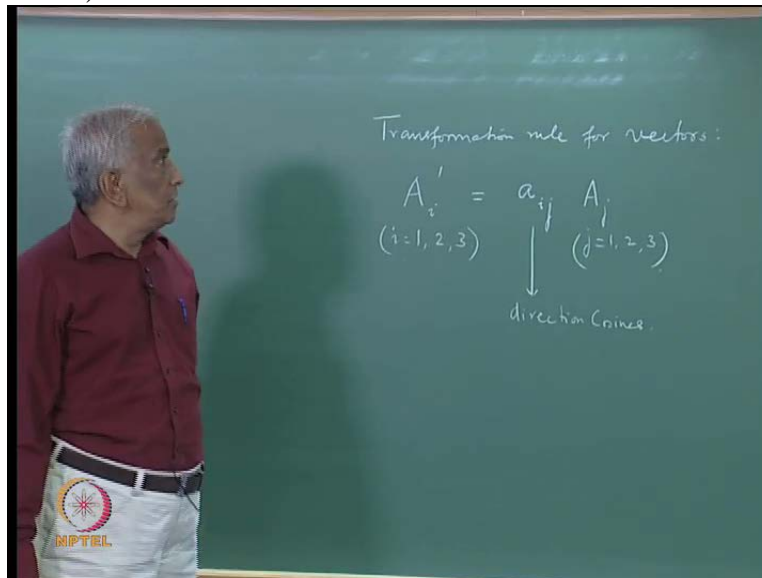


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**Lecture - 7**  
**Physical Properties of Crystals (Continued)**

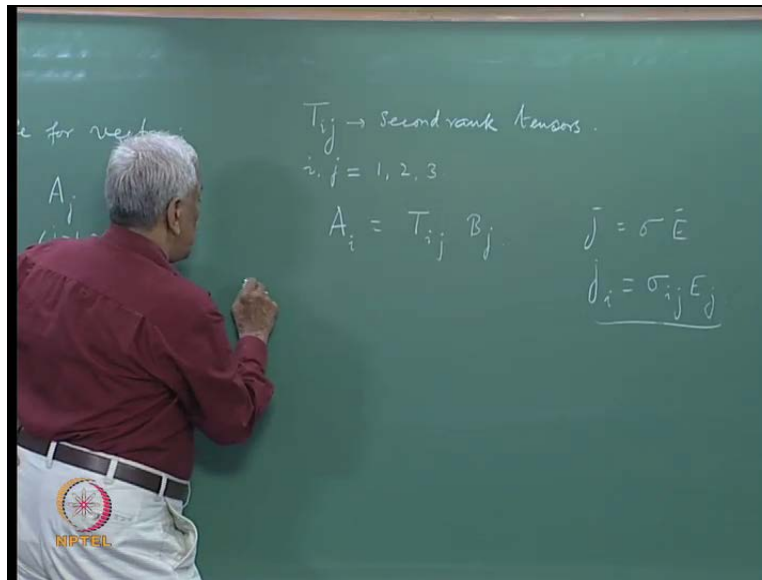
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Last time we wrote the transformation rule for vectors in the following form, if  $A_i'$  are the components of a vector  $A$  in a primed coordinate system, and  $A_j$  are the corresponding components of the same vector in an un-primed coordinate system, then if these two coordinate systems are related by a transformation coefficient  $a_{ij}$ , then the transformation rule for the components of a vector quantity  $A$  connecting the components in the two coordinate systems is given by a relation of this form  $A_i' = a_{ij} A_j$ , where the repetition over the subscript  $j$  implies summation.

And  $a_{ij}$ 's are the direction cosines of the coordinate axis in the primed system with respect to the corresponding axis in an un-primed system. So this is the general transformation rule and this immediately enables us to generalize the definition to tensor quantities of higher rank.

