

MCL704: Applied Mathematics of Thermo-Fluids
Problem Set: 1

Prove the following vector and tensor identities and discuss their useful applications.

Single bar denotes vectors

Double bar denotes tensors

1. $\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w})\vec{v} - (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})\vec{w}$
2. $(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \times \vec{w} = (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w})\vec{v} - (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w})\vec{u}$
3. $(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{w} \times \vec{x}) = (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w})(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{x}) - (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{x})(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w})$
4. $(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \times (\vec{w} \times \vec{x}) = (\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{x}))\vec{w} - (\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}))\vec{x} = (\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{w} \times \vec{x}))\vec{v} - (\vec{v} \cdot (\vec{w} \times \vec{x}))\vec{u}$
5. $\frac{d}{du}(\bar{\bar{A}} \cdot \bar{\bar{B}}) = \bar{\bar{A}} \cdot \frac{d\bar{\bar{B}}}{du} + \frac{d\bar{\bar{A}}}{du} \cdot \bar{\bar{B}}$
6. $\frac{d}{du}(\bar{\bar{A}} \times \bar{\bar{B}}) = \bar{\bar{A}} \times \frac{d\bar{\bar{B}}}{du} + \frac{d\bar{\bar{A}}}{du} \times \bar{\bar{B}}$
7. $\frac{d}{du}[\bar{\bar{A}} \cdot (\bar{\bar{B}} \times \bar{\bar{C}})] = \frac{d\bar{\bar{A}}}{du} \cdot (\bar{\bar{B}} \times \bar{\bar{C}}) + \bar{\bar{A}} \cdot \left(\frac{d\bar{\bar{B}}}{du} \times \bar{\bar{C}} \right) + \bar{\bar{A}} \cdot \left(\bar{\bar{B}} \times \frac{d\bar{\bar{C}}}{du} \right)$
8. $\vec{a} \cdot \frac{d\vec{a}}{du} = a \frac{da}{du}$
9. $\vec{a} \cdot \frac{d\vec{a}}{du} = 0$ iff $||\vec{a}|| = \text{const}$
10. $\int_{P_1}^{P_2} \bar{\bar{A}} \cdot dx = - \int_{P_2}^{P_1} \bar{\bar{A}} \cdot dx$
11. $\int_{P_1}^{P_2} \bar{\bar{A}} \cdot dx = \int_{P_1}^{P_3} \bar{\bar{A}} \cdot dx + \int_{P_3}^{P_2} \bar{\bar{A}} \cdot dx$, where P_3 is in between P_1 and P_2
12. $\nabla(\bar{\bar{A}} + \bar{\bar{B}}) = \nabla\bar{\bar{A}} + \nabla\bar{\bar{B}}$
13. $\nabla \cdot (\bar{\bar{A}} + \bar{\bar{B}}) = \nabla \cdot \bar{\bar{A}} + \nabla \cdot \bar{\bar{B}}$
14. $\nabla \times (\bar{\bar{A}} + \bar{\bar{B}}) = \nabla \times \bar{\bar{A}} + \nabla \times \bar{\bar{B}}$
15. $\nabla \cdot (\alpha \bar{\bar{A}}) = (\nabla \alpha) \cdot \bar{\bar{A}} + \alpha (\nabla \cdot \bar{\bar{A}})$
16. $\nabla \times (\alpha \bar{\bar{A}}) = (\nabla \alpha) \times \bar{\bar{A}} + \alpha (\nabla \times \bar{\bar{A}})$
17. $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \bar{\bar{A}}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \bar{\bar{A}}) - \nabla^2 \bar{\bar{A}}$
18. $\nabla \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = (\nabla \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{v} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{w})$
19. $\nabla \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = (\vec{w} \cdot \nabla)\vec{v} - (\nabla \cdot \vec{v})\vec{w} - (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla)\vec{w} + (\nabla \cdot \vec{w})\vec{v}$
20. $\nabla(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}) = (\vec{w} \cdot \nabla)\vec{v} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla)\vec{w} + \vec{w} \times (\nabla \times \vec{v}) + \vec{v} \times (\nabla \times \vec{w})$

21. $\vec{v} + \vec{0} = \vec{0} + \vec{v} = \vec{v}$ Existence of additive identity
22. $\vec{v} + (-\vec{v}) = (-\vec{v}) + \vec{v} = 0$ Existence of additive inverse
23. $\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{w} + \vec{v}$ Commutative Law
24. $\vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w}$ Associative Law
25. $\alpha(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \alpha\vec{v} + \alpha\vec{w}$ Distributive law
26. $(\alpha + \beta)\vec{v} = \alpha\vec{v} + \beta\vec{v}$ Distributive law
27. $\alpha(\alpha\vec{v}) = (\alpha\beta)\vec{v}$ Associative Law
28. $1\vec{v} = \vec{v}$ Multiplication with scalar identity
29. $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$ Commutative
30. $u(\alpha\vec{v} + \beta\vec{w}) = \alpha\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \beta\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$ Linearity
31. $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} \geq 0$ and $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{v} = 0$ Positivity

Prove the following dyadic products

32. $\vec{v} \otimes \vec{w} \neq \vec{w} \otimes \vec{v}$
33. $\vec{u} \otimes (\alpha\vec{v} + \beta\vec{w}) \neq \alpha\vec{u} \otimes \vec{v} + \beta\vec{u} \otimes \vec{w}$
34. $(\alpha\vec{u} + \beta\vec{v}) \otimes \vec{w} = \alpha\vec{u} \otimes \vec{w} + \beta\vec{v} \otimes \vec{w}$
35. $(\vec{u} \otimes \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w})\vec{u}$
36. $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \otimes \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w}$
37. Prove for identity tensor $\bar{I}$, following holds: $\bar{I} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \bar{I} = \vec{v}$
38. Prove for orthogonal tensor $\bar{Q}$, $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}^T = \bar{I}$ or $\bar{Q}^{-1} = \bar{Q}^T$
39. $\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = -\vec{w} \times \vec{v}$ Anti-symmetry
40. $\vec{u} \times (\alpha\vec{v} + \beta\vec{w}) = \alpha\vec{u} \times \vec{v} + \beta\vec{u} \times \vec{w}$ Linearity