

## Problem Sheet 1: Mathematical Preliminaries

- What is the order of the following tensors? Expand each of them and write the corresponding matrix form.  
 (i)  $A_{ii}$  (ii)  $A_{ij}b_j$  (iii)  $A_{ji}b_j$  (iv)  $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$  (v)  $\frac{\partial u_p}{\partial x_p}$   
 (vi)  $\frac{\partial A_{ij}}{\partial x_j}$  (vii)  $u_{p,p} + v_{q,q}$  (viii)  $u_{p,q} + u_{q,p}$  (ix)  $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t}$  (x)  $\frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$
- In the following,  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are second-order tensors and  $\mathbf{v}$  is a vector. Using the component form, rewrite each of the following in indicial notation. Also write the corresponding matrix form.  
 (i)  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  (ii)  $\mathbf{A}^\top \cdot \mathbf{v}$  (iii)  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$  (iv)  $\mathbf{A}^\top \cdot \mathbf{B}$  (v)  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}^\top$  (vi)  $\mathbf{A}^\top \cdot \mathbf{B}^\top$
- Taking the trace of  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}^\top \cdot \mathbf{B}$ , and so on result in scalar quantities. If we define  $\mathbf{A} : \mathbf{B} := A_{ij}B_{ij}$  and  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} := A_{ij}B_{ji}$ , then verify the following:  
 (i)  $\mathbf{A} : \mathbf{B} := A_{ij}B_{ij} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^\top \cdot \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}^\top \cdot \mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A}^\top)$   
 (i)  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} := A_{ij}B_{ji} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}^\top \cdot \mathbf{A}^\top) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^\top \cdot \mathbf{B}^\top)$
- If  $A_{ij}$  is symmetric and  $B_{ij}$  is anti-symmetric, show that  $A_{ij}B_{ij}$  is equal to 0.
- The transformation of a second order tensor is brought about by the rule  $A'_{ij} = Q_{ip}Q_{jq}A_{pq}$ . Verify that the transformation rule in compact form is  $\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{Q}^\top$ . Then carry out the transformation of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

into a new coordinate system found through a rotation of  $60^\circ$  ( $\pi/3$  radian) about the  $x_3$ -axis.

- An isotropic properly is such that it is identical in all directions. Show by using transformation rules that  $a\delta_{ij}$  is a second-order isotropic tensor.