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# Scalar Irreducible Parts Of Sixth Rank Tensor

**Abstract:** A reduction procedure for decomposing a Cartesian tensor of rank into its irreducible parts is given. The numbers of different irreducible parts of the sixth rank Cartesian tensor are calculated. The number of independent components of sixth rank Cartesian tensor is computed. The scalar normalized irreducible parts of sixth rank Cartesian tensor are presented. Examples of different symmetry of sixth rank tensors are given.

**Key words:** Cartesian tensor, decomposition, Irreducible parts.

## Introduction

In the kinetic theory of gases and liquids and in other branches of molecular science one often encounters the necessity of evaluating integrals involving tensors of rank six. On integration, such integrals are expressed as a linear combination of irreducible isotropic tensors of the same rank. One typical example is the evaluation of stress tensors in the Burnett order in kinetic theory [1,2], which requires integrals of Cartesian products of six momenta. In the course of investigation on nonlinear transport phenomena for dense fluids such a necessity also arises in a more general setting [3].

The reduction of a Cartesian tensor results in a sum of irreducible tensors with some weights represented more than once. Hence we can write [4,5],

$$T_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{q=1}^{N_n^{(j)}} T_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}^{(j,q)} \quad (1)$$

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الأجزاء الكمية المتعددة إختزالها لعضلة شد ديكارتي (Cartesian) من الدرجة السادسة

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المستخلص: تم إعطاء الأجزاء التخفيض لتحلل عضلة شد ديكارتي (Cartesian) من الدرجة (N) إلى أجزائها التي يصعب إختزالها. ومن ثم تم حساب عدد هذه الأجزاء المختلفة التي يصعب إختزالها، أما المقومات غير الاعتمادية في عضلة شد ديكارتي (Cartesian) فقد تم عددها كما تم تقدير الأجزاء الكمية المتعددة المتعددة إختزالها في عضلة شد ديكارتي (Cartesian) من الدرجة السادسة. بالإضافة إلى التمثيل بإعطاء للتماثل الآخر من الدرجة السادسة لعضلات شد ديكارتي. (Cartesian)

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Where  $q$  is called the seniority index of the irreducible tensor  $T_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}^{(j,q)}$  and  $N_n^{(j)}$  is the multiplicity of weight  $j$  in this reduction.

The natural projection of  $x^j$  onto the irreducible subspace  $H_j^{(i)}$  of traceless symmetric tensors of order is denoted by  $E_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_j; i_1 i_2 \dots i_j}^{(j)} = E_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_j; i_1 i_2 \dots i_j}^{(j)}$

The principle element in the reduction procedure is the mappings  $Q_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n; k_1 k_2 \dots k_j}^{(0,q)}$  of minimal rank tensor subspace  $H_{j,q}^I$  onto  $H_{j,q}^R$ . We will choose the mappings such that they are orthonormal and  $g_{pq}$  will be reduced to an identity matrix, where  $g_{pq}$  is a symmetric matrix, which was used and defined in [2], through the relation,

$$g_{pq} E_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_j; i_1 i_2 \dots i_j}^{(j)} = Q_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n; k_1 k_2 \dots k_j}^{(0,q)} Q_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n; i_1 i_2 \dots i_j}^{(0,q)} \quad (2)$$

In this work equation (2) is reduced to,

$$\delta_{pq} E_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_j; i_1 i_2 \dots i_j}^{(j)} = Q_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n; k_1 k_2 \dots k_j}^{(0,p)} Q_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n; i_1 i_2 \dots i_j}^{(0,q)} \quad (3)$$

The mapping  $\tilde{Q}_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_j; i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}^{(0,p)}$  dual to  $Q_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n; k_1 k_2 \dots k_j}^{(0,p)}$  is defined by the relation,

$$\tilde{Q}_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_j; i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}^{(0,p)} Q_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n; k_1 k_2 \dots k_j}^{(0,p)} \quad (4)$$

The dual mapping extracts the natural forms  $t_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_j}^{(j;p)}$  from the tensor  $T_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}$  as follows,

$$t_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_j}^{(j;p)} = \tilde{Q}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_j; i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}^{(0;p)} T_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} \quad (5)$$

