

$$\Rightarrow p^3(A) = \sum_{\#I=3} \det(A_{I,I})$$

Here, $\epsilon(\sigma) = \text{sign } \{\sigma(3), \sigma(4), \sigma(5)\}$, since $\sigma(1)=1$, $\sigma(2)=2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^3 A : \Lambda^3 \mathbb{R}^5 &\longrightarrow \Lambda^3 \mathbb{R}^5 \\ e_i \wedge e_j \wedge e_k &\longmapsto A e_i \wedge A e_j \wedge A e_k. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^3 A(e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3) &= A e_1 \wedge A e_2 \wedge A e_3 \\ &= (a_{11} e_1 + a_{21} e_2 + a_{31} e_3) \wedge (a_{12} e_1 + a_{22} e_2 + a_{32} e_3) \\ &\quad \wedge (a_{13} e_1 + a_{23} e_2 + a_{33} e_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} - a_{21} a_{12} a_{33} + a_{21} a_{32} a_{13} - a_{11} a_{32} a_{23} \pm a_{31} a_{12} a_{23} \pm a_{31} a_{22} a_{13}) e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3 + \dots$$

$$= \det(A_{\{1,2,3\}, \{1,2,3\}}) e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda^3 A(e_i \wedge e_j \wedge e_k) = \dots + \det(A_{\{i,j,k\}, \{i,j,k\}}) e_i \wedge e_j \wedge e_k + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{trace}(\Lambda^3 A) = \sum_{\#I=3} \det(A_{I,I})$$

Practice: $A e_1 \wedge A e_2 \wedge A e_3$

$$= a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3 + a_{\sigma(1)1} e_{\sigma(1)} \wedge a_{\sigma(2)2} e_{\sigma(2)} \wedge a_{\sigma(3)3} e_{\sigma(3)} + \dots$$

$$= \sum \epsilon(\sigma) a_{\sigma(1)1} a_{\sigma(2)2} a_{\sigma(3)3} e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3 + \square$$

$$= \det(A_{\{1,2,3\}, \{1,2,3\}}) e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3 + \square \quad \Rightarrow$$

The polynomials p^i are called the elementary invariant polynomials. In fact, any holomorphic function f on M_n invariant under conjugation is expressible as a power series in the p^i . If we set