

Summary (till lecture 6, scanned)

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$\rightarrow \text{Lec } \#1$

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

$$g_{jk}(x^i) = \sum_{ij} g_{ij}(x^i) \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x^k} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x^l}$$

Conventions:

- a. Index i of a coordinate is superscript.
- b. $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} := \delta^i_i$
- c. Summation Convention: any index twice; one as sub, one as super is to be summed.
- d. Index of a matrix appears as subscript.

Tensor Field: $\Gamma^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p}_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_q}(x)$ is a combination of the metric & its derivatives which transforms as

$$\delta_{i_1} x^{i_1} \dots \delta_{i_p} x^{i_p} \delta^{j_1} x^{j_1} \dots \delta^{j_q} x^{j_q} \Gamma^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p}_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_q}(x)$$

$\rightarrow \text{Lec } \#2$

Claim: $\Gamma^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p}_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_q} = \text{diag}(x_1, x_2, \dots)$

Useful expansion: $x^1 x^2 + x^1 x^3 + \dots + x^2 x^3 + \dots$

Proof idea: write g^i_j from g ; use Γ^i_j to express g^i_j as the symmetry of g to diagonalise and then pull out eigenvalues λ^i in metric & you're done.

Story: do g_{ij} , can help distinguish between a sphere & plane.

What about derivatives of g_{ij} ?

Claim: $R_{ijk} = \delta_{ij} g_{kk} = 0$ in all frames; proof idea: use (a) to show that # constraints \rightarrow per. in R.

Claim: $R_{ijk} = \delta_{ik} g_{jj} = 0$ in general; proof idea: similar

Story: Can we make a tensor out of (g_{ij}, R_{ijk}) ?

Def: $R_{jk} = \frac{1}{2} g^{il} (\delta_{ik} g_{jl} + \delta_{jl} g_{ik} - \delta_{kl} g_{ij})$ = Christoffel symbol/Connection

Def: $R_{ijk} = g_{im} R^m_{ijk} = g_{im} (\delta_{ik} g_{jm} - \delta_{jk} g_{im} + g_{lm} \delta_{ik} - g_{km} \delta_{ij})$ = Riemann Tensor (claim)

Claim: $R^i_{ijk} = \delta_{jk} R^i_{ik} - \delta_{ik} R^i_{jk} + R^i_{lm} R^m_{ijk} - R^i_{mk} R^m_{ljk}$

$\rightarrow \text{Lec } \#3$

Story: $R=0$ for flat space, $R \neq 0$ for curved space
Scaling can change the manifold!

Claim: $R_{ijk} = -R_{jki}$ (using symmetry of a tensor)
 $R_{ijk} = -R_{jki}$ (are also tensors)
 $R_{ijk} = R_{jki}$
 $R_{ijk} = 0$

Def: $D_A A_B = A_{Bj} - \Gamma^k_{Bj} A_k$

Claim: $D_A A_B$ transforms as rank (2,0) tensor

Def: $D_A A^B = D_A A^i + \Gamma^j_{ik} A^k B$ (using symmetry)

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Claim: $D_A A^B = \delta_A^B A + (\Gamma^i_{ak} A^{k, \dots, p} + \Gamma^i_{ka} A^{k, \dots, p})$

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Def: $A_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p} = A^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p}$

Claim: $D_{Bk} A^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p} \delta_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p}^{k_1 k_2 \dots k_n} = (D_B A^{i_1 \dots i_p}) (\delta_{i_1 \dots i_p}^{k_1 \dots k_n}) + (A^{i_1 \dots i_p} \delta_{i_1 \dots i_p}^{k_1 \dots k_n}) (D_B \delta_{k_1 \dots k_n}^{i_1 \dots i_p})$

From: $D(AK) = D(A)K + A \cdot D(K)$

N.B.: $D_B g_{jk} = 0$; $D_{Bk} g^{ij} g_{jk} = 0$.

Claim: $D_B g^{ij} = 0$; $D_B g^{ij} = 0$

$\rightarrow \text{Lec } \#5$

Story: Length: $L = \int ds$; parametrise by u & $ds = du$ $\rightarrow O(u)$

Def: geodesic: extremal length path

Def: affine parametrisation: equal u, equal length $ds = g_{ii} \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 = 0$

Claim (affine parametrisation): $\dot{x}^i = \frac{dx^i}{du} \frac{du}{dx} = 0$

: (a) $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{du} \left(\frac{dx^i}{du} \frac{du}{dx} \right) = 0$

: Form is preserved under coordinate transform $\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 x^i}{du^2} + \Gamma^j_{ij} \frac{dx^i}{du} \frac{dx^j}{du} = 0$

Story: (a) is n^2 diff C.C. \Rightarrow 2n conditions; $\frac{\partial}{\partial u} x^i, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u^2} x^i, \dots, \frac{\partial^n}{\partial u^n} x^i$ (in const.)

Impl. Def: Tangent Vector: $v^i = \frac{dx^i}{du}|_{u=u_0}$

Property: $v^i = \delta_m^i v^m \Rightarrow$ transforms as a tensor (vector).

Def: Tangent space: space containing tangent vectors at a point.

Story: Notion of parallel vectors is not easily defined. John: consider closest points & coordinate it. $\Gamma^i = 0$ at $x=x_0$, then we have

: Parallel: $v^i = \delta_m^i v^m$ if $v^i = \delta_m^i v^m$ are parallel w.r.t. $\Gamma^i = 0$ at $x=x_0$

Def: Parallel Transport: \hat{v}^i is a parallel transport of v^i if $\hat{v}^i = v^i + O(\epsilon)$

Story: $\Gamma^i = 0$ makes $\Gamma^i = 0$ undefined. We need freedom w.r.t. Γ^i . Components are undefined. We must account for these differences.

$\rightarrow \text{Lec } \#6$

Story: Obtain n.b.c. for parallel transport: start with M.O frame, translate to arbitrary frame.

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D.E. equations for parallel transport

Translate to an arbitrary frame $\rightarrow \frac{dx^i}{du} + \Gamma_{pq}^i n^p \frac{dx^q}{du} = 0$

NB: Parametrization independent ($u = f(v)$, same form)

NB 2: coordinate frame independent (\Rightarrow reversible $u \rightarrow 1-u$)

NB 3: Let $\frac{dx^i}{du} = n^i$ in the geodesic eq & it becomes parallel transport.

Finite Parallel Transport

$$M(x_1, x_2, c)^{-1} = M(x_1, x_2, -c) \quad -c \text{ is opp. direction.}$$

(from linearity & reversibility)

Monodromy Matrices: $M(x, x, c)$

- (a) If $M_j^i = \delta_j^i$; one frame, it is in all frames (use $\tilde{M} = M N$, $\tilde{N} = M^{-1}$)
- (b) $R=0 \Rightarrow M_j^i = \delta_j^i$ (proof step 1: for curve $\sim O(\epsilon)$ $M_j^i = \delta_j^i + O(\epsilon^3)$)

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(c) $M_j^i = \delta_j^i \Rightarrow R=0$ (proof idea: show only R_{jkl} contributes if curve is in the x_1, x_2 plane; ensures no cancelling happens)

(b) resumed

$$\text{step 2: } M(x_1, x_2, c) = S M(x_2, x_2, c) S^{-1}$$

step 3: M by doing a finite leap into n parts

NB: Shouldn't have holes etc.

Area of each part $\sim \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow$ circumf. $\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

recall: M for ϵ sized = $1 + \epsilon^3 \approx 1 + \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$

$$\Rightarrow M \text{ for finite} \approx 1 + n \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 1.$$

terms \downarrow size of error

Embedding in Larger Spaces:

Use a Euclidean space in which the manifold can be embedded. ① Pick a point on the manifold
② Parallel (in Euclidean space) transport to nearby point on manifold ③ Project along the tangent space.

Claim: This new vector is a parallel transport (consistent with the earlier notion).

Lecture #8

Useful Identities

$$1) [D_i, D_j] A^{k_1 k_2 \dots k_p}{}_{l_1 \dots l_q} = R^{k_1}_{\ell_1 j_1} A^{k_2 \dots k_p}{}_{l_1 \dots l_q} + \dots + R^{k_p}_{\ell_p l_1} A^{k_1 \dots k_{p-1} l_1 \dots l_q} - \{ R^{k_1}_{\ell_1 j_1} A^{k_2 \dots k_p}{}_{l_1 \dots l_q} + \dots + R^{k_p}_{\ell_p l_1} A^{k_1 \dots k_{p-1} l_1 \dots l_{q-1} l_q} \}$$

proof: use def.
hint

2) Bianchi Identities (a) $D_k R_{ijk} + D_i R_{jkl} + D_j R_{ikl} = 0$ (proof hint: use frame with $R=0$) NB: skew anti-symmet.