These tensors can be embedded in the tensor space of order  $n$  through the mapping,

$$T_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}^{(j;q)} = Q_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n; k_1 k_2 \dots k_j}^{(0;q)} t_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_j}^{(j;p)} \quad (6)$$

$$T_{i_1 i_2 i_n}^{(j;q)} = Q_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n; k_1 k_2 \dots k_j}^{(0;q)} \tilde{Q}_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n; l_1 l_2 \dots l_j}^{(0;p)} T_{l_1 l_2 \dots l_j} \quad (7)$$

**II. The Sixth Rank Tensor:**

For  $n = 6$ , equation (1), implies that,

$$T_{ijklmn} = \sum_{j=0}^6 \sum_{q=1}^{N_6^{(j)}} T_{ijklmn}^{(j;q)} = \sum_{q=1}^{N_6^{(0)}} T_{ijklmn}^{(0;q)} + \sum_{q=1}^{N_6^{(1)}} T_{ijklmn}^{(1;q)} + \sum_{q=1}^{N_6^{(2)}} T_{ijklmn}^{(2;q)} + \sum_{q=1}^{N_6^{(3)}} T_{ijklmn}^{(3;q)} + \sum_{q=1}^{N_6^{(4)}} T_{ijklmn}^{(4;q)} + \sum_{q=1}^{N_6^{(5)}} T_{ijklmn}^{(5;q)} + \sum_{q=1}^{N_6^{(6)}} T_{ijklmn}^{(6;q)} \quad (8)$$

Where,

$$N_n^{(j)} = \sum_k (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{2n - 3k - j - 2}{n - 2} \quad (9)$$

and

$$0 \leq k \leq [(n-j) / 3] \quad (10)$$

From relation's (9) and (10) we have the following table.

**Table 1.** Values of  $N_n^{(j)}$  for  $n = 6$  and  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ .

$n$	$j$	$N_n^{(j)}$
6	0	15
6	1	36
6	2	40
6	3	29
6	4	15
6	5	5
6	6	1

Each irreducible tensor has  $(2j + 1)$  independent components, so that the total number of components in the reduction form is:

$$\sum_{j=0}^6 (2j + 1) N_n^{(j)} = 3^n$$

So for  $n = 6$ , we have,

$$\sum_{j=0}^6 (2j+1) N_n^{(j)} = N_n^{(0)} + 3N_n^{(1)} + 5N_n^{(2)} + 7N_n^{(3)} + 9N_n^{(4)} + 11N_n^{(5)} + 13N_n^{(6)} = 1 \times 15 + 3 \times 36 + 5 \times 40 + 7 \times 29 + 9 \times 15 + 11 \times 5 + 13 \times 1 = 729 = 3^6$$

Equation (8) and Table (1) imply that,

$$T_{ijklmn} = \sum_{j=0}^6 \sum_{q=1}^{N_6^{(j)}} T_{ijklmn}^{(j;q)} = \sum_{q=1}^{15} T_{ijklmn}^{(0;q)} + \sum_{q=1}^{36} T_{ijklmn}^{(1;q)} + \sum_{q=1}^{40} T_{ijklmn}^{(2;q)} + \sum_{q=1}^{29} T_{ijklmn}^{(3;q)} + \sum_{q=1}^{15} T_{ijklmn}^{(4;q)} + \sum_{q=1}^5 T_{ijklmn}^{(5;q)} + T_{ijklmn}^{(6;q)} \quad (11)$$

**Table 2.** Natural Projections for Traceless Symmetric Tensors

Order	$E_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_j; l_1 l_2 \dots l_j}^{(j)}$
0	1
1	$\delta_{kl}$
2	$(\delta_{kl})^2 - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{kk} \delta_{ll}$
3	$(\delta_{kl})^3 - \frac{3}{5} \delta_{kl} \delta_{kk} \delta_{ll}$
4	$(\delta_{kl})^4 - \frac{6}{7} (\delta_{kl})^2 \delta_{kk} \delta_{ll} + \frac{3}{35} (\delta_{kk})^2 (\delta_{ll})^2$
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.	.
.	.
j	$(\delta_{kl})^j - \frac{j(j-1)}{2(2j-1)} (\delta_{kl})^{j-2} \delta_{kk} \delta_{ll} + \frac{(j-1)(j-2)}{2(2j-1)(2j-3)} (\delta_{kk})^2 (\delta_{ll})^2 + \dots$

