

Prob. 26 The metric tensor $g_{ij}(x)$ on a D -dimensional ~~differentiable~~ Riemannian manifold with local coordinates (x^1, \dots, x^D) is defined locally by

$$ds^2 = g_{ij} dx^i \otimes dx^j$$

where ds^2 is the square of an infinitesimal arc length on the manifold, which is invariant under a local ~~differentiable~~ change of coordinates (diffeomorphism)
 $(x^1, \dots, x^D) \rightarrow (x'^1, \dots, x'^D)$

- (a) Express $g'_{ij}(x')$ in terms of the $g_{ij}(x)$, that is, show how the covariant [rank (0,2)] tensor field $g(x)$ transforms under diffeomorphisms.

Hint: set $g_{ij}(x) dx^i \otimes dx^j = g'_{kl}(x') dx'^k \otimes dx'^l$

Let $J_{ij} \equiv \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^j}$ be the Jacobian matrix of the transformation

$$J = \det(J_{ij}), \quad g = \det(g_{ij}(x)), \quad g' = \det(g'_{ij}(x'))$$

- (b) Show that the volume elements in the different coordinate systems are related by

$$dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^D = (dx'^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx'^D) \cdot J$$

- (c) Show that $g' = g J^2$

- (d) Show that the invariant volume element is given by $d^D x \sqrt{g}$ (in writing $d^D x = dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^D$), that is, show that

$$d^D x \sqrt{g} = d^D x' \sqrt{g'}$$

Prob. 27 Prove the following statements in 3-d vector calculus by using the tensorial index method:

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = 0,$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla f) = 0,$$

where $\vec{A}(x)$ is a vector field, and $f(x)$ is a scalar field in 3-d Euclidean space.

[These statements have been proved using the exterior derivative d in class. They follow directly from the general fact that $d^2 = 0$].

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