(b) $\delta^i R_{ijk} + D_k R_{ijl} - D_l R_{ijk} = 0$ (used cont'd with $[g_{ij}]$)

where $R_{ijk} = g^{jk} R_{i,j,k}$; with g^{jk}, j,k also some eg. pops.

$$(c) \underbrace{D_i (R_{jkl} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{jl})}_{\text{Einstein's Tensor}} = 0 \quad (\text{use both with } g^{ik})$$

Einstein's Tensor

General Relativity

Conventions

signature $(3,1) = (-+++)$; $x^\mu, \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$

$$f(\bar{x}) \rightarrow -f(x);$$

Proper Time in STR: $-ds^2 = dx_0^2 - dx_1^2 - dx_2^2 - dx_3^2; x_0 = ct$
(with $ds^2 = g^{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$)

Claims (1) $g^{\mu\nu}$ describes spacetime in the presence of gravity

(2) Motion of a "free" particle in the gravitational field is given by
the geodesic eq: $\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{du^2} + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\rho} \frac{dx^\nu}{du} \frac{dx^\rho}{du} = 0$

Summary Continued

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Conventions (assumed)

$$\frac{ds^2}{du^2} = g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{du} \frac{dx^\nu}{du}$$

< 0	time like
$= 0$	light like
> 0	space like

Remark: with rescaling $\frac{ds^2}{du^2} = \pm 1$ or 0. consequence $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$

story: Newtonian gravity under what limit?

sketch of calc': (A) geodesic eq's

time like condition

(1) Weak Field: Without gravity $g^{\mu\nu}$: with, should be a small change

(2) Non-relativistic: $x_0 = ct$ & take c large

consequence $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^0}$ neglect compared to $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$

(B) Only Γ_{00}^M relevant (\because of (2)). Simplify Γ_{00}^M

using (2)

(C) Keep only first order in h in both eq's

$$\frac{d^2x^i}{dt^2} \approx \frac{c^2}{2} \partial_i h_{00}; \text{ compare to Newton's Law } h_{00} = -\frac{2\phi}{c^2}$$

NB: For large c , h_{00} is automatically small; (2) \Rightarrow (1); NB2: adding a const to h_{00} only scales coordinates

discussed: Local Inertial Frames, Principle of Equivalence, Modifications of GR

Lecture # 9

Lecture 7 (Monodromy and R)

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Recall:  : Loop was of length $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$.
: Tangent vector at x , parallel transported along the curve.

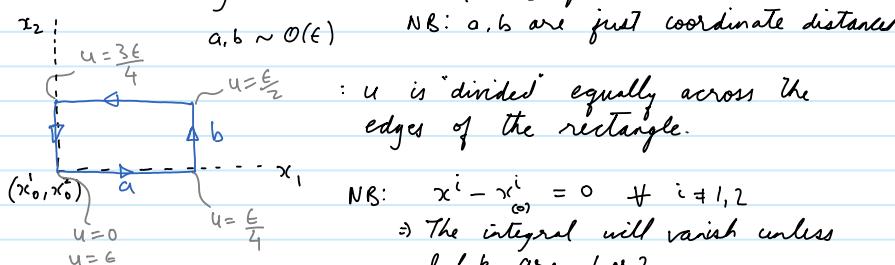
: We can't comment beyond $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$ at the moment.

$$n^i(\epsilon) = n_{(0)}^i - \frac{1}{2} R^i_{jkl} n_{(0)}^j \oint (\vec{x}^l(u) - x_{(0)}^l) \frac{d}{du} (x^k(u) - x_{(0)}^k) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

\downarrow has a $\int du$

Strategy: calculate the integral for a special curve; Deduce some properties from there.

Consider: A rectangle in the $x_1 - x_2$ plane.



NB: $x^i - x_{(0)}^i = 0 \neq i=1,2$
 \Rightarrow The integral will vanish unless $l \neq k$ are 1 or 2.

Also, the tensor is anti-symmetric in these indexes \therefore we need only evaluate one term, say $l=1, k=2$

We write the $x^1 x^2$ coordinates for all segments.

Segment 1: $x^1(u) = x_{(0)}^1 + a u \frac{4}{\epsilon}$
 $x^2(u) = x_{(0)}^2$

Integral: $0 \because$ its of the form $\int x^1 dx^2 \& dx^2 = 0$.

Segment 2: $x^1(u) = x_{(0)}^1 + a$
 $x^2(u) = x_{(0)}^2 + b(u - \frac{\epsilon}{4}) \frac{4}{\epsilon}$; The integral $= \int (x^1 - x_{(0)}^1) \frac{d(x^1 - x_{(0)}^1)}{du} du$
 $= \int a \cdot \frac{d}{du} (b(u - \frac{\epsilon}{4})) \frac{4}{\epsilon} du$
 $= ab \frac{4}{\epsilon} \frac{\epsilon}{4} = ab$

Segment 3: $x^2 = x_{(0)}^2 + b$

$x^1(u) = \dots$ doesn't matter because again $dx^2 = 0$

& the integral is of the form $\int \dots dx^2$.

Segment 4: $x^1 = x_{(0)}^1$ (\because it returned)

Note that the integral is of the form $\int (x^1 - x_{(0)}^1) d(x^2 - x_{(0)}^2)$
but $x^1 - x_{(0)}^1 = 0$ so the integral vanishes regardless of x^2 .

\Rightarrow The full integral becomes $= ab$.

TODO: check spelling!

Recall: $n^i(\epsilon) = M(\vec{x}_0, \vec{x}_0, \epsilon)^i_j n_{(0)}^j$ (The Monodromy Matrix)

So then $M^i_j(\vec{x}_0, \vec{x}_0, \epsilon)^i_j =$

$$\delta^i_j - \frac{1}{2} R^i_{jkl}(\vec{x}_0) \oint (\vec{x}^l(u) - x_{(0)}^l) \frac{d}{du} (x^k(u) - x_{(0)}^k)$$

NB: (We first showed) that the integral $\int \dots = 0$ unless $(k, l) = (1, 2)$ or $(2, 1)$
 $= ab \quad \text{if } k=2, l=1$
 $= -ab \quad \text{if } k=1, l=2$.

NB: So instead of a sum (in R^i_{jkl}) you get only one term, $R^i_{j12} \cdot (2ab)$.

Advantage: We don't have to worry about any cancellation of terms.

If the expression is zero, then this term must vanish.
(integral)

If not, then this term can't vanish.

Story: We use it for proving, roughly, that if the monodromy is I for all curves, then the Riemann Tensor $R=0$.

Cont. (2)

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Given: For all curves, the monodromy matrix = \mathbb{I} .

Claim: $R_{ijkl}^i = 0$ in that case.

Proof: choose a curve along different planes (as before) to show that each component of $R_{ijkl}^i = 0$.

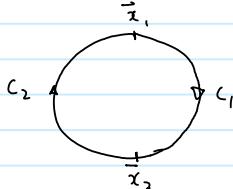
NB: Higher order terms in ϵ may give further conditions but they can't cancel the R_{ijkl}^i term so at least R must vanish if $M(x, x, c) = \mathbb{I}$.

Given: $R_{ijkl}^i = 0$

Claim (eventual): $M = \mathbb{I}$ (under some extra assumptions)

Some additional results

Consider:



a non-small curve.

I can calculate M by starting at x_1 . I can also start at x_2 .
Question: Relation b/w them

$$M(x_1, x_1, c_1 + c_2) \underset{\text{Tip: reverse order}}{=} M(x_2, x_2, c_2 + c_1)$$

Recall: $M(x_2, x_1, c_2) \underline{M(x_1, x_2, c_1)} \neq M(x_1, x_2, c_1) M(x_2, x_1, c_2)$
 in general.
 $= M(x_2, x_1, c_2) M(x_2, x_2, c_2 + c_1) M(x_2, x_1, -c_2)$

Essentially, note that the second term (highlighted) is contained in $M(x_2, x_2, c_2 + c_1)$. We remove the extra term by multiplying by its inverse (recall $M(\dots)^{-1} = M(\dots - c)$).