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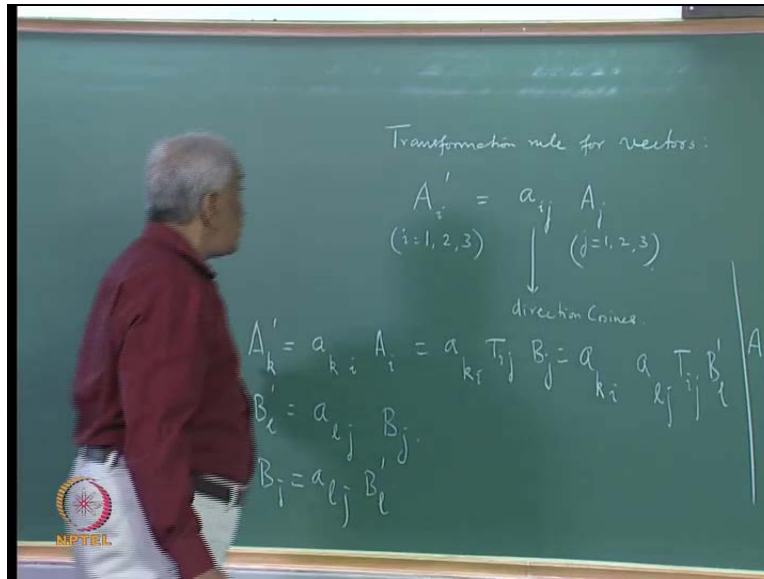


For example let  $T_{ij}$  be the components of a second-rank tensor, we saw last time that electrical conductivity, electric permittivity, electric susceptibility, these are all quantities which correspond to second rank tensors. So let  $T_{ij}$  represent any tensor  $T$  of second rank, where the subscript  $i, j$  run over one, two, and three; in three dimensional space as we already seen such a second rank tensor is something that connects to vector quantities  $A_i$  and  $B_j$ .  $A_i$  and  $B_j$  are the components of the vector quantities,  $A$  and  $B$  in a given coordinate systems, and this  $T_{ij}$  gives you the connection between these two for example  $j$  equal to sigma  $E$  where which defines the electrical conductivity may be returned index form by  $\sigma_{ij} E_j$ , where  $E$  is the electric field so  $\sigma_{ij}$  is the tensor quantity which relates  $j$  to  $E_j$ .

So this is a general form of such a tensor. And now we want to find how the tensor transformation how the tensor quantity  $T_{ij}$  transforms under a coordinate transformation a linear coordinate transformation so for this we start with the definition of  $T_{k'l'}$  the same tensor quantity specified not in the un-primed coordinate system but in the primed coordinate system such a tensor quantity is obviously would be relating a similar would be following a similar relation in the primed coordinate systems may be  $A_{k'} = T_{k'l'} B_{l'}$  where  $k, l$  run over again one two three so that would be the relation between the  $A_{k'}$  and  $B_{l'}$  why are the tensor quantity  $T_{k'l'}$  in the primed coordinate system now we know

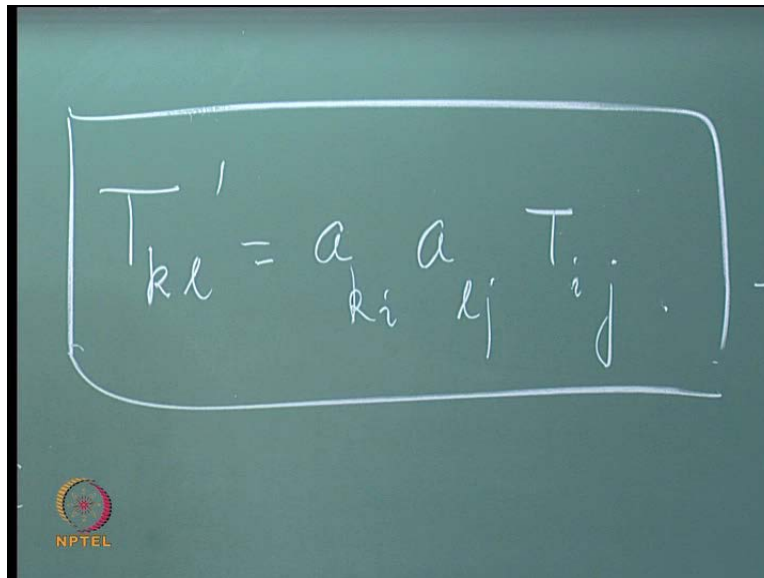
that there is the transformation rule for A vector quantity so i know how A k prime and A i are related A k prime all that we do is change this dummy indexes.

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So I can write A k prime equal to A k and i need on this side A i A k i A i that would be the similarly I have b l prime is A l j b j so these would be the transformation rule for the vector A and b in terms of the coefficient A k i and A l j i again i j k l running over one two three as before so suppose I start from this and write A i as T i j b j. Now from this I can write the inverse transformation as A a l j b l prime, so that I can replace this sphere and write A k i A l j T i j b l prime and this is what we say is given by these, so this is equal to T k l prime b l prime, so from this I can see at this quantity corresponds to this.

