The determinant of the metric

Our game here is to compute (the leading terms) in $\det g$ of the metric in RNC form

$$g_{ab}(x) = g_{ab} - \frac{1}{3}x^{c}x^{d}R_{acbd} - \frac{1}{6}x^{c}x^{d}x^{e}\nabla_{c}R_{adbe} + \frac{2}{45}x^{c}x^{d}x^{e}x^{f}R_{acdg}R_{befh}g^{gh} - \frac{1}{20}x^{c}x^{d}x^{e}x^{f}\nabla_{cd}R_{aebf} + \frac{1}{45}x^{c}x^{d}x^{e}x^{f}x^{g}R_{acdh}\nabla_{e}R_{bfgi}g^{hi} + \frac{1}{45}x^{c}x^{d}x^{e}x^{f}x^{g}R_{bcdh}\nabla_{e}R_{afgi}g^{hi} - \frac{1}{90}x^{c}x^{d}x^{e}x^{f}x^{g}\nabla_{cde}R_{afbg} + \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon^{5}\right)$$

For the sake of simplicity let's assume that we are working in 3-dimensions. The following analysis is easily generalised to other dimensions (and the final answers for $\det q$ and friends are unchanged).

Define ϵ_{ijk}^{abc} by

$$\epsilon_{ijk}^{abc} = \delta_i^a \delta_j^b \delta_k^c - \delta_i^b \delta_j^a \delta_k^c + \delta_i^c \delta_j^a \delta_k^b - \delta_i^c \delta_j^b \delta_k^a + \delta_i^b \delta_j^c \delta_k^a - \delta_i^a \delta_j^c \delta_k^b \tag{1}$$

It is easy to see that ϵ_{ijk}^{abc} is anti-symmetric in both its upper and lower indices. A trivial computation shows that for any 3×3 square matrix M_{ab} ,

$$\epsilon_{123}^{abc} M_{1a} M_{2b} M_{3c} = \left(\delta_1^a \delta_2^b \delta_3^c - \delta_1^b \delta_2^a \delta_3^c + \delta_1^c \delta_2^a \delta_3^b - \delta_1^c \delta_2^b \delta_3^a + \delta_1^b \delta_2^c \delta_3^a - \delta_1^a \delta_2^c \delta_3^b \right) M_{1a} M_{2b} M_{3c} = \det M \tag{2}$$

This can be easily generalised to

$$\epsilon_{ijk}^{abc} M_{pa} M_{qb} M_{rc} = \begin{cases}
\pm \det M & \text{when } (ijk) \text{ and } (pqr) \text{ are permutations of } (123) \\
0 & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}$$
(3)

The \pm sign in the above depends on the particular permutations of (ijk) and (pqr). If both permutations are even or both odd then the sign is +1 otherwise the sign is -1. The same arguments can also be applied to a matrix inverse N^{-1} leading to

$$\epsilon_{uvw}^{ijk} N^{pu} N^{qv} M^{rw} = \begin{cases} \pm \det N^{-1} & \text{when } (ijk) \text{ and } (pqr) \text{ are permutations of } (123) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(4)

Note that the \pm in this case will match exactly that for the case of det M. Thus, multiplying both expressions and summing over all choices for (ijk) and (pqr) leads to

$$\sum_{\substack{(ijk)\\(pqr)}} \left(\det N^{-1}\right) \det M = \epsilon_{uvw}^{ijk} N^{pu} N^{qv} M^{rw} \epsilon_{ijk}^{abc} M_{pa} M_{qb} M_{rc} \tag{5}$$

where the sum on the left hand side includes just those (ijk) and (prq) that are permutations of (123). There are 3! choices for (ijk) and 3! choices for (pqr) and thus the left hand side is easily reduced to $(3!)^2 \det M/\det N$ where $\det N = 1/\det N^{-1}$. For the right hand side notice that

$$\epsilon_{uvw}^{ijk}\epsilon_{ijk}^{abc} = 3! \,\epsilon_{uvw}^{abc} \tag{6}$$

which leads to

$$\det M = \frac{1}{3!} \det N \epsilon_{uvw}^{abc} M_{pa} M_{qb} M_{rc} N^{pu} N^{qv} N^{rw}$$

$$\tag{7}$$

For our RNC metric we will set $N^{ab} = g^{ab}$ and $M_{ij} = g_{ij}(x)$. Since g^{ab} is of the form diag(-1, 1, 1, 1) we have det g = -1 and thus

$$\det g(x) = -\frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_{ijk}^{abc} g_{pa}(x) g_{qb}(x) g_{rc}(x) g^{ip} g^{jq} g^{kr}$$
(8)

The ϵ_{ijk}^{abc} can be constructed in Cadabra by applying the asym algorithm to the upper indices of $\delta_i^a \delta_j^b \delta_k^c$. Note that asym will include the 1/3! coeffcient as part of its output.

The following code computes $-\det g$ rather than $\det g$.

Note that Calzetta et al. use an opposite sign for R_{abcd} so when comparing the following results against Calzetta do take note of this flipped sign in R_{abcd} .

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\{a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,t,u,v,w\#\}::Indices(position=independent).
{a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,t,u,v,w\#}::Integer(1..2).
\nabla{#}::Derivative.
d{#}::KroneckerDelta.
g^{a b}::Symmetric.
g_{a b}::Symmetric.
R_{a b c d}::RiemannTensor.
x^{a}::Weight(label=numx, value=1).
def truncate (obj,n):
    ans = Ex(0)
    for i in range (0,n+1):
      foo := @(obj).
      bah = Ex("numx = " + str(i))
      keep_weight (foo, bah)
       ans = ans + foo
    return ans
import cdblib
g0ab = cdblib.get('g_ab_0', 'metric.json')
g1ab = cdblib.get('g_ab_1', 'metric.json') # zero in RNC
g2ab = cdblib.get('g_ab_2', 'metric.json')
g3ab = cdblib.get('g_ab_3', 'metric.json')
g4ab = cdblib.get('g_ab_4', 'metric.json')
g5ab = cdblib.get('g_ab_5', 'metric.json')
gab := @(g0ab) + @(g1ab) + @(g2ab) + @(g3ab) + @(g4ab) + @(g5ab). # cdb (gab.001,gab)
gxab := gx_{a b} -> 0(gab).
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eps := d^{a}_{i} d^{b}_{j}. # cdb(eps.001, eps)
asym (eps,$^{a},^{b}$)
                                 # cdb(eps.002,eps) # includes a factor of 1/2!
# compute negative Ndetg rather than det g
Ndetg := @(eps) \ gx_{p} \ a \} \ gx_{q} \ b \} \ g^{i} \ p \} \ g^{j} \ q \}. \quad \# \ note \ 1/2! \ included \ in \ eps
                   (Ndetg,gxab)
substitute
                   (Ndetg)
distribute
Ndetg = truncate (Ndetg,5)
                                                                             # cdb (Ndetg.001,Ndetg)
substitute
                   (Ndetg, $g^{a b} g_{b c} -> d^{a}_{c}$, repeat=True) # cdb (Ndetg.002, Ndetg)
eliminate_kronecker (Ndetg)
                                                                             # cdb (Ndetg.003,Ndetg)
                                                                             # cdb (Ndetg.004,Ndetg)
sort_product
                   (Ndetg)
rename_dummies (Ndetg)
                                                                             # cdb (Ndetg.005,Ndetg)
                   (Ndetg)
                                                                             # cdb (Ndetg.006,Ndetg)
canonicalise
# introduce the Ricci tensor
substitute
                 (Ndetg, R_{a b c d} g^{a c} -> R_{b d}, repeat=True)
                                                                                                                  # cdb (Ndetg.101,Ndetg)
                 (Ndetg, \alpha_{a}{R_{b \ d \ e}} g^{b \ d} \rightarrow \alpha_{a}{R_{c \ e}}, repeat=True)
                                                                                                                  # cdb (Ndetg.102,Ndetg)
substitute
                 (Ndetg, \alpha_{a b}_{R_{c d e f}} g^{c e} \rightarrow \alpha_{a b}_{R_{d f}}, repeat=True)
substitute
                                                                                                                  # cdb (Ndetg.103, Ndetg)
                 (Ndetg, \alpha_{a b c}_{R_d e f g}) g^{d f} \rightarrow \alpha_{a b c}_{R_e g}^{nabla_{a b c}_{R_e g}}^{nabla_{a b c}_{R_e g}}^{nabla_{a b c}^{nabla_{a b c}_{R_e g}}^{nabla_{a b c}^{nabla_{a b c}}}
substitute
# the following are based on sqrt-Ndetg.tex
sqrtNdetg := 1/2 + (1/2) @(Ndetg)
             - (1/8) (1/9) R<sub>{a}</sub> b} R<sub>{c</sub> d} x^{a} x^{b} x^{c} x^{d}
             - (1/4) (1/18) R<sub>{a b} \nabla_{c}{R_{d e}} x^{a} x^{b} x^{c} x^{d} x^{e}.</sub>
             # cdb (sqrtNdetg.001,sqrtNdetg)
                 (sqrtNdetg)
                                                                             # cdb (sqrtNdetg.002,sqrtNdetg)
sort_product
rename_dummies (sqrtNdetg)