NB: The two monodrome matrices are related by conjugation.

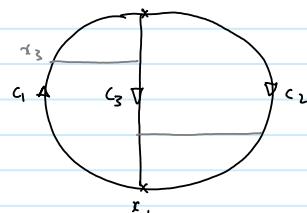
Recall: $A \& B$ are conjugates if $A = SBS^{-1}$ for some S .

NB 2: If $A = \mathbb{I}$, then $B = \mathbb{I}$ also \Rightarrow If monodrome is \mathbb{I} , doesn't matter which point you start from.

Comment: We use it in a different way.

NB 3: If $B = \mathbb{I} + O(\epsilon)$ then $A = SBS^{-1} = \mathbb{I} + SO(\epsilon)S^{-1} = \mathbb{I} + O(\epsilon)$ \Leftrightarrow If B is close to \mathbb{I} , so is A .

Consider:



Then: Use results from small loops & the result above.
Break the loop.

(non-small loop)

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, x_1, c_1 + c_2) &\rightarrow \text{for the full loop.} \\ &= M(x_2, x_1, c_2) \cdot M(x_1, x_2, c_1) \\ &= M(x_2, x_1, c_2) \cdot \underbrace{M(x_1, x_2, -c_3) M(x_2, x_1, c_3)}_{\mathbb{I}} \cdot M(x_1, x_2, c_1) \end{aligned}$$

Then: Go into a smaller loop e.g. c_3
 $= M(x_1, x_1, c_2 - c_3) M(x_1, x_1, c_1 + c_3)$

$\therefore M(x_1, x_2, -c_3) = M(x_2, x_1, c_3)^{-1}$

start end

& similarly for the other

Now, divide further & to get the loop to start at some other point, conjugate.
start at x_3 & repeat the aforesaid.

Assume: We've divided the original loop into n parts (roughly same size).

\Rightarrow Each part has an area $\sim \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow$ circumference $\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

Cont. + Parallel Transport (3)

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$$\text{Monodromy (when } R_{ijk\ell} = 0) = \mathbb{1} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^{3/2}}\right) \quad (\because \mathcal{J} \text{ was } 1 + O(\epsilon^2) \text{ where } \epsilon \text{ was length of curve})$$

Final argument: Look at structure. Several matrices (product).

$$\dots \sim \mathbb{1} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^{3/2}}\right)$$

b in between there would be conjugations, e.g. $S_2^{-1} S_{12} \dots S_{1-}^{-1} \dots S^{-1}$.

One can bring this into the form $S \cdot S^{-1} S \cdot S^{-1} S \cdot S^{-1} S \cdot S^{-1}$ by multiplying by $S S^{-1}$ where needed.

Recall: Conjugation doesn't change the $1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n^{3/2}}\right)$ part

\Rightarrow In the end I can remove the S matrices & write

$$\dots \sim \mathbb{1} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^{3/2}}\right)$$

b There're n matrices.

$$\text{Note: } (1+x_1)(1+x_2)(1+x_3)\dots(1+x_n) \quad \text{with } x \sim \frac{1}{n^{3/2}},$$

$$1 + n \cdot O(x) + {}^n C_2 O(x^2)$$

$$= 1 + n \cdot \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}.$$

\Rightarrow The product above would be $1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$.

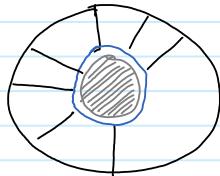
NB: If we had for each $\mathbb{1} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$, the argument won't work. This in turn followed: we had $1 + O(\epsilon^2)$ which justifies the necessity & sufficiency of the hardware from lecture 6.

CAVEAT: We implicitly assumed that there's a surface enclosed by the curve (\because we are drawing curves on it & dividing).

e.g. 2 For a conical deficit, even for a small loop near the singularity (enclosing it), the monodromy $1 + O(\epsilon)$.

\because the argument (for the infinitesimal case) assumed this (but I can't see it...)

Illustration



singularity

can't say anything about this curve, can't make it infinitesimal

Parallel Transport Intuition: Embedding in a Larger Euclidean Space.

Idea: Surface of a sphere can be described using $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$. Generalise this, imagine this can be done.

Consider coordinates of some manifold $\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ embedded in a flat space $\{y_1, \dots, y_D\}$ with $D > N$ in general.

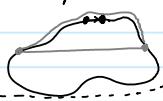
We write $y^\alpha = f^\alpha(\vec{x})$ where $\alpha = 1, \dots, D$ & f^α are a set of f 's.

Remark: For a typical Riemannian surface, D is very large.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g.: 2-d sphere } (\vec{x} = (\theta, \phi)) , \quad y^1 &= a \sin\theta \cos\phi && \text{equiv. to saying} \\ &y^2 = a \sin\theta \sin\phi && (y^1)^2 + (y^2)^2 + (y^3)^2 = a^2 \\ &y^3 = a \cos\theta && \end{aligned}$$

$$ds^2 = \sum dx^\alpha dx^\beta = \sum \underbrace{\frac{\partial f^\alpha}{\partial x^i} dx^i \frac{\partial f^\beta}{\partial x^j}}_{\alpha, \beta} dx^i dx^j = \sum \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} \right)}_{\alpha, \beta} dx^i dx^j$$

Infinitesimally, the notion of distance in the two spaces should match (that was our "dy")!



Cont. (4)

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Suppose: ① You have a surface ② Pick a tangent to this surface (in general there's a tangent space, pick any tangent in this space) at some point ③ Using the embedded space, parallelly move the tangent vector to the neighbouring point ④ Project it along the tangent space at the new point (it is a well defined notion, we'll see)

Remark: Norm to first order remains preserved despite the projection.
motivation: $\cos\theta = 1 + O(\theta^2)$, we're doing $O(\theta)$.

Claim: The projected vector is a parallel transport

Question: Is this notion of parallel transport equivalent to our earlier notion that didn't refer to any embedding space?

Answer: Yes.

Proof (sketch only):

$$\vec{n}(u) \text{ original tangent vector (n-dimensional)} \\ m^\alpha = \left. \frac{\partial f^\alpha}{\partial x^i} \right|_{\vec{x}(u)} n^i(u) \rightarrow m^\alpha \text{ at } \vec{x} + \delta \vec{x} = \vec{x}(u + \delta u) \\ \downarrow \text{(see the picture)}$$

$$n^i(u + \delta u) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} m^\beta \left. \frac{\partial f^\alpha}{\partial x^j} \right|_{\vec{x}(u + \delta u)} g^{ij}(\vec{x}(u + \delta u)) \\ = m^\beta \left(\left. \frac{\partial f^\alpha}{\partial x^i} \right|_{\vec{x}(u)} + \left. \frac{\partial^2 f^\alpha}{\partial x^i \partial x^k} \right|_{\vec{x}(u)} \delta x^k \right) \left(g^{ij} \right|_{\vec{x}(u)} + \delta_{ij} g^{ij} \delta x^0)$$

Consistency check: if you take $\delta x = 0$, you should

$$\begin{aligned} &= m^\alpha \left. \frac{\partial f^\alpha}{\partial x^i} \right|_{\vec{x}(u)} g^{ij} + O(\delta x) \\ &= n^i \left. \frac{\partial f^\alpha}{\partial x^i} \right|_{\vec{x}(u)} \frac{\partial f^\alpha}{\partial x^j} g^{ij} \\ &= n^i g_{ij} g^{ij} \\ &= n^i \end{aligned}$$

Claim: $\frac{dn^i}{du} + \Gamma_{jk}^{ij} n^j \frac{dx^i}{du} = 0$; hint: all $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ are related to the metric.

Remark: This matches the notion of parallel transport we had derived without the notion of embedding space.

Lecture 8 (identities + GR started!)

