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1a) We show that if ϕ is a scalar, then so is $\vec{\nabla}\phi \cdot \vec{\nabla}\phi$.

We show this in two ways. First in vector form; second in component form.

We remark that since ϕ' is a scalar, $\phi' = \phi$.

Vector Form:

We are given $\vec{\nabla}' = R \vec{\nabla} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla}'\phi' = R \vec{\nabla}\phi' = R \vec{\nabla}\phi$.

Thus,

$$\vec{\nabla}'\phi' \cdot \vec{\nabla}'\phi' = (R \vec{\nabla}\phi) \cdot (R \vec{\nabla}\phi) =$$

$$(R \vec{\nabla}\phi)^T (R \vec{\nabla}\phi) = \vec{\nabla}\phi^T R^T R \vec{\nabla}\phi = \vec{\nabla}\phi^T \vec{\nabla}\phi =$$

$$= \vec{\nabla}\phi \cdot \vec{\nabla}\phi.$$

\square

Component Form:

$$\sum_l \left(\frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x'^l} \right)^2 = \sum_{l,m} \delta^{lm} \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x'^l} \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x'^m} =$$

$$\sum_{l,m} \delta^{lm} R^{l\alpha} \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x^\alpha} R^{m\beta} \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x^\beta} = \sum_l \underbrace{R^{l\alpha} R^{l\beta}}_{(R^T R)^{\alpha\beta}} \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x^\beta}$$
$$= \delta^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x^\beta} =$$

$$\sum_\alpha \left(\frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x^\alpha} \right)^2 = \sum_\alpha \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^\alpha} \right)^2. \quad \square$$

Thus, we have shown that for a scalar ϕ , $\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi$ is a scalar too.

1b.) We show that the Laplacian of a scalar is also a scalar.

Vector Form:

We know that $\vec{\nabla}' = R \vec{\nabla} \Rightarrow \nabla'^2 = \vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{\nabla}' =$

$$R \vec{\nabla} \cdot R \vec{\nabla} = \vec{\nabla}^T R^T R \vec{\nabla} = \vec{\nabla}^T \vec{\nabla} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} =$$

$$\nabla^2. \text{ Thus, we have } \nabla'^2 \phi' = \nabla^2 \phi' = \nabla^2 \phi. \quad \square$$

Index Form:

$$\sum_l \frac{\partial^2 \phi'}{\partial (x'^l)^2} = \sum_{l,m} \delta^{lm} \frac{\partial^2 \phi'}{\partial x'^l \partial x'^m} =$$

$$\sum_{l,m} \delta^{lm} R^{l\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} R^{m\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\beta} \phi' =$$

$$\sum_{l,m} \delta^{lm} R^{l\alpha} R^{m\beta} \frac{\partial^2 \phi'}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\beta} = \sum_l R^{l\alpha} R^{l\beta} \frac{\partial^2 \phi'}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\beta}$$

$$= \delta^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial^2 \phi'}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\beta} = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\partial^2 \phi'}{\partial (x^\alpha)^2} = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial (x^\alpha)^2}.$$

□

This, we have also shown that the Laplacian of a scalar is a scalar.

2.]

We show that S^{ij} is a tensor

$$S^{ij} = T^{ij} + T^{ji}$$

$$S'^{ij} = T'^{ij} + T'^{ji} = R^{i\alpha} R^{j\beta} T^{\alpha\beta} + R^{j\alpha} R^{i\beta} T^{\beta\alpha}$$

$$= R^{i\alpha} R^{j\beta} T^{\alpha\beta} + R^{j\beta} R^{i\alpha} T^{\beta\alpha} = \text{summed over}$$

between these steps, we have used $\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta, \beta \leftrightarrow \alpha$ since they are both summed over

$$R^{i\alpha} R^{j\beta} (T^{\alpha\beta} + T^{\beta\alpha}) = R^{i\alpha} R^{j\beta} S^{\alpha\beta}. \quad \square$$

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$$d^3 x^1 = dx^{1'} dx^{2'} dx^{3'} = R^{1l} dx^l R^{2m} dx^m R^{3n} dx^n.$$

$$dx^i dx^j = -dx^j dx^i \Rightarrow \text{no terms like } dx^{1^2}, dx^{2^2}, dx^{3^2} \\ dx^{1^3}, dx^{2^3}, dx^{3^3}$$

