

Levi-Civita tensor in 4D (Peirce-Schrodinger convention)

example

$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if even perm of } 0,1,2,3 \\ -1 & \text{if odd perm of } 0,1,2,3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \epsilon^{0123} = +1 \\ \epsilon^{1230} = -1 \end{array}$$

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = g_{\mu\mu'} g_{\nu\nu'} g_{\rho\rho'} g_{\sigma\sigma'} \epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma'} = ?$$

Substitute $\mu=0, \nu=1, \rho=2, \sigma=3$.

$$\epsilon_{0123} = g_{0\mu'} g_{1\nu'} g_{2\rho'} g_{3\sigma'} \epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma'}$$

↑
only $\mu'=0, \nu'=1, \rho'=2, \sigma'=3$ terms survive

$$= (1)(-1)(-1)(-1) \epsilon^{0123}$$

$$= - \epsilon^{0123}$$

$$= -1$$

Therefore,

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if even perm of } 0,1,2,3 \\ +1 & \text{if odd perm of } 0,1,2,3 \end{cases} \quad \text{opposite to that of } \epsilon^{0123}$$

Contraction of Minkowski Levi-Civita tensor

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma'} = - \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{\mu}^{\mu'} & \delta_{\mu}^{\nu'} & \delta_{\mu}^{\rho'} & \delta_{\mu}^{\sigma'} \\ \delta_{\nu}^{\mu'} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \delta_{\rho}^{\mu'} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \delta_{\sigma}^{\mu'} & \cdot & \cdot & \delta_{\sigma}^{\sigma'} \end{vmatrix} = - \delta_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma'} \quad \left[\text{Generalized Kronecker Delta} \right]$$

Minkowski metric

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma} = - \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{\mu}^{\mu'} & \delta_{\mu}^{\nu'} & \delta_{\mu}^{\rho'} \\ \delta_{\nu}^{\mu'} & \delta_{\nu}^{\nu'} & \delta_{\nu}^{\rho'} \\ \delta_{\rho}^{\mu'} & \delta_{\rho}^{\nu'} & \delta_{\rho}^{\rho'} \end{vmatrix} \equiv - \delta_{\mu\nu\rho}^{\mu'\nu'\rho'}$$

contract

$$= - \left[\left(\delta_{\mu}^{\mu'} \delta_{\nu}^{\nu'} \delta_{\rho}^{\rho'} + \delta_{\mu}^{\nu'} \delta_{\nu}^{\rho'} \delta_{\rho}^{\mu'} + \delta_{\mu}^{\rho'} \delta_{\nu}^{\mu'} \delta_{\rho}^{\nu'} \right) - \left(\delta_{\mu}^{\rho'} \delta_{\nu}^{\nu'} \delta_{\rho}^{\mu'} + \delta_{\mu}^{\mu'} \delta_{\nu}^{\rho'} \delta_{\rho}^{\nu'} + \delta_{\mu}^{\nu'} \delta_{\nu}^{\mu'} \delta_{\rho}^{\rho'} \right) \right]$$

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho\sigma} = -2 \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{\mu}^{\mu'} & \delta_{\mu}^{\nu'} \\ \delta_{\nu}^{\mu'} & \delta_{\nu}^{\nu'} \end{vmatrix}$$

contracted

$$= -2 \left[\delta_{\mu}^{\mu'} \delta_{\nu}^{\nu'} - \delta_{\mu}^{\nu'} \delta_{\nu}^{\mu'} \right]$$

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = -6 \delta_{\mu}^{\mu'}$$

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = -24$$