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$$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{tensor}}}{T^{(k,l)} V} := \underbrace{V \otimes \dots \otimes V}_{k \text{ copies}} \otimes \underbrace{V^* \otimes \dots \otimes V^*}_{l \text{ copies}}$$

(By notation,  $T^{(0,0)} = \mathbb{R}$ )

$T^{(k,l)} V$  is a vector space of  $\dim = \dim(V)^{k+l}$ .

e.g.  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  and consider  $\det \in T^{(0,n)} \mathbb{R}^n$  by

$$\det \left( \underbrace{\begin{matrix} | & & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_n \\ | & & | \end{matrix}}_{n \times n \text{ matrix}} \right)$$

Important observation on ordering: switch  $v_i, v_j$ .  $\det$  changes sign

This property is called "alternating" or "antisymmetric". In other

words, some elements in  $T^{(0,l)} V^*$  are more special (elaborated next Lecture).

Back to the section-name "tensor algebra",

$$\mathcal{T}(V) := \bigoplus_{k,l} T^{(k,l)} V = \mathbb{R} \oplus (V \oplus V^*) \oplus (V^{\otimes 2} \oplus V \otimes V^* \oplus (V^*)^{\otimes 2}) \oplus \dots$$

Then  $\mathcal{T}(V)$  is an algebra under " $\otimes$ " b/c

$$a \in T^{(k_1, l_1)}(V), \quad b \in T^{(k_2, l_2)}(V) \xrightarrow{\otimes} a \otimes b \in T^{(k_1+k_2, l_1+l_2)}(V)$$

Recall that tangent bundle  $TM = \bigcup_{\alpha} \underbrace{(U_{\alpha} \times \mathbb{R}^n)}_{\sim}$  via  $d(\varphi_{\beta} \circ \varphi_{\alpha}^{-1})(\cdot)$

Similarly, one can construct  $(k,l)$ -type tensor bundle

$$T^{(k,l)} M = \bigcup_{\alpha} \underbrace{(U_{\alpha} \times T^{(k,l)} \mathbb{R}^n)}_{\sim}$$

where  $(x, (v_1, \dots, v_k, w_1, \dots, w_l)) \sim (x, (d(\varphi_{\beta} \circ \varphi_{\alpha}^{-1})(x) v_1, \dots, d(\varphi_{\beta} \circ \varphi_{\alpha}^{-1})(x) v_k, \\ (d(\varphi_{\beta} \circ \varphi_{\alpha}^{-1})^T)^{-1}(x) w_1, \dots, (d(\varphi_{\beta} \circ \varphi_{\alpha}^{-1})^T)^{-1}(x) w_l))$

e.g.  $TM = T^{(1,0)} M, \quad T^* M = T^{(0,1)} M$

e.g.  $T^{(0,2)}M$   
 $\tau \downarrow \uparrow_s$   
 $M$

A section  $s$  is called a  $(0,2)$ -tensor field.

A Riemannian metric  $g$  is a special  $(0,2)$ -tensor field satisfying

(1)  $g(x)(X, X) \geq 0$  and  $g(x)(X, X) = 0$  iff  $X = 0$   $\forall x \in M$  and  $X \in T_x M$

(2)  $g(x)(X, Y) = g(x)(Y, X)$  for any  $x \in M$ ,  $X, Y \in T_x M$ .

locally under a preferred basis,  $g(x)$  is a matrix  $(g_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}^{(x)}$ , symmetric and positive definite (so its signature type is  $(n, 0)$ ).  
 # positive eigenvalue  
 # negative eigenvalue

Rank As a comparison, Lorentzian metric is of signature type  $(n-1, 1)$ .

- Recall that a connection  $\nabla: \Gamma(TM) \times \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E)$  is an operator that "eats" 2 vector fields and "spits out" 1 vector field.

One may wonder if  $\nabla$  is a  $(1,2)$ -tensor field.

Prop An  $\mathbb{R}$ -multi-linear operator  $A$  on  $(T^*M)^{\otimes k} \otimes (TM)^{\otimes l}$  is tensor field iff  $A$  is  $C^\infty(M)$ -multi-linear.

e.g.  $\nabla^a$  is not a tensor field b/c  $\nabla_x^a(fY) = X(f) \cdot Y + f \nabla_x^a Y$

However, if  $\nabla'^a$  is another connection, then  $\nabla^a - \nabla'^a$  is a tensor field!

e.g. Recall the bracket  $[-, -]: \Gamma(TM) \otimes \Gamma(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma(TM)$   $X, Y \mapsto [X, Y]$

It is not a tensor field b/c

$$\begin{aligned} D_{[fX, Y]} F &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} D_{fX} D_Y F - D_Y D_{fX} F \\ &= f(D_X D_Y F) - D_Y(f \cdot D_X F) \\ &= f(D_X D_Y F) - Y(f) D_X F - f D_Y D_X F \\ &= \underbrace{-Y(f) D_X F} + D_{f[X, Y]} F \end{aligned}$$

- On tangent bundle  $TM = T^{(1,0)}M$ , one can associate two structures.

One is  $\nabla^a: \Gamma(TM) \times \Gamma(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma(TM)$

The other is Riem metric  $g: \Gamma(TM) \times \Gamma(TM) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

The following compatibility condition,  $\forall X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$

$$Z g(X, Y) = g(\nabla_Z^a X, Y) + g(X, \nabla_Z^a Y) \quad (*)$$

has a clear geometric meaning.

e.g. On  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R}^3(x, y, z)$ , consider vector fields

$$X((x, y, z)) = (1, 0, 0) \quad Y((x, y, z)) = (0, 1, 0) \quad Z((x, y, z)) = (0, 0, 1)$$

Define a connection  $\nabla^a$  by

$$\nabla_X^a Y = Z \quad \nabla_X^a Z = -Y \quad \nabla_Y^a Z = X$$

$$\nabla_Y^a X = -Z \quad \nabla_Z^a X = Y \quad \nabla_Z^a Y = -X$$

and extend it over  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ .

Then  $\nabla^a$  and  $g$  (= standard inner product) are compatible.

$$\underbrace{\nabla_z^a g(x, x)}_0 = \underbrace{g(\nabla_z^a x, x)}_0 + \underbrace{g(x, \nabla_z^a x)}_0$$

Observe that  $\nabla_x^a \gamma - \nabla_\gamma^a x = z - (-z) = 2z (\neq 0)$

$$[x, \gamma] = 0 \quad (\text{by Lie bracket formula})$$

$$(\text{so } \nabla_x^a \gamma - \nabla_\gamma^a x \neq [x, \gamma]).$$

Thm (Exe) On  $(M, g)$ , there exists a unique connection  $\nabla^a$

that is (i) compatible with  $g$  by (\*); (ii)  $\underbrace{\nabla_x^a \gamma - \nabla_\gamma^a x}_{\text{torsion free}} = [x, \gamma] \quad \forall x, \gamma.$

Remark. In e.g. above, one computes  $\nabla[x, \gamma] = \nabla_x \nabla_\gamma - \nabla_\gamma \nabla_x \quad \forall x, \gamma.$

so curvature of this  $\nabla^a$  is 0 (flat). Curvature  $\neq$  torsion!