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# ME 597 – Solid Mechanics II

## Lecture 1 – Notation and nomenclature

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YOU AT ALL TIMES



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# Notation and nomenclature

## Direct notation:

- Examples of physical properties

mass (scalar)

$m$

velocity (vector)

$v$

stress (tensor)

$\sigma$

- Examples of algebraic operations

$a \cdot b$

$a \times b$

*How are we going to follow this nomenclature during the lecture or in the homework problems?*

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# Notation and nomenclature

## Indicial notation:

- Examples of physical properties

mass (scalar)

$$m$$

velocity (vector)

$$v_i$$

stress (tensor)

$$\sigma_{ij}$$

- Examples of algebraic operations

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} a_i b_i = a_i b_i$$

$$i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n_d\}$$

Einstein's summation convention  
or summation convention  
(  $i$  is *dummy index* )

- Many times, it is convenient to store the components of a vector or a tensor in a column or a matrix.

$$[\mathbf{v}] = \quad [\boldsymbol{\sigma}] =$$

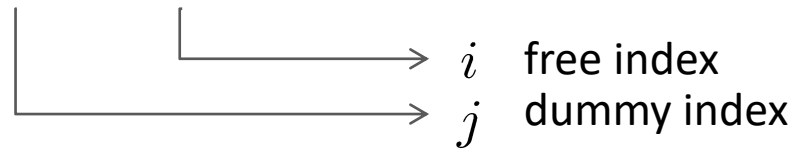
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## Indicial notation:

- Dummy indices and free indices

$$\sigma_{ij}n_j = t_i$$



$$\sigma n = t$$

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## Indicial notation:

- Kronecker delta

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$a_i \delta_{ij} = a_j \quad (\text{index substitution})$$

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## Indicial notation:

- Permutation symbol

$$\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i, j, k \text{ form an even permutation of } 1, 2, 3 \\ -1 & \text{if } i, j, k \text{ form an odd permutation of } 1, 2, 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } i, j, k \text{ do not form a permutation of } 1, 2, 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c} \quad \text{with} \quad c_k = \epsilon_{ijk} a_i b_j$$

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