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e) $\sum_k \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmk} = 0$ unless there is

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"overlap" of i, j with l, m since otherwise

at least some $\epsilon_{...}$ factor is always zero.

If $i=l$ and $j=m$, then we get $\epsilon_{...}^2$, which for one term in the sum is $=1$.

If $i=m$ and $j=l$, then we get $-\epsilon_{...}^2$, which for one term in the sum is $=-1$.

Thus we have

$$\sum_k \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmk} = \delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}$$

Suppose we write

$$\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \sum_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} b_i c_j \hat{e}_k$$

and $\vec{a} = \sum_l a_l \hat{e}_l$. Then

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = -(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \times \vec{a}$$

$$= - \sum_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} b_i c_j a_l \hat{e}_k \times \hat{e}_l$$