

# Tensors DSLs and Curved Space-Time

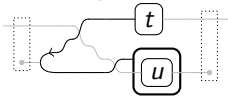
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Tensor calculus uses a terse but effective language for expressing physical laws. It was instrumental already a century ago in the formulation of Einstein's general relativity. We have implemented two tensor DSLs embedded in Haskell, the conversions between them, and helper functions to view the tensors in Einstein index notation and as diagrams. As an example we express Einstein's General Relativity equation for the curvature of space-time and verify that the Schwarzschild metric tensor is a solution. [based on [arXiv.org/abs/2312.02664](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.02664)]

# Contributions

- We provide two tensor EDSLs connected by automatic conversions: the index-based ALBERT and the morphism-based ROGER.
- The index-notation, diagram notation and matrices can be generated.
- example  $t\ u = \text{contract}(\lambda^i{}_i \rightarrow t^i \star \text{deriv}_i u)$  can either:
  - 1 render itself as the index-notation expression  $t^i \nabla_i u$ ;
  - 2 render itself as the diagram  or
  - 3 run on matrix representations of the tensors  $t$  and  $u$  and compute the result
- Motivating example: Einstein's General Relativity equation for the curvature of space-time and the Schwarzschild metric tensor.

# Tensor definitions from introductory texts

*A tensor of rank  $n$  is an array of  $3^n$  values (in 3-D space) called “tensor components” that combine with multiple directional indicators (basis vectors) to form a quantity that does not vary as the coordinate system is changed. (Fleisch 2011)*

*An  $n$ th-rank tensor in  $m$ -dimensional space is a mathematical object that has  $n$  indices and  $m^n$  components and obeys certain transformation rules. (Rowland and Weisstein 2023)*

These are typical - but rather confusing: there is this underlying “mathematical object” but also “ $3^n$  ... components” which “obeys certain transformation rules”.

The components are described as “values”, but as they “transform” they are more properly thought of as functions (but from what?).

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Example space:

Start from  $S = \mathbb{R}$  and a 2D vector space  $V$  with basis vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ .

Any vector  $v : V$  can be written as  $v = v^1 \triangleleft e_1 + v^2 \triangleleft e_2$ .

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- The unit type represents the (trivial) 1-Dim vector space of the real numbers. The canonical basis element is 1 and any value in this vector space can be written  $s \triangleleft 1$ .
- Example object: The 2D example space  $V$ .
- Example arrow: the linear transformation  $\text{rot}_{90} :: V \rightsquigarrow^z V$ . In the orthonormal basis it can be represented as the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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**Examples:**

$s: \mathbf{1} \overset{z}{\rightsquigarrow} \mathbf{1}$  determined by a scalar

$v: \mathbf{1} \overset{z}{\rightsquigarrow} V$  determined by a vector in  $V$  (two components)

$u: V \overset{z}{\rightsquigarrow} \mathbf{1}$  a “vector-eater” - determined by two components

$f: V \overset{z}{\rightsquigarrow} V$  a proper linear transformation - determined by a matrix

These examples are tensors of order  $(0,0)$ ,  $(0,1)$ ,  $(1,0)$ , and  $(1,1)$ .

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- The *rank* of a tensor is the minimum number of simple tensors that sum to it.
- The rank of  $\delta$  (in 2D-space) is 2, the rank of  $\text{rot}_{90}$  is 2, etc.

- A tensor  $t: V \xrightarrow{Z} \mathbf{1}$  is called covector.
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- More tensor examples:
  - an “inner product” has type  $V \otimes V \overset{z}{\rightsquigarrow} \mathbf{1}$ , thus order  $(2,0)$
  - a metric has type  $\mathbf{1} \overset{z}{\rightsquigarrow} V \otimes V$ , thus order  $(0,2)$



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- $t_l^j u_m^k v_i^{lm} + v_i^{jk}$  denotes a tensor of order (1,2).  
Its live indices are  $i, j, k$ , and the indices  $m$  and  $l$  are dummies.

