

GR #4  
 The counting (homework) — Show that the first term doesn't contribute to the counting. — 1 —

$$x'^j = x_{(0)}^j + A^j_k (x'^k - x_0^k) + B^j_{kl} (x'^k - x_0^k) (x'^l - x_0^l) + \dots$$

Q: Can we use this to set  $\partial_i g_{jk} = 0$ ?

$$\partial_i \partial_j g_{kl} = 0?$$

Objective: Show A can't help in setting a tensor to zero.

Consider:

$C_{i_1 \dots i_n}$ , and suppose we want to show  $C'_{i_1 \dots i_n} = 0$  in some frame for some choices of A & B. Consider a further change. We take this to be a linear "coordinate system" change.

$$x''^i = x_0^i + S^i_j (x'^j - x_{(0)}^j) \quad S \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^j}$$

$$C''_{i_1 \dots i_n} = \partial_{i_1} x'^{j_1} \dots \partial_{i_n} x'^{j_n} C'_{j_1 \dots j_n}$$

$$= S_{i_1}^{j_1} \dots S_{i_n}^{j_n} C'_{j_1 \dots j_n}$$

$$= 0 \quad (\because C'_{j_1 \dots j_n} = 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &\xrightarrow{A} x' \\ C &\xrightarrow{\quad} C' = \underset{0}{\overset{A}{\circ}} C \\ C'' &= B C \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^j}, \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x''^j}$$

$$x''^i = x_0^i + \underbrace{A^i_j S^j_k}_{\tilde{A}^i_k} (x'^k - x_0^k) + \dots \quad (\text{not too sure})$$

$$\frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^j} = \delta^i_j$$

claim: This works for  $\partial_i g_{jk}$  also. If it's zero in the primed frame, remains zero in the unprimed (this is for linear transformations only)

NB: S is arbitrary, choose it to be  $A^{-1}$ .

REDO from video.

Argument: Since  $\tilde{A}^i_k = \delta^i_k$ , therefore if  $\underset{\circ}{\overset{C}{\circ}}$  was zero, then it remains zero in a coordinate sys where A is arbitrary (even  $\delta^i_k$ ). Thus  $\underset{\circ}{\overset{C}{\circ}}$  being zero, doesn't depend on the 'linear term' & therefore not included in the counting.

A: To set  $\partial_i g_{jk} = 0$ , you need  $B^j_{kl}$ . That uses up all the freedom. Then  $\partial_i \partial_j g_{kl}$  can't be set to zero in general.

NB: To compare flat space & curved space, just evaluate the Riemann tensor. If zero, flat else curved. If flat then 0. rest I don't know.

: To compare b/w curved spaces, construct scalars (for Riemann tensor, 20 diff scalars) from the Riemann tensor & compare.

## Covariant Derivative

If  $A_i$  is a Tensor, then  $\partial_i A_j$  is not a tensor.

However,  $D_i A_j = \partial_i A_j - \Gamma_{ij}^k A_k$  transforms like one (0,1)

Similarly  $D_i A^j = \partial_i A^j + \Gamma_{ik}^j A^k$  transforms like a (1,1) tensor.

Generalized to an arbitrary tensor.

$\partial_k A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q}$  is NOT a tensor.

$$D_k A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q} = \partial_k A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q} + \left( \Gamma_{kl}^{i_1} A^{l i_2 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q} + \Gamma_{kl}^{i_2} A^{i_1 l \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q} + \dots \right) \\ - \left( \Gamma_{kl}^{j_1} A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{l j_2 \dots j_q} + \Gamma_{kl}^{j_2} A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 l \dots j_q} + \dots \right)$$

is a tensor, rank (p, q+1) ✓

Ex: convince yourself.

## Raising & Lowering

$$A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q} B^{m_1 \dots m_s}_{n_1 \dots n_s} =: C^{i_1 \dots i_p m_1 \dots m_s}_{j_1 \dots j_q n_1 \dots n_s}$$

is of rank (p+s, q+s)

If  $C^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q}$  is rank (p, q) then

$C^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{i_1 \dots i_p}$  is rank (p-1, q-1) tensor

If  $A_{j_1 \dots j_q} g^{i_1 i_2}$  is a (2, q) tensor then

$A_{i_1 j_2 \dots j_q} g^{i_1 i_2}$  is a (2-1, q-1) tensor & its written as

$$A^{i_2}_{j_2 \dots j_q}$$

Eg. (a)  $A_{j_1 i_1 \dots j_q} g^{i_1 i_2} = A_{j_1}^{i_2} j_3 \dots j_q$

(b)  $R^i_{jkl} ; R_{ijk} = g_{im} R^m_{jkl}$

(c)  $g^{ij} R_{ijkl} = 0 \quad \therefore R_{ij} = -R_{ji}$   
&  $g_{ij} = g^{ji}$

$$g^{ij} g_{jk} = \delta^i_k$$

Kronecker

$$\delta^i_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=k \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq k \end{cases}$$

