

# Transformation of tensors

scalar:  $T$  (temperature), mass  $m$   
← rank-0 tensor

vector:  $\vec{V}$  ← coordinate free  
← rank-1 tensor

$\{V_i\} = (V_1, V_2, V_3)$  component form

"tensors":  $\Theta_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $\epsilon_{ijk}$  Levi-Civita tensor density  
fully antisymmetric

$$\epsilon_{123} \equiv +1 = \epsilon_{231} = \epsilon_{312}$$

$$\epsilon_{321} \equiv -1 = \epsilon_{213} = \epsilon_{132}$$

$$\epsilon_{112} = 0 \quad \epsilon_{222} = 0 \quad \dots$$

$I_{ij}$  inertia tensor

Not a vector

(1 banana  
2 apples  
5 pears)

Scalar  $T$  one coordinate system

$T'$  transformed coord's sys.

$$T = T'$$

---

$\vec{V}$  original coord sys

$\vec{V}'$  transformed

$$\vec{V}' = R \cdot \vec{V} \quad - \text{coordinate free}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} V'_1 \\ V'_2 \\ V'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

e.g.  $V'_1 = \underbrace{r_{11}}_{j=1} V_1 + \underbrace{r_{12}}_{j=2} V_2 + \underbrace{r_{13}}_{j=3} V_3$

index notation

$$V'_i = \sum_{j=1}^3 r_{ij} V_j$$

$i$  - free index

$j$  - dummy index

$$= \sum_{k=1}^3 r_{ik} V_k \quad i=1$$

recover orange eq.

rank-2 and higher order tensors

$$I'_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^3 \sum_{l=1}^3 v_{ik} v_{jl} I_{kl}$$

$i$  - free  
 $j$  - free

---

Think about tensors like this

$$I'_{ij} \approx v'_i v'_j$$

---

$$v'_i = \sum_{k=1}^3 v_{ik} v_k \quad | \quad v'_j = \sum_{l=1}^3 v_{jl} v_l$$

$$I'_{ij} = v'_i v'_j = \sum_{k=1}^3 \sum_{l=1}^3 v_{ik} v_{jl} \boxed{v_k v_l} \quad I_{kl}$$

Fields any quantity that changes with position in space.

Scalar field  $T(\vec{r})$ ,  $T(x, y, z)$   
 $T(r, \theta, \phi)$

vector field  $\vec{V}(\vec{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} V_x(x, y, z) \\ V_y(x, y, z) \\ V_z(x, y, z) \end{pmatrix}$

e.g.

$$\vec{V}(\vec{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + 2yz \\ 0 \\ xyz + \sqrt{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

---

tensor field

$$F_{ij}(x, y, z)$$

9 components

$$F_{11}(x, y, z)$$

$$F_{12}(x, y, z)$$

⋮

$$F_{33}(x, y, z)$$

e.g.  $F_{11} = 2 + 7x$

$$F_{12} = x^2 + yz$$

$$F_{33} = \sin(y)$$

# Differential Operator

del :  $\vec{\nabla} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$  in Cartesian only.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} &= \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ &= \hat{e}_i \frac{\partial}{\partial r_i}\end{aligned}$$

gradient acts on a scalar function and returns a vector function

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} T(x, y, z) &= \vec{V}(x, y, z) \begin{cases} V_x(x, y, z) \hat{i} \\ V_y(x, y, z) \hat{j} \\ V_z(x, y, z) \hat{k} \end{cases} \\ \text{grad } T(x, y, z) \\ \vec{\nabla} T(\vec{r}) &= \hat{i} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)\end{aligned}$$