# Mathematical Preliminaries Introductory Course on Multiphysics Modelling

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- A vector is a quantity that possesses both a magnitude and a direction and obeys certain laws (of vector algebra):
  - the vector addition and the commutative and associative laws,
  - the associative and distributive laws for the multiplication with scalars.
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**Scalars** have a magnitude but no direction. They are tensors of order 0. *Example:* the mass density.

**Vectors** are characterised by their magnitude and direction. They are tensors of order 1. *Example:* the velocity vector.

**Tensors of second order** are quantities which multiplied by a vector give as the result another vector. *Example:* the stress tensor.

**Higher-order tensors** are often encountered in constitutive relations between second-order tensor quantities. *Example:* the fourth-order elasticity tensor.

Summation convention and index notation

#### Einstein's summation convention

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#### **Example**

$$a_{i} b_{i} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{3} a_{i} b_{i} = a_{1} b_{1} + a_{2} b_{2} + a_{3} b_{3}$$

$$A_{ii} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{3} A_{ii} = A_{11} + A_{22} + A_{33}$$

$$A_{ij} b_{j} \equiv \sum_{j=1}^{3} A_{ij} b_{j} = A_{i1} b_{1} + A_{i2} b_{2} + A_{i3} b_{3} \quad (i = 1, 2, 3) \quad [3 \text{ expressions}]$$

$$T_{ij} S_{ij} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{3} \sum_{j=1}^{3} T_{ij} S_{ij} = T_{11} S_{11} + T_{12} S_{12} + T_{13} S_{13} + T_{21} S_{21} + T_{22} S_{22} + T_{23} S_{23} + T_{31} S_{31} + T_{32} S_{32} + T_{33} S_{33}$$

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$$A_{ii}$$
,  $C_{ijkl} S_{kl}$ ,  $A_{ij} b_i c_j \leftarrow \text{Correct}$   
 $A_{ij} b_j c_j \leftarrow \text{Wrong!}$   
 $\sum A_{ij} b_j c_j \leftarrow \text{Correct}$ 

A term with an index repeated more than two times is correct if:

- the summation sign is used:  $\sum a_i b_i c_i = a_1 b_1 c_1 + a_2 b_2 c_2 + a_3 b_3 c_3$ , or
- the dummy index is underlined:  $a_i b_i c_i = a_1 b_1 c_1$  or  $a_2 b_2 c_2$  or  $a_3 b_3 c_3$ .

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A_{ii}, a_i\,b_i, T_{ij}\,S_{ij} \leftarrow scalars (no free indices) A_{ij}\,b_j \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{a vector (one free index: } i) C_{ijkl}\,S_{kl} \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{a second-order tensor (two free indices: } i,j)
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- The denomination of dummy index (in a term) is arbitrary, since it vanishes after summation, namely:  $a_i b_i \equiv a_i b_j \equiv a_k b_k$ , etc.

### **Example**

$$a_i\,b_i=a_1\,b_1+a_2\,b_2+a_3\,b_3=a_j\,b_j$$
 
$$A_{ii}\equiv A_{jj}\,,\quad T_{ij}\,S_{ij}\equiv T_{kl}\,S_{kl}\,,\quad T_{ij}+C_{ijkl}\,S_{kl}\equiv T_{ij}+C_{ijmn}\,S_{mn}$$

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The permutation symbol (or tensor) is widely used in index notation to express the **vector** or **cross product** of two vectors:

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{e}_2 & \mathbf{e}_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow c_i = \epsilon_{ijk} a_j b_k \rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ c_2 = a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ c_3 = a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{cases}$$

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■ The second-order tensor  $T \in \mathcal{E}^3 \otimes \mathcal{E}^3$  can be viewed as a **linear transformation** from  $\mathcal{E}^3$  onto  $\mathcal{E}^3$ , meaning that it transforms every vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{E}^3$  into another vector from  $\mathcal{E}^3$  as follows

$$T \cdot v = (T_{ij} e_i \otimes e_j) \cdot (v_k e_k) = T_{ij} v_k (\overbrace{e_j \cdot e_k}^{\delta_{jk}}) e_i$$

$$= T_{ij} v_k \delta_{jk} e_i = T_{ij} v_j e_i = w_i e_i = w \in \mathcal{E}^3 \quad \text{where} \quad w_i = T_{ij} v_j$$

