

Vector & Tensor algebra.

(pseudo) Riemannian manifold

physical law \rightarrow reduce locally-inertial coordinates.

1. Scalar fields.

A real (or complex) scalar field defined on a (subset) manifold \mathcal{M} assign real (complex) number to each point P in (subset) \mathcal{M} .

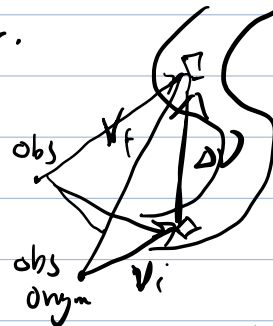
\Downarrow

$\mathcal{M} \quad x^1 \ x^2 \ \dots \ x^N.$

$x^a \in$

$\phi(x^a) \rightarrow \text{number}.$

$$\phi(x^a) = \phi(x'^a)$$



2. Vector fields

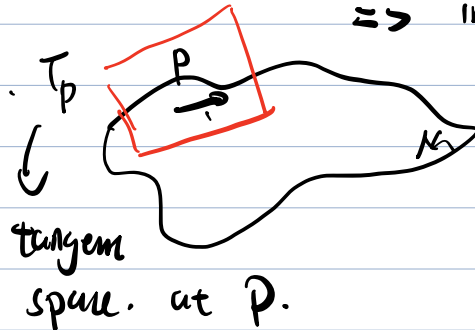
{ displacement vec.

connect two points in space.

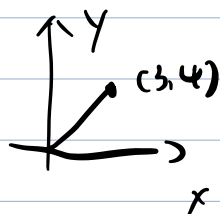
{ local vector, measured at a given observation point and solely to that point.

Displacement $\rightarrow M$ has an embedding in some higher-dimensional Euclidean space.

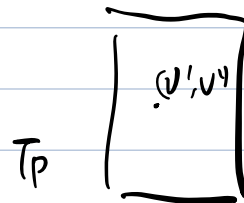
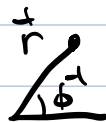
\Rightarrow intrinsic geometry.



$T_P \Rightarrow$ at P consider vector $v = v^a \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a}$



$$3\vec{e}_x + 4\vec{e}_y$$



x^a coordinate chart.

$$v = v^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + v^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}$$

x^1

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x'^a} = \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^a} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^b}$$

$$v'^a = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^b} v^b$$

$$v \rightarrow v'^a \frac{\partial}{\partial x'^a} = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^b} v^b \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^a} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^c}$$

$$= v^b \frac{\partial}{\partial x^c} \delta_b^c$$

$$= v^b \frac{\partial}{\partial x^b} = v$$

3. Dual vector fields.

consider gradient of a scalar field.

$$\phi. \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^a} = X_a \uparrow$$

$$X_a' = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x'^a} = \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^a} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^b} = \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^a} X_b$$

define $X_a' = \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^a} X_b$ under a coordinate transf
as components of a dual vector.

(consider T_p at p)

dual \uparrow (T_p^*)

$$X_a' v'^a = \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^a} X_b \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^c} v^c = X_b v^c \delta_c^b = X_b v^b$$

vector

\Rightarrow invariant.

4. Tensor fields.

if $T_p(M)$ & $T_p^*(M)$ take k dual vectors.
and l vectors at p and returns a number.

\Rightarrow we say such a tensor to be of type.

(k, l) and have a rank $k+l$.

T_{ab} type $(0, 2)$ $0/k \rightarrow$ contravariant

T^{ab} type $(2, 0)$ $0/l \rightarrow$ covariant.

$$T^{\uparrow a \dots b}_{\uparrow c \dots d} = T^{\downarrow p \dots q}_{\downarrow r \dots s} \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^p} \dots \frac{\partial x'^b}{\partial x^q} \frac{\partial x^r}{\partial x'^c} \dots \frac{\partial x^s}{\partial x'^d}$$

$k+l=0$. rank $=0$. \Rightarrow scalar fields.

$k=1, l=0$. \Rightarrow vectors.

$k=0, l=1$ \Rightarrow dual vectors.

4.1 contraction.

