

Extra Fun with Kronecker (δ_{ij})
and Levi-Civita (ϵ_{ijk}) Symbols!

In all below, recall the Einstein summation convention, which asserts that in any expression if an index is repeated, then it is summed over.

1] Prove that $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_i B_i$

2] Prove that if you have two matrices P and Q

$$(PQ)_{ij} = P_{ik} Q_{kj}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$
ij component of the product
of P and Q

← This is useful
if you ever
write a program
to multiply
matrices!



(Exercises 1] 2] involve only the Einstein summation

convention, not δ_{ij} or ϵ_{ijk} .)

3. Prove $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$

NOTE: Here we use 1, 2, 3 for x, y, z

4. Prove $\delta_{ii} = 3$

5. Prove $\delta_{ij} \epsilon_{ijk} = 0$

6. Prove $\epsilon_{ipq} \epsilon_{jpk} = 2\delta_{ij}$

7. Prove $\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} = 6$

8. Prove $\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{pqk} = (\delta_{ip} \delta_{jq} - \delta_{iq} \delta_{jp})$

9. Using ϵ_{ijk} notation, prove $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = 0$

10. Using ϵ_{ijk} notation, prove $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = 0$

11. " " " " " $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} f = 0$

12. Derive $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$

using ϵ_{ijk} notation.