

PHYS 301 - TERM 051

Homework Solution
Chapter 1.

Pb#4.

a) If $C = AB$ where C , A and B are matrices,

Then $C_{ij} = \sum_k A_{ik} B_{kj}$

$$C_{ij}^t = C_{ji} = \sum_k A_{jk} B_{ki} = \sum_k B_{ki} A_{jk}$$

$$= \sum_k B_{ik}^t A_{kj}^t$$

$$\Rightarrow C^t = B^t A^t \quad \Rightarrow \boxed{(AB)^t = B^t A^t}$$

↑
(AB)^t

b) It is known that $(AB)^{-1} (AB) = \mathbb{1}$ — (1)
Identity matrix

We need to show that $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1} A^{-1}$ — (2)

Suppose that (2) is true. Let us use it in equation (1)

$$\underbrace{B^{-1} A^{-1}}_{\mathbb{1}} A B = \underbrace{B^{-1} B}_{\mathbb{1}} = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow \text{This is equivalent to equation (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1} A^{-1}}$$

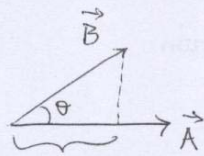
Pb# 9.

$$\vec{A} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k} \quad \vec{B} = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

a) $\vec{A} - \vec{B} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

$$|\vec{A} - \vec{B}| = \sqrt{14}$$

b)



$B \cos \theta =$ component of \vec{B} along \vec{A} !

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta \Rightarrow B \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{|\vec{A}|}$$

$$B \cos \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}} = \text{component of } \vec{B} \text{ along } \vec{A}.$$

$$c) \quad \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{AB} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{14}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\theta = 71^\circ}$$

$$d) \quad \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \boxed{5\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}}$$

$$e) \quad \vec{A} - \vec{B} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = -1\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$$

$$(\vec{A} - \vec{B}) \times (\vec{A} + \vec{B}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \boxed{10\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 14\hat{k}}$$

Prob # 15.

For orthogonal matrices $\lambda \lambda^t = \mathbb{1}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & -\alpha \\ 0 & \alpha & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & \alpha \\ 0 & -\alpha & \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2a^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

By identification $\Rightarrow 2a^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}}$

Pb # 20.

a) $\sum_{ij} \epsilon_{ijk} \delta_{ij} \stackrel{?}{=} 0$

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

and $\epsilon_{ijk} = 0$ if $i=j, i=k, j=k$

\Rightarrow In all situations either $\delta_{ij} = 0$ or $\epsilon_{ijk} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{ij} \epsilon_{ijk} \delta_{ij} = 0.$

b) $\sum_{jk} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ejk} \stackrel{?}{=} 2 \delta_{ie}$

When $j=k$ $\epsilon_{ijk} = \epsilon_{ijj} = 0$ and $\epsilon_{ejk} = \epsilon_{ejj} = 0$

\Rightarrow The remaining terms are

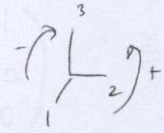
$$\epsilon_{i12} \epsilon_{e12} + \epsilon_{i13} \epsilon_{e13} + \epsilon_{i21} \epsilon_{e21} + \epsilon_{i31} \epsilon_{e31}$$

$$+ \epsilon_{i32} \epsilon_{e32} + \epsilon_{i23} \epsilon_{e23}.$$

See the previous equation!!!
 * Now let $i=l=1$

$$\sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} = \epsilon_{123} \epsilon_{123} + \epsilon_{132} \epsilon_{132} = 2$$

$\begin{matrix} \text{"} \\ (1) \times (1) + (-1) \times (-1) \end{matrix}$



* $i=l=2$

$$\sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} = \epsilon_{213} \epsilon_{213} + \epsilon_{231} \epsilon_{231} = 2$$

$(-1) \times (-1) + (1) \times (1)$

* $i=l=3$

$$\sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} = \epsilon_{312} \epsilon_{312} + \epsilon_{321} \epsilon_{321} = 2$$