                                                                             # cdb (sqrtNdetg.003,sqrtNdetg)
                 (sqrtNdetg)
                                                                             # cdb (sqrtNdetg.004,sqrtNdetg)
canonicalise
logNdetg := -1 + @(Ndetg)
             - (1/2) (1/9) R<sub>{a}</sub> b} R<sub>{c</sub> d} x^{a} x^{b} x^{c} x^{d}
             - (1/18) R_{a b} \nabla_{c}{R_{d e}} x^{a} x^{b} x^{c} x^{d} x^{e}.
             # cdb (logNdetg.001,logNdetg)
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sort_product(logNdetg)# cdb (logNdetg.002,logNdetg)rename_dummies(logNdetg)# cdb (logNdetg.003,logNdetg)canonicalise(logNdetg)# cdb (logNdetg.004,logNdetg)
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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{eps.001} := \frac{d^{n}_{i}d^{b}_{j}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}d^{b}_{i}d^{n}_{j} - \frac{1}{2}d^{b}_{i}d^{n}_{j} \\ & \text{ps.002} := \frac{1}{2}d^{n}_{i}d^{b}_{j} - \frac{1}{2}d^{b}_{i}d^{n}_{j} - \frac{1}{2}d^{b}_{i}d^{n}_{j}g_{pa}g_{b}g^{ip}g^{jq} - \frac{1}{6}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}R_{qlbm}g^{ip}g^{jq} - \frac{1}{6}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}x^{c}x^{d}R_{pcad}g_{qb}g^{ip}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{6}d^{b}_{i}d^{n}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}R_{qlbm}g^{ip}g^{jq} \\ & + \frac{1}{6}d^{b}_{i}d^{n}_{j}x^{c}x^{d}R_{pcad}g_{qb}g^{n}g^{jq} - \frac{1}{12}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}x^{n}\nabla_{l}R_{qmbn}g^{ip}g^{jq} - \frac{1}{12}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}x^{c}x^{d}x^{c}\nabla_{c}R_{pdac}g_{qb}g^{ip}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{12}d^{b}_{i}d^{n}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}x^{n}\nabla_{l}R_{qmbn}g^{ip}g^{jq} - \frac{1}{12}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}x^{c}x^{d}x^{c}\nabla_{c}R_{pdac}g_{qb}g^{jp}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{45}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}x^{n}x^{o}\nabla_{l}R_{qmb}g^{ip}g^{jq} - \frac{1}{12}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}x^{c}x^{d}x^{c}\nabla_{c}R_{pdac}g_{qb}g^{jp}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{45}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}x^{n}x^{o}\nabla_{l}R_{qmb}g^{jp}g^{jq} - \frac{1}{45}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}x^{c}x^{d}x^{c}\nabla_{c}R_{pdac}g_{qb}g^{jp}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{45}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}x^{n}x^{o}\nabla_{l}R_{qmb}g^{jp}g^{jq} - \frac{1}{45}d^{b}_{i}d^{a}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}x^{n}x^{o}\nabla_{l}R_{qmb}g^{jp}g^{jq} - \frac{1}{45}d^{b}_{i}d^{a}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}x^{n}x^{o}R_{qlm}R_{lmn}g^{jp}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{40}d^{b}_{i}d^{b}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}x^{n}x^{o}\nabla_{l}R_{qnb}g^{jp}g^{jq} - \frac{1}{45}d^{b}_{i}d^{a}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}x^{n}x^{o}R_{qlm}R_{lmn}g^{jp}g^{jq}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{40}d^{b}_{i}d^{a}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}x^{n}x^{o}\nabla_{l}R_{qnb}g^{jp}g^{jq}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{18}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}x^{n}x^{o}\nabla_{l}R_{qnb}g^{jp}g^{jq}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{90}d^{a}_{i}d^{a}_{j}g_{pa}x^{l}x^{m}x^{n}x^{n}x^{o}x^{c}R_{lmn}g^{l}g^{jq}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{18}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}x^{c}x^{d}x^{c}x^{c}R_{lmn}g^{l}g^{jp}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{18}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}x^{c}x^{d}x^{c}x^{c}R_{lmn}\nabla_{l}R_{qmb}g^{jp}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{18}d^{a}_{i}d^{b}_{j}x^{c}x^{d}x^{c}x^{c}x^{c}x^{c}R_{pca}x^{c}x^{c}x^{c}R_{pca}x^{c}x^{c}x^{c}\nabla_{l}R_{pca}g^{l}g^{j}g^{jq} + \frac{1}{1$$

