

1. Translate the suffix notation $\delta_{ij}c_j + \epsilon_{kji}a_kb_j = d_lc_mc_ib_lc_m$ into ordinary vector equation.

Solution: This suffix notation can be rewritten as

$$c_i + \epsilon_{ikj}a_kb_j = b_ld_lc_me_mc_i$$

So it stands for the expression

$$\vec{c} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (\vec{b}, \vec{d})(\vec{c}, \vec{e})\vec{c}$$

2. Use suffix notation to show that the $n \times n$ identity matrix commutes with any $n \times n$ matrix with respect to matrix multiplication.

Solution:

$$\delta_{ij}A_{jk} = A_{ik} = A_{ij}\delta_{jk}$$

3. Compute $\epsilon_{ijk}\epsilon_{ijk}$

Solution: We know $\epsilon_{ijk}^2 = 0$ if any of i, j, k are the same, and $\epsilon_{ijk}^2 = 1$ if i, j, k are distinct, so

$$\epsilon_{ijk}\epsilon_{ijk} = \epsilon_{123}^2 + \epsilon_{231}^2 + \epsilon_{312}^2 + \epsilon_{132}^2 + \epsilon_{213}^2 + \epsilon_{321}^2 = 6$$

4. Use Suffix notation to show $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = -\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} a_i(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})_i &= a_i\epsilon_{ijk}b_jc_k \\ &= -c_k\epsilon_{kji}b_ka_i \\ &= -c_k(\vec{b} \times \vec{a})_k \end{aligned}$$

5. Using suffix notation to find an alternative expression for $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{d})$ which doesn't involve cross product.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) &= \epsilon_{ijk} a_j b_k \epsilon_{ilm} c_l d_m \\
 &= \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ilm} a_j b_k c_l d_m \\
 &= (\sigma_{jl} \sigma_{km} - \sigma_{jm} \sigma_{kl}) a_j b_k c_l d_m \\
 &= a_j b_k c_j d_k - a_j b_k c_k d_j \\
 &= (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{d}) - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})
 \end{aligned}$$

6. If A, B are two $n \times n$ matrices, use suffix notation to prove $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$, where T means transpose

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (AB)_{ij}^T &= (AB)_{ji} \\
 &= A_{jk} B_{ki} \\
 &= B_{ki} A_{jk} \\
 &= B_{ik}^T A_{kj}^T \\
 &= (B^T A^T)_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$