* $i=1, l=2$
 $l=1, l=3$
 $i=2, l=1$
 $i=2, l=3$
 $i=3, l=1$
 $i=3, l=2$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} = 0 \end{array} \right\}$

in general: $\boxed{\sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} = 2 \delta_{il}}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = \ddot{r} \hat{e}_r + \dot{r} (\dot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta + \dot{\phi} \sin\theta \hat{e}_\phi) + \dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin\theta \hat{e}_\phi + r \ddot{\phi} \sin\theta \hat{e}_\phi \\ + r \dot{\phi} \dot{\theta} \cos\theta \hat{e}_\phi - r \dot{\phi}^2 \sin\theta (\sin\theta \hat{e}_r + \cos\theta \hat{e}_\theta) + r \ddot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta \\ + \dot{r} \dot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta + r \dot{\theta} (-\dot{\theta} \hat{e}_r + \dot{\phi} \cos\theta \hat{e}_\phi)$$

$$\vec{a} = (\ddot{r} - r \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2\theta - r \dot{\theta}^2) \hat{e}_r + (2\dot{r} \dot{\theta} - r \dot{\phi}^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta \\ + r \ddot{\theta}) \hat{e}_\theta + (2\dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin\theta + r \ddot{\phi} \sin\theta + 2r \dot{\phi} \dot{\theta} \cos\theta) \hat{e}_\phi$$

This is the acceleration vector in spherical coordinates!

Pb # 30.

$$\vec{\nabla}(\phi\psi) \stackrel{?}{=} \phi \vec{\nabla}\psi + \psi \vec{\nabla}\phi \quad \text{where } \phi, \psi \text{ are scalars!}$$

The gradient

$$\text{operator } \vec{\nabla} = \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \hat{e}_i; \quad \vec{\nabla} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \hat{e}_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \hat{e}_2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \hat{e}_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla}(\phi\psi) = \sum_i \frac{\partial(\phi\psi)}{\partial x_i} \hat{e}_i = \sum_i \phi \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x_i} \hat{e}_i + \sum_i \psi \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_i} \hat{e}_i \\ = \phi \underbrace{\sum_i \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x_i} \hat{e}_i}_{\vec{\nabla}\psi} + \psi \underbrace{\sum_i \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x_i} \hat{e}_i}_{\vec{\nabla}\phi} = \phi \vec{\nabla}\psi + \psi \vec{\nabla}\phi$$

Pb # 31

$$a) \quad \vec{\nabla} r^n \stackrel{?}{=} n r^{n-2} \vec{r}$$

remember that $r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2}$ is magnitude of vector \vec{r} .

$$= \sqrt{\sum_i x_i^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^n = \left(\sum x_i^2\right)^{n/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} r^n &= \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\sum_j x_j^2 \right)^{n/2} \hat{e}_i \\
 &= \frac{n}{2} \sum_i 2x_i \left(\sum_j x_j^2 \right)^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \hat{e}_i \\
 &= n \sum_i x_i \left[\sum_j x_j^2 \right]^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \hat{e}_i \\
 &= n r^{n-2} \underbrace{\sum_i x_i \hat{e}_i}_{\vec{r}} = n r^{n-2} \vec{r}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\nabla} r^n = n r^{n-2} \vec{r}}$$

b) $\vec{\nabla} f(r) \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|} \frac{df}{dr}$

$$\vec{\nabla} f(r) = \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \hat{e}_i = \sum_i \frac{df}{dr} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x_i} \hat{e}_i$$

$$= \frac{df}{dr} \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\sum_j x_j^2 \right)^{1/2} \hat{e}_i$$

$$= \frac{df}{dr} \sum_i \frac{1}{2} 2x_i \left(\sum_j x_j^2 \right)^{-1/2} \hat{e}_i$$

$$= \frac{df}{dr} \frac{1}{|\vec{r}|} \underbrace{\sum_i x_i \hat{e}_i}_{\vec{r}} = \frac{df}{dr} \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\nabla} f(r) = \frac{df}{dr} \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|}}$$

c) $\nabla^2 (\ln r) \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{r^2}$

$$\nabla^2 = \sum_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2(\ln r) = \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \ln(\sum_j x_j^2)^{1/2}}{\partial x_i}$$

$$= \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_i} (\sum_j x_j^2)^{-1/2} \frac{1}{(\sum_j x_j^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$= \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} x_i (\sum_j x_j^2)^{-1}$$

$$= \sum_i \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_i} (\sum_j x_j^2)^{-1} + \sum_i \underbrace{(-x_i)}_{-2r^2} \underbrace{(2x_i)}_{\frac{1}{r^4}} (\sum_j x_j^2)^{-2}$$

remember $|\vec{r}| = \sqrt{\sum_j x_j^2} = (\sum_j x_j^2)^{1/2}$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2(\ln r) = \frac{3}{r^2} - \frac{2}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^2(\ln r) = \frac{1}{r^2}}$$