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$$T'_{kl} = a_{ki} a_{lj} T_{ij}$$

So I can write the transformation rule  $T'_{kl} = a_{ki} a_{lj} T_{ij}$  that would be the transformation rule for a tensor quantity  $T$ . So now we know looking at this and this we can generalize this transformation rule for a tensor of any arbitrary higher rank so suppose I have  $T_{pqrs}$  etcetera can be written as  $a_{pi} a_{qj} a_{rk} a_{sl} T_{ijkl}$  etcetera where the subscript's correspond to a tensor of any arbitrary high rank so that is the general transformation rule for a tensor quantity  $T$  of arbitrary rank so that will give the general rule using this transformation equation table gives you a few examples giving the rank as a tensor and then they corresponding transformation rule forward or backward that is the new component when you make a transformation from an unprimed to a primed coordinate system what will be components of this tensor in the primed coordinate systems in terms of the old unprimed components and the second column gives you the corresponding situation for the old component in terms of the new components.

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Rank of the tensor	Physical Property	Parameters involved in the measurement	Defining equation
ONE	Pyroelectric coefficient $p_i$	Polarization (vector) and Temperature (scalar)	$\Delta P_i = P_i \Delta T$
TWO	Electrical conductivity	Current density (vector) and Electric field (vector)	$J_i = \sigma_{ij} E_j$
	Dielectric Susceptibility	Electric Polarization (vector) and Electric field	$P_i = x_{ij}^E \epsilon_0 E_j$
	Magnetic susceptibility	Magnetization (vector) and Magnetic field	$M_i = x_{ij}^M H_j$
	Thermal conductivity	Rate of Heat flow (vector) and temperature gradient (vector)	$h_i = -k_{ij} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j}$

Table- 7.2

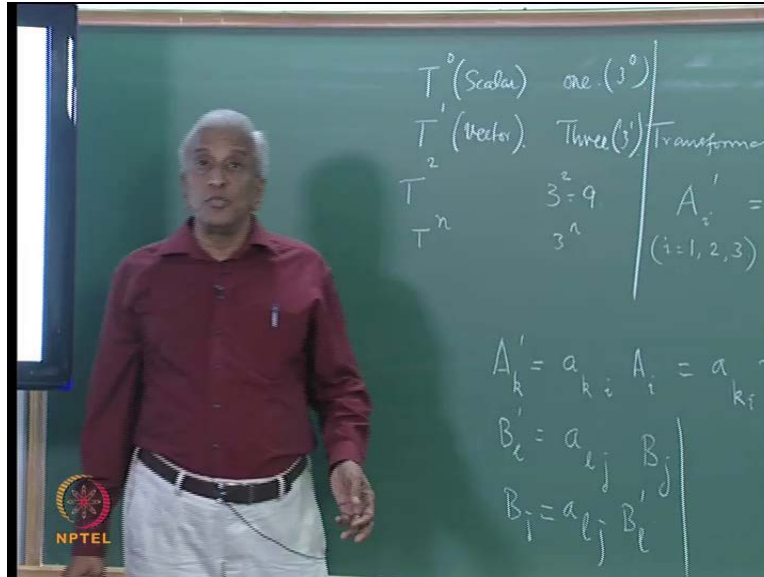


So this is just a straight forward application of this rule in next table list's some important physical properties examples of various physical quantities and they are rank or order and the corresponding defining equation for example pyroelectricity pyroelectricity is establishment (refer time: 11:00) of an electric polarization when you increase the temperature of a sample, so the pyroelectric coefficients that corresponds to tensor of rank one or a vector whereas as we already seen quantities such as the electricity conductivity electric susceptibility magnetic susceptibility thermal conductivity these are all tensor's second-rank for the corresponding transformation rule is given in the last defining a equation is given in the last column then for as examples of tensors of rank three you have a direct piezoelectric coefficient we all have heard of the how piezoelectricity generated, and an electric field is establish when certain crystals are such as quartz are subjected to pressure, so that is the piezoelectric.