$l, m, n \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, so we expand this product, and simplify.

$$(R^{11} dx^1 + R^{12} dx^2 + R^{13} dx^3).$$

$$(R^{21} dx^1 + R^{22} dx^2 + R^{23} dx^3).$$

$$(R^{31} dx^1 + R^{32} dx^2 + R^{33} dx^3) =$$

$$\left(\cancel{R^{11} dx^1} R^{21} dx^1 + R^{11} dx^1 R^{22} dx^2 + R^{11} dx^1 R^{23} dx^3 + \right. \\ \left. R^{12} dx^2 R^{21} dx^1 + \cancel{dx^2 dx^2} + R^{12} dx^2 R^{23} dx^3 + \right. \\ \left. R^{13} dx^3 R^{21} dx^1 + R^{13} dx^3 R^{22} dx^2 + \cancel{R^{13} dx^3 R^{23} dx^3} \right)$$

$$(R^{31} dx^1 + R^{32} dx^2 + R^{33} dx^3) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& [dx^1 dx^2 (R^{11} R^{23} - R^{12} R^{21}) + dx^1 dx^3 (R^{11} R^{23} - R^{13} R^{21}) \\
& + dx^2 dx^3 (R^{12} R^{23} - R^{13} R^{22})] (R^{31} dx^1 + R^{32} dx^2 + R^{33} dx^3) \\
& = \underline{\quad} dx^1 dx^2 + \underline{\quad} dx^1 dx^2 dx^3 + dx^1 dx^2 dx^3 R^{33} (R^{11} R^{23} - R^{13} R^{21}) \\
& + \underline{\quad} dx^1 dx^3 + dx^1 dx^3 dx^2 R^{32} (R^{11} R^{23} - R^{13} R^{21}) + \\
& \underline{\quad} dx^1 dx^3 dx^2 + dx^2 dx^3 dx^1 R^{31} (R^{12} R^{23} - R^{13} R^{22}) + \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} \\
& = dx^1 dx^2 dx^3 [R^{33} (R^{11} R^{23} - R^{13} R^{21}) - R^{32} (R^{11} R^{23} - R^{13} R^{21}) \\
& + R^{31} (R^{12} R^{23} - R^{13} R^{22})] = dx^1 dx^2 dx^3 \det R = dx^1 dx^2 dx^3.
\end{aligned}$$

We know this is the determinant of R by using recursive formula along the bottom row.

$$\begin{pmatrix} R^{11} & R^{12} & R^{13} \\ R^{21} & R^{22} & R^{23} \\ R^{31} & R^{32} & R^{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

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We show that the Laplace Runge-Lenz vector is conserved:

$$\vec{L} = \vec{L} \times \dot{\vec{r}} + \frac{\kappa}{r} \vec{r} = (\dot{\vec{r}} \times \vec{r}) \times \dot{\vec{r}} + \frac{\kappa}{r} \vec{r}.$$

We will use the facts that $\ddot{\vec{r}} = -\frac{\kappa}{r^3} \vec{r}$, $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{C} = \vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) - \vec{B} \times (\vec{A} \times \vec{C})$, and

$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}).$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\vec{L}} &= (\cancel{\dot{\vec{r}} \times \dot{\vec{r}}} + \cancel{\vec{r} \times \ddot{\vec{r}}}) \times \dot{\vec{r}} + (\dot{\vec{r}} \times \dot{\vec{r}}) \times \ddot{\vec{r}} + \frac{\kappa}{r^2} (\dot{\vec{r}} r - \dot{\vec{r}} \dot{r}) \\ &= (\dot{\vec{r}} \times \dot{\vec{r}}) \times \ddot{\vec{r}} + \frac{\kappa}{r^2} (\dot{\vec{r}} r - \dot{\vec{r}} \dot{r}) = \\ &= \dot{\vec{r}} \times (\dot{\vec{r}} \times \ddot{\vec{r}}) - \dot{\vec{r}} \times (\cancel{\dot{\vec{r}} \times \ddot{\vec{r}}}) + \frac{\kappa}{r^2} (\dot{\vec{r}} r - \dot{\vec{r}} \dot{r}) = \\ &= \dot{\vec{r}} (\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \ddot{\vec{r}}) - \ddot{\vec{r}} (\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}) + \frac{\kappa \dot{\vec{r}}}{r} - \frac{\kappa \dot{\vec{r}} \dot{r}}{r^3} = \\ &= \cancel{\frac{-\kappa \dot{\vec{r}}}{r^3}} + \frac{\kappa \dot{\vec{r}}}{r^3} (\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}) + \cancel{\frac{\kappa \dot{\vec{r}}}{r}} - \frac{\kappa \dot{\vec{r}} \dot{r}}{r^3} = \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{r^3} \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}) - \frac{1}{r^3} \dot{r} r = \frac{1}{r^3} (\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}} - r \ddot{r}) = 0$$

