

HOMEWORK II

- (1) CONSIDER THE SECOND-ORDER TENSOR $\underline{T} = \underline{e}_1 \underline{e}_1 + 4 \underline{e}_1 \underline{e}_2 + 4 \underline{e}_2 \underline{e}_1 + 7 \underline{e}_2 \underline{e}_2$
THE COMPONENTS OF THIS TENSOR IN THE SYSTEM $(\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2)$
ARE $T_{11} = 1$, $T_{12} = T_{21} = 4$, AND $T_{22} = 7$.

a) BY OPERATING WITH THE COMPONENTS T_{ij} , OBTAIN THE EIGENVALUES AND THE ATTENDANT EIGENVECTORS.

FOR YOU TO CHECK: $\lambda_1 = 9$, $\underline{v}_1 = \underline{e}_1 + 2 \underline{e}_2$

$\lambda_2 = -1$, $\underline{v}_2 = -2 \underline{e}_1 + \underline{e}_2$.

VERIFY THAT $\underline{v}_1 \cdot \underline{v}_2 = 0$. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

b) CONSIDER NOW A SYSTEM $(\underline{e}'_1, \underline{e}'_2)$ ROTATED 20°
FROM $(\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2)$. WRITE AN EXPRESSION FOR \underline{e}'_1 AND

AN EXPRESSION FOR \underline{e}'_2 IN TERMS OF
 \underline{e}_1 AND \underline{e}_2 . FOR EXAMPLE,

$$\underline{e}'_1 = 0.9397 \underline{e}_1 + 0.3420 \underline{e}_2$$

c) BY USING THE EXPRESSION $T_{ij} = \underline{e}_i \cdot \underline{T} \cdot \underline{e}_j$,
OBTAIN THE COMPONENTS OF \underline{T} IN THE SYSTEM $(\underline{e}'_1, \underline{e}'_2)$.
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT

$$\underline{T} = 4.2730 \underline{e}'_1 \underline{e}'_1 + 4.9925 \underline{e}'_1 \underline{e}'_2 + 4.9925 \underline{e}'_2 \underline{e}'_1 + 3.7270 \underline{e}'_2 \underline{e}'_2$$

NOTE THAT THE SYMMETRY IS AN INVARIANT PROPERTY
THAT PERTAINS TO THE TENSOR AND MANIFESTS ITSELF
IN ALL CARTESIAN SYSTEMS, AS EXPECTED.