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A tensor of order *n* is defined by

$$T_n := T_{\underset{n \text{ indices}}{ijk \dots}} \underbrace{e_i \otimes e_j \otimes e_k \otimes \dots}_{n \text{ terms}},$$

where  $T_{ijk...}$  is its (*n*-dimensional array) representation in the given frame of reference.

#### **Example**

Let  $C \in \mathcal{E}^3 \otimes \mathcal{E}^3 \otimes \mathcal{E}^3 \otimes \mathcal{E}^3$  and  $S \in \mathcal{E}^3 \otimes \mathcal{E}^3$ . The fourth-order tensor C describes a linear transformation in  $\mathcal{E}^3 \otimes \mathcal{E}^3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{\textit{C}} \bullet \textbf{\textit{S}} &= \textbf{\textit{C}} : \textbf{\textit{S}} = (C_{ijkl} \, \textbf{\textit{e}}_i \otimes \textbf{\textit{e}}_j \otimes \textbf{\textit{e}}_k \otimes \textbf{\textit{e}}_l) : (S_{mn} \, \textbf{\textit{e}}_m \otimes \textbf{\textit{e}}_n) \\ &= C_{ijkl} \, S_{mn} \, (\textbf{\textit{e}}_k \cdot \textbf{\textit{e}}_m) \, (\textbf{\textit{e}}_l \cdot \textbf{\textit{e}}_n) \, \textbf{\textit{e}}_i \otimes \textbf{\textit{e}}_j \\ &= C_{ijkl} \, S_{mn} \, \delta_{km} \, \delta_{ln} \, \textbf{\textit{e}}_i \otimes \textbf{\textit{e}}_j = C_{ijkl} \, S_{kl} \, \textbf{\textit{e}}_i \otimes \textbf{\textit{e}}_j \\ &= T_{ij} \, \textbf{\textit{e}}_i \otimes \textbf{\textit{e}}_j = \textbf{\textit{T}} \in \mathcal{E}^3 \otimes \mathcal{E}^3 \quad \text{where} \quad T_{ij} = C_{ijkl} \, S_{kl} \end{aligned}$$

Multiplication of vectors and tensors

### **Example**

Let: s be a scalar (a zero-order tensor), v, w be vectors (first-order tensors), R, S, T be second-order tensors, D be a third-order tensor, and C be a fourth-order tensor. The order of tensors is shown explicitly in the expressions below.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{S} &= \mathbf{Y} \bullet \mathbf{W} &= \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{Y} \cdot \mathbf{W} & \rightarrow v_i w_i = \mathbf{S} \\
\mathbf{Y} &= \mathbf{T} \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{W} & \rightarrow T_{ij} w_j = v_i \\
\mathbf{R} &= \mathbf{T} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{S} & \rightarrow T_{ij} S_{jk} = R_{ik} \\
\mathbf{S} &= \mathbf{T} \bullet \mathbf{S} \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{S} & \rightarrow T_{ij} S_{ij} = \mathbf{S} \\
\mathbf{T} &= \mathbf{C} \bullet \mathbf{S} \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{S} & \rightarrow C_{ijkl} S_{kl} = T_{ij} \\
\mathbf{T} &= \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{Y} \cdot \mathbf{S} & \rightarrow v_k D_{kij} = T_{ij}
\end{aligned}$$

*Remark:* Notice a vital difference between the two dot-operators '•' and '·'. To avoid ambiguity, usually, the operators '·' and '·' are not used, and the dot-operator has the meaning of the (full) dot-product, so that:  $C_{iikl} S_{kl} \to C \bullet S$ ,  $T_{ii} S_{ii} \to T \bullet S$ , and  $T_{ii} S_{ik} \to T S$ .