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Useful Identities

(will not be proved here)

$$1) D_i D_j A_k - D_j D_i A_k \quad (\text{also written as } [D_i, D_j] A_k) \\ = - R^l_{kji} A_l$$

defined as the usual
covariant derivative
with the covariant symbol

These can be proved (claim)
by looking at the definitions

$$2) D_i D_j A^k - D_j D_i A^k = R^l_{kji} A^l$$

3) Combining the aforesaid

$$D_i D_j A^{k_1 \dots k_p}_{ l_1 \dots l_q} - D_j D_i A^{k_1 \dots k_p}_{ l_1 \dots l_q} = R^{k_1}_{ l_{ji}} A^{k_2 \dots k_p}_{ l_1 \dots l_q} + \dots + R^{k_p}_{ l_{ji}} A^{k_1 \dots k_{p-1} l}_{\phantom{k_1 \dots k_{p-1} l} l_1 \dots l_q} \\ - \{ R^l_{l_{ji}} A^{k_1 \dots k_p}_{ l_1 \dots l_q} + \dots + R^l_{l_{qj}} A^{k_1 \dots k_p}_{ l_1 \dots l_{q-1} l} \}$$

Bianchi Identities

$$D_s R_{ijk} + D_k R_{ijs} + D_s R_{jik} = 0$$

structure: completely anti-symmetric in s, k, l NB: k, l are already anti-symmetric;
Instead of 6 terms, need to write only 3 terms.

proof idea: find a frame in which $\Gamma = 0$.

can derive more by contracting, e.g. g^{is}

$$\Rightarrow D_s R_{ijk} + D_k R_{isj} - D_s R_{jik} = 0$$

where the Ricci tensor was defined as $g^{lk} R_{ijkl} = R_{ij}$. NB: Contracting the 2nd & 4th index
is also the same: R_{ijkl} is anti-symmetric in (i,j) & (k,l)

further contract with g^{jk} .

$$\Rightarrow D_s R_{ijk} + D_k R_{isj} - D_s R_{jik} = 0$$

same terms

$$\Rightarrow 2 D_s R_{ijk} - D_s R = 0 \Rightarrow 2 D_s (R_{ijk} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{jk}) = 0$$

where in the last step, D doesn't act on g because $Dg = 0$. It acts on R , then lowers the index.
this is called Einstein's tensor.

This completes our general discussion of manifolds. Now we start General Relativity.

Conventions

signature Now we focus on manifolds with signature $(n,1)$ (here $n=3$ for 3d space)

Recall: signature $(3,1) = (- +++)$

$$c.v \\ ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu}(x) dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

Indices: x^μ $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$ coordinates.

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\nu\mu}$$

functions: $f(\vec{x}) \rightarrow f(x)$

Recall: In special relativity, proper time is given by $-ds^2 = dx_0^2 - dx_1^2 - dx_2^2 - dx_3^2$, where $x_0 = ct$.

Question: Does the metric $g_{\mu\nu}(x)$ as generalized, describe anything physical?

Answer: Yes, it describes spacetime in the presence of gravity.

General Relativity

$g_{\mu\nu}(x)$ describes space-time in presence of a gravitational field.

Particles in a gravitational field move along geodesics in the absence of other fields.

GR (cont.)

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Remark: Now the gravitational field is produced we'll come to later, second part of general relativity.

Recall: geodesic eqⁿ

$$\frac{d\vec{x}^M}{du^2} + \Gamma^M_{\nu\rho}(x) \frac{dx^\nu}{du} \frac{dx^\rho}{du} = 0. \quad \leftarrow \text{Describes the motion of the particle in a gravitational field.}$$

Story: When the metric has all + signature, $ds^2 > 0$

In our case, $3+1$, ds^2 can be >0 , $=0$, <0 .

Therefore we can divide the geodesics into 3 parts.

① $\frac{ds^2}{du^2} = g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{du} \frac{dx^\nu}{du} < 0$ (time-like) "proof": $\because u$ is an affine parameter,
 $\frac{ds^2}{du^2} = \text{const.}$
Let $\frac{ds^2}{du^2} = -c$ and I rescale

which can be made by rescaling $= -1$

NB: du can be associated with $d\tau$ (proper time)

$$\therefore \frac{ds^2}{du^2} = g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{du} \frac{dx^\nu}{du} = -1$$

$$u \rightarrow u \sqrt{-c}^{-1} u' \Rightarrow \left(\frac{ds}{du} \right)^2 = \frac{ds^2}{c^{-1} du'^2} \Rightarrow \frac{ds^2}{du'^2} = -1.$$

Then for $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$

$$-dx^{(0)}^2 + dx^{(1)}^2 + dx^{(2)}^2 + dx^{(3)}^2 = -du^2$$

proper time.
(see the prev. page).

NB: the geodesic eqⁿ is invariant under scaling of u : it is ok to scale.

② space-like $\frac{ds^2}{du^2} = g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{du} \frac{dx^\nu}{du} > 0$

③ light-like $g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{du} \frac{dx^\nu}{du} = 0$

Story: The analogue of this in Minkowski space is trivial. Basically says every particle travels at a speed less than the speed of light.

$$\left| \frac{dx^1}{dx^0} \right| < 1 \quad \text{or in general} \quad \left| \frac{dx^i}{dx^0} \right| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow ds^2 - \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -dx^0^2 + dx^1^2 < 0$$

In GR we say this in a more coordinate invariant way.

For massless particles, in special relativity, $\left| \frac{dx^i}{dx^0} \right| = 1$, must move at the speed of light. This extends $ds^2=0$.

This also generalizes to GR. Massless particles must move along light-like geodesics.

Nothing of course travels along the space-like geodesic; in SR, this corresponds to $\left| \frac{dx^i}{dx^0} \right| > 1$, faster than speed of light.

Story 2 We'll see that these under the right circumstances reduce to Newton's Laws.

However, already we can see that the notion of signals not branching faster than light is built in, as this theory a generalization of special relativity.

Newtonian Limit

Motivation: Physics without gravity, now describes the proper time (don't know the precise meaning of this).

Now even though gravity changes $\eta^{\mu\nu}$, that change must be small.

Newtonian Limit + ...

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We assume ① Weak Field: $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}(x) \xrightarrow{\text{small}}$

② Non-relativistic limit: $\mathbf{v} = c\mathbf{t}$; write everything in terms of t & take c large.
(shouldn't be valid in the relativistic limit, allows instantaneous prop of signals)

NB: Of course c has dimensions; what does taking c large mean? \therefore a dimensionful parameter being large means it must be large wrt something else, it means compared to velocities of objects.

Conclude: $\frac{dx^\mu}{du} = \left(\frac{dx^0}{du}, \frac{dx^i}{du} \right) = \left(c \frac{dt}{du}, \frac{dx^i}{du} \right)$ for large c we ignore

the $\frac{dx^i}{du}$ term compared to $c \frac{dt}{du}$, i.e. the velocities are small compared to c

$\frac{d}{dx^0} \approx \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$, $\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \approx \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ & again with c large,

the first term will be neglected.

Consequence: $h_{\mu\nu}(x)$ can be taken to be static $\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ will be neglected compared to $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^0}$.

Remark: Later we'll see the non-relativistic limit also implies the weak field limit

Recall $\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{du^2} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\mu(x) \frac{dx^\nu}{du} \frac{dx^\rho}{du} = 0$ (geodesic eqⁿ)

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) \frac{dx^\mu}{du} \frac{dx^\nu}{du} = -1 \quad (\text{defines the scaling})$$

Under the assumptions: $\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{du^2} + \Gamma_{00}^\mu(x) \frac{dx^0}{du} \frac{dx^0}{du} \approx 0$

$$\text{recall } \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\mu = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\sigma} (\partial_\nu g_{\sigma\rho} + \partial_\rho g_{\sigma\nu} - \partial_\sigma g_{\nu\rho})$$

$$\Gamma_{00}^\mu = \frac{1}{2} g^{00} (\underbrace{\partial_0 g_{00} + \partial_0 g_{00} - \partial_0 g_{00}}_{\text{ignore } \therefore \text{they're time derivatives (see above)}})$$

(also for ∂_0 , ignore ∂_0)

$$\approx -\frac{1}{2} g^{00} \partial_0 g_{00} = -\frac{1}{2} g^{00} \partial_0 h_{00}$$

N.B.: If we include the h dependent part, in this, then it will go 2nd order in h (overall). Thus we replace $g^{\mu i} = \eta^{\mu i}$.

