

# 1 Tensors

## Definition 1.1 (Tensors).

If  $\dim \mathcal{M} \neq \infty$ , the tensors of type  $(r, s)$   $T_p^{r,s} \mathcal{M}$  are all the linear functions

$$f : \bigtimes^r T_p^* \mathcal{M} \times \bigtimes^s T_p \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

I.e., it eats  $r$  covectors and  $s$  vectors.

## Theorem 1.1 (Dimensions of General Tensor Space).

The dimension of  $T_p^{r,s} \mathcal{M}$  is  $m^r m^s$ . In particular, a basis for the space is,

$$\bigotimes_{1 \leq \mu_1 \dots \mu_r \leq m} \left( \partial_{\mu_i} \right)_p \otimes \bigotimes_{1 \leq \nu_1 \dots \nu_s \leq m} (dx^{\nu_i})_p$$

## ✍ Remark.

For a detailed proof, see Hoffman.

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## Theorem 1.2 (Transformation Properties of Tensor Fields).

Given a manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  of dimension  $m$ , choose two overlapping charts  $\phi : U \rightarrow V$  with local coordinates  $x^1, \dots, x^m$ ,  $\phi' : U' \rightarrow V'$  with  $x'^1, \dots, x'^m$ . A tensor field  $T$  with local representation on  $U$  given by

$$T^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_s} \partial_{\mu_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \partial_{\mu_r} \otimes dx^{\nu_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dx^{\nu_s}$$

transforms like

$$T^{\mu'_1 \dots \mu'_r}_{\nu'_1 \dots \nu'_s} = T^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_s} \frac{\partial x'^{\mu'_1}}{\partial x^{\mu_1}} \dots \frac{\partial x'^{\mu'_r}}{\partial x^{\mu_r}} \frac{\partial x^{\nu_1}}{\partial x'^{\nu'_1}} \dots \frac{\partial x^{\nu_s}}{\partial x'^{\nu'_s}}$$