

PHYS 301

HOMEWORK #6

Due : 21 Feb. 2014

1. Use the properties of the Kronecker delta and the Levi - Civita permutation tensor to determine the values of :

$$\delta_{ij} \delta_{jk} \delta_{km} \delta_{im} \qquad \epsilon_{ijk} \delta_{jk}$$

2. Use Einstein summation notation to prove the identity :

$$\nabla \cdot (f \mathbf{g}) = \mathbf{g} \cdot \nabla f + f (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{g})$$

where f is a scalar function and $\mathbf{g}$ is a vector.

3. If $\mathbf{r}$ is the position vector :

$$\mathbf{r} = x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + y \hat{\mathbf{y}} + z \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

(and r represents the magnitude of the position vector), use the identity above to evaluate the expression

$$\nabla \cdot (r^3 \mathbf{r})$$

4. Use Einstein summation notation to determine the value of the expression :

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A})$$