

$\nabla: TM \rightarrow M$. let ∇ be a connection and let x_i be a local frame.
let α_i be its dual frame.

$$\nabla: \mathcal{X}(M) \times \mathcal{X}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(M)$$

or

$$\nabla: \mathcal{X}(M) \rightarrow \Gamma(T^*M \otimes TM)$$

$\nabla_{x_i} x_j = \Gamma_{ij}^k x_k$. we can also look at ∇x_j is a $(1,1)$ tensor field. let $y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$

$y = y^i x_i$ let us compute the components of $\nabla y = (\nabla y)_i^j \alpha^i \otimes x_j$

$$\text{Note } (\nabla y)_i^j = (\nabla y)(x_i, \alpha^j)$$

$$= (\nabla_{x_i} y)(\alpha^j)$$

$$= (\nabla_{x_i} (y^k x_k))(\alpha^j)$$

$$= \alpha^j ((x_i y^k) x_k + y^k \nabla_{x_i} x_k)$$

$$= \alpha^j ((x_i y^k) x_k) + \alpha^j (y^k \Gamma_{ik}^l x_l)$$

$$= (x_i y^k) \delta_k^j + y^k \Gamma_{il}^l \delta_l^j$$

$$= x_i y^j + y^k \Gamma_{ik}^j$$

$$\nabla: \Gamma(T^{(k,l)}M) \rightarrow \Gamma(T^*M \otimes T^{(k,l)}M) \cong \Gamma(T^{(k+l,l)}M) \Rightarrow \text{if } \omega \in \Omega^1(M) \text{ then } \nabla \omega \in \Gamma(T^{(2,0)}M)$$

Exercise: Is $\nabla \omega$ a 2 form?

Note that $\omega = \omega_i \alpha^i$. Recall $\nabla_{x_i} \alpha^j = -\Gamma_{ik}^j \alpha^k$

$$(\nabla \omega)_{ij} = (\nabla \omega)(x_i, x_j)$$

$$= (\nabla_{x_i} \omega)(x_j)$$

$$= (\nabla_{x_i} (\omega_k \alpha^k))(x_j)$$

$$= ((x_i \omega_k) \alpha^k + \omega_k \nabla_{x_i} \alpha^k)(x_j)$$

$$= (x_i \omega_k) \delta_j^k - \omega_k \Gamma_{ik}^l \alpha^l(x_j)$$

$$= x_i \omega_j - \omega_k \Gamma_{ij}^k$$

If $F \in \Gamma(T^{(k,l)}M) \Rightarrow \nabla F \in \Gamma(T^{(k+1,l)}M)$ we can "differentiate" again to get
 $\Rightarrow \nabla^2 F \in \Gamma(T^{(k+2,l)}M)$
 $\cong \Gamma(T^*M \otimes T^*M \times T^{(k,l)}M)$

Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold. Then $\hat{g}: TM \rightarrow T^*M$ is a bundle isomorphism. Hence we have an inverse $\hat{g}^{-1}: T^*M \rightarrow TM$.

If $f \in C^\infty(M)$ then $df \in \Omega^1(M) \Rightarrow df_p \in T_p^*M$

Define $\text{grad}(f) \in X(M)$ so that $\hat{g}(\text{grad}f) = df$ or in other words $\text{grad}f = \hat{g}^{-1}(df)$.

If $\{\partial_i\}$ are coordinate vector fields then $g_{ij} = g(\partial_i, \partial_j)$ and $df = \partial_i f dx^i$

Note that $\hat{g}: \partial_i \mapsto g_{ij} dx^j$ and so $\hat{g}^{-1}: dx^i \mapsto g^{ij} \partial_j$

$$\hat{g}^{-1}(df) = (\partial_i f) \hat{g}^{-1}(dx^i)$$

$$= (\partial_i f) g^{ij} \partial_j$$

Examples: If $g_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \Rightarrow (\text{grad } f)_i = \partial_i f$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } g = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 &\Rightarrow \text{grad } f = \partial_r f g^{rr} \partial_r + \partial_\theta f g^{\theta\theta} \partial_\theta \\ &\quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ &= (\partial_r f) \partial_r + \frac{1}{r^2} (\partial_\theta f) \partial_\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$[g] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow [g^{-1}] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{r^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Let (M, g) be an oriented Riemannian manifold. Given an orthonormal frame α^i we can define $dVg = \alpha^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha^n$.

Exercise: Show that this is well defined. Hint: If $T_p: \alpha_p^i \mapsto \beta_p^i$ where β_p^i is also orthonormal then $\det T_p = \pm 1$

$$\text{where } \sqrt{g} = \sqrt{\det g}$$

In a coordinate frame, one can check that $dVg = \int_M dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n$

Exercise: Check this.

Note if $x \in X(M)$ then $\tau_x dVg \in \Omega^{n-1}(M) \Rightarrow d(\tau_x dVg) \in \Omega^n(M)$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad$ \uparrow
 $(\text{div } x) dVg$

We can now define $\Delta f = \operatorname{div}(\operatorname{grad} f)$. We can define $\Delta \omega$ for $\omega \in \wedge^k(M)$ by defining the "Hodge Star" operator.