Since $\vec{r}^2 = r^2 \Rightarrow 2\vec{r} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}} = 2r \dot{r}$.

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$$\underline{5.} \quad S^{ij} = T^{ij} + T^{ji}, \quad A^{ij} = T^{ij} - T^{ji}.$$

We wish to show that $S^{ij} A^{ij} = 0$. We recall $S^{ij} = S^{ji}$, $A^{ij} = -A^{ji}$.

$$S^{ij} A^{ij} = -S^{ji} A^{ji} = -S^{ji} A^{ij},$$

where for the final step, we used the symmetry of the treatment to relabel $i \leftrightarrow j$.

$$i \leftrightarrow j. \quad \text{Thus, } S^{ij} A^{ij} = -S^{ij} A^{ij} \iff S^{ij} A^{ij} = 0. \quad \square$$

6. Let T^{ijk} be totally antisymmetric. Then T has $\frac{1}{3!} D(D-1)(D-2)$ components.

Proof: Since T^{ijk} is totally antisymmetric, no two indices may be equal and hence T not vanish. So when we choose i , we have D choices. But this leaves only $D-1$ choices for j , and $(D-1)-1 = D-2$ choices for k . Finally, once we have T^{ijk} , we also have T^{jik}, T^{ikj}, \dots for all permutations of ijk by antisymmetry. There are $3!$ permutations of 3 elements, so T^{ijk} has $\frac{1}{3!} D(D-1)(D-2)$ components. \square

For $D=3$, T^{123} is that component.

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$$T'^{123} = R^{1\alpha} R^{2\beta} R^{3\gamma} T^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$$

$$= R^{11} R^{22} R^{33} T^{123} + R^{11} R^{23} R^{32} T^{132} + \\ R^{12} R^{21} R^{33} T^{213} + R^{12} R^{23} R^{31} T^{231} + \\ R^{13} R^{21} R^{32} T^{312} + R^{13} R^{22} R^{31} T^{321} =$$

$$T^{123} (R^{11} R^{22} R^{33} + R^{12} R^{23} R^{31} + \\ R^{13} R^{21} R^{32} - R^{11} R^{23} R^{32} - \\ R^{12} R^{21} R^{33} - R^{13} R^{22} R^{31}) =$$

$$T^{123} [R^{11} (R^{22} R^{33} - R^{23} R^{32}) + \\ R^{12} (R^{23} R^{31} - R^{21} R^{33}) + \\ R^{13} (R^{21} R^{32} - R^{22} R^{31})] = T^{123} \det R = T^{123}$$



8. Let $H^{k \cdot ij} = G^{ki \cdot j} + G^{kj \cdot i}$. We show that

$$G^{ki \cdot j} = \frac{1}{2} (H^{k \cdot ij} + H^{i \cdot jk} - H^{j \cdot ki}). \quad (\text{We will use the fact that } A^{ij \cdot k} = A^{ji \cdot k}.)$$

Proof:

$$\frac{1}{2} (H^{k \cdot ij} + H^{i \cdot jk} - H^{j \cdot ki}) = \frac{1}{2} (G^{ki \cdot j} + \cancel{G^{kj \cdot i}} +$$

$$\cancel{G^{ijk}} + G^{ik \cdot j} - \cancel{G^{jki}} - \cancel{G^{jik}}) =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (G^{ki \cdot j} + G^{ik \cdot j}) = G^{ki \cdot j}$$

□

9. We show $\epsilon^{ij} R^{ip} R^{jq} = \epsilon^{pq}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^{ij} R^{ip} R^{jq} &= \epsilon^{11} _ + \epsilon^{12} R^{1p} R^{2q} + \epsilon^{21} R^{2p} R^{1q} + \epsilon^{22} _ \\ &= R^{1p} R^{2q} - R^{2p} R^{1q}. \end{aligned}$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} R^{11} & R^{12} \\ R^{21} & R^{22} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det R = R^{11} R^{22} - R^{12} R^{21}$$

If $p=1, q=2$, then $R^{1p} R^{2q} - R^{2p} R^{1q} = R^{11} R^{22} - R^{21} R^{12} = \det R$.