\Rightarrow setting an upstairs and downstairs index equal and summing.

$$(k, l) \rightarrow (k-1, l-1)$$



$$S^a = T^{ab} \delta_b$$

$$T'^{ab}_c = \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^p} \frac{\partial x'^b}{\partial x^q} \frac{\partial x^r}{\partial x'^c} T^{pq}_r$$

$$S'^c = \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^p} \frac{\partial x'^b}{\partial x^q} \frac{\partial x^r}{\partial x'^c} T^{pq}_r$$

$$= \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^p} \delta_q^r T^{pq}_r$$

$$= \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^p} S^p$$

5. Metric Tensor.

$$ds^2 = \underbrace{g_{ab}}_{\text{metric}} dx^a dx^b \quad \text{line element.}$$

$$g'_{ab} = \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^a} \frac{\partial x^d}{\partial x'^b} g_{cd} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{type} \\ (0,2) \text{ tensor.} \end{array}$$

\Rightarrow metric tensor

$$g(u,v) = g_{ab} u^a v^b$$

\equiv scalar, $\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{Dual.} & \text{Vec} & \end{array}$

this metric provides a map between vec & dual

vec at a point between $T_p(M)$ & $T_p^*(M)$

$$v_a \equiv g_{ab} v^b.$$

$$T_{ab} \equiv g_{ad} T^d_b$$

$$T_{abc} \equiv g_{ap} g_{bq} T^{pq}_c$$

$$g_{a \dots b}$$

S.1 inverse metric.

type (2,0).

$$(g^{-1})^{ab} g_{bc} = \delta^a_c$$

$$(g^{-1})^{ab} = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^c} \frac{\partial x'^b}{\partial x^d} (g^{-1})^{cd}$$

$$(g'^{-1})^{ab} g'_{bc} = \delta^a_c \Rightarrow (g^{-1})^{ab}$$

$$T_a{}^{bc} \equiv g_{ad} g^{ce} T^{ab}_e$$

6. Tensor (vector) calculus on Manifolds

laws of physics \rightarrow how to do derivative
on a general manifold
with Tensor?

$$f(x, y) \frac{df}{dt}.$$

7. Derivatives of a scalar field.

$$\begin{array}{l} y = x \\ \frac{dy}{dx} = 1. \end{array} \quad \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x'^a} = \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^a} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^b}}_{(f)}$$

$$\delta \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^a} \delta x^a$$

\uparrow
vector

coordinate separation
 δx^a .

8. Tensor fields.

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial v'^b}{\partial x'^a}}_{\text{axd}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x'^a} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial x'^b}{\partial x^c}}_{\text{axd}} v^c \right) \quad \dots b$$

$$= \frac{\partial x^d}{\partial x'^a} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^d} \left(\frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^b} v^c \right)$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{\partial x^d}{\partial x'^a} \frac{\partial v^c}{\partial x^d} \frac{\partial x'^b}{\partial x'^c}}_{\text{type (1,1) tensor}} + \frac{\partial x^d}{\partial x'^a} v^c \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 x^b}{\partial x'^a \partial x'^c}}$$

introduce covariant derivative.

the covariant derivative of a type

(k, l) tensor $T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l}$.

is a type $(k, l+1)$ tensor, denoted by

$$\nabla_c T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l}$$

Properties:

(1) scalar fields. $\nabla_a \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^a}$.

(2) linearity $\nabla_c (\alpha T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l} + \beta S^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l}) = \alpha \nabla_c T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l} + \beta \nabla_c S^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l}$

$$= \alpha \nabla_c T + \beta \nabla_c S.$$

(3) Leibnitz $\nabla_f (T^{a_1 \dots a_n}_{b_1 \dots b_l} S^{c_1 \dots c_m}_{d_1 \dots d_n})$

$$= (\nabla_f T) S + T (\nabla_f S)$$

$$\boxed{\nabla_a v^b} = \frac{\partial v^b}{\partial x^a} + \Gamma_{ac}^b v^c$$

type (1,1) tensor.