And you can have an indirect or reverse piezoelectric phenomenon in which A instead of A pressure generating an electric field an electric field sets of A pressure so this is use for A example in the application of piezoelectric quartz crystal it is used in stabilization of high frequency an electronics circuits so in this you have the these are all examples of tensors of rank three then as I discuss last time elastic modulate such as the elastic stiffness or the elastic compliance which defines the relation between the elastic stress and strain or vice versa there

corresponds to tensors of rank four, the next come to an important concepts of how the symmetry of A crystal affects physical properties of the crystals.

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Now, we have seen that are tensor tensor of rank zero namely A scalar has just one component which is the magnitude of the scalar quantity whereas the tensor of rank one which we is more commonly known as A vector as three components three independent components this you will remained ourselves this is nothing but the four one then the tensor of rank two as in general three square equal to nine common independent components, and so on so in general the tensor of rank n as three to the power n independent components.

Now if you have a such a large number of independent component it should be rather difficult that is where the symmetry of A crystal enables as to deal with A much smaller number of components independent components so a tensor so that the life becomes simple this influence of symmetry on the number of independent components that are physical property mean process is governed by what is known as neumann's principles according to which the physical property of any crystal must include the symmetry elements of the point group of the crystal it can have symmetry which is more than that but it must at least have the symmetry of the point so to know whether a physical property process a certain symmetry or not we must determination the physical properties for example electrical conductivity relative to some fixed axis in the crystal

then the symmetry operation has to be performed on the crystal for example A rotation about given axis then the physical properties should be again determined making the measurement in the same direction as before if the symmetrical properties remains the same after the symmetry operation has been performed then that physical properties is process that particular symmetric neumann's principal says that the symmetry elements of A physical property include those of the point for the crystal. We have already discuss the various point groups to which various crystals along this means that the physical property may process more symmetry then the point group in fact many cases it is in did...

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Electrical conductivity – a second rank tensor

The electrical conductivity tensor is written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

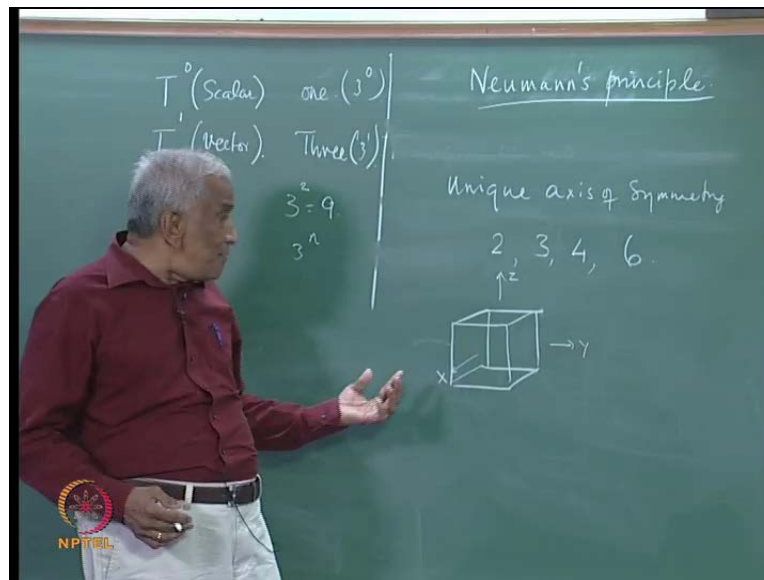
It may be proved that the electrical conductivity tensor is a symmetric tensor, i.e., .

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji}$$

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So now we can see how this symmetry influences the number of independent component that have given physical property in A process for example let us consider as few simple example start with we all know that there are so called doubly refracting or birefringent solids crystals in which the refracting index has not just one value but two values.

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And if it is usually because of the fact that such a crystal such as a birefringent crystal as a unique point corresponds to a point group which has a unique axis of symmetry which involves a rotation about a particular axis so this rotation may be a twofold rotation, a threefold rotation, and a fourfold rotation or sixfold rotation so in that case when you have such a unique axis it made