**III. Scalar Parts of Sixth Rank Tensor:**

Let us take  $n = 6$  and  $j = 0$ . From equation (11) and Table (1), the seniority index  $q$  will take the values 1, 2, 3, .....15:

For  $q = 1$ :

$$Q_{ijklmn}^{(0;1)} Q^{(0;1)} = a^2 \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \delta_{mn}$$

Where  $a$  is the normalization constant, and the normalization condition is:

$$Q_{ijklmn}^{(0;1)} Q_{ijklmn}^{(0;1)} = a^2 \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \delta_{mn} \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \delta_{mn} = 1 \Rightarrow 27a^2 = 1 \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_{ijklmn}^{(0;1)} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \delta_{mn} \Rightarrow \tilde{Q}_{ijklmn}^{(0;1)} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \delta_{mn}$$

Equation (7) implies that:

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;1)} = \frac{1}{27} \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \delta_{mn} T_{ppqqrr} \quad (12)$$

In the same way we can find the other irreducible parts:

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;2)} = \frac{1}{48} \delta_{im} \delta_{jl} \delta_{kn} - \delta_{ik} \delta_{lm} \delta_{jn} (T_{pqqrpp} - T_{ppqrrq}) \quad (13)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;3)} = \frac{1}{48} \delta_{in} \delta_{jm} \delta_{kl} - \delta_{il} \delta_{jk} \delta_{mn} (T_{pqrrqp} - T_{ppqrrr}) \quad (14)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;4)} = \frac{1}{48} \delta_{kl} \delta_{in} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{mn} \delta_{ki} \delta_{jl} (T_{pqrrqp} - T_{ppqrrr}) \quad (15)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;5)} = \frac{1}{48} (\delta_{kl}\delta_{im}\delta_{jn} - \delta_{mn}\delta_{il}\delta_{jk})(T_{\rho qrrpq} - T_{\rho qpprr}) \quad (16)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;6)} = \frac{1}{48} (\delta_{in}\delta_{jk}\delta_{lm} - \delta_{ik}\delta_{ln}\delta_{jm})(T_{\rho qrrrp} - T_{\rho pqrqr}) \quad (17)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;7)} = \frac{1}{36} (\delta_{ij}\delta_{km}\delta_{ln} - \delta_{ij}\delta_{kn}\delta_{lm})(T_{\rho pqrqr} - T_{\rho pqrqr}) \quad (18)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;8)} = \frac{1}{36} (\delta_{kl}\delta_{im}\delta_{jn} - \delta_{kl}\delta_{in}\delta_{jm})(T_{\rho qrrpq} - T_{\rho qrrpq}) \quad (19)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;9)} = \frac{1}{36} (\delta_{mn}\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} - \delta_{mn}\delta_{il}\delta_{jk})(T_{\rho pqrqr} - T_{\rho qpprr}) \quad (20)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;10)} = \frac{1}{216} (\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl}\delta_{mn} - 3\delta_{il}\delta_{jk}\delta_{mn})(T_{\rho pqrqr} - 3T_{\rho qpprr}) \quad (21)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;11)} = \frac{1}{144} (\delta_{in}\delta_{jm}\delta_{kl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk}\delta_{mn} - 2\delta_{ij}\delta_{km}\delta_{ln}) (T_{\rho qrrqp} + T_{\rho pqrqr} - T_{\rho pqrqr}) \quad (22)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;12)} = \frac{1}{144} (\delta_{kl}\delta_{im}\delta_{jn} + \delta_{mn}\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} - 2\delta_{ij}\delta_{km}\delta_{ln}) (T_{\rho qrrqp} + T_{\rho pqrqr} - 2T_{\rho pqrqr}) \quad (23)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;13)} = \frac{1}{3600} (\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl}\delta_{mn} + \delta_{in}\delta_{jm} - \delta_{kl} - 4\delta_{im}\delta_{ln}\delta_{kl}) (T_{\rho pqrqr} + T_{\rho pqrqr} - 4T_{\rho pqrqr}) \quad (24)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;14)} = \frac{1}{4752} (9\delta_{im}\delta_{jl}\delta_{kn} + 9\delta_{ik}\delta_{lm}\delta_{jn} - 2\delta_{ij} - 2\delta_{kl}\delta_{mn}) (9T_{\rho pqrqr} + 9T_{\rho pqrqr} - 2T_{\rho pqrqr}) \quad (25)$$