$$\begin{split} \operatorname{Ndetg.002} &:= \frac{1}{2} d^a{}_i d^b{}_j d^i{}_a d^j{}_b - \frac{1}{2} d^b{}_i d^a{}_j d^i{}_a d^j{}_b - \frac{1}{6} d^a{}_i d^b{}_j x^l x^m R_{qlbm} d^i{}_a g^{jq} - \frac{1}{6} d^a{}_i d^b{}_j x^c x^d R_{pcad} g^{jp} d^j{}_b + \frac{1}{6} d^b{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d R_{pcad} g^{jp} d^j{}_b - \frac{1}{12} d^a{}_i d^b{}_j x^l x^m x^n \nabla_l R_{qmbm} d^i{}_a g^{jq} - \frac{1}{12} d^a{}_i d^b{}_j x^c x^d x^e \nabla_c R_{pdae} g^{jp} d^j{}_b + \frac{1}{6} d^b{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d R_{pcad} g^{jp} d^j{}_b - \frac{1}{12} d^b{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d x^e \nabla_c R_{pdae} g^{jp} d^j{}_b + \frac{1}{45} d^a{}_i d^b{}_j x^c x^d x^e x^c R_{ptae} g^{jp} d^j{}_b + \frac{1}{45} d^a{}_i d^b{}_j x^c x^d x^e x^c f R_{pcd} R_{aefh} g^{jq} - \frac{1}{40} d^a{}_i d^b{}_j x^c x^d x^e x^c f R_{pcd} R_{aefh} g^{jq} d^j{}_b + \frac{1}{45} d^a{}_i d^b{}_j x^c x^d x^e x^c f R_{pcd} R_{aefh} g^{jq} g^{jq} d^j{}_b - \frac{1}{45} d^b{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d x^e x^c f R_{pcd} R_{pcd} x^l x^m x^n x^o R_{qlmr} R_{bnos} g^{rs} d^i{}_a g^{jq} + \frac{1}{40} d^b{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d x^e x^c f R_{pcd} R_{aefh} g^{jq} g^{jq} d^j{}_b - \frac{1}{18} d^a{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d x^e x^c f R_{pcd} R_{aefh} g^{jq} g^{jq} d^j{}_b + \frac{1}{45} d^a{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d x^c x^c f R_{pcd} R_{aefh} g^{jq} g^{jq} d^j{}_b - \frac{1}{18} d^a{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d x^c x^c f R_{pcd} R_{aefh} g^{jq} g^{jq} d^j{}_b + \frac{1}{40} d^a{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d x^c x^c f R_{pcd} R_{aefh} g^{jq} g^{jq} d^j{}_b - \frac{1}{18} d^a{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d x^c x^c f R_{pcd} R_{aefh} g^{jq} g^{jq} d^j{}_b + \frac{1}{40} d^a{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d x^c x^c f R_{pcd} R_{pcd} f^{jp} g^{jq} d^j{}_b + \frac{1}{40} d^a{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d x^c x^c f R_{pcd} x^c x^d x^c x^c f R_{pcd} R_{pcd} f^{jp} g^{jq} d^j{}_b + \frac{1}{18} d^a{}_i d^a{}_j x^c x^d x^c x^c f R_{pcd} x^d x^c x^c x^c f R_{pcd} x^d x^c x^c x^c f R_{$$

