

# Ch. 1 Vector Analysis

## Notations & Conventions

⊙ Vectors:  $\vec{A}, \underline{A}$ ; unit vectors  $\hat{e}, \hat{r}$   
Matrices:  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{T}$

⊙ In Cartesian Coordinates, the basis vectors  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z})$ ;  $(\hat{e}_1, \hat{e}_2, \hat{e}_3)$ ;  $(\hat{e}_x, \hat{e}_y, \hat{e}_z)$ .

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y} + A_z \hat{z} = A_x \hat{e}_1 + A_y \hat{e}_2 + A_z \hat{e}_3 = A_x \hat{e}_x + A_y \hat{e}_y + A_z \hat{e}_z \\ = \sum_{i=1}^3 A_i \hat{e}_i$$

Indices  $(x, y, z) \leftrightarrow (1, 2, 3)$  interchangeable!

$$\vec{B} = \sum_{i=1}^3 B_i \hat{e}_i \quad (i: \text{summation index})$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 A_i \hat{e}_i \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 B_j \hat{e}_j \right) \\ = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 A_i B_j \hat{e}_i \cdot \hat{e}_j \quad : \text{Scalar quantity.} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 A_i \hat{e}_i \right) \times \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 B_j \hat{e}_j \right) \\ = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 A_i B_j (\hat{e}_i \times \hat{e}_j). \quad \text{--- ②}$$

⊙ Kronecker-delta and Levi-Civita symbols

- Kronecker-delta (related to  $\cdot$  product)

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } i=j \\ 0 & \text{for } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

therefore we can write

$$\hat{e}_i \cdot \hat{e}_j = \delta_{ij}$$

Eg. ① can be expressed

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 A_i B_j \delta_{ij}$$

$$= A_i B_j \delta_{ij} = A_i B_i$$

\* Whenever you have an index (eg.  $i$  or  $j$ ) appearing more than once in an expression, the summation over the index is implied. : "Einstein Summation Convention"

- Non-repeated index should not be summed over.
- Your final result after performing appropriate summation should only have singly appearing index.

EX  $A_i B_i C_j = C_j \sum_{i=1}^3 A_i B_i = C_j (A_1 B_1 + A_2 B_2 + A_3 B_3)$

$$A_i B_i C_j D_j = \sum_{i=1}^3 A_i B_i \sum_{j=1}^3 C_j D_j = (A_1 B_1 + A_2 B_2 + A_3 B_3) (C_1 D_1 + C_2 D_2 + C_3 D_3)$$

- Levi-Civita (related to  $\times$ -product)

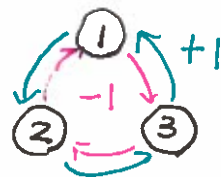
$$\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for even permutations of } (123) \text{ with } i \neq j \neq k \\ -1 & \text{for odd permutations of } (123) \text{ with } i \neq j \neq k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\epsilon_{iik} = \epsilon_{iij} = \epsilon_{ijj} = \dots = 0$$

$$\epsilon_{ijl} = -\epsilon_{jil} = -\epsilon_{ilk} = -\epsilon_{kji} \text{ (odd permutation)}$$

$$= \epsilon_{jki} = \epsilon_{kij}$$

Set  $\epsilon_{123} = +1 \implies \epsilon_{321} = -1$   
 $= \epsilon_{231} = \epsilon_{132}$   
 $= \epsilon_{312} = \epsilon_{213}$



Useful identities

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ilm} &= \delta_{jl} \delta_{km} - \delta_{jm} \delta_{kl} \quad \leftarrow (i) \text{ does not appear!} \\ \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijm} &= 2\delta_{km} = 2\delta_{km} \quad \leftarrow (i) (j) \text{ do not appear} \\ \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} &= 3! = 6 \end{aligned}$$

**HW:** Verify the above relations.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{c} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_1 & \hat{e}_2 & \hat{e}_3 \\ A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \\ B_1 & B_2 & B_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{--- (3)} \\ &= (A_2 B_3 - A_3 B_2) \hat{e}_1 + (A_3 B_1 - A_1 B_3) \hat{e}_2 + (A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1) \hat{e}_3 \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \hat{e}_i \\ &= \underbrace{\epsilon_{1jk} A_j B_k}_{\epsilon_{123} A_2 B_3 + \epsilon_{132} A_3 B_2} \hat{e}_1 + \epsilon_{2jke} A_j B_k \hat{e}_2 + \epsilon_{3jke} A_j B_k \hat{e}_3 \end{aligned}$$

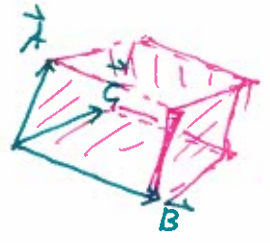
Therefore Eq. (3)

$$c_i \hat{e}_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k \hat{e}_i = -\epsilon_{ikj} B_k A_j \hat{e}_i = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$$

EX. Show that

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) &= A_i (B \times C)_i \\ &= A_i \epsilon_{ijk} B_j C_k = \epsilon_{ijk} A_i B_j C_k \\ &= B_j \epsilon_{ijk} C_k A_i = B_j \epsilon_{jki} C_k A_i \\ &= B_j (\vec{C} \times \vec{A})_j = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) \end{aligned}$$



\* Geometrical meaning of  $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$  is  $|\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})| = \text{Volume}$  of the parallelepiped formed by  $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}$ .

EX BAC-CAB Rule:  $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) &= \epsilon_{ijk} A_j (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})_k \hat{e}_i \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} A_j \epsilon_{klm} B_l C_m \hat{e}_i \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{klm} A_j B_l C_m \hat{e}_i \\ &= (\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}) A_j B_l C_m \hat{e}_i \\ &= (A_j B_l C_j - A_j B_j C_l) \hat{e}_i \\ &= (B_i \hat{e}_i)(A_j C_j) - (C_i \hat{e}_i)(A_j B_j) \\ &= \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{jkl} \epsilon_{klm} &= \epsilon_{kij} \epsilon_{klm} \\ &= \delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl} \end{aligned}$$

**HW** Probl. 6

► Displacement vector & infinitesimal displacement vector

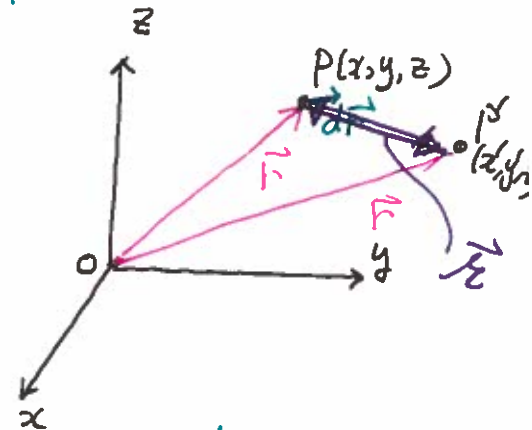
a vector from the origin to a point in space  $(x, y, z)$ .

∴ it depends on the coordinate system.

$$\vec{r} = x \hat{x} + y \hat{y} + z \hat{z}$$

$$r = |\vec{r}| = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r} = \frac{x \hat{x} + y \hat{y} + z \hat{z}}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$



$$d\vec{r} = dx \hat{x} + dy \hat{y} + dz \hat{z}$$

infinitesimal displacement vector (integral, differential element)

$$\vec{r}_2 = \vec{r} - \vec{r}' \quad (\text{from } P' \text{ to } P)$$

$$= (x - x') \hat{x} + (y - y') \hat{y} + (z - z') \hat{z}$$

▶ Additional vector identities:

$$(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{D}) = (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C})(\vec{B} \cdot \vec{D}) - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{D})(\vec{B} \cdot \vec{C})$$

$$\vec{A} \times [\vec{B} \times (\vec{C} \times \vec{D})] = \vec{B} [\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{D})] - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})(\vec{C} \times \vec{D})$$

show this!

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HW

(i) What is the value of  $\delta_{ii}$ ?

(ii)  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with elements  $A_{ij}$ . Show that

$$\det A = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{gjm} A_{ig} A_{je} A_{em}$$