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Part I

Basic Geometry

Chapter 1

Geometry in Regions of a Space

§1 Co-ordinate and its transformation

Definition 1.1 (Jacobian). A transformation of co-ordinate from \mathbf{x} to \mathbf{y}

$$\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) = y^i(x^j)\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i = y(x^j).$$

Its *Jacobian*:

$$\mathbf{J} = \left(\frac{\partial y^i}{\partial x^j} \right) \quad (1-1)$$

A *vector* \mathbf{u} at point \mathbf{x}_0 under such transformation would follow:

$$v^i = \left. \frac{\partial y^i}{\partial x^j} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0} u^j \quad (1-2)$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{J}_0 \mathbf{u}$$

A linear form (*covector*) $\ell: \mathbf{x} \mapsto \ell(\mathbf{x}) = l_i x^i$ under such transformation would follow:

$$l'_i dy^i = l_j dx^j \quad \Rightarrow \quad l'_i = \left. \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial y^i} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0} l_j \quad (1-3)$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \mathbf{l}' = \mathbf{l} \mathbf{J}_0^{-1}$$

A linear transformation $\mathcal{L}: \mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{L}\mathbf{x}$ where $\mathbf{L} = (L^i_j)_{i,j \in n}$ under such transformation would follow:

$$\begin{aligned} dy(\mathcal{L}^i(\mathbf{x})) &= (L^i_j)^i dy^j \\ &= \left. \frac{\partial y^i}{\partial x^k} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0} d\mathcal{L}^k(\mathbf{x}) = \left. \frac{\partial y^i}{\partial x^k} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0} L^k_h dx^h = \left. \frac{\partial y^i}{\partial x^k} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0} L^k_h \left. \frac{\partial x^h}{\partial y^j} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0} dy^j \end{aligned}$$

$$(L')^i_j = \left. \frac{\partial y^i}{\partial x^k} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0} L^k_h \left. \frac{\partial x^h}{\partial y^j} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{L}' = \mathbf{J}_0 \mathbf{L} \mathbf{J}_0^{-1} \quad (1-4)$$

A bilinear form $\mathcal{B}: \mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{b} \mathbf{x} = x^i b_{ij} x^j$:

$$b'_{ij} dy^i dy^j = b'_{ij} \left. \frac{\partial y^i}{\partial x^k} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0} \left. \frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^h} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0} dx^k dx^h = b_{kh} dx^k dx^h \Rightarrow b'_{ij} = \left. \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial y^h} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0} b_{kh} \left. \frac{\partial x^h}{\partial y^j} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0}$$

i.e. $\mathbf{b}' = (\mathbf{J}_0^{-1})^T \mathbf{b} \mathbf{J}_0^{-1}$ (1-5)

§2 Riemannian and Pseudo-Riemannian Spaces

Definition 2.1 (Riemannian metric). A **Riemannian metric** \mathbf{G} is a smooth, positive-definite quadratic form defined on a finite-dimensional vector space over \mathbb{R} .

Given a basis, we usually denote the Riemannian metric by $g_{ij}(\mathbf{x})$.

We can define **arc length** ℓ and **inner product** \langle, \rangle in a **Riemannian space** (i.e. a vector space equipped with a Riemannian metric):

$$\ell := \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{g_{ij}[\mathbf{x}(t)] \frac{dx^i}{dt} \frac{dx^j}{dt}} dt, \quad \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle := g_{ij} u^i v^j.$$

We can also introduce the following notation: $u_i := g_{ij} u^j$, which means the linear form $\mathbf{v} \mapsto u_i v^i$; and $d\ell^2 = g_{ij} dx^i dx^j$.

Definition 2.2 (Euclidean metric). If a metric $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x})$ is said to be **Euclidean** if there exists a coordinates $\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})$ s.t.

$$g_{ij} = \delta_{k\ell} \frac{\partial y^k}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial y^\ell}{\partial x^j}.$$

Such coordinates $\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})$ are said to be a **Euclidean coordinates**.

Definition 2.3 (Pseudo-Riemannian metric). A **pseudo-Riemannian metric** \mathbf{G} is a smooth, indefinite quadratic form defined on a finite-dimensional vector space over \mathbb{R} .

A pseudo-Riemannian metric shall have the following canonical form at some coordinates:

$$\mathbf{G} = \text{diag}(\eta_1^2, \dots, \eta_p^2, -\eta_{p+1}^2, \dots, -\eta_n^2)$$

where η

By Sylvester's law of inertia, the index of inertia i.e. the number of positive terms on the canonical form, shall conserve under any coordinate change.

Definition 2.4 (Pseudo-Euclidean metric). If a metric $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x})$ is said to be **pseudo-Euclidean** if there exists a coordinates $\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})$ s.t.

$$g_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{\partial y^k}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial y^k}{\partial x^j} - \sum_{\ell=p+1}^n \frac{\partial y^\ell}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial y^\ell}{\partial x^j}.$$

Such coordinates $\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})$ are said to be a **pseudo-Euclidean coordinates**.

We denote a pseudo-Euclidean space by $\mathbb{R}_{p,n-p}^n$, where p is the index of inertia. Especially, we call $\mathbb{R}_{1,3}^4$ the **Minkowski space**, since its significance in relativistic mechanics.

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Symbol List

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