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# note: keeping numbering as is (out of order) to ensure R appears before \nabla R etc.
def product_sort (obj):
    substitute (obj,$ x^{a}
                                                        -> A000^{a}
                                                                                   $)
    substitute (obj,$ g^{a b}
                                                        -> A001^{a} b
                                                                                   $)
                                                        -> A007_{a b c d e f}
    substitute (obj,$ \nabla_{c d e f}{R_{a b}}
                                                                                   $)
    substitute (obj,$ \nabla_{c d e}{R_{a b}}
                                                        -> A006_{a b c d e}
                                                                                   $)
    substitute (obj,$ \nabla_{c d}{R_{a b}}
                                                        -> A005_{a b c d}
                                                                                   $)
   substitute (obj,$ \nabla_{c}{R_{a b}}
                                                                                   $)
                                                        -> A004_{a b c}
    substitute (obj,$ \nabla_{e f g h}{R_{a b c d}}
                                                        -> A011_{a b c d e f g h} $)
    substitute (obj,$ \nabla_{e f g}{R_{a b c d}}
                                                        -> A010_{a b c d e f g}
    substitute (obj,$ \nabla_{e f}{R_{a b c d}}
                                                        -> A009_{a b c d e f}
                                                                                   $)
    substitute (obj,$ \nabla_{e}{R_{a b c d}}
                                                                                   $)
                                                        -> A008_{a b c d e}
                                                                                   $)
    substitute (obj,$ R_{a b}
                                                        -> A002_{a b}
    substitute (obj,$ R_{a b c d}
                                                        -> A003_{a b c d}
                                                                                   $)
   sort_product (obj)
    rename_dummies (obj)
    substitute (obj,$ A000^{a}
                                                \rightarrow x^{a}
                                                                                   $)
                                            -> g^{a b}
   substitute (obj,$ A001^{a b}
                                                                                   $)
                                                                                   $)
    substitute (obj,$ A002_{a b}
                                                \rightarrow R<sub>{a b}</sub>
                                                -> R {a b c d}
                                                                                   $)
    substitute (obj,$ A003_{a b c d}
    substitute (obj,$ A004_{a b c}
                                                                                   $)
                                                -> \nabla_{c}{R_{a b}}
    substitute (obj,$ A005_{a b c d}
                                                \rightarrow \nabla_{c d}{R_{a b}}
                                                                                   $)
    substitute (obj,$ A006_{a b c d e}
                                                \rightarrow \nabla_{c d e}{R_{a b}}
                                                                                   $)
    substitute (obj,$ A007_{a b c d e f}
                                                \rightarrow \nabla_{c d e f}{R_{a b}}
                                                                                   $)
   substitute (obj,$ A008_{a b c d e}
                                                                                   $)
                                                -> \nabla_{e}{R_{a b c d}}
    substitute (obj,$ A009_{a b c d e f}
                                                \rightarrow \nabla_{e f}{R_{a b c d}}
                                                                                   $)
    substitute (obj,$ A010_{a b c d e f g}
                                                \rightarrow \nabla_{e f g}{R_{a b c d}}
