

1 - [Carroll 1.7] Imagine we have a tensor $X^{\mu\nu}$ and a vector V^μ with components:

$$X^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad V^\mu = (-1, 2, 0, -2)$$

find:

$$\begin{array}{llll} (a) X^\mu{}_\nu & (b) X_\mu{}^\nu & (c) X^{(\mu\nu)} := \frac{1}{2}(X^{\mu\nu} + X^{\nu\mu}) & (d) X_{[\mu\nu]} := (X_{\mu\nu} - X_{\nu\mu}) \\ (f) V^\mu V_\mu & (g) V_\mu X^{\mu\nu} & & (e) X^\lambda{}_\lambda \end{array}$$

2- [Schutz 3.2.6] Suppose A^μ and B_μ are vectors, show that $T^{\mu\nu} := A^\mu B^\nu$ is a rank (2,0) tensor. Prove that its trace $T^\mu{}_\mu$ is an invariant.

3- Suppose A is antisymmetric (2,0) tensor, B is a symmetric (2,0) tensor, C an arbitrary (2,0) and D an arbitrary (2,0) tensor. Prove:

$$(a) A^{\alpha\beta} B_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \quad (b) A^{\alpha\beta} C_{\alpha\beta} = A^{\alpha\beta} C_{[\alpha\beta]} \quad (c) B_{\alpha\beta} D^{\alpha\beta} = B_{\alpha\beta} D^{(\alpha\beta)}$$

4 - Prove the identity $\Lambda^{\mu'}{}_\mu \Lambda_{\mu'}{}^\nu = \delta_\mu{}^\nu$, then use it to prove the invariance of $A^\mu B_\mu$.

5 - Consider these equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^\alpha{}_\gamma \eta_{\alpha\beta} \Lambda^\beta{}_\delta &= \eta_{\gamma\delta} \\ \Lambda_\mu{}^\delta \eta^{\mu\nu} \Lambda_\nu{}^\sigma &= \eta^{\delta\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

Show by index manipulation that the second equation follows the first. (Hint: one way is to multiply the left hand sides and right hand sides separately and simplify)

6 - If $F^{\alpha\beta}$ is antisymmetric on its two indices, show that

$$F_\mu{}^\alpha{}_{,\nu} F^\nu{}_\alpha = -F_{\mu\alpha,\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

7 - Show that the second rank tensor F which is antisymmetric in one coordinate frame ($F_{\mu\nu} = -F_{\nu\mu}$) is antisymmetric in all frames. Show that contravariant components are also antisymmetric ($F^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\nu\mu}$) and that symmetry is also coordinate invariant.

8 - Show that if A is a timelike vector and B is orthogonal to A , B is spacelike. Can you say all vectors orthogonal to a spacelike vector are timelike?