

Lecture 3a

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Discuss: New Rules for HW due dates

Also: Midterm will also have a Wed due date

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****Important Note: This page is pending updates to reflect the new scheme with HW and midterm due on Wednesdays** See the course announcement from 1/13/20 for more details.**

The following assignments are planned for the course (adjustments may be made as the quarter progresses)

HW1: Assigned 1/6, due 1/13 5pm

HW2: Assigned 1/13, due Tuesday 1/21 9:30am (Monday is the MLK holiday)

HW3: Assigned 1/20, due 1/27 5pm

HW4: Assigned 1/27, due 2/3 5pm

HW5: Assigned 2/3, due 2/10 5pm

Take-home midterm exam: Assigned 2/10 due Tuesday 2/18 9:30am (Monday is President's day)

Reminder from Lecture 2:

- "A dual vector dotted with a vector is a scalar" (Less formal than Carroll)
 - This is a generalization of

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \text{Scalar} \quad (\text{under 3d rotations})$$

which is simpler
because $R^T = R^{-1}$

TENSORS

Under 3D rotations:

$$\vec{A}^T \vec{B} = T_{ij} A_i B_j = \text{Scalar}$$

Now let's extend the same idea to tensors (Also staying less formal than Carroll (section 1.6)):

$$T^{\mu}_{\nu} \omega_{\mu} A^{\nu} = \text{Scalar}$$

Lower \Rightarrow dual vector, contracts with upper on tensor

Upper \Rightarrow vector, contracts with lower on tensor

$$T^{\mu}_{\nu}$$

Is a "type" (or "rank") (1,1) tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu}$$

Is type (2,0)

$$T_{\mu\nu}$$

Is type (0,2)

More formal stuff from Carroll:

tensor. Just as a dual vector is a linear map from vectors to \mathbf{R} , a tensor T of type (or rank) (k, l) is a multilinear map from a collection of dual vectors and vectors to \mathbf{R} :

$$T : T_p^* \times \cdots \times T_p^* \times T_p \times \cdots \times T_p \rightarrow \mathbf{R}. \quad (1.56)$$

(k times) (l times)

of ordered pairs of vectors. **Multilinearity** means that the tensor acts linearly in each of its arguments; for instance, for a tensor of type $(1, 1)$, we have

$$T(a\omega + b\eta, cV + dW) = acT(\omega, V) + adT(\omega, W) + bcT(\eta, V) + bdT(\eta, W). \quad (1.57)$$

space, we need to define a new operation known as the **tensor product**, denoted by \otimes . If T is a (k, l) tensor and S is an (m, n) tensor, we define a $(k+m, l+n)$ tensor $T \otimes S$ by

$$\begin{aligned} T \otimes S(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(k)}, \dots, \omega^{(k+m)}, V^{(1)}, \dots, V^{(l)}, \dots, V^{(l+n)}) \\ = T(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(k)}, V^{(1)}, \dots, V^{(l)}) \\ \times S(\omega^{(k+1)}, \dots, \omega^{(k+m)}, V^{(l+1)}, \dots, V^{(l+n)}). \end{aligned} \quad (1.58)$$

As with vectors, we will usually take the shortcut of denoting the tensor T by its components $T^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_k}_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_l}$. The action of the tensors on a set of vectors and dual vectors follows the pattern established in (1.48):

$$T(\omega^{(1)}, \dots, \omega^{(k)}, V^{(1)}, \dots, V^{(l)}) = T^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_k}_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_l} \omega_{\mu_1}^{(1)} \dots \omega_{\mu_k}^{(k)} V^{(1)\nu_1} \dots V^{(l)\nu_l}.$$

$$(our \quad T^{\mu} \omega_{\mu} A^{\mu})$$