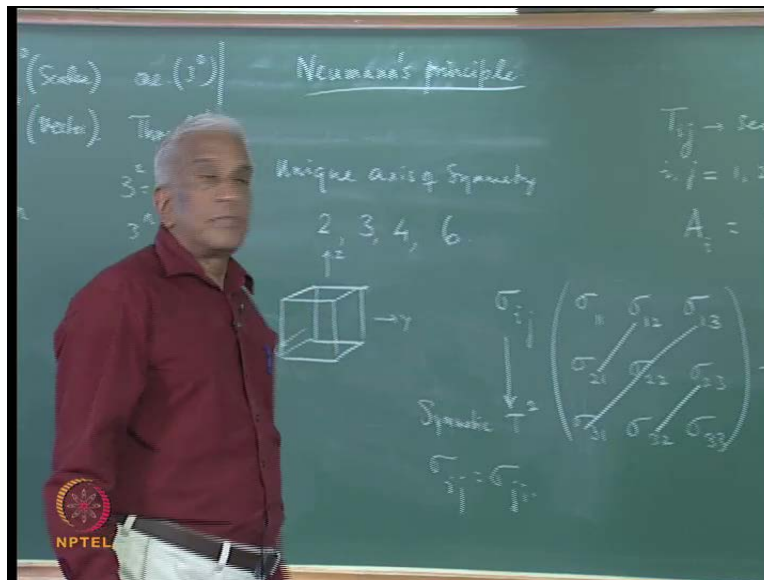
sense to see is a matter of common sense to see that there is a refractive index will have a particular value if it is measured along that particular axis of symmetry and if you go in the plane perpendicular to the axis of symmetry then the value of the refractive index slightly to be having a different value so this is all birefringence arises. So this is one simple situation where one can readily intuitively understand that the number of components such as the two components of a refractive index will depend on whether that solid possesses an axis of symmetry or not similarly if you have a complete cubic symmetry for a solid such as sodium chloride for example is an alkali halide which possesses a cubic symmetry, so if you have a cubic symmetry then you can see from again intuitively understand from the behavior of a cube that it has a symmetric behavior in all three orthogonal crystallographic axes  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  or  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ .

So, you have the same behavior because this cube possesses symmetry in all these three orthogonal directions so one can intuitively expect that the physical property which should



possess the symmetry elements of this cubic solid should also have the same value A along the three directions so all the three independent which are normally independent components of this physical property will now have A single value so that there is only one independent value for the physical property in this case so these are all matters where we can intuitively understand that they higher symmetry of A crystal will correspond to A reduction of the number of independent components that that physical property may have.

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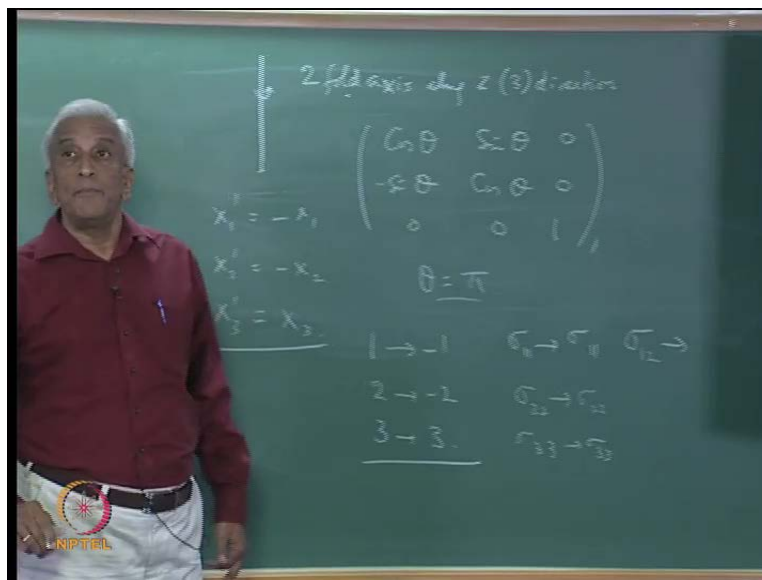


Next coming to the electrical conductivity  $\sigma_{ij}$  which we will write have to in full as  $\sigma_{11}$   $\sigma_{12}$   $\sigma_{13}$   $\sigma_{21}$   $\sigma_{22}$   $\sigma_{23}$   $\sigma_{31}$   $\sigma_{32}$   $\sigma_{33}$ , so this is the array of nine independent components for a tensor a second-rank such as the electrical conductivity but we can show that the electrical conductivity tensor is not just any second rank tensor that it is a symmetric second-rank tensor in other words  $\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji}$  if you apply the electric field in the direction j and measure the current density along the i th direction you get  $\sigma_{ij}$  but if instead you apply the electric field along the i th direction. And measure the current density along the jth direction you get  $\sigma_{ji}$  and intuition again tells us that these two will be the same because of the symmetry with respect to the reversal of interchange of cause and effect so because of this, we can readily see that the components  $\sigma_{12}$  and  $\sigma_{21}$  and  $\sigma_{13}$  and  $\sigma_{31}$  and  $\sigma_{23}$  and  $\sigma_{32}$  they are all identical so that

