

Connection and Curvature

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1 Affine Connections

Problem 1.1.

2 Riemannian Connections

3 Curvature

Problem 3.1. *Prove the second Bianchi identity in the natural frame:*

$$R_{ijkl,h} + R_{ijlh,k} + R_{ijhk,l} = 0$$

Problem 3.2. *Suppose the Riemann curvature tensor R for a Riemannian manifold (M^m, g) satisfy the following:*

$$R(X, Y, Z, W) = \frac{1}{m-1} \{S(Y, Z)g(X, W) - S(Y, W)g(X, Z)\}$$

, where S is the Ricci tensor, and if $m \geq 3$, (M^m, g) has constant curvature.

Problem 3.3. Suppose (M^3, g) is a three-dimensional Riemannian manifold. At any $p \in M^3$, take the coordinate system $\{x^i\}$, s.t. at p we have $g_{ij} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right\rangle = 0, i \neq j$. Prove that for $i, j, k \neq$ at p , the following holds:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{ij} &= \frac{1}{g_{kk}} R_{ikjk} \\ R_{ii} &= \frac{1}{g_{jj}} R_{ijij} + \frac{1}{g_{kk}} R_{ikjk} \\ R_{ijij} - g_{ii} R_{jj} - g_{jj} R_{ii} + \frac{1}{2} \rho g_{ii} g_{jj} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.4. Suppose (M^m, g) is a connected Einstein manifold and $m \geq 3$,

- (i) if $m = 3$, then (M^m, g) has constant curvature.
- (ii) if the scalar curvature ρ of (M^m, g) does not vanish, then there is no parallel vector field on (M^m, g) .

Problem 3.5. Suppose $M^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is an immersed surface, and has the Riemannian metric induced by the Euclidean metric on \mathbb{R}^3 , prove that the sectional curvature on M^2 is the Gauss curvature.

Problem 3.6. Calculate the sectional curvature, Ricci curvature and scalar curvature of the sphere

$$S^m(r) = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1} \mid \sum_i (x^i)^2 = r^2(\text{constant}) \right\}$$

. The Riemannian metric on $S^m(r)$ is induced by the Euclidean metric on \mathbb{R}^{m+1} .

Proof. Let's elaborate on the Riemann curvature tensor. □

4 Harmonic Forms

Problem 4.1. Suppose $\alpha \in A^1(M)$, then

$$\int_M (\delta\alpha)\eta = 0$$

Proof.

□

Problem 4.2. Suppose M is compact smooth Riemannian manifold without boundary, $h, f \in C^2(M)$. Prove the following Green formula:

$$\int_M (h\Delta f - f\Delta h)\eta = 0$$

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Proof. Recall that $\Delta = -(\mathrm{d}\delta + \delta\mathrm{d})$. $h\Delta$.

According to theorem 3.4.4, we have $(\mathrm{d}\alpha, \beta) = (\alpha, \delta\beta)$.

we have

$$\int_D (h\Delta f)\eta = - \int_D \langle \mathrm{d}h, \mathrm{d}f \rangle \eta$$

□

Problem 4.3. Take the geodesic polar coordinates on (M, g) :

$$g = (\mathrm{d}r)^2 + g_{ij}(r, \theta) \mathrm{d}\theta^i \mathrm{d}\theta^j, 1 \leq i, j, k \leq m-1$$

. Suppose $f = f(r)$ is independent from $\{\theta^i\}$, prove that

$$\Delta f = f'' + \frac{m-1}{r} f' + f' \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \log \sqrt{G}$$

, where $G = \det(g_{ij})$ and $'$ denotes ordinary differentiation with respect to r .

Proof.

□