↓
connection coefficient.

$$\nabla'_a v'^b = \frac{\partial v'^b}{\partial x'^a} + \Gamma'^b_{ac} v'^c$$

$$= \frac{\partial x^d}{\partial x'^a} \left(\frac{\partial x'^b}{\partial x^c} \frac{\partial v^c}{\partial x^d} \right) + \frac{\partial x^d}{\partial x'^a} \frac{\partial x'^b}{\partial x^d \partial x^c} v^c + \Gamma'^b_{ac} \frac{\partial x'^c}{\partial x^d} v^d$$

$$= \frac{\partial x^d}{\partial x'^a} \frac{\partial x'^b}{\partial x^c} \nabla_d v^c - \frac{\partial x^d}{\partial x'^a} \frac{\partial x'^b}{\partial x^c} \Gamma^c_{de} v^e$$

and ...

$$+ \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^a} \frac{\partial^2 x'^c}{\partial x^d \partial x^c} v^c + \Gamma_{ac}^{b'} \frac{\partial x'^c}{\partial x^d} v^d.$$

$$\underline{\Gamma_{bc}^{a'}} = \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^d} \frac{\partial x^e}{\partial x'^b} \frac{\partial x^f}{\partial x'^c} \Gamma_{ef}^d - \underbrace{\frac{\partial x^d}{\partial x'^b} \frac{\partial x^e}{\partial x'^c} \frac{\partial^2 x'^c}{\partial x^d \partial x^e}}_{\downarrow}$$

DO NOT transform as a inhomogeneous tensor.

$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{bc}^a$ is unique up to a type (1, 2) tensor.

$$\nabla_a (u^b v^c) = \underbrace{(\nabla_a u^b)} + u^b \underbrace{(\nabla_a v^c)}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial u^b}{\partial x^a} + \Gamma_{ad}^b u^d \right) v^c$$

$$+ u^b \left(\frac{\partial v^c}{\partial x^a} + \Gamma_{ad}^c v^d \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} (u^b v^c) + \Gamma_{ad}^b u^d v^c + \Gamma_{ad}^c u^b v^d$$

$$\nabla_a (x^b v^b) = \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x^a} v^b + \partial v^b$$

$$\nabla_a (\Lambda_b v^b) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} \Lambda_b v^b + \Lambda_b \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} v^b.$$

Note,

metric tensor.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_c g^a_b &= \cancel{\partial_c \delta^a_b} + \underbrace{\Gamma_{cd}^a \delta^d_b}_{\Gamma_{cb}^a} - \Gamma_{cb}^d \delta^a_d \\ &= \Gamma_{cb}^a - \Gamma_{cb}^a = 0. \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow covariant derivative commutes with contraction. ($g^a_b = \delta^a_b$)

$$\nabla_c \delta^a_b = 0.$$

$$\Gamma_{bc}^a = \frac{1}{2} g^{ad} (\partial_b g_{dc} + \partial_c g_{db} - \partial_d g_{bc})$$

\Rightarrow allows computation of the connection coeff in an arbitrary coord sys

$$\nabla_a g^{bc} = 0. \quad g_{ab} g^{bc} = \delta^c_a.$$

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left| \begin{aligned} & \cdot (\det M)^{-1} \partial_c \det M \\ & = \text{Tr}(M^{-1} \partial_c M) \end{aligned} \right.$$

tr (matrix)

$$\text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3.$$

$$\int \cdot \ln(\det M) = \text{Tr}(\ln M)$$

$$\Gamma_{ac}^a = \frac{1}{2} g^{-1} \partial_c g = |g|^{-1/2} \partial_c |g|^{1/2}$$

9. Div, curl, Laplacian.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_a v^a &= \partial_a v^a + \Gamma_{ab}^a v^b \\ &= |g|^{-1/2} \partial_a (|g|^{1/2} v^a) \end{aligned}$$

$$(\text{curl } X)_{ab} = \nabla_a X_b - \nabla_b X_a$$

($\nabla \times \nabla \cdot$)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \partial_a X_b - \Gamma_{ab}^c X_c \\ &\quad - (\partial_b X_a - \Gamma_{ba}^c X_c) \end{aligned}$$

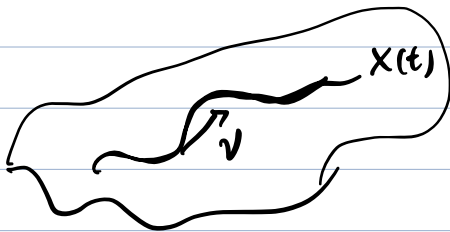
$$= \partial_a X_b - \partial_b X_a$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi \equiv \nabla_a (g^{ab} \nabla_b \phi)$$

$$= |g|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \partial_a (|g|^{\frac{1}{2}} g^{ab} \partial_b \phi)$$

$$\nabla^2 \tau^{ab} = g^{cd} \nabla_c \nabla_d \tau^{ab}$$

10. Intrinsic derivative.

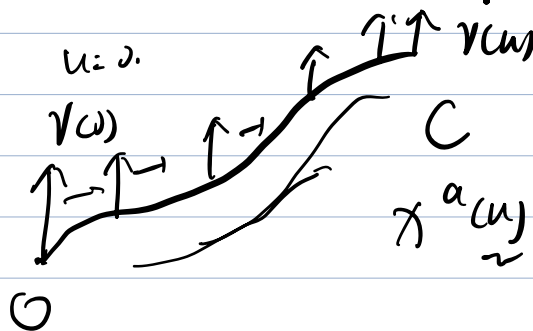


$$\frac{Dv^a}{du} = \frac{dx^b}{du} \nabla_b v^a$$

$$= \frac{dx^b}{du} (\partial_b v^a + \Gamma_{bc}^a v^c)$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{dv^a}{du}}_{\text{usual ordinary}} + \frac{dx^b}{du} \Gamma_{bc}^a v^c$$

11. Parallel transport.



length / direction of v are conserved.

the resulting vector field $v(u)$

is said to be parallel transport

$$\frac{Dv^a}{Du} \approx 0.$$

$$\frac{DT^{ab}}{Du} \approx 0.$$

Length

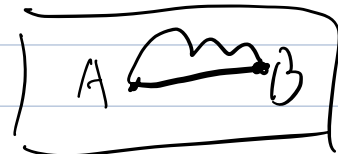
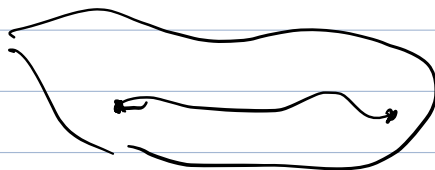
$$\frac{d|v|^L}{dn} = \frac{D}{Du} (g_{ab} v^a v^b)$$

$$= 2g_{ab} v^a \frac{Dv^b}{Du} = 0.$$

12. Geodesic curves.

\Rightarrow straight lines on a Euclidean space.

free particle in GR follows Geodesic curve in spacetime.



tangent vector $t^a = \underline{dx^a}$

$$g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{du} \frac{dx^\nu}{du} = 0.$$

$$\underline{g_{(t,t)} > 0} \quad \text{timelike.}$$

$$g_{(t,t)} < 0 \quad \text{spacelike.}$$

$$g_{(t,t)} = 0. \quad \text{null/lightlike}$$

non-null curve.

$$|t| = \underbrace{\left| g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{du} \frac{dx^\nu}{du} \right|}^{t^2}{}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left| \frac{ds}{du} \right|$$

$s \rightarrow$ path length

Relation to parallel transport.

$$\frac{D t^\alpha}{du} = 0.$$

non-null geodesic \Leftrightarrow tangent vector.

Particle Dynamics.

tensor algebra / calculus.

\Rightarrow SR (4-vector)

rotating frame

Minkowski spacetime.

$$ds^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\text{diag}(+1, -1, -1, -1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_{ab} g^{ab}$$

$$\eta^{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1)$$

Lorentz transfr

$$\eta_{\dots} = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^b} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x^c} \eta_{\dots}$$

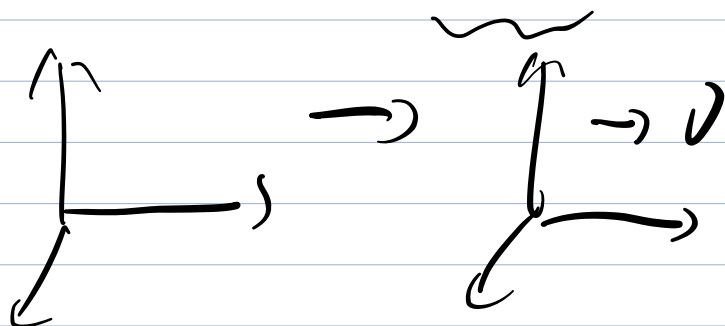
$v^{\mu\nu}$

$\partial x'^{\mu}$

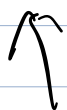
$\partial x'^{\nu}$ (μ, ν)

\downarrow
 Λ^{ρ}_{μ}

\downarrow
 Λ^{σ}_{ν}



$$x' = \gamma(x - ct\beta)$$



$$\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$