

MT35001: SOLUTION FOR EXAMPLE SHEET¹ I

1.) Which one of these equations in index notation are valid? Remember the summation convention!

a) $c = a_i b_i$ (OK, this is the dot product $c = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$)

b) $c = a_{ij} b_i$ (Wrong, the free index j doesn't appear on LHS)

c) $c_i = a_{ij} b_i$ (Wrong, the indices on LHS and RHS don't match)

d) $c_i = a_{ij} b_j$ (OK, this is the matrix vector product with the matrix \mathbf{a} : $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}$)

e) $c_i = a_{ji} b_j$ (OK, this is the matrix vector product with the transposed matrix \mathbf{a} : $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}$)

f) $\sigma_{ij} = \alpha_{ij} T + E_{ijkl} e_{kl}$ (Correct – meet your first 4th order tensor. By the way: this is the constitutive equation for a linearly elastic solid incl. temperature variations)

g) $\sigma_{ij} = \alpha_{kl} T_i + E_{ijkl} e_{ij}$ (Wrong, the indices of all terms are different)

h) $k_{ijkl} = a_i b_{kl} c_{njm} d_{mn} + e_{ik} e_{jn} f_{nl}$ (Messy, but correct)

2.) Using a comma to denote partial differentiation (e.g. $\partial u / \partial x_2 = u_{,2}$), transform the following expressions into index notation:

a) $\nabla u(x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow u_{,i}$

b) $\mathbf{A} = \nabla \mathbf{u}(x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow a_{ij} = u_{,ij}$

c) $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = f(x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow u_{,i,i} = f$

d) $\nabla^2 u(x_1, x_2, x_3) = f(x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow u_{,ii} = f$

e) $\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \mathbf{f}(x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow u_{,i,jj} = f_i$

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