Vertical-bar convention and Nabla operator

#### **Vertical-bar convention**

The **vertical-bar (or comma) convention** is used to facilitate the denomination of partial derivatives with respect to the Cartesian position vectors  $x \sim x_i$ , for example,

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}} \quad \to \quad \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} =: u_{i|_j}$$

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#### **Definition (Nabla-operator)**

$$\nabla \equiv (.)_{|i} e_i$$
 =  $(.)_{|1} e_1 + (.)_{|2} e_2 + (.)_{|3} e_3$ 

The gradient, divergence, curl (rotation), and Laplacian operations can be written using the Nabla-operator:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{v} &= \operatorname{grad} s \equiv \nabla s &\to v_i = s_{|i} \\ s &= \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} \equiv \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} &\to s = v_{i|i} \\ \mathbf{w} &= \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{v} \equiv \nabla \times \mathbf{v} &\to w_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \, v_{k|j} \\ \operatorname{lapl}(.) &\equiv \Delta(.) \equiv \nabla^2(.) &\to (.)_{|ii} \end{split}$$

Nabla-operator and vector calculus identities

$$\left(\nabla \equiv (.)_{|i} \boldsymbol{e}_{i}\right) = (.)_{|1} \boldsymbol{e}_{1} + (.)_{|2} \boldsymbol{e}_{2} + (.)_{|3} \boldsymbol{e}_{3}$$

$$\boldsymbol{v} = \operatorname{grad} \boldsymbol{s} \equiv \nabla \boldsymbol{s} \quad \rightarrow \quad v_{i} = s_{|i}$$

$$\boldsymbol{T} = \operatorname{grad} \boldsymbol{v} \equiv \nabla \otimes \boldsymbol{v} \quad \rightarrow \quad T_{ij} = v_{i|j}$$

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#### Some vector calculus identities:

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$$\nabla \times (\nabla s) = \epsilon_{ijk} (s_{|k})_{|j} = \epsilon_{ijk} s_{|kj} = \begin{cases} \text{for } i = 1: \ s_{|23} - s_{|32} = 0 \\ \text{for } i = 2: \ s_{|31} - s_{|13} = 0 \\ \text{for } i = 3: \ s_{|12} - s_{|21} = 0 \end{cases}$$

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$$\blacksquare \left[ \nabla \cdot (\nabla s) = \nabla^2 s \right]$$
 (div grad = lapl)

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$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \rightarrow \epsilon_{mni} (\epsilon_{ijk} \, v_{k|j})_{|n} = \epsilon_{mni} \epsilon_{ijk} \, v_{k|jn}$$
 for  $m = 1$ :  $\epsilon_{1ni} \epsilon_{ijk} \, v_{k|jn} = \epsilon_{123} (\epsilon_{312} \, v_{2|12} + \epsilon_{321} \, v_{1|22}) + \epsilon_{132} (\epsilon_{213} \, v_{3|13} + \epsilon_{231} \, v_{1|33})$  
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Fundamental theorem of calculus relates scalar integral to boundary points:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f'(x) \, \mathrm{d}x = f(b) - f(a)$$

**Stokes's (curl) theorem** relates surface integrals to line integrals. *Applications:* for example, conservative forces.

**Green's theorem** is a two-dimensional special case of the Stokes' theorem.

Gauss (divergence) theorem relates volume integrals to surface integrals.

Applications: analysis of flux, pressure.

Stokes' theorem

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- **Green's theorem in the plane** may be viewed as a special case of Stokes' theorem (with f = [u(x, y), v(x, y), 0]):

$$\int_{C} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dx dy = \int_{C} u dx + v dy$$

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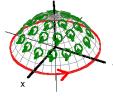
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Stokes' theorem implies that the flux of  $\nabla \times f$  through a surface  $\mathcal{S}$  depends only on the boundary  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{S}$  and is therefore independent of the surface's shape.