Let $p=2, q=1$, then $R^{1p} R^{2q} - R^{2p} R^{1q} = R^{12} R^{21} - R^{22} R^{11} = -\det R$.

Let $p=q=1$. Then $R^{1p} R^{2q} - R^{2p} R^{1q} = R^{11} R^{21} - R^{21} R^{11} = 0$.

Let $p=q=2$. Then $R^{1p} R^{2q} - R^{2p} R^{1q} = R^{12} R^{22} - R^{22} R^{12} = 0$.

Thus, $R^{1p} R^{2q} - R^{2p} R^{1q} = \epsilon^{pq} \det R = \epsilon^{pq}$ □

We next verify $\epsilon^{ijk} R^{ip} R^{jq} R^{kr} = \epsilon^{pqr}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^{ijk} R^{ip} R^{jq} R^{kr} &= \epsilon^{111} _ + \epsilon^{112} _ + \epsilon^{113} _ + \epsilon^{121} _ + \\ &\epsilon^{122} _ + \epsilon^{123} R^{1p} R^{2q} R^{3r} + \epsilon^{131} _ + \epsilon^{132} R^{1p} R^{3q} R^{2r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \epsilon^{133} _ + \epsilon^{211} _ + \epsilon^{212} _ + \epsilon^{213} R^{2p} R^{1q} R^{3r} + \\
& \epsilon^{221} _ + \epsilon^{222} _ + \epsilon^{223} _ + \epsilon^{231} R^{2p} R^{3q} R^{1r} + \\
& \epsilon^{232} _ + \epsilon^{233} _ + \epsilon^{311} _ + \epsilon^{312} R^{3p} R^{1q} R^{2r} + \\
& \epsilon^{313} _ + \epsilon^{321} R^{3p} R^{2q} R^{1r} + \epsilon^{322} _ + \epsilon^{323} _ + \\
& \epsilon^{331} _ + \epsilon^{332} _ + \epsilon^{333} =
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \epsilon^{123} R^{1p} R^{2q} R^{3r} + \epsilon^{132} R^{1p} R^{3q} R^{2r} + \\
& \epsilon^{213} R^{2p} R^{1q} R^{3r} + \epsilon^{231} R^{2p} R^{3q} R^{1r} + \\
& \epsilon^{312} R^{3p} R^{1q} R^{2r} + \epsilon^{321} R^{3p} R^{2q} R^{1r} = \\
& R^{1p} R^{2q} R^{3r} + R^{2p} R^{3q} R^{1r} + R^{3p} R^{1q} R^{2r} - \\
& R^{1p} R^{3q} R^{2r} - R^{2p} R^{1q} R^{3r} - R^{3p} R^{2q} R^{1r} = \\
& R^{1p} (R^{2q} R^{3r} - R^{3q} R^{2r}) + \\
& R^{2p} (R^{3q} R^{1r} - R^{1q} R^{3r}) +
\end{aligned}$$

$R^{31} (R^{12} R^{23} - R^{23} R^{12})$. We convenify in MM/2nd for positive permutations of $p, q, r \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, this equals $\det R$, for negative permutations, it equals $-\det R$, and when there are repeated indices, it vanishes.

Thus, we conclude

$$R^{1p} (R^{2q} R^{3r} - R^{3q} R^{2r}) +$$

$$R^{2p} (R^{3q} R^{1r} - R^{1q} R^{3r}) +$$

$$R^{3p} (R^{1q} R^{2r} - R^{2q} R^{1r}) = \epsilon^{pqr} \det R = \epsilon^{pqr} =$$

$$\epsilon^{ijk} R^{ip} R^{jq} R^{kr}$$