                                                                                   $)
    substitute (obj,$ A011_{a b c d e f g h}
                                                \rightarrow \nabla_{e f g h}{R_{a b c d}} $)
   return obj
def get_term (obj,n):
   x^{a}::Weight(label=numx).
   foo := @(obj).
   bah = Ex("numx = " + str(n))
   keep_weight (foo,bah)
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return foo
def reformat (obj,scale):
   foo = Ex(str(scale))
   bah := @(foo) @(obj).
    distribute
                  (bah)
   bah = product_sort (bah)
   rename_dummies (bah)
    canonicalise (bah)
    sort_sum (bah)
   factor_out (bah,$x^{a?}$)
    ans := @(bah) / @(foo).
    return ans
def rescale (obj,scale):
   foo = Ex(str(scale))
   bah := @(foo) @(obj).
    distribute (bah)
   factor_out (bah,$x^{a?}$)
   return bah
# reformat Ndetg
Rterm0 = get_term (Ndetg,0)
                                 # cdb(Rterm0.701,Rterm0)
                                 # cdb(Rterm1.701,Rterm1)
Rterm1 = get_term (Ndetg,1)
Rterm2 = get_term (Ndetg,2)
                                 # cdb(Rterm2.701,Rterm2)
Rterm3 = get_term (Ndetg,3)
                                 # cdb(Rterm3.701,Rterm3)
Rterm4 = get_term (Ndetg,4)
                                 # cdb(Rterm4.701,Rterm4)
                                 # cdb(Rterm5.701,Rterm5)
Rterm5 = get_term (Ndetg,5)
Rterm0 = reformat (Rterm0, 1)
                                  # cdb(Rterm0.702,Rterm0)
Rterm1 = reformat (Rterm1, 1)
                                 # cdb(Rterm1.702,Rterm1)
Rterm2 = reformat (Rterm2, 3)
                                 # cdb(Rterm2.702,Rterm2)
                                 # cdb(Rterm3.702,Rterm3)
Rterm3 = reformat (Rterm3, 6)
Rterm4 = reformat (Rterm4,180)
                                 # cdb(Rterm4.702,Rterm4)
Rterm5 = reformat (Rterm5, 90)
                                 # cdb(Rterm5.702,Rterm5)
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Ndetg := @(Rterm0) + @(Rterm1) + @(Rterm2) + @(Rterm3) + @(Rterm4) + @(Rterm5). # cdb (Ndetg.701, Ndetg)
# reformat sqrtNdetg
Rterm0 = get_term (sqrtNdetg,0)
                                # cdb(Rterm0.801,Rterm0)
Rterm1 = get_term (sqrtNdetg,1)
                                  # cdb(Rterm1.801,Rterm1)
Rterm2 = get_term (sqrtNdetg,2)
                                  # cdb(Rterm2.801,Rterm2)
Rterm3 = get_term (sqrtNdetg,3)
                                  # cdb(Rterm3.801,Rterm3)
Rterm4 = get_term (sqrtNdetg,4)
                                  # cdb(Rterm4.801,Rterm4)
Rterm5 = get_term (sqrtNdetg,5)
                                  # cdb(Rterm5.801,Rterm5)
Rterm0 = reformat (Rterm0, 1)
                                  # cdb(Rterm0.802,Rterm0)
Rterm1 = reformat (Rterm1, 1)
                                  # cdb(Rterm1.802,Rterm1)
Rterm2 = reformat (Rterm2, 6)
                                  # cdb(Rterm2.802,Rterm2)
Rterm3 = reformat (Rterm3, 12)
                                # cdb(Rterm3.802,Rterm3)
                                  # cdb(Rterm4.802,Rterm4)
Rterm4 = reformat (Rterm4,360)
Rterm5 = reformat (Rterm5,360)
                                  # cdb(Rterm5.802,Rterm5)
sqrtNdetg := @(Rterm0) + @(Rterm1) + @(Rterm2) + @(Rterm3) + @(Rterm4) + @(Rterm5). # cdb (sqrtNdetg.801,sqrtNdetg)
# reformat logNdetg
Rterm0 = get_term (logNdetg,0)
                               # cdb(Rterm0.901,Rterm0)
Rterm1 = get_term (logNdetg,1)
                               # cdb(Rterm1.901,Rterm1)
Rterm2 = get_term (logNdetg,2)
                                  # cdb(Rterm2.901,Rterm2)
Rterm3 = get_term (logNdetg,3)
                                  # cdb(Rterm3.901,Rterm3)
Rterm4 = get_term (logNdetg,4)
                                  # cdb(Rterm4.901,Rterm4)
Rterm5 = get_term (logNdetg,5)
                                  # cdb(Rterm5.901,Rterm5)
Rterm0 = reformat (Rterm0, 1)
                                  # cdb(Rterm0.902,Rterm0)
Rterm1 = reformat (Rterm1, 1)
                                  # cdb(Rterm1.902,Rterm1)
Rterm2 = reformat (Rterm2, 3)
                                  # cdb(Rterm2.902,Rterm2)
Rterm3 = reformat (Rterm3, 6)
                                  # cdb(Rterm3.902,Rterm3)
Rterm4 = reformat (Rterm4,180)
                                  # cdb(Rterm4.902,Rterm4)
                                  # cdb(Rterm5.902,Rterm5)
Rterm5 = reformat (Rterm5, 90)
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logNdetg := @(Rterm0) + @(Rterm1) + @(Rterm2) + @(Rterm3) + @(Rterm4) + @(Rterm5). # cdb (logNdetg.901,logNdetg)