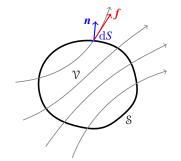


**Gauss-Ostrogradsky theorem** 

#### Theorem (Gauss divergence theorem)

Let the region V be bounded by a simple surface S with unit outward normal n. Then, for a continuously differentiable vector field f:

$$\int\limits_{\mathcal{V}} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{f} \, \mathrm{d}V = \int\limits_{\mathcal{S}} \boldsymbol{f} \cdot \underbrace{\boldsymbol{n} \, \mathrm{d}S}_{\mathrm{d}S}; \quad \text{in particular} \quad \int\limits_{\mathcal{V}} \nabla f \, \mathrm{d}V = \int\limits_{\mathcal{S}} \boldsymbol{f} \, \boldsymbol{n} \, \mathrm{d}S.$$



- The divergence theorem is a result that relates the flow (that is, flux) of a vector field through a surface to the behavior of the vector field inside the surface.
- Intuitively, it states that the sum of all sources minus the sum of all sinks gives the net flow out of a region.

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where:  $\omega=2\pi f$  is called the **angular** (or **circular**) **frequency**,  $\alpha(\mathbf{x})$  is the **phase-angle shift**, and  $\hat{u}(\mathbf{x})$  can be interpreted as a **spatial amplitude**.

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#### A complex-valued notation for time-harmonic problems

A convenient way to handle time-harmonic problems is in the **complex notation** with the real part as a physically meaningful solution:

$$u(\mathbf{x},t) = \hat{u}(\mathbf{x}) \cos (\omega t + \alpha(\mathbf{x})) = \hat{u} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \underbrace{\cos(\omega t + \alpha) + i \sin(\omega t + \alpha)}_{\text{exp}[i(\omega t + \alpha)]} \right\}$$
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where the so-called **complex amplitude** (or **phasor**) is introduced:

$$\tilde{u} = \tilde{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{u}(\mathbf{x}) \exp(\mathrm{i}\,\alpha(\mathbf{x})) = \hat{u}(\mathbf{x})(\cos\alpha(\mathbf{x}) + \mathrm{i}\sin\alpha(\mathbf{x}))$$

A practical example

Consider a **linear dynamic system** characterized by the matrices of stiffness K, damping C, and mass M:

$$K q(t) + C \dot{q}(t) + M \ddot{q}(t) = Q(t)$$

where Q(t) is the dynamic excitation (a time-varying force) and q(t) is the system's response (displacement).

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Since the system is linear the response q(t) will be also harmonic and with the same angular frequency but shifted by the phase angle  $\alpha$ :

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Here,  $\hat{q}$  and  $\tilde{q}$  are the real and complex amplitudes, respectively. The real amplitude  $\hat{q}$  and the phase angle  $\alpha$  are unknowns; thus, unknown is the complex amplitude  $\tilde{q} = \hat{q} (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)$ .

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■ For the Rayleigh damping model, where  $C = \beta_K K + \beta_M M$  ( $\beta_K$  and  $\beta_M$  are real-valued constants), this equation can be presented as follows:

$$\big[\tilde{K} - \omega^2 \, \tilde{M}\big]\tilde{q} = \hat{Q} \,, \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{K} = K \big(1 + \mathrm{i}\,\omega\,\beta_K\big) \,, \quad \tilde{M} = M \bigg(1 + \frac{\beta_M}{\mathrm{i}\,\omega}\bigg)$$

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■ Having computed the complex amplitude  $\tilde{q}$  for the given frequency  $\omega$ , one can finally find the time-harmonic response as the real part of the complex solution:

$$q(t) = \operatorname{Re}\left\{\tilde{q}\,\exp(\mathrm{i}\,\omega\,t)\right\} = \hat{q}\,\cos(\omega\,t + \alpha)\,,\quad \text{where}\quad egin{cases} \hat{q} = |\tilde{q}| \\ \alpha = \arg(\tilde{q}) \end{cases}$$