N.B. 2: $\eta^{\mu i}$ is diagonal. $\eta^{\mu i} = 0$ for $\mu = 0$
 $= \delta_{ij}$ for $\mu = i$ (signature is $-1, 1, 1, 1$)

$$\Gamma_{00}^0 \approx 0 \quad \& \quad \Gamma_{00}^i \approx -\frac{1}{2} \partial_0 h_{00}.$$

Plugging Back: $\frac{d^2 x^0}{du^2} \approx 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{d^2 x^i}{du^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_0 h_{00} \left(\frac{dx^0}{du} \right)^2 \approx 0$

The second eqⁿ (with leading order in $g^{\mu\nu}$) gives us

$$-\left(\frac{dx^0}{du} \right)^2 + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^3 \left(\frac{dx^i}{du} \right)^2}_{\text{small compared to } \frac{d^2 x^0}{du^2}} = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dx^0}{du} \approx 1.$$

N.B.: When you integrate $\frac{dx^0}{du} \approx 1$, you get $\frac{dx^0}{du} \approx \text{const} \& \text{that is forced to be 1}$.

$$\Rightarrow x^0 = u \quad (\text{we don't worry about the constant}).$$

N.B. 2: We took the leading part in the 2nd eqⁿ because in the first, that's already multiplied by h_{00} .

... + Newtonian Limit + Principle of Equivalence

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This yields finally $\frac{d^2x^i}{du^2} - \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{i00} \approx 0 \quad (\because \frac{dx^0}{du} \approx 1)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2x^i}{dt^2} \approx \frac{c^2}{2} \gamma_{i00}$$

Comparison to Newton's Law of Gravity: $\frac{d^2x^i}{dt^2} = -\gamma_{i00}$

$$\Rightarrow \rho = -\frac{c^2}{2} h_{00} \quad \text{or} \quad h_{00} = -\frac{2}{c^2} \rho$$

Remark: This shows that in the appropriate limit, GR does reduce to Newton's laws where I set $h_{00} = -\frac{2}{c^2} \rho$.

NB: For large c , automatically h_{00} is small. It means that the weak field assumption is not independent.

NB 2: One could add a "large const" in $h_{00} = -\frac{2}{c^2} \rho + \text{const}$ which would only scale which in turn scales coordinates.

η ↴ so it plays no role.

Conclusions using Riemannian Geometry

Consider: a point x_0 ; in general $\Gamma_{\nu\rho}^{\mu}(x_0) \neq 0$

Intuition: Think of Γ as a "force" in the geodesic γ

Idea: \exists a coordinate system x' s.t. $\Gamma_{\nu\rho}^{\mu}(x'_0) = 0$ (see lecture 2)

Consequence: The γ' of motion looks like that of a free particle (put $\rho = 0$ to compare) at that particular space-time point.

: This can be done for all points (even though one needs to pick a different coordinate system). These frames are called local inertial frames.

: This principle that it's possible to find a frame where the effect of gravity disappears is called the principle of equivalence.

General Remark: The equation of motion doesn't depend on the composition of the particle you're considering.

e.g. a dust particle of copper & gold both move the same under gravity.

Deeper Remark(s): The general coordinate invariance is "sacred" \leftrightarrow runs into inconsistencies
The principle of equivalence can be removed in further generalizations

e.g. the γ' of motion is given by

$$\frac{d^2x'^\mu}{du^2} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^{\mu} \frac{dx^\nu}{du} \frac{dx^\rho}{du} + \alpha D^\mu \Gamma_{\nu\rho} \frac{dx^\nu}{du} \frac{dx^\rho}{du} = 0$$

This will violate the principle of equivalence but this is still valid (coordinate invariant)

In fact any "quantum theory" e.g. string theory, generates this term even in the classical level.

... + Dimensional Analysis

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: Dimensional Analysis (to show α must be small)
 Γ has one length derivative, R has two length derivatives
 $\Rightarrow \alpha$ has dimensions length square

$$\frac{d^2x^\nu}{du^2} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\mu \frac{dx^\nu}{du} \frac{dx^\rho}{du} + \alpha D^\mu R_{\nu\rho} \frac{dx^\nu}{du} \frac{dx^\rho}{du} = 0$$
$$[L] [L^{-2}] [L][L] [L]^2 [L^{-1}] [L^{-2}] [L] = 0$$

The length scale of interest is the Planck scale & square of this would essentially have no easily observable effect.

Rough Work

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} ds^2 \leq 0 \\ \frac{ds^2}{du^2} \leq 0 \end{array} \right\} \because \frac{ds^2}{du^2} \text{ is const} \therefore \text{can make } \frac{ds^2}{du^2} = -1$$

Now do I know this? ; signature is + --- or - + + so it's possible always.

Now about this? Should I use limits? $\Delta s^2 \leq 0$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\Delta s^2}{\Delta u \cdot \Delta u} \leq 0$$

$$\text{let } \frac{ds^2}{du^2} \leq 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{du} \frac{dx^\nu}{du}$$

From the geodesic eqn $\frac{d}{du} \left(\frac{(ds)}{du} \right)^2 = 0$
(or is it a consequence of
the affine parametrization?)

$\frac{ds}{du} = \text{const} \therefore u$ is an affine parameter.

Lecture 9 | Gravitational Redshift + EM

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Gravitational Redshift

Consider a clock sitting on the point \vec{x}_1 in space.
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dx^i}{dt} = 0$.

$$\vec{x}_{10}^0$$

$$x_{10}^0$$

$$\vec{x}_1$$

$$\vec{x}_{10}^0 + c$$

$$x_{10}^0 + c$$

$$\vec{x}_2$$

Assume time independent metric $g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x})$
(I think we're taking the non-relativistic [Note!]
limit \rightarrow weak field approx.)

Recall: For a physical particle, $\frac{ds^2}{du^2} < 0$ & since u is an affine parameter $\frac{ds}{du} = \text{const}$

This means I can always rescale to get $\frac{ds^2}{du^2} = -1$ (for time like)

$\Rightarrow du^2 = -ds^2 = -dz^2$. So I can write

$$-\frac{ds^2}{du^2} = \frac{ds^2}{dz^2} = -g^{uu} \frac{dx^u}{dz} \frac{dx^u}{dz} = 1$$

(In the weak field limit, one ignores $\frac{dx^i}{du}$ compared to $\frac{dx^0}{du}$. That's what

I think is being done here but I need to check this)

$$-g^{00} \left(\frac{dx^0}{dz} \right)^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \Delta z^0 = \Delta z_1 (-g^{00}(\vec{x}_{10}))^{-1/2}$$

(ticks) a const $\frac{c}{\text{speed of light}}$

Story: The clock emits two signals, at \vec{x}_{10}^0 & $\vec{x}_{10}^0 + ds^0$. Say it took 'et' length of time for the first signal to reach point \vec{x}_2 . Since $g^{\mu\nu}$ is time independent, the second signal will also take as long (see the figure). The interval between the two signals at \vec{x}_2 will again be ds^0 .

I now want to find the proper time b/w two clock ticks, as seen by an observer sitting on the point \vec{x}_{10} . Why bother? Because the clock of observer 2 is ticking according to his proper time.

Calc: $\Delta z^{(0)} = \Delta z_{10} (-g^{00}(\vec{x}_{10}))^{-1/2}$ I wrote the g^{00} for a clock sitting at \vec{x}_{10} observing the time difference of the signals that reached \vec{x}_{10} .

$$\Rightarrow \Delta z_{10} g^{00}(\vec{x}_{10})^{-1/2} = \Delta z_{10} g^{00}(\vec{x}_{10})^{-1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta z_{10}}{\Delta z_{10}} = \left[\frac{g^{00}(\vec{x}_{10})}{g^{00}(\vec{x}_{10})} \right]^{1/2}.$$

It seems that s/he didn't actually make the weak field approximation but he does it now.

Weak Field: $g^{00} = \eta^{00} + h^{00}$ where $h^{00} = -\frac{2\phi}{c^2}$ & $\eta^{00} = -1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta z_{10}}{\Delta z_{10}} = \left[\frac{1 + \frac{2\phi(\vec{x}_{10})}{c^2}}{1 + \frac{2\phi(\vec{x}_{10})}{c^2}} \right]^{1/2} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{c^2} [\phi(\vec{x}_{10}) - \phi(\vec{x}_{10})]$$

If $\phi(\vec{x}_{10}) > \phi(\vec{x}_{10})$, then $\Delta z_{10} > \Delta z_{10}$.

The clock at \vec{x}_{10} will be slower than the one at \vec{x}_{10} .

I am, however, still a little confused about why we're using "proper time". What happens if I take the clock at \vec{x}_{10} & bring it to \vec{x}_{10} ? Shouldn't their proper times be the same?

\hookrightarrow clock already at \vec{x}_{10} & the one I got from \vec{x}_{10} ?

