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Lecture 10

Recall:

□ The curvature map, R , is defined through:

$$R: \xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3 \rightarrow R(\xi_1, \xi_2)\xi_3 = (\nabla_{\xi_1}\nabla_{\xi_2} - \nabla_{\xi_2}\nabla_{\xi_1} - \nabla_{[\xi_1, \xi_2]})\xi_3$$

□ 1st Bianchi Identity:

$$\sum_{\text{cyclic}} R(\xi, \eta)v = \sum_{\text{cyclic}} (\nabla_{\xi}(\nabla_{\eta}v) - \nabla_{\eta}(\nabla_{\xi}v))$$

□ 2nd Bianchi Identity:

$$\sum_{\text{cyclic}} (\nabla_{\xi}R)(\eta, v) + R(\nabla_{\xi}\eta, v) = 0$$

In a chart? (Assuming no torsion, and using $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, dx^i$ bases)

1st Bianchi: $\sum_{(j,k,e)} R^i{}_{jke} = 0$
↳ cyclic sum

2nd Bianchi: $\sum_{(k,m)} R^i{}_{jks;m} = 0$
↳ cyclic sum

Other useful properties:

□ $R^i{}_{jke} = -R^i{}_{jek}$

□ $R_{ijke} = -R_{jike}$

□ $R_{ijke} = R_{kaji}$

(Note: This antisymmetry will be useful because it allows one to view R as a 2-form, which is (1,1) tensor-valued)

$\langle R(\xi, \eta)v, S \rangle = \langle R(\xi, \eta)S, v \rangle$
 $\langle R(\xi, \eta)v, S \rangle = -\langle R(v, S)\xi, \eta \rangle$

Contractions of R :

The Ricci Tensor:

$R_{je} := R^i{}_{jil}$
 \Rightarrow clearly: $R_{jcd}{}^a{}^d v^c \in T_p(M)_2$

The Curvature Scalar:

$R := g^{je} R_{je}$

Then, 2nd Bianchi identity implies:

$(\nabla_{\xi} R)(\eta, v) + R(\nabla_{\xi}\eta, v) = 0$

Recall strategy:

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 \Rightarrow implicitly specified "shape" of M

Then, alternatively:

□ Specified $\nabla \Rightarrow$ specified parallel transport in M
 \Rightarrow specified "shape" of M , namely:

∇ specifies Torsion T and Curvature R .

□ 1st Bianchi Identity: $\sum_{\text{cyclic}} R(\xi, \eta)v = \sum_{\text{cyclic}} (\nabla_{\xi} \nabla_{\eta} v) - (\nabla_{\eta} \nabla_{\xi} v)$

So, R can stand for the tensor, the map and the R !

□ 2nd Bianchi Identity:

$$\sum_{\text{cyclic}} \left((\nabla_{\xi} R)(\eta, v) + R(\nabla_{\xi} \eta, v) \right) = 0$$

2nd Bianchi: $\sum_{(k,m)} R^i_{jkl;m} = 0$

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Contractions of R :

The Ricci Tensor: $R_{je} := R^i_{jil}$

\Rightarrow clearly: R_{je} is a 2×2 tensor

The Curvature Scalar: $R := g^{je} R_{je}$

Then, 2nd Bianchi identity implies:

$$(R_i^k - \frac{1}{2} \delta_i^k R)_{;k} = 0$$

\Rightarrow The so-called "Einstein tensor" $G_i^k := R_i^k - \frac{1}{2} \delta_i^k R$ obeys:

$$G_i^k{}_{;k} = 0$$

(this property was crucial guidance for Einstein, as we will see)

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How does g determine Γ ?

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Idea: The parallel transport of vectors η, v must be such that their inner product (i.e. their lengths and relative angles) stays constant:

Consider any path γ and any two vector fields η, v that are parallