

Exercise 8.

$$a. \chi_{ijkl}^{(3)} \propto (\underbrace{\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl}}_{\substack{\text{first 2} \\ + \\ \text{last 2}}} + \underbrace{\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl}}_{\substack{1,3 \text{ and} \\ 2,4}} + \underbrace{\delta_{il}\delta_{jk}}_{\substack{1,4 \text{ and} \\ 2,3}})$$

All identical

for χ_{iiii} all three δ pairs are true and $1 \rightarrow 3$; same for $\chi_{iiii}; \chi_{zzzz}; \chi_{zzzz}$
for any of the other combinations just one δ set is non-zero, but
for any combination that has an odd number of elements $\chi_{ijkl} \rightarrow 0$.

b. For an isotropic medium that looks the same in every direction the $\chi^{(3)}$ tensor should also be isotropic \rightarrow we need an even number of x, y and z indices

E.g. χ_{zxxx} : 3 x polarized fields exit in the z direction;
but since the material is isotropic there should be an equal $-z$ response.

c. χ_{xxzz} : remains unchanged if we apply the inversion symmetry operator, or a mirror operation, or a rotation operation.

These off-diagonal elements are symmetric - non-vanishing under all symmetry operations of an isotropic material.

Compare this to a product of two $\chi^{(2)}$ tensors.