Forces + Electromagnetism in GR introduced (cont.)

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Recall: A free particle moves along a geodesic $\frac{d^2x^\mu}{dt^2} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\mu \frac{dx^\nu}{dt} \frac{dx^\rho}{dt} = 0$ where $g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{dt} \frac{dx^\nu}{dt} = -1$

Question: If there's a "force" how do we evaluate the LHS?

Idea: We can use the principle of equivalence. While this is not "sacred" it is correct to a very good approximation.

: find a frame where $\Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\mu = 0$ so that $g^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu}$ by the equiv. principle.

NB: In this frame, the eqⁿ of motion becomes $\frac{d^2x^\mu}{dt^2} = f^\mu$ → force in the absence of gravity

: in local inertial frame, the principle of equivalence says that the eqⁿ of motion should look exactly as though there's no gravity

More Babbble: Consider having a rocket you're tilted in the absence of gravity & know f , the acceleration of the rocket. The principle of equivalence tells us that the eqⁿ will be the same in this special local inertial frame.

NB: It's not convenient to keep changing frames so

consider a general coordinate system x , where

(TODO: This I couldn't figure; need to derive the parallel transport eqⁿ/geodesic eqⁿ)
(Turns out it was an exercise there also which I remember doing)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2x^\mu}{dt^2} &= \partial_\nu x^\mu \left(\frac{d^2x^\nu}{dt^2} + \Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\nu \frac{dx^\rho}{dt} \frac{dx^\sigma}{dt} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \underbrace{(\partial_\mu x^\alpha)}_{\delta_\mu^\alpha} \partial_2 x^\mu &\left(\frac{d^2x^\nu}{dt^2} + \Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\nu \frac{dx^\rho}{dt} \frac{dx^\sigma}{dt} \right) = f^\mu (\partial_\mu x^\alpha) \\ \rightarrow \frac{d^2x^\alpha}{dt^2} + \Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\alpha \frac{dx^\rho}{dt} \frac{dx^\sigma}{dt} &= \underbrace{\partial_\mu x^\alpha}_{f^\mu} = f^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

NB: We didn't assume that f is a vector. We just determined that f^μ can be computed

Defn.

Consider: x'' is another coordinate system.

$$f^\mu \text{ in the } x'' \text{ coordinate will be } \frac{d^2x''^\mu}{dt^2} + \Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^{\mu\alpha} \frac{dx''^\rho}{dt} \frac{dx''^\sigma}{dt} = f''^\mu = \partial_\mu x''^\mu f^\mu$$

Ex: $f''^\alpha = \partial_\mu x''^{\alpha\mu} f^\mu$ (easy exercise) essentially saying that f indeed transforms like a vector.

Conclns: Force due to an external field, e.g. Electromagnetic force.

Idea: Same as earlier, use principle of equivalence;

$$\text{Recall: } m \frac{d^2x^\mu}{dt^2} = g^{\mu\nu} F_{\nu\rho} \frac{dx^\rho}{dt} : c=1 \text{ unit} \quad \text{where } F_{\nu\rho} = \partial_\nu A_\rho - \partial_\rho A_\nu ; A_\nu = \underbrace{\{A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3\}}_{\text{Vector potential}}$$

$$E_i = -F_{0i} = \partial_i A_0 - \partial_0 A_i = -\nabla \phi - \frac{\partial A}{\partial t}$$

Not sure why -
✓ Electrostatic
Potential

$$B_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} E_{ijk} F_{jk} \quad \text{which componentwise is} \quad \begin{cases} B_1 = \partial_2 A_3 - \partial_3 A_2 \\ B_2 = \partial_3 A_1 - \partial_1 A_3 \\ B_3 = \partial_1 A_2 - \partial_2 A_1 \end{cases} \quad \text{essentially } B = \nabla \times A$$

$$\text{Consider: } \mu=i \text{ case, } \frac{d}{dt} \left(m \frac{dx^i}{dt} \right) = g^{\mu\nu} \underbrace{\left(F_{i\rho} \frac{dx^\rho}{dt} \right)}_{\substack{\text{ii} \\ \text{pi}}} = g \left(F_{i0} \frac{dx^0}{dt} + F_{ik} \frac{dx^k}{dt} \right) \quad \text{using } F_{i0} = -F_{0i} \text{ & justify this property.}$$

$$\frac{d p^i}{dt} = \frac{dp^i}{dt} \frac{dt}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{dp^i}{dt} = g \left(E_i + E_{ik} B_k \frac{dx^k}{dt} \right) \quad \text{NB: The } p^i \text{ has } z \text{ still which is the Lorentz force law.}$$

$$\frac{dx^i}{dt} = \frac{dx^i}{dt} \frac{dx^0}{dt}$$

Electromagnetism in GR (cont.)

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So in a local inertial frame, one can write (using the principle of equivalence)

$$m \frac{d^2 x'^\mu}{dt^2} = g^{\mu\nu} F'_{\nu\rho} \frac{dx'^\rho}{dt}$$

NB: The meaning of F' would be the same as that in flat space; use test charges to measure the E & B fields.

$$\begin{aligned} m \partial_\nu x'^\mu \left(\frac{d^2 x^\sigma}{dt^2} + \Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\nu \frac{dx^\rho}{dt} \frac{dx^\sigma}{dt} \right) &= g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu x'^\mu \partial_\beta x'^\nu g^{\nu\rho} F'_{\nu\rho} \partial_\gamma x'^\rho \frac{dx^\gamma}{dt} \} \times \delta_\mu^\nu \\ \Rightarrow m \frac{d^2 x^\delta}{dt^2} + \Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\delta \frac{dx^\rho}{dt} \frac{dx^\sigma}{dt} &= g^{\delta\mu} \partial_\mu x'^\delta \partial_\nu x'^\mu g^{\nu\rho} F'_{\nu\rho} \partial_\gamma x'^\rho \frac{dx^\gamma}{dt} \\ &= g g^{\delta\mu} (\partial_\mu x'^\nu \partial_\gamma x'^\rho F'_{\nu\rho}) \frac{dx^\gamma}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Def}: F_{\mu\nu} := \partial_\mu x'^\nu \partial_\nu x'^\rho F'_{\nu\rho}$$

$$= g g^{\delta\mu} F_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\gamma}{dt}$$

$$\text{Recall: } F'_{\nu\rho} = \partial_\nu A'_\rho - \partial_\rho A'_\nu ; \stackrel{(\text{Ex})}{\text{Claim: Show that (using the recall) that }} F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

$$\text{where } A_\mu = \partial_\mu x'^\mu A'_\mu.$$

Remark: Repeat the calc for another

arbitrary x'' coordinate sys. Proof: $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu x'^\nu \partial_\nu x'^\rho (\partial_\rho A'_\rho - \partial_\rho A'_\nu)$

& conclude

$$A''_\mu = \partial_\mu x''^\mu A'_\mu$$

which can be combined as

$$A''_\mu = \partial_\mu x''^\alpha A_\alpha$$

so this shows that A_μ transforms as a rank 0,1 tensor

Bubble: F^μ earlier was a force field.

This makes sense only along the trajectory of the particle. The A^μ field however is a proper vector field defined without invoking any special trajectory.

Claim: $F_{\alpha\beta}$ is a rank (0,2) tensor. Proof: $F_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha$

$$F'_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\alpha A'_\beta - \partial_\beta A'_\alpha$$

$$\stackrel{\text{claim}}{=} \partial_\alpha x'^\mu \partial_\mu x'^\nu \partial_\nu A'_\beta$$

$$F'_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\alpha x'^\mu \partial_\mu x'^\nu F_{\nu\beta}$$

$$= \partial_\alpha x'^\mu \partial_\mu x'^\nu (\partial_\nu A_\beta - \partial_\nu A_\mu)$$

$$= \partial_\alpha x'^\mu \partial_\mu A_\beta \partial_\nu x'^\nu - \partial_\alpha x'^\mu \partial_\mu A_\beta$$

$$= \partial_\alpha x'^\mu \partial_\mu A_\beta - \partial_\alpha x'^\mu \partial_\mu A_\beta$$

$$= \partial_\alpha x'^\mu (\partial_\mu A_\beta - \partial_\mu A_\mu)$$

$$= \partial_\alpha x'^\mu A'_\beta - \partial_\alpha x'^\mu A'_\mu$$

but ϵ is small (as argued earlier)

Remark: How did they know this would work out?

