

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,

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

↗ **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

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