

$$\sigma : (F^{-T} \cdot \dot{E} \cdot F^{-1})$$

Let's represent each tensor with another symbol for simplicity:

$$F^{-T} = A$$

$$\dot{E} = B$$

$$F^{-1} = C$$

Writing  $(A \cdot B \cdot C)$  and  $\sigma$  in indicial form:

$$A \cdot B \cdot C = A_{km} B_{mp} C_{pt} e_k \otimes e_t$$

$$\sigma = \sigma_{ij} e_i \otimes e_j$$

$$\sigma : (A \cdot B \cdot C) = (\sigma_{ij} e_i \otimes e_j) : (A_{km} B_{mp} C_{pt} e_k \otimes e_t)$$

$$= \sigma_{ij} A_{km} B_{mp} C_{pt} (e_i \otimes e_j) : (e_k \otimes e_t)$$

$$= \sigma_{ij} A_{km} B_{mp} C_{pt} (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jt})$$

$$= (C_{pt} \delta_{jt}) \sigma_{ji} (A_{km} \delta_{ik}) B_{mp}$$

Note that  $\sigma$  is symmetric!

$$= (C_{pj} \sigma_{ji} A_{im}) B_{mp}$$

$$= (C\sigma A)_{pm} B_{mp}$$

$$= (C\sigma A)_{mp}^T B_{mp}$$

$$= (C\sigma A)^T : B$$

Substituting the symbols with original ones:

$$(C\sigma A)^T : B = (F^{-1} \sigma F^{-T})^T : \dot{E}$$

$$= F^{-1} \sigma^T F^{-T} : \dot{E}$$

Note that  $\sigma^T = \sigma$