

# **Mechanics and Design**

# **Chapter 1. Vectors and Tensors**

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### Introduction





#### Vectors, Vector Additions, etc.

Convention

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

**Base vectors** 

**i**, **j**, **k** or 
$$e_1, e_2, e_3$$

**Indicial notation** 

$$a_i = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{e_i}$$
$$\mathbf{a} = a_i \mathbf{e_i} = a_1 \mathbf{e_1} + a_2 \mathbf{e_2} + a_3 \mathbf{e_3}$$

**Summation convention (Repeated index)** 

$$\begin{aligned} a_{i}a_{i} &= a_{1}a_{1} + a_{2}a_{2} + a_{3}a_{3} & a_{ij}a_{ij} &= a_{11}a_{11} + a_{12}a_{12} + a_{13}a_{13} \\ &+ a_{21}a_{21} + a_{22}a_{22} + a_{23}a_{23} \\ &+ a_{31}a_{31} + a_{32}a_{32} + a_{33}a_{33} \end{aligned}$$



#### Scalar product

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

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |a| |b| \cos \theta \qquad (1-1)$$

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

$$\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{i} = 0$$
  
 $\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} = 1$ 

Then the scalar product becomes

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = (a_x \mathbf{i} + a_y \mathbf{j} + a \mathbf{k}) \cdot (b_x \mathbf{i} + b_y \mathbf{j} + b_z \mathbf{k})$$
$$= a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z$$
$$= a_i b_i$$

#### **Vector product (or cross product)**

 $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$  is defined as a vector  $\mathbf{c}$  perpendicular to both  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  in the sense that makes  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  a right-handed system. Magnitude of vector  $\mathbf{c}$  is given by

 $|c| = |a||b|\sin(\theta)$ 

In terms of components, vector product can be written as

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = (a_x \mathbf{i} + a_y \mathbf{j} + a_z \mathbf{k}) \times (b_x \mathbf{i} + b_y \mathbf{j} + b_z \mathbf{k})$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \end{vmatrix}$$
Fig. 1.1 De
$$= (a_y b_z - a_z b_y) \mathbf{i} + (a_z b_x - a_x b_z) \mathbf{j} + (a_x b_y - a_y b_x) \mathbf{k}$$

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

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





Fig. 1.1 Definition of vector product



#### Scalar triple product

The scalar triple product is defined as the dot product of one of the vectors with the cross product of the other two.

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

Fig. 1.2 Definition of scalar triple product

#### **Permutation symbol** $\mathcal{E}_{mnr}$

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

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

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



#### Kronceker delta $\delta_{ii}$

The Kronecker delta is a function of two variables, usually just positive integers. The function is 1 if the variables are equal, and 0 otherwise.

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

Some examples are given below:

$$\delta_{ii} = 3$$
$$\delta_{ij}\delta_{ij} = \delta_{ii} = 3$$
$$u_i\delta_{ij} = u_i = u_j$$
$$T_{ij}\delta_{ij} = T_{ii}$$



#### **Change of orthonormal basis**

- Cartesian components of a vector are not changed by translation of axes.
- However, the components of a vector change when the coordinate axes rotate.

Let  $x_i$  and  $\overline{x_i}$  be the two coordinate systems, as show in Fig. 1.3, which have the same origins.

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

	$\overline{i_1}$	$\overline{i_2}$	$\overline{i_3}$
i <sub>1</sub>	$\alpha_1^1$	$\alpha_2^1$	$\alpha_3^1$
i <sub>2</sub>	$\alpha_1^2$	$\alpha_2^2$	$\alpha_3^2$
i <sub>3</sub>	$\alpha_1^3$	$\alpha_2^3$	$\alpha_3^3$
$i \longrightarrow \text{original}$			

 $a_i^{J} \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} \text{original}$ transformed



#### **2D** coordinate transformation

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

**Inverse of 2D coordinate transformation** 



Fig. 1.4 2D coordinate transformation

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

#### **Coordinate transformation of vector**

Let,  

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^1 & a_2^1 & a_3^1 \\ a_1^2 & a_2^2 & a_3^2 \\ a_1^3 & a_2^3 & a_3^3 \end{bmatrix}$$
Then,  

