

Lecture 7

Invariant associated w/ a 1-tensor:

$$\sqrt{a_i a_i} = \sqrt{a'_i a'_i}$$

Invariant associated w/ a 2-tensor.

$$a_{ij} n_j = \lambda n_i \quad \quad \quad a'_{ij} n'_j = \lambda n'_i$$

principal directions

$$n_i \xleftrightarrow[\text{transform formulas, } i=e_i]{\text{Coord.}} n'_i$$

$$n'_i = Q_{ip} n_p$$

Also, both will obtain λ .

Q: How do the 2 observables calculate their n_i & n'_i & λ ?

obs 1:

$$a_{ij} n_j = \lambda n_i$$

$$= \lambda \delta_{ij} n_j$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{ij} n_j - \lambda \delta_{ij} n_j = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_{ij} - \lambda \delta_{ij}) n_j = 0$$

$\Rightarrow n_j = 0$ or $a_{ij} - \lambda \delta_{ij}$ is singular.

$$\Rightarrow \det(a_{ij} - \lambda \delta_{ij}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

obs 2:

$$a'_{ij} n'_j = \lambda n'_i$$

\vdots

$$(a'_{ij} - \lambda \delta_{ij}) n'_j = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n'_j = 0$$

$a'_{ij} - \lambda \delta_{ij}$ is singular

$$\det(a'_{ij} - \lambda \delta_{ij}) = 0$$

copy; put

$$a \rightarrow a'$$

$$(a_{11} - \lambda)(a_{22} - \lambda)(a_{33} - \lambda) - a_{23}a_{32}$$

$$- a_{12} \left(\begin{matrix} a_{21}(a_{33} - \lambda) - \\ a_{31}a_{23} \end{matrix} \right) + a_{13} \left(\begin{matrix} a_{21}a_{32} - \\ a_{31}(a_{22} - \lambda) \end{matrix} \right) = 0$$

put $a \rightarrow a'$

Simplify:

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda^3 + \underline{I}_a \lambda^2 - \underline{II}_a \lambda + \underline{III}_a = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda^3 + \underline{I}_{a'} \lambda^2 - \underline{II}_{a'} \lambda + \underline{III}_{a'} = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\underline{I}_a = a_{ii}$$

$$\underline{II}_a = \frac{1}{2}(a_{ii}a_{jj} - a_{ij}a_{ji})$$

$$\underline{III}_a = \det(a_{ij})$$

$$\underline{I}_{a'} = a'_{ii}$$

etc

Both $\{x, y, z\}$ & $\{x', y', z'\}$ calculate the same λ .

\Rightarrow Eq 1 & Eq 2 must be the same

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\Rightarrow The coeffs must match.

$$\Rightarrow \underline{I} a = a_{ii} = a'_{ii} = \underline{I} a'$$

$$\text{also: } \underline{II} a = \frac{1}{2} (a_{ii} a_{jj} - a_{ij} a_{ji})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (a'_{ii} a'_{jj} - a'_{ij} a'_{ji})$$

$$= \underline{II} a'$$

Finally, $\underline{III} a = \det a_{ij} = \det a'_{ij} = \underline{III} a'$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_{ij} a_{ij} = a_{11}^2 + a_{12}^2 + a_{13}^2 + \dots + a_{33}^2$$

Solve Eq (1) or Eq. (2) — cubic Eqn.

\Rightarrow 3 roots $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$.

We will henceforth restrict a to symmetric 2 tensors.

\Rightarrow In any coord. system $xy z$,

$$a_{ij} = a_{ji}.$$

• This implies $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ are all real.

• Three possibilities:

① $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ distinct.

For each, solve:

$$(a_{ij} - \lambda_1 \delta_{ij}) n_j^{(1)} = 0$$

\hookrightarrow obtain $n_j^{(1)}$.

$$(a_{ij} - \lambda_2 \delta_{ij}) n_j^{(2)} = 0$$

\hookrightarrow obtain $n_j^{(2)}$.

$$(a_{ij} - \lambda_3 \delta_{ij}) n_j^{(3)} = 0.$$

\hookrightarrow obtain $n_j^{(3)}$.

$n_i^{(1)}, n_i^{(2)}, n_i^{(3)}$ are the principal directions

Corresp to $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ respectively.

