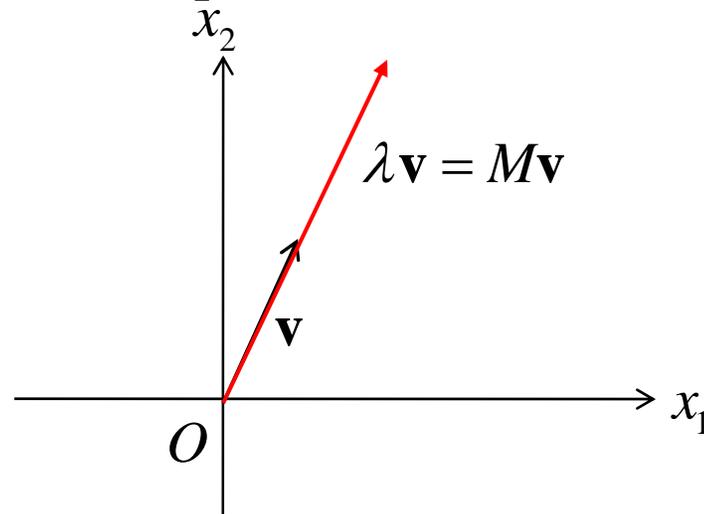
Note that 3x3 determinant is expanded, it will be a cubic polynomial equation with real coefficients. The roots of this equation are called the **eigenvalues of the matrix**.

Upon solving the equation, some of the roots could be complex numbers.



Linear Transformation

M maps \mathbf{v} into the same vector \mathbf{v} .



■ **Review of Elementary Matrix Concepts**

A real symmetric matrix has only real eigenvalues.

If there were a complex root λ , then its complex conjugate $\bar{\lambda}$ is also a root. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{M}}\mathbf{x} = \bar{\lambda}\mathbf{x}$$

These equations can be written as

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = \lambda \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{M}\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\lambda} \mathbf{x}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

Note that $\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{x} = x_k \bar{x}_k = \mathbf{x}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}$ and since \mathbf{M} is symmetric, we get

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = M_{ij} \bar{x}_i x_j$$

$$= M_{ji} \bar{x}_j x_i \quad (\text{by interchanging the dummy indices})$$

$$= M_{ij} x_i \bar{x}_j = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{M}\bar{\mathbf{x}} \quad (\text{by symmetry of } \mathbf{M})$$

■ **Review of Elementary Matrix Concepts**

Subtracting, we get

$$(\lambda - \bar{\lambda})\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$$

Since x is nontrivial, $\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{x} \neq 0$. Therefore, we should have

$$\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$$

So that λ must be real.

We can obtain the eigenvector associated to each eigenvalue by substituting each eigenvalue into the matrix equation.

When eigenvalues are all distinct : ??

Two of the eigenvalues are equal : ??

All of the eigenvalues are equal : ??