Point: Principle of equivalence is not sacred.

Any term that respects general coordinate invariance might be present.

Rough (disambiguation)

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$-ds^2$ is proper time.

clock

$$\frac{1}{x_{(1)}}$$

$$\frac{1}{x_{(2)}}$$

(1) Assume Time Independent Metric $g_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x})$.

(2) The object is at rest in this metric $\Rightarrow \frac{dx^i}{dt} = 0$.

$$g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{du} \frac{dx^\nu}{du} = \frac{ds^2}{du^2} = -1$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -ds^2 &= \tilde{c} dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2 \\ dt^2 &= d\tau^2 \\ \frac{ds^2}{du^2} &= \text{const.} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

In the weak field limit,

$$g_{00}(\vec{x}) \left(\frac{dx^0}{d\tau} \right)^2 = -1$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{ds^2}{du^2} &= -1 \\ \frac{d\tau^2}{du^2} &= 1 \\ \frac{du}{d\tau} &= \text{const.} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Let $\Delta\tau$ be the period of the clock (intrinsic \Rightarrow in its rest frame).

$$\rightarrow \left[g_{00}(\vec{x}_0) \right] \cdot (dx^0)^2 = -d\tau^2 \quad g^{00} = \delta_{ij} f(1, +1, +1, +1)$$

$$dx^0 = d\tau \left[-g_{00}(\vec{x}_0) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{d^2 x^M}{d\tau^2} = \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{dx^M}{d\tau} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} dx_i = df$$

$$\frac{da}{d\tau} = \frac{dx^0}{d\tau} \frac{\partial a}{\partial x^0}$$

$$= \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{dx'^M}{d\tau} \right) = \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\partial_\nu x'^M \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{d}{d\tau} \left[\partial_\nu x'^M \right] \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} + \partial_\nu x'^M \frac{d^2 x^\nu}{d\tau^2} \\ &= \frac{dx^0}{d\tau} \partial_0 \partial_\nu x'^M \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} + \partial_\nu x'^M \frac{d^2 x^\nu}{d\tau^2} \end{aligned}$$

Recall: $\Gamma'^{ij}_{mn} = \partial_i x'^l \partial_m x'^j \partial_n x'^k \Gamma^k_{ljk} + \partial_k x'^l \partial_m \partial_n x'^k$

Now do Γ'^{ij}_{mn} in a frame with $\Gamma = 0$.

Rewrite with $'$: $\Gamma'^{ij}_{mn} = \partial_i x'^l \partial_m x'^j \partial_n x'^k \Gamma'^{ij}_{ljk} + \partial_k x'^l \partial_m \partial_n x'^k$

now with $\Gamma' = 0$ (primed was the one with $\Gamma' \neq 0$)

$$\Gamma'^{ij}_{mn} = \partial_i x'^l \partial_m \partial_n x'^k$$

$$\partial_i x'^j \Gamma'^{ij}_{mn} = \underbrace{\partial_i x'^j \partial_k^l x'^l}_{\delta^j_k} \partial_m \partial_n x'^k$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\partial_i x'^j \Gamma'^{ij}_{mn} = \partial_m \partial_n x'^j}$$

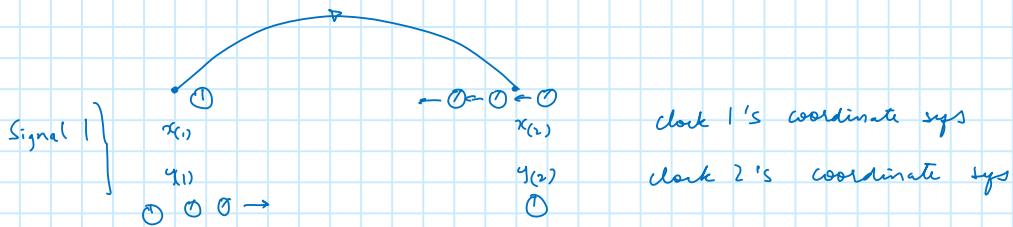
This can now be used to get $\partial_\rho x'^M \Gamma'^{\rho}_{\sigma\nu} \frac{dx^\sigma}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} + \partial_\rho x'^M \frac{d^2 x^\rho}{d\tau^2}$

$$= \partial_\rho x'^M \left[\Gamma'^{\rho}_{\sigma\nu} \frac{dx^\sigma}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} + \frac{d^2 x^\rho}{d\tau^2} \right]$$

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2 coordinate systems. x & y .



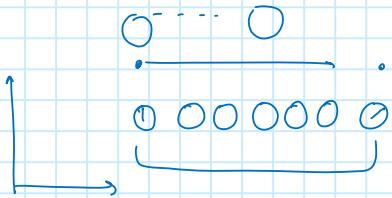
$$\text{Signal 2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_{(1)} + dx_{(1)} \\ y_{(1)} + dy_{(1)} \end{array} \right. \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x_{(2)} + dx_{(2)} \\ y_{(2)} + dy_{(2)} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \because g \text{ is time independent} \\ \text{can't say } dy_{(1)} = dy_{(2)}, \because g \text{ may depend on time} \end{array}$$

$$ds_{(1)}^2 = -g_{00} (dx_{(1)})^2 ; \quad ds_{(2)}^2 = -g_{00} (dy_{(2)})^2$$

\therefore clock 1 is at rest
in x coordinate sys.

Question: relation b/w $dx_{(1)}$ & $dy_{(1)}$

$$\text{guess : } dy_{(1)} = dx_{(1)}$$



③ 1-dim
unit charge
scale

$$\frac{d}{dx^2} =$$

$$\frac{d}{dx^M} =$$

$$\frac{dx^M}{dx^2} = s^M$$

$$\partial_\nu x^M = s^M \nu$$

$$\partial_\nu x^M = \eta^M \nu X$$

$$\eta^M = (f(x), \vec{s}_C)$$

$$\partial_M = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^M} \approx \left(+ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{x}} \right)$$

$$\partial_\nu x^M = -\eta^M \nu X$$

$$= \zeta^M \nu$$

$$\text{start } -g_{00} (dx^2) = ds^2$$

$$\text{Kishor } -g'_{00} (dx'^0)^2 = ds'^2$$

$$-g_{00} (x^2)^2 = ds^2$$

$$-g'_{00} (x'^0)^2 = ds'^2$$

② 2 A units
 $x \rightarrow x'$

$$\frac{g_{00}}{g'_0}$$

$$g = \lambda g$$

$$-(x^2)^2 = ds^2 = d\tau^2$$

$$ds^2 = -ds^2 = d\tau^2$$

$$\frac{ds^2}{d\tau^2} = g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$g = \eta$$

$$ds^2 = dx^2$$

$$x \rightarrow \lambda x = x'$$

$$ds'^2 = (\lambda) dx^2 = \lambda ds^2$$

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Lecture 10 | field equations

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$$\text{Recall: } m \left(\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{ds^2} + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\rho} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} \frac{dx^\rho}{ds} \right) = q F^\mu_\nu \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} + \alpha R^\mu_{\alpha\beta\gamma} F_{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx^\gamma}{ds}$$

NB: Both sides transform the same way \Rightarrow general coordinate invariance is respected.

Recall: α from dimensional analysis is $\sim 10^{-36}$ cm; so not easy to observe

Remark: One can try to write terms with derivatives as well $\Delta^\nu R_{\nu\rho\sigma} \frac{dx^\rho}{ds} \frac{dx^\sigma}{ds}$, there would be present even in the absence of the EM fields but the term added above is due to the EM fields (zero otherwise)

EM Field Equations

We start with flat spacetime

Recall: $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$;

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu [F_{\nu\rho}] = 0 \quad (\text{which means you add all its cyclic permutations; totally anti-symmetric combination is zero}) \quad \therefore F_{\mu\nu} = -F_{\nu\mu} \\ \text{viz. } \partial_\mu F_{\nu\rho} + \partial_\nu F_{\rho\mu} + \partial_\rho F_{\mu\nu} = 0; \text{ also called the Bianchi Identity.}$$

Remark: sometimes one doesn't like $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$ & directly imposes the Bianchi Identity.

Remark 2: This (the Bianchi Identity) corresponds to $\nabla \cdot B = 0$ & $\nabla \times E + \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = 0$

Story: Then there's another set of eq's that don't follow from $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$
This is a statement about the source of the fields

"Fact": $\partial^\mu F_{\mu\nu} = -J_\nu$; $J^\mu = \rho$; Electric Charge Density
 J^i ; Current Density.