$$T_{ijklmn}^{(0;15)} = \frac{1}{6744} (3\delta_{ik}\delta_{ln}\delta_{jm} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk} - \delta_{jm} - 11\delta_{in}\delta_{kn}\delta_{lm} - 13\delta_{ij}\delta_{jm}\delta_{kl}) (3T_{\rho pqrqr} + T_{\rho qpprr} + 11T_{\rho pqrqr} - 13T_{\rho pqrqr}) \quad (26)$$

**IV. Examples of Sixth Rank Tensors:**

1. The sixth rank tensor **C** symmetric with respect to the first, second and third pairs of indices and to their permutation [6], satisfies:

$$C_{ijklmn} = C_{jiklmn} = C_{ijlkmn} = C_{ijlkmn} = C_{ijmnlk} = C_{klijmn}$$

The coefficients  $C_{\lambda\mu\nu} = C_{ijklmn}$   $ij \leftrightarrow \lambda, kl \leftrightarrow \mu, mn \leftrightarrow \nu, (\lambda, \mu, \nu = 1, \dots, 6)$

2. The sixth rank tensor **q** symmetric with respect to the first, second and third pairs of indices and to the permutation of the second and third pairs, satisfies:

$$q_{ijklmn} = q_{jiklmn} = q_{ijlkmn} = q_{ijlkmn} = q_{ijmnlk}$$

The coefficients  $q_{\lambda\mu\nu} = q_{ijklmn}$   $ij \leftrightarrow \lambda, kl \leftrightarrow \mu, mn \leftrightarrow \nu, (\lambda, \mu, \nu = 1, \dots, 6)$

**Appendix:**

**Definitions:**

**1 - Isotropic Tensors:**

A tensor is called isotropic if its components retain the same values however the axes are rotated, like  $\delta_{ik}, \epsilon_{iks}$  and  $\epsilon_{iks}$  emps, where the symbol  $\delta_{ik}$  is called the identity matrix (Kronecker delta) defined by:

$$\delta_{ik} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = k \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq k \end{cases}$$

and the symbol  $\epsilon_{iks}$  is called Levi - Civita antisymmetric tensor defined by:

$$\epsilon_{ikm} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } ikm = 123, 231, 312 \\ -1 & \text{for } ikm = 132, 213, 321 \\ 0 & \text{in all other cases} \end{cases}$$

and  $\epsilon_{iks} \epsilon_{mps} = \delta_{im}\delta_{kp} - \delta_{ip}\delta_{km}$ . There are no isotropic tensors of the first rank,  $f^{(0)r}$  isotropic tensor of rank **m**, which are product of  $m/2$  Kronecker deltas if **m** is even, and products of kronecker deltas, and Levi - Civita antisymmetric tensor if **m** is odd, the index **r** in  $f^{(0)r}$ , is used to differentiate the various index permutations of **f**, each of which contracts with a tensor of rank **m** to give one of rank **j**.

**2 - Isotropy:**

A material is isotropic with respect to certain properties if these properties are the same in all directions.

**3 - Trace ( $E_{ij}$ ) =  $tr(E_{ij}) = E_{ii} = E_{11} + E_{22} + E_{33}$ .**

4 - Irreducible sets obtained by reducing sets of tensors serve to construct new tensors in various ways. Consider first the simultaneous reductions of the set of components of an ordinary tensor **T** and of the corresponding set of base unit tensors. This operation splits the tensor into a sum of tensors, each of which consists of an irreducible set of base tensors. Each of these tensors may accordingly be called an irreducible tensor. For example a second rank tensor represented by:

$$T = iiT_{xx} + ijT_{xy} + \dots + kkT_{zz},$$

revolves into three parts, the form of this expression emphasizes the structure of the irreducible tensor, and in terms of irreducible sets, where:

$$T^{(0;1)} = \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} T_{pp}$$

$$T^{(1;1)} = \frac{1}{2} (T_{ij} T_{ji})$$

$$T^{(2;1)} = \frac{1}{2} (T_{ij} T_{ji}) - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} T_{pp}$$

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