
General Relativity

By precise approach

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Preliminaries

Manifolds

1. Topological Manifolds

Def 1.1 Topological Manifolds

A manifold M of dimension n is a topological space with the following properties.

1. M is Hausdorff
2. M is locally Euclidean of dimension n
3. M has a countable basis of open sets

Why?

- Hausdorff : In Hausdorff space, convergent sequences converge to only one point. If you want to do calculus, you should need Hausdorff space.
- Locally Euclidean : This is the main reason that why we require manifolds.
- Countable Basis : We need **partition of unity** to bring many properties of Euclidean space. For Hausdorff space, existence of partition of unity require **paracompactness**. And paracompactness follows from **second countability**. It is same as have countable basis.

1.1 Supplement

Thm 1.1.1 Paracompact \simeq Partition of unity

Let (X, τ) be a topological space that is T_1 (all points are closed). Then the following are equivalent:

- I. (X, τ) is paracompact and Hausdorff
- II. Every open cover of (X, τ) admits a subordinate partition of unity

To prove this, we need a wide background knowledge.

Def 1.1.2 Hausdorff

Given points x and y of S , if $x \neq y$, then there exist open neighborhoods U of x and V of y in S that are disjoint: such that $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

Def 1.1.3 Locally finite cover

Let (X, τ) be a topological space.

An open cover $\{U_i \subset X\}_{i \in I}$ of X is called *locally finite* if $\forall x \in X$, there exists a neighbourhood $U_x \supset \{x\}$ such that it intersects only finitely many elements of the cover, hence such that $U_x \cap U_i \neq \emptyset$ for only a finite number of $i \in I$.

Def 1.1.4 Refinement of open covers

Let (X, τ) be a topological space, and let $\{U_i \subset X\}_{i \in I}$ be an open cover. Then a *refinement* of this open cover is a set of open subsets $\{V_j \subset X\}_{j \in J}$ which is still an open cover in itself and such that for each $j \in J$ there exists an $i \in I$ with $V_j \subset U_i$.

Def 1.1.5 Paracompact topological space

A topological space (X, τ) is called *paracompact* if every open cover of X has a refinement by a locally finite open cover.

Def 1.1.6 Partition of unity

Let (X, τ) be a topological space, and let $U_i \subset X$ be an open cover. Then a *partition of unity* subordinate to the cover is

- a set $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$ of continuous functions

$$f_i : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

2) Differentiable Manifolds

Def 2.1: C^∞ - Compatible

We say U, φ and V, ψ are C^∞ -compatible if $U \cap V$ nonempty implies $\varphi \circ \psi^{-1}$ and $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$ to be diffeomorphisms of the open subsets $\varphi(U \cap V)$ and $\psi(U \cap V)$ of \mathbb{R}^n .

Def 2.2: Differentiable Structure

A differentiable or C^∞ (or smooth) structure on a topological manifold M is a family $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha\}$ of coordinate neighborhoods such that

1. the U_α cover M ,
2. $\forall \alpha, \beta$ the neighborhoods U_α, φ_α and U_β, φ_β are C^∞ -compatible,
3. any coordinate neighborhood V, ψ compatible with every $U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha \in \mathcal{U}$ is itself in \mathcal{U}

Def 2.3: Differentiable Manifold

A C^∞ manifold is a topological manifold together with a C^∞ -differentiable structure.

Thm 2.4: Uniqueness with Hausdorff

Let M be a Hausdorff space with a countable basis of open sets. If $\{V_\beta, \psi_\beta\}$ is a covering of M by C^∞ -compatible coordinate neighborhoods, then there is a unique C^∞ structure on M containing these coordinate neighborhoods.

3) Lie Group

We know \mathbb{R}^n is C^∞ -manifold & Abelian group with component-wise addition as group operation. And we can find next two maps are differentiable :

$$(x, y) \rightarrow x + y$$

$$x \rightarrow -x$$

Then we can generalize these facts.

Def 3.1: Lie Group

G is a Lie group provided that the mapping of $G \times G \rightarrow G$ defined by $(x, y) \mapsto x \cdot y$ where \cdot is group operation of G and the mapping of $G \rightarrow G$ defined by $x \mapsto x^{-1}$ are both C^∞ mappings.

3) Vector Field and One parameter group

Def 2.1: Vector Field

A Vector field X on M is a function assigning to each point p of M a vector $X_p \in T_p(M)$

$$X : M \rightarrow T(M) = \bigcup_{p \in M} T_p(M)$$

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2. Differentiation

2.1 Tensor fields and congruences

1) Supplement for Vector

Def 1.1: Tangent Space

We define the *tangentspace* $T_p(M)$ to be the set of all mappings $X_p : C^\infty(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the two conditions

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with the vector space operations in $T_p(M)$ defined by

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Thm 1.2

Let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a C^∞ map of manifolds for $p \in M$. Then there are two homomorphisms such that

$$\begin{aligned} F^* : & \text{ defined by } F^*(f) = \\ F_* : & \text{ defined by } F_*(X_p)f = \end{aligned}$$

When $F : M \rightarrow M$ is identity then F^*, F_* are isomorphism.

pf

Cor 1.4

If $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a diffeomorphism of M onto an open set $U \subset N$ and $p \in M$, then $F_* : T_p(M) \rightarrow T_{F(p)}(N)$ is an isomorphism onto.

Note: Coordinate reps of vector

$$\begin{aligned} X_p f &= \frac{d}{dt} [f \circ \gamma(t)] \\ &= \\ &= \end{aligned}$$

Since we know $F_*(u)f = u(f \circ F)$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (f \circ \varphi^{-1}) =$$

Therefore

$$\therefore X_p = X_p^i E_{ip}$$