Claim: These correspond to

$$\nabla \cdot E = \rho; \quad \nabla \times B - \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = J \quad (c=1 \text{ unit})$$

Story: In a local inertial frame, one must have ① $\partial_\mu F'_{\nu\rho} = 0$ & ② $\partial^\mu F'_{\mu\nu} = -J'_\nu$
(x' coordinate)
(instead of using $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$)

Further, J' can also be evaluated as it would be in the absence of gravity.
(in x')

NB: In a general frame, $F'_{\mu\nu} = \partial'_\mu x^\rho \partial'_\nu x^\sigma F_{\rho\sigma}$

∂' \rightarrow in terms of ∂ as before

Defⁿ: $J'_\nu = \partial_\nu x'^\sigma J'_\sigma$ NB: This makes J'_ν a tensor.

Claim: $\Delta^\mu F_{\mu\nu} = -J_\nu$ NB: We had to use Δ to preserve tensorial behaviour (as discussed earlier).

NB2: $F'_{\mu\nu}$ use ∂' $\because \Delta \leftrightarrow \partial'$ in that case.

Claim: $F_{\mu\nu} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu \stackrel{\text{claim}}{=} \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$
($\because \Gamma$ terms get cancelled).

NB: One could start with defining A'_μ using A'_μ
 $F_{\mu\nu}$ independently using $F'_{\mu\nu}$
use the relⁿ b/w F' & A' to derive F in terms of A

This would yield $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$.

... + completed for EM field + ...

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Deeper NB: This is important in ensuring the principle of equivalence holds

say, F^{M^2} involved Γ .

D^M has a δ . This would act on Γ .
Thus the LHS of $D^M F_{\mu\nu} = -J_\nu$

would involve $\partial \Gamma$ like term.

Now in a local inertial frame, $\Gamma = 0$ but
 $\partial \Gamma$ is not zero.

Thus this will not reduce to the standard
 δ^μ in the local inertial frame.

Remark (about $D^M F_{\mu\nu} = -J_\nu$):

aim: Evaluate $\underbrace{D^\nu D^M F_{\mu\nu}}_{= \frac{1}{2} [D^\nu, D^M] F_{\mu\nu}} = -D^\nu J_\nu$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (D^\nu D^M F_{\mu\nu} + D^M D^\nu F_{\mu\nu})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (D^\nu D^M - D^M D^\nu) F_{\mu\nu} \quad \cdot \cdot \cdot F_{\nu\mu} = -F_{\mu\nu}$$

Recall: we had "derived" identities involving $[D, D] A = R A + RA + \dots$

$$\text{consider: } [D_\nu, D_\mu] F_{\alpha\beta} = -R_{\alpha\mu\nu}{}^\rho F_{\rho\beta} - R_{\beta\mu\nu}{}^\rho F_{\alpha\rho}$$

Now we raise index (\because it can be done inside covariant derivatives) & replace $\alpha\beta$ by MN .

$$[D^\nu, D^M] F_{\mu\nu} = -R_\mu{}^{\nu\mu}{}^\rho F_{\rho\nu} - R_\nu{}^{\mu\nu}{}^\rho F_{\mu\rho}$$

$$= \underbrace{-R_\mu{}^{\nu\rho} F_{\nu\rho}}_0 + \underbrace{R_\nu{}^{\mu\rho} F_{\mu\rho}}_0 = 0$$

$\therefore R$ is symmetric & F is anti-symmetric

$$\Rightarrow D^\nu D^M F_{\mu\nu} = 0 \text{ for the LHS}$$

RHS? In local inertial $\delta'_\mu J'^\mu = 0$ (by construction)

Claim: $D_M J^M = 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta'_\mu J'^\mu = 0$

Remark: If $\delta'_\mu J'^\mu \neq 0$, then there'd be inconsistencies

For eg. $\delta'^M F'_{\mu\nu} = -J'_\nu$ is given

$$\Rightarrow \delta'^\nu (\delta'^M F'_{\mu\nu}) = -\delta'^\nu (J'_\nu) = 0$$

second derivative would involve neighbouring points which may not be locally inertial. (but then $\delta'^M F'_{\mu\nu}$ also had 2 derivatives, why couldn't we object then?) \because even at F' , the Γ disappears

this is correct because (as calculated above) the R part doesn't contribute.

Conclusion: The equivalence principle is working due to the extra condition enforced by electrodynamics.

... + GR Field Equations ...

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GR Field Eqⁿ

NB: Starting from the equivalence principle is pointless because gravity is zero in a local inertial frame.

Intuition: We try to figure out what eqⁿ would give, in the appropriate limit,

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi G P_m$$

NB: The LHS we saw was related to the metric; ($R_{00} = \frac{-2\phi}{c^2}$)
It must be related to two derivatives of the metric.

NB: Two derivatives of the metric have the same # free parameters (ones that can't be killed by a tensor of rank 2. The only choice we have is coordinate transform)
R_{μν} & R_{gμν} — why not g_{μν} alone? you need two derivatives of the metric.

NB: Using mass density is troublesome.

Strategy: For an H atom, the mass $m_H + m_p + m_e$
↓ proton mass → electron mass

One must take the binding energy into account, else the mass we get would be different from the inertial (gravitational?) mass.

Conclⁿ: Use energy density

Corollary: Energy by itself is not covariant; one should use the energy-momentum tensor, T_{μν}. (More on evaluating T_{μν} in the next lecture.)

$$\Rightarrow b R_{μν} + c R g_{μν} = a T_{μν}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R_{μν} + c R g_{μν} = a T_{μν} \quad (\text{for } b=0 \& \frac{c}{b}=a)$$

Claim: $\nabla^\mu T_{μν} = 0$ $\Rightarrow \nabla^\mu T_{μν} = 0$
(in a local inertial frame)

NB: $\Rightarrow \nabla^\mu (R_{μν} + c R g_{μν}) = 0$

This we demand to hold identically because if we try to demand this as an additional condition, apparently, the solⁿ gets very specific.

Recall: $\nabla^\mu (R_{μν} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{μν}) = 0$ identically

Conclusion: $c = -\frac{1}{2}$.

Strategy: To find "a" we use a consistency check with Newtonian gravity (in the weak field limit)

Recall: $g_{00} \approx -1 - 2\phi$ (in the weak field limit); $\Gamma_{00}^0 \approx 0$, $\Gamma_{00}^i \approx -2i\phi$

$T_{00} = P_m$

$\Rightarrow R_{00} = ?$] Exercises
 $\Rightarrow \rho = ?$

Claim: in the weak field limit the 00 component becomes
 $-2\nabla^2 \phi = a P_m$

$\Rightarrow a = 8\pi G$

Remark: One can add to $T_{μν} \rightarrow T_{μν} + \Lambda g_{μν}$.

Conclusion: $R_{μν} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{μν} = 8\pi G T_{μν}$ (sign convention matches Weinberg)

Exercise from Lecture 3 (or 4)

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$$g^{i\ell} \underline{g_{\ell j}} = \delta^i_j$$

$$\partial_\rho x'^j \left\{ g^{i\ell} \underline{\partial_\ell x^m} \underline{\partial_j^\ell x^n} g_{mn} = \delta^i_j \right.$$

$$g^{i\ell} \underline{\partial_\ell x^m} \underline{\delta_\ell^\ell} g_{mn} = \partial_\rho x'^i$$

$$g^{i\ell} \underline{\partial_\ell x^m} g_{mp} = \partial_\rho x'^i$$

$$g^{i\ell} \underline{\partial_\ell x^m} \underline{g_{mp} g^{\rho\sigma}} = \partial_\rho x'^i g^{\rho\sigma}$$

$$g^{i\ell} \underline{\partial_\ell x^m} \underline{\delta_m^\sigma} = \partial_\rho x'^i g^{\rho\sigma}$$

$$\partial_\rho x'^i \left\{ g^{i\ell} \underline{\partial_\ell x^m} = \partial_\rho x'^i g^{\rho\sigma} \right.$$

$$g^{i\ell} \underline{\delta_\ell^j} = \partial_\sigma x'^j \partial_\rho x'^i g^{\rho\sigma}$$

$$g'^{ij} = \partial_\sigma x'^j \partial_\rho x'^i g^{\rho\sigma}$$