# Implementation sketch

- We implement two DSLs: one for the morphisms and one for “index notation”.
- The DSL for morphisms is called ROGER (after Penrose) and is based on Symmetric Monoidal Categories (SMCs).
- The DSL for index notation is called ALBERT (after Einstein) and is based on (type-)linear functions between “ports” .
- The DSLs are connected through these isomorphisms:  
tensorEmbed :: (CompactClosed z)  $\Rightarrow$   $(a \overset{z}{\rightsquigarrow} b) \rightarrow (\forall r. P \ z \ r \ a \multimap P \ z \ r \ b^* \multimap R \ z \ r)$   
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**Figure:** Diagram, categorical, and index notations for morphisms of SMCs (of example types).

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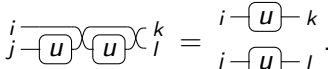
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Another example (of order (2,2)):

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- Diagram:  $\begin{array}{c} i \\ \text{---} \\ j \end{array} \text{---}^k \text{---} \begin{array}{c} j \\ \text{---} \\ i \end{array} \text{---}^k$
- Special notation:  $\begin{array}{c} i \\ \text{---} \\ j \end{array} \text{---}^k \text{---} \begin{array}{c} j \\ \text{---} \\ i \end{array}$

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$(\star) :: \text{SymmetricMonoidal } z \Rightarrow R \ z \ r \multimap R \ z \ r \multimap R \ z \ r$

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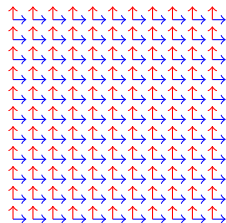
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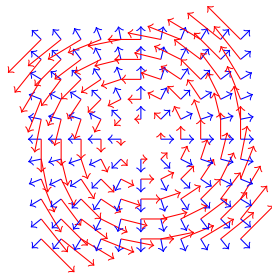
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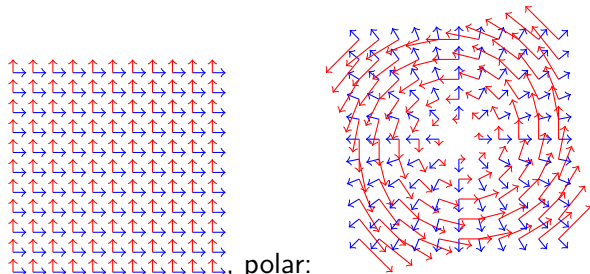




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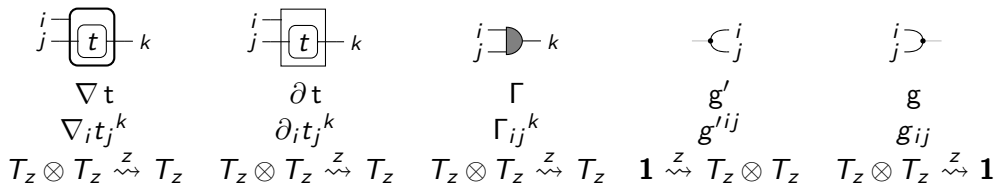
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- Spatial derivatives: the derivative of a scalar field  $s$  is a covector field: its gradient.
- The derivative of a tensor increases the (covariant) order of its argument.

$$\nabla :: (a \overset{z}{\rightsquigarrow} b) \rightarrow ((v \otimes a) \overset{z}{\rightsquigarrow} b)$$

# Derivatives, Christoffel symbols, and metrics



**Figure:** Tensor field primitives in various notations, and their types.

The variation of the basis is measured by the *Christoffel symbol*, denoted  $\Gamma$ . Different choices of local basis field for the *same* manifold will yield different values for it. The Christoffel symbol is symmetric in the lower indices:  $i \text{---} j \text{---} k = 0$ .

# Covariant derivative and affinity

In ROGER we can express the general covariant derivative as follows

$$\nabla t = \partial t - (t \circ \text{affinity}) + (\text{affinity} \circ (\text{id} \otimes t)) \quad (1)$$

The complexity is pushed down into affinity, which is invoked “on both sides” of  $t$ .  
Some simple cases (in Einstein notation) are:

$$\nabla_i T = \partial_i T$$

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**type**  $T_z$

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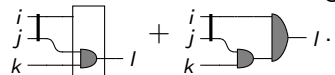
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## [Optional] Riemann curvature encoding in ALBERT