$x$ -coordinate  
 $x'$ -coordinate

$$\delta^i_k = \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^k} \delta'^i_k = \delta^i_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta'^i_k &= \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial x'^k} \delta^m_n \\ &= \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^m} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial x'^k} \delta^m_n \\ &= \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^k} \delta^m_n = \delta^i_k \end{aligned}$$

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Exercise: (a)  $g_{ij}$  is a tensor — see study notes.  
(b)  $\delta_{ik}$  is not a tensor.

Recall:

$$C^{i_1 \dots i_p k_1 \dots k_s}_{j_1 \dots j_q l_1 \dots l_s} := A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q} B^{k_1 \dots k_s}_{l_1 \dots l_s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Claim: } D_k C^{i_1 \dots i_p k_1 \dots k_s}_{j_1 \dots j_q l_1 \dots l_s} &= (D_k A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q}) (B^{k_1 \dots k_s}_{l_1 \dots l_s}) \\ &+ (A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q}) (D_k B^{k_1 \dots k_s}_{l_1 \dots l_s}) \end{aligned}$$

proof: Trivial.

NB:  $D_i g_{jk} = \partial_i g_{jk} - \Gamma^l_{ij} g_{lk} - \Gamma^l_{ik} g_{jl}$ ; This has only 1<sup>st</sup> derivatives of  $g_{ij}$   
Recall: (a) We proved that  $g_{ij}$ 's first derivatives can't form a tensor

(b)  $D_i$  of a tensor is a tensor.

Result:  $D_i g_{jk} = 0$  (must hold, can be checked) Exercise

Similarly:  $D_i g^{jk} = 0$

Proof:  $D_i g^{jk} = \partial_i g^{jk} + \Gamma^j_{il} g^{lk} + \Gamma^k_{il} g^{jl}$  (complete!)

Claim:  
(proved soon)

$$\partial_i (g^{-1}) = -g^{-1} \partial_i g g^{-1}$$

Claim:

$$D_i (\delta^j_k) = 0$$

Proof:

$$\partial_i \delta^j_k - \Gamma^l_{ik} \delta^j_l + \Gamma^j_{il} \delta^l_k$$

$$= -\Gamma^j_{ik} + \Gamma^j_{ik} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= D(\delta^j_k) \\ &= D(g^{ij}) g_{jk} + g^{ij} D(g_{jk}) \\ &\quad \text{negative } D(g^{ij}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q}$$

$$C^{i_1 \dots i_p m}_{j_1 \dots j_q n} := A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q} \delta^m_n$$

$$D_k (C^{i_1 \dots i_p m}_{j_1 \dots j_q n}) = (D_k A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q}) \delta^m_n + A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q} \delta^m_n \rightarrow 0$$

For  $(m = j_1, \dots, n = i_1)$  we have

$$D_k A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{i_1 j_2 \dots j_q} = D_k (A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q}) \delta^{j_1}_{i_1}$$

Statement: Contracting before or after taking a covariant derivative are equivalent.

$$\Sigma g: \text{LHS: } D_k (A^i_j) = \partial_k A^i_j$$

$$\text{RHS: } D_k (A^i_j) \delta^j_i = (\partial_k A^i_j - \Gamma^l_{kj} A^i_l + \Gamma^i_{kl} A^l_j) \delta^j_i$$

$$= \partial_k A^i_i - \Gamma^l_{kl} A^i_l + \Gamma^i_{kl} A^l_i$$

$$= \partial_k A^i_i$$

$$\text{Claim: } D_k (g^{ij}) A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q} = g^{ij} D_k (A^{i_1 \dots i_p}_{j_1 \dots j_q})$$

$$\therefore D_k (g^{ij}) = 0$$

use chain rule.

$$\text{claim: } \partial_i M^{-1} = -M^{-1} \partial_i M M^{-1}$$

$$\text{proof: } \partial_i (M M^{-1}) = \partial_i (I) = 0$$

$$(\partial_i M) M^{-1} + M \partial_i M^{-1} = 0$$

$$-M^{-1} (\partial_i M) M^{-1} = \partial_i M^{-1} \checkmark$$