

## Homework #7

### Problem 6:

Let's consider how  $V$  transforms from  $S$  to  $S'$ . First let's write an expression in terms of the vectors' components:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}_n &= [\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})]_n = \epsilon_{nip} A_i (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})_p = \epsilon_{nip} A_i [\epsilon_{pjk} B_j C_k] = \\ \epsilon_{nip} \epsilon_{pjk} A_i B_j C_k &= \epsilon_{pni} \epsilon_{pjk} A_i B_j C_k = (\delta_{nj} \delta_{ik} - \delta_{nk} \delta_{ij}) A_i B_j C_k = B_n (A_i C_i) - C_n (A_i B_i) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Then

$$V_n = B_n (A^i C_i) - C_n (A^i B_i). \quad (2)$$

Now let's consider the 3 cases:

a)

$$V'_n = B'_n (A'^i C'_i) - C'_n (A'^i B'_i) = a_n^j B_j (a_k^i A^k a_i^l C_l) - a_n^j C_j (a_k^i A^k a_i^l B_l) = a_n^j a_k^i a_i^l (B_j A^k C_l - C_j A^k B_l) = V_n. \quad (3)$$

Since there are no  $|a|$  we see that  $\mathbf{V}$  transforms as a tensor.

b)

$$\begin{aligned} V'_n &= B'_n (A'^i C'_i) - C'_n (A'^i B'_i) = |a| a_n^j B_j (|a| a_k^i A^k |a| a_i^l C_l) - |a| a_n^j C_j (|a| a_k^i A^k |a| a_i^l B_l) = \\ &|a|^3 a_n^j a_k^i a_i^l (B_j A^k C_l - C_j A^k B_l) = |a| V_n. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Since there is a  $|a|$  we see that  $\mathbf{V}$  transforms as a pseudotensor.

a)

$$\begin{aligned} V'_n &= B'_n (A'^i C'_i) - C'_n (A'^i B'_i) = |a| a_n^j B_j (a_k^i A^k |a| a_i^l C_l) - |a| a_n^j C_j (a_k^i A^k |a| a_i^l B_l) = \\ &|a|^2 a_n^j a_k^i a_i^l (B_j A^k C_l - C_j A^k B_l) = V_n. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Since there are two factors of  $|a|$  their product is always  $+1$  and we see that  $\mathbf{V}$  transforms as an tensor.