The above definition can be encoded directly in ALBERT as follows:

```
curvature :: CoordinateCategory z ⇒ P z r Tz* → P z r Tz → P z r Tz → P z r Tz → R z r
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Even though it is defined in terms of Christoffel symbols, the Riemann curvature (as a geometric object) does not depend on the choice of coordinates. This is a consequence of the Ricci identity (next).



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The middle term is zero, by symmetry of  $\Gamma$ .

Expanding the first term using the **Lemma** and linearity of partial derivatives, we get

$$= i \text{---} \boxed{\boxed{u}} \text{---} k + i \text{---} \boxed{\boxed{u}} \text{---} k + i \text{---} \boxed{u} \text{---} k$$

## Proving the Ricci identity: cont.

$$= \overset{i}{j} \overset{j}{j} \text{I} \text{---} \boxed{\text{---} \boxed{u} \text{---}}_k + \overset{i}{j} \overset{j}{j} \text{I} \text{---} \boxed{\text{---} \boxed{u} \text{---} \text{AND} \text{---}}_k + \overset{i}{j} \overset{j}{j} \text{I} \text{---} \boxed{\text{---} \boxed{u} \text{---} \text{AND} \text{---}}_k$$

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The equation shows the same four diagrams as before, but the second diagram is omitted, leaving only the first, third, and fourth diagrams.

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$$= \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 4}'$$

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which is the RHS (modulo some wiring).

## [Optional] Riemann and Ricci tensors

The Ricci tensor is a contraction of the Riemann curvature used twice in the main equation:

$\text{ricci}, \text{grLhs} :: (\text{Additive } z, \text{CoordinateCategory } z) \Rightarrow P \ z \ r \ T_z \multimap P \ z \ r \ T_z \multimap R \ z \ r$   
 $\text{ricci}_{j \ k} = \text{contract} (\lambda^i \ _i \rightarrow \text{curvature}^i \ _{j \ i \ k})$

Using it, the left-hand-side of the GenRelEq is

$\text{grLhs}_{i \ j} = \text{plus} (\lambda c \rightarrow \text{case } c \text{ of}$   
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We can then convert it to a morphism:

$\text{grLhsM} :: (\text{Additive } z, \text{CoordinateCategory } z) \Rightarrow (T_z \otimes T_z) \overset{z}{\rightsquigarrow} \mathbf{1}$   
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Roughly speaking, Schwarzschild coordinates are spherical coordinates with an extra component for time.

**data** Spherical = Time | Rho | Theta | Phi

The point mass is located at the origin ( $\rho=0$ ) at every point in time.

The  $T_{ij}$  tensor is zero everywhere except at the origin.



## Step 2: Schwarzschild metric

The Schwarzschild metric is defined in terms of the considered mass  $M$  or alternatively by the Schwarzschild radius  $r_s = 2GM/c^2$ . Only the diagonal elements are non-zero.

```
schwarzschild :: Spherical → Spherical → SSpherical  
schwarzschild Time Time = - (1 -  $r_s / \rho$ ) * ( $c^2$ )  
schwarzschild Rho Rho = (1 -  $r_s / \rho$ ) ^ (-1)  
schwarzschild Theta Theta =  $\rho^2$   
schwarzschild Phi Phi = ( $\rho * \sin \theta$ ) ^ 2  
schwarzschild _ _ = 0  
 $\rho$  = variable Rho  
 $\theta$  = variable Theta
```

We can then define the Matrix Spherical instance as follows:

```
instance MetricCategory  $M_{\text{Spherical}}$  where  
  type  $T_{M_{\text{Spherical}}}$  = Atom Spherical  
   $g = \text{Tab } (\lambda (\text{Atom } i, \text{Atom } j) \_ \rightarrow \text{schwarzschild } i j)$ 
```

## Step 3: Checking the main equation

We evaluate `grLhsM` with `z = Matrix Spherical`, and obtain a 4 by 4 matrix of symbolic expressions depending on Spherical coordinate variables.

We find that it simplifies to zero everywhere it is defined.

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Every point mass is a black hole (some very small)!

(mass of our sun  $\Rightarrow$  3km; of Earth  $\Rightarrow$  9mm; moon  $\Rightarrow$  0.1mm)

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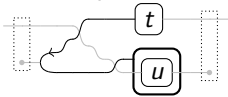
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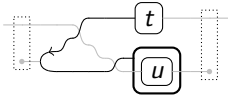
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- The horizon is “just” a point of no return.
- And it will very soon<sup>1</sup> crash into the origin.

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