these nine independent components really reduced to a set of six and the others are just the same so they are no longer independent. So we have only six instead of nine we have only six independent components in this case, so now this number still is high but depending on the additional symmetry of the physical property which includes the symmetry of the point group of the crystal the number of independent component may get further reduced for example in the case of A cubic solid which we saw we have all the components are the same and we have just one number so the number of independent components are the electrical conductivity reduces to just one in this case, so that is why a cubic solid is an isotropic solid it doesn't exhibit an isotropic it has the same value in all the three directions.

If you have a crystal of for a cubic solid so the number of components is just one in this case if you have a crystal of uniaxial symmetry and if the three the axis, which is symmetric is taken to be the third axis then we will we can readily see that the number of independent components will be just these one component one value along the three axes along the axis of rotation along the axis of uniaxial symmetry and another one in the the plane perpendicular to this is the case with conductivity or refractive index and so on such an axis is known as the optic axis that the high symmetry present reduces the number of independent components we can see this in A bit more quantitative way by the following discussion of this effect of symmetry.

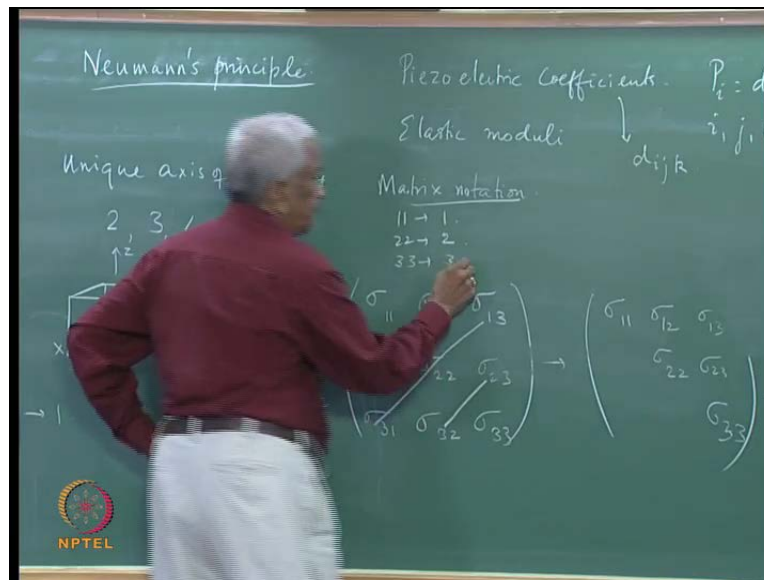
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Suppose IO have A four fold axis or A two fold axis let me take A two fold axis suppose this axis is A two fold axis this is along the z direction which we take as the third direction this is A two fold axis along z or three directions if the crystal possesses such A twofold axis then we can readily see that the presence of the two fold axis along the z direction means that we have A transformation before adopt the rotation which are given by so become minus x one this becomes minus x two while x three remains the same, so that is the transformation rule which we can readily see from the general rule of  $\cos \theta$  general transformation metrics of  $\cos \theta$   $\sin \theta$  zero minus  $\sin \theta$   $\cos \theta$  zero zero zero one where  $\theta$  equal to  $\pi$  this is substitute the  $\pi$  you get this result so these are the transformation rules which governed a components are the coordinates in the case of a twofold axis along the z direction.

So this means that the transformation this twofold rotation changes one to minus one two to minus two and leas three the same suppose we consider the electrical conductivity this means  $\sigma_{11}$  will transform, now to  $\sigma_{11}$  minus one this will become minus  $\sigma_{11}$  in this case but there will be also be the other one and that will again become minus, so this will again go to  $\sigma_{11}$  one the two negatives two minus one the product of two minus one plus one similarly for  $\sigma_{22}$  remains the same  $\sigma_{33}$  three of course remains the same but if we come to things like  $\sigma_{12}$  again that will be the same because go to one and to become minus one and minus two therefore the product will again remain the same but when we go to  $\sigma_{13}$  only one goes to minus one and three remains as plus three so this will be minus  $\sigma_{13}$  and the only way if the physical property have the symmetry; these two should be equal so the only way A quantity  $\sigma_{13}$  can be the negative of itself used by its vanishing identically leaving behind only the other four components these are the only nonzero components for A two fold axis which can do the same thing for any combination of symmetry elements which we have discuss in the case of point groups.