• There is a theorem

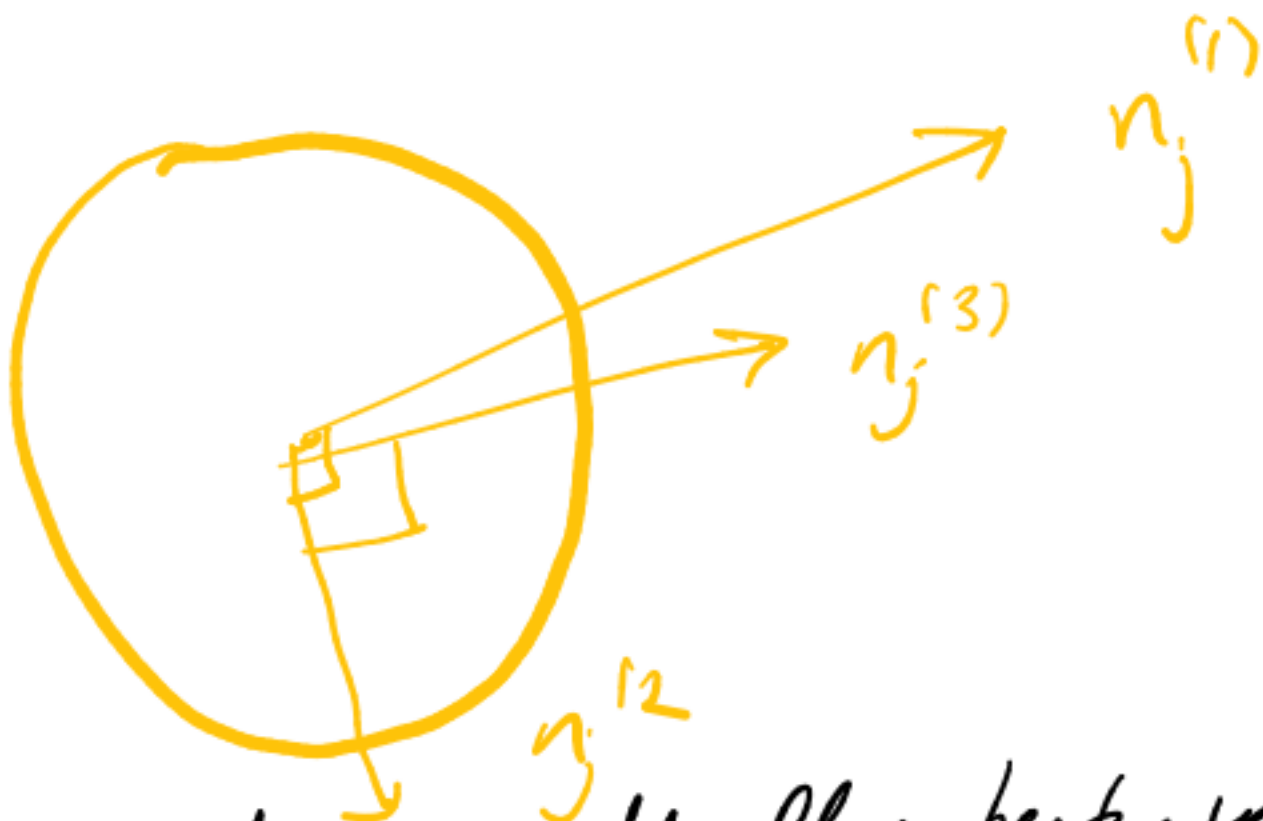
$$n_i^{(1)} n_i^{(2)} = n_i^{(1)} n_i^{(3)} = n_i^{(2)} n_i^{(3)} = 0$$

\Rightarrow The 3 principal dirs are mutually perpendicular.

$$\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \neq \lambda_3.$$

$$(a_{ij} - \lambda_i \delta_{ij}) n_j^{(i)} = 0.$$

\hookrightarrow Obtain $n_j^{(i)}$.



Any 2 vectors mutually perp. in the plane of normal $n_j^{(i)}$ can be considered

the other 2 principal directions.

(III)

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3.$$

Eg: $a_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & & 0 \\ & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 3.$$

Any mutually \perp set of 3 vectors
can serve as $n_j^{(1)}, n_j^{(2)}, n_j^{(3)}$.

A 2-tensor for which any vector
is a principal direction is called
an isotropic 2-tensor.

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ are called the
principal values of the 2-tensor.
They will remain the same \forall
observers.

eg:

$$a_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find principal values & principal dirns.

$$\det (a_{ij} - \lambda \delta_{ij}) = 0$$

$$-\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 25\lambda - 50 = 0$$

$$I_a = 2 + 3 - 3 = 2$$

$$II_a = \frac{1}{2}(2^2 - 54) = -25$$

$$III_a = -50.$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 5) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2; \lambda_2 = 5; \lambda_3 = -5.$$

$$(a_{ij} - \lambda_1 \delta_{ij}) y^{(1)} = 0.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2-2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3-2 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -3-2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1^{(1)} \\ x_2^{(1)} \\ x_3^{(1)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2nd eqn: $n_2^{(1)} + 4n_3^{(1)} = 0$

$\rightarrow n_2^{(1)} = -4n_3^{(1)}$

3rd eqn: $4n_2^{(1)} = \frac{5}{4}n_3^{(1)}$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} n_2^{(1)} = \\ n_3^{(1)} = \\ 0 \end{array} \right\}$

$n_1^{(1)} =$

arbitrary.
arbitrary constant

$\begin{pmatrix} n_1^{(1)} \\ n_2^{(1)} \\ n_3^{(1)} \end{pmatrix}$

$=$

$\alpha_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

11thly, find

$n_j^{(2)}$

$= \alpha_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$n_j^{(3)}$

$= \alpha_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

verify
they are
mutually
⊥.