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{A} \overline{\mathbf{V}} \text{ or } \overline{\mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{V}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{\mathbf{a}}_1 & \overline{\mathbf{a}}_2 & \overline{\mathbf{a}}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$
Note that  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{I} \longrightarrow$  So **A** is "Orthogonal matrix" (with or

(with orthonormal basis) matrix. unai A





#### **Second order tensors as linear vector functions (or transformations)**

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

Let,  $\mathbf{a} = a_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + a_3 \mathbf{e}_3$  and  $\mathbf{b} = b_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + b_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + b_3 \mathbf{e}_3$   $T = \mathbf{a}\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} = (a_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + a_3 \mathbf{e}_3) \otimes (b_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + b_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + b_3 \mathbf{e}_3)$   $= a_1 b_1 \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + a_1 b_2 \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + a_1 b_3 \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3$   $+ a_2 b_1 \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + a_2 b_2 \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + a_2 b_3 \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3$   $+ a_3 b_1 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + a_3 b_2 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + a_3 b_3 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3$ or  $T = T_{11} \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + T_{12} \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + T_{13} \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3$   $+ T_{21} \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + T_{22} \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + T_{23} \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3$  $+ T_{31} \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + T_{32} \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + T_{33} \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3$ 

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 T.



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

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

#### Symmetric tensor and skew-symmetric tensor

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

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



#### **Rotation of axes, change of tensor components**

Let  $u_i = T_{ip}v_p$  and  $\overline{u}_i = \overline{T}_{ip}\overline{v}_p$ where  $u_i$  and  $\overline{u}_i$  are the same vector but decomposed into two different coordinate systems,  $x_i$  and  $\overline{x}_i$ . The same applies to  $V_i$  and  $\overline{V}_i$ . Then by the transformation of vector, we get

$$\overline{u}_i = a_i^j u_j = a_i^j T_{jq} v_q$$
$$= a_i^j T_{jq} a_p^q \overline{v}_p$$

Therefore, transformation matrix can be expressed as,

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

In matrix form, we have,

$$\overline{T} = A^T T A$$
 or  $T = A \overline{T} A^T$ 



Scalar product of two tensors

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

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

$$T: U = T_{ij}U_{ij}$$
  
=  $T_{11}U_{11} + T_{12}U_{12} + T_{13}U_{13}$   
+  $T_{21}U_{21} + T_{22}U_{22} + T_{23}U_{23}$   
+  $T_{31}U_{31} + T_{32}U_{32} + T_{33}U_{33}$ 

The product of two second-order tensors

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



The trace

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

Note that

(1) 
$$A \cdot B = tr(A \cdot B)$$
  
(2)  $A : B = tr(A \cdot B^{T}) = tr(A^{T} \cdot B)$   
(3)  $tr(A \cdot B) = tr(B \cdot A)$   
(4)  $tr(A \cdot B \cdot C) = tr(B \cdot C \cdot A) = tr(C \cdot A \cdot B)$  Cyclic property of trace

(1) 
$$A \cdot B = tr(A \cdot B)$$
  
Let,  $P = A \cdot B$ , i.e.,  $P_{ij} = A_{ik}B_{kj}$   
Then,  $tr(P) = P_{ii} = A_{ik}B_{ki} = A \cdot B$   
(2)  $A : B = tr(A \cdot B^{T}) = tr(A^{T} \cdot B)$   
Let,  $P = A \cdot B^{T}$ , i.e.,  $P_{ij} = A_{ik}B_{jk}$   
Then,  $tr(A \cdot B^{T}) = P_{ii} = A_{ik}B_{ik} = A : B$ 



#### **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. (left figure)

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:

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

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.

#### **Proof** )

For some  $\lambda$ , if det $(M - \lambda I) = 0$ , then  $\exists v \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  s.t.  $(M - \lambda I)v = 0$ It is equivalent to  $Mv = \lambda v$  which is definition of eigenvalue.

Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of M if  $\lambda$  is root of det $(M - \lambda I) = 0$ 



#### A real symmetric matrix has only real eigenvalues

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

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

These equations can be written as

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

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

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

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

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



Subtracting them, we get

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

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

$$\lambda = \overline{\lambda}$$

So that  $\lambda$  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 :??



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