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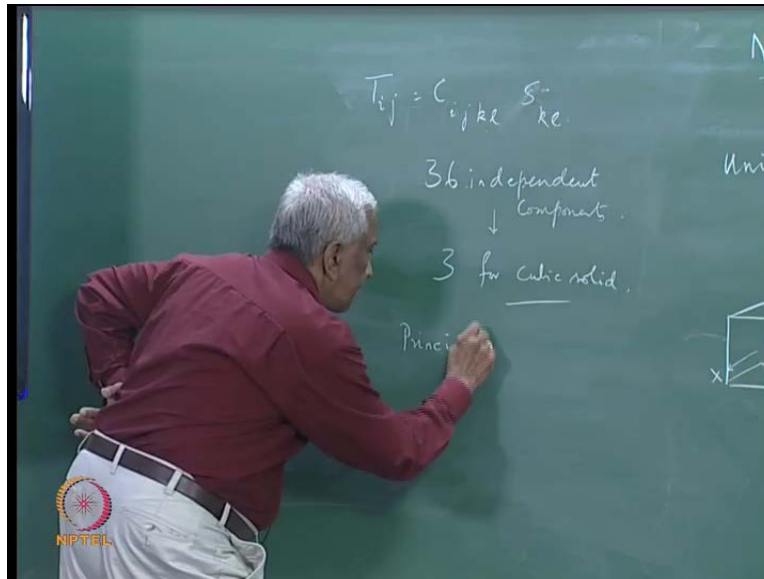


We will take up two specific situations one is the electric coefficients and the other one is the elastic model and examine in brief the (refer time: 30:00) consequence of symmetry on this the governing equation for the piezoelectric coefficients for where  $i, j, k$  run over one two three  $d_{ijk}$ 's are the piezoelectric coefficients  $P_i$  is the polarization components and  $\sigma_{jk}$  are the components are the applied stress tensor, so the general equations governing them are known now if we want to go further we introduced for compactness the matrix notation simplifies this three subscript notation into a two subscript notation for which will simply write one one becomes just one two two is two three three is three.

And then two three and three two are replaced by four with that we can write this tensor in a much more compact form so that and then we can examine how these various components under symmetry there are now because it is a third-rank tensor with symmetry connections there are eighteen piezoelectric coefficients in general, but depending on the symmetry of the crystal the number of independent coefficients get reduced as we have discussed in the case of a simple example like a twofold symmetry for example for uniaxial symmetry it can be shown that there are only three this reduces to three for uniaxial symmetry and this is what makes life somewhat easy for example piezoelectric trans gives us made of the ceramic piezoelectric have such a symmetry that they possess one unique axis and there are three piezoelectric coefficients the piezoelectric coefficient

which corresponds to the so-called longitudinal more the transfer more and the share more similarly when we come to elastic constants this is a fourth rank tensor.

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And we have a relation like  $T_{ij} = C_{ijkl} S_{kl}$  these are the stress and strain relation coefficients and there can also be a reverse relation connecting the strains to these stresses so defining the elastic compliance now here again we can in general have thirty-six because this is a fourth rank tensor we can have thirty-six independent coefficients which reduced to in the case of a cubic solid so there will be only three for a cubic solid, so you can see that the symmetry can cause a considerable drastic reduction of the number of independent components which one has to specify in order to specify the components of a physical property this is the main result of such analysis for a tensor physical properties corresponding to different tensors are summarized in the next table that we will just mention that the number of independent components determine the number of quantities that one has to specify in order to completely describe a given physical property.

So one can in general specify the principal components in what is known as the principal coordinate axis system which whose in a principal coordinate system for example for a tensor of rank two you have to specify the three component principal components in such a coordinate system. And the orientation of this coordinate system with respect to any other arbitrary

coordinate system, so this is how a second rank tensor is specified, so this is we have now seen the effect of crystal symmetry on the physical properties in this lecture.