

1-22. To evaluate $\sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{\ell mk}$ we consider the following cases:

a) $i = j$: $\sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{\ell mk} = \sum_k \varepsilon_{iik} \varepsilon_{\ell mk} = 0$ for all i, ℓ, m

b) $i = \ell$: $\sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{\ell mk} = \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{imk} = 1$ for $j = m$ and $k \neq i, j$
 $= 0$ for $j \neq m$

c) $i = m$: $\sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{\ell mk} = \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{\ell ik} = 0$ for $j \neq \ell$
 $= -1$ for $j = \ell$ and $k \neq i, j$

d) $j = \ell$: $\sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{\ell mk} = \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{jmk} = 0$ for $m \neq i$
 $= -1$ for $m = i$ and $k \neq i, j$

e) $j = m$: $\sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{\ell mk} = \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{\ell jk} = 0$ for $i \neq \ell$
 $= 1$ for $i = \ell$ and $k \neq i, j$

f) $\ell = m$: $\sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{\ell mk} = \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{\ell \ell k} = 0$ for all i, j, k

g) $i \neq \ell$ or m : This implies that $i = k$ or $i = j$ or $m = k$.

Then, $\sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{\ell mk} = 0$ for all i, j, ℓ, m

h) $j \neq \ell$ or m : $\sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{\ell mk} = 0$ for all i, j, ℓ, m

Now, consider $\delta_{i\ell} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{j\ell}$ and examine it under the same conditions. If this behaves in the same way as the sum above, we have verified the equation

$$\sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{lmk} = \delta_{i\ell} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{j\ell}$$

a) $i = j$: $\delta_{i\ell} \delta_{im} - \delta_{im} \delta_{i\ell} = 0$ for all i, ℓ, m

b) $i = \ell$: $\delta_{ii} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{ji} = 1$ if $j = m, i \neq j, m$
 $= 0$ if $j \neq m$

c) $i = m$: $\delta_{i\ell} \delta_{ji} - \delta_{ii} \delta_{j\ell} = -1$ if $j = \ell, i \neq j, \ell$
 $= 0$ if $j \neq \ell$

d) $j = \ell$: $\delta_{i\ell} \delta_{\ell m} - \delta_{im} \delta_{\ell\ell} = -1$ if $i = m, i \neq \ell$
 $= 0$ if $i \neq m$

e) $j = m: \delta_{ie} \delta_{mm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{me} = 1$ if $i = \ell, m \neq \ell$
 $= 0$ if $i \neq \ell$

f) $\ell = m: \delta_{ie} \delta_{je} - \delta_{il} \delta_{je} = 0$ for all i, j, ℓ

g) $i \neq \ell, m: \delta_{ie} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{je} = 0$ for all i, j, ℓ, m

h) $j \neq \ell, m: \delta_{ie} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{ie} = 0$ for all i, j, ℓ, m

Therefore,

$$\sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{lmk} = \delta_{ie} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{je}$$

Ex (4) Prove $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) \vec{B} - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{C}$

$$(\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}))_l = \sum_{mn} \epsilon_{lmn} A_m (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})_n = \sum_{mn} \epsilon_{lmn} A_m \sum_{jk} \epsilon_{njk} \underbrace{B_j C_k}_{\uparrow}$$

$$= \sum_{jkmn} \epsilon_{lmn} \epsilon_{jkn} A_m B_j C_k \quad \text{Note different indices!}$$

$$= \sum_{jkm} \left(\sum_n \epsilon_{lmn} \epsilon_{jkn} \right) A_m B_j C_k$$

$$= \sum_{jkm} (\delta_{jl} \delta_{km} - \delta_{kl} \delta_{jm}) A_m B_j C_k$$

$$= \sum_m A_m B_l C_m - \sum_m A_m B_m C_l \quad \text{Note collapse!}$$

$$= \left(\sum_m A_m C_m \right) B_l - \left(\sum_m A_m B_m \right) C_l$$

$$= (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) B_l - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) C_l \quad l = 1, 2, 3$$

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

$$= \vec{B} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \quad [\text{BAC - CAB rule}]$$