If $X = X^i \partial_i$ in a coordinate frame then

$$2x \, dV_g = (-1)^{i-1} \sqrt{g} \, x^i \, dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dx^i} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{then } d(x^i dx^n) &= (-1)^{i-1} \partial_j (\sqrt{g} x^i) dx^j \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \overset{\wedge}{dx^i} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n \\
 &= \partial_i (\sqrt{g} x^i) dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \partial_i (\sqrt{g} x^i) \right) \underbrace{(\sqrt{g} dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n)}_{dV_g}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\operatorname{div} X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \partial_i (\sqrt{g} x^i)$ moreover $\Delta f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \partial_i (\sqrt{g} g^{ij} \partial_j f)$

Examples: If $g = (dx^1)^2 + \dots + (dx^n)^2$ then $\operatorname{div} X = \partial_i x^i$

If $g = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2$ and so $\operatorname{div} x = \frac{1}{r} (\partial_r(rx^r) + \partial_\theta(rx^\theta))$

$$[g] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{r} (x^r + r \partial_r x^r + r \partial_\theta x^\theta)$$

$$\det g = r^2 = \frac{1}{r} x^r + \partial_r x^r + \partial_\theta x^\theta$$

$$\sqrt{\det g} = r$$

Let $\pi: E \rightarrow M$ be a vector bundle and let ∇ be a connection

We define the map $\text{Riem}: \mathcal{X}(M) \times \mathcal{X}(M) \times \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E)$ defined by

$$\nabla_{[X,Y]}S = \nabla_X\nabla_Y S - \nabla_Y\nabla_X S - \nabla_{[X,Y]}S \in \Gamma(E)$$

Exercise: Show that this is multilinear over $C^\infty(M)$. Hence it is a tensor.

If $E = TM$ we can ask a stronger question: Is $\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X = [X, Y]$?

The failure of this is the torsion: $T: \mathfrak{X}(M) \times \mathfrak{X}(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}(M)$ such that

$$T(X, Y) = \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y]$$

Theorem: If (M, g) is a Riemannian manifold then there exists a unique connection ∇ on TM s.t. $T_\nabla = 0$ and $\nabla g = 0$.

This connection is called the Levi-Civita connection.

$\pi: E \rightarrow M$ vector bundle with connection ∇ .

Let $\{S_i\}$ be a local frame for E and let α^i be the dual.
 Let $\{x_i\}$ be a local frame for TM and let ρ^i be its dual.

$$Riem_g = R_{ijk}^l \rho^i \otimes \rho^j \otimes \alpha^l \otimes s_k \text{ where } R_{ijk}^l = \alpha^l(R(x_i, x_j)s_k)$$

Note $\nabla_{x_i} s_k = f_{ik}^o s_o$ and so

$$[x_i, x_j] = \wedge_{ij}^r x_s$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Riem}_\nabla(X_i, X_j)S_k &= \nabla_{X_i}\nabla_{X_j}S_k - \nabla_{X_j}\nabla_{X_i}S_k - \nabla_{[X_i, X_j]}S_k \\ &= \nabla_{X_i}(\Gamma_{jk}^\sigma S_\sigma) - \nabla_{X_j}(\Gamma_{ik}^\sigma S_\sigma) - \nabla_{[X_i, X_j]}S_k \\ &= (X_i \Gamma_{jk}^\sigma)S_\sigma + \Gamma_{jk}^\sigma \Gamma_{i\sigma}^k S_\sigma - (X_j \Gamma_{ik}^\sigma)S_\sigma - \Gamma_{ik}^\sigma \Gamma_{j\sigma}^k S_\sigma - \Gamma_{ij}^\sigma \Gamma_{k\sigma}^k S_\sigma \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } R_{ijk}^{\ell} &= \alpha^{\ell} ((X_i \Gamma_{ij}^{\sigma}) s_{\sigma} + \Gamma_{jk}^{\sigma} \Gamma_{i\sigma}^{\gamma} s_{\gamma} - (X_j \Gamma_{ik}^{\sigma}) s_{\sigma} - \Gamma_{ik}^{\sigma} \Gamma_{j\sigma}^{\gamma} s_{\gamma} - \Lambda_{ij}^{\gamma} \Gamma_{ik}^{\sigma} s_{\sigma}) \\ &= (X_i \Gamma_{ij}^{\ell}) - (X_j \Gamma_{ik}^{\ell}) + \Gamma_{jk}^{\sigma} \Gamma_{i\sigma}^{\ell} - \Gamma_{ik}^{\sigma} \Gamma_{j\sigma}^{\ell} - \Lambda_{ij}^{\gamma} \Gamma_{ik}^{\ell} \end{aligned}$$

In a coordinate frame $\lambda_{ij}^k = 0$ hence

$$R_{ijk}^{\ell} = \partial_i \Gamma_{ij}^{\ell} - \partial_j \Gamma_{ik}^{\ell} + \Gamma_{jkl}^{\sigma} \Gamma_{i\sigma}^{\ell} - \Gamma_{ik}^{\sigma} \Gamma_{j\sigma}^{\ell}$$

On TM with the Levi-Civita connection we can define the Ricci tensor $\text{Ric}(X, Y) = \text{tr}(Z \mapsto R(Z, X)Y)$ and this has components $R_{ij} = R_{kij}{}^k$

Exercise: Check this formula.

We can define the scalar curvature as $R = R_i{}^i$

We say a metric g is an Einstein metric if $\text{Ric} = \lambda g$.

(vacuum, no cosmological constant)

Hilbert realised that the Einstein field equations are the "Euler-Lagrange equations" corresponding to $S(g) = \int_M R dV_g$