The metric determinant in Riemann normal coordinates

$$-\det g(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{3}x^{a}x^{b}R_{ab} - \frac{1}{6}x^{a}x^{b}x^{c}\nabla_{a}R_{bc} + \frac{1}{180}x^{a}x^{b}x^{c}x^{d}\left(-9\nabla_{ab}R_{cd} + 10R_{ab}R_{cd} - 2g^{ef}g^{gh}R_{aebg}R_{cfdh}\right) + \frac{1}{90}x^{a}x^{b}x^{c}x^{d}x^{e}\left(-\nabla_{abc}R_{de} + 5R_{ab}\nabla_{c}R_{de} - g^{fg}g^{hi}R_{afbh}\nabla_{c}R_{dgei}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon^{6}\right)$$

The volume element in Riemann normal coordinates

If $-\det g(x)$ is non-negative then we also have

$$\sqrt{-\det g(x)} = 1 - \frac{1}{6}x^{a}x^{b}R_{ab} - \frac{1}{12}x^{a}x^{b}x^{c}\nabla_{a}R_{bc} + \frac{1}{360}x^{a}x^{b}x^{c}x^{d}\left(-9\nabla_{ab}R_{cd} + 5R_{ab}R_{cd} - 2g^{ef}g^{gh}R_{aebg}R_{cfdh}\right) + \frac{1}{360}x^{a}x^{b}x^{c}x^{d}x^{e}\left(-2\nabla_{abc}R_{de} + 5R_{ab}\nabla_{c}R_{de} - 2g^{fg}g^{hi}R_{afbh}\nabla_{c}R_{dgei}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon^{6}\right)$$

The log of -detg in Riemann normal coordinates

Apart from the signs, this matches exactly the expression given by Calzetta et al. (eq. A14)

$$\log \left(-\det g(x) \right) = -\frac{1}{3} x^{a} x^{b} R_{ab} - \frac{1}{6} x^{a} x^{b} x^{c} \nabla_{a} R_{bc} + \frac{1}{180} x^{a} x^{b} x^{c} x^{d} \left(-9 \nabla_{ab} R_{cd} - 2g^{ef} g^{gh} R_{aebg} R_{cfdh} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{90} x^{a} x^{b} x^{c} x^{d} x^{e} \left(-\nabla_{abc} R_{de} - g^{fg} g^{hi} R_{afbh} \nabla_{c} R_{dgei} \right) + \mathcal{O} \left(\epsilon^{6} \right)$$

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cdblib.create ('detg2.export')

cdblib.put ('Ndetg', Ndetg, 'detg2.export')

cdblib.put ('sqrtNdetg', sqrtNdetg, 'detg2.export')

cdblib.put ('logNdetg', logNdetg, 'detg2.export')

checkpoint.append (Ndetg)

checkpoint.append (sqrtNdetg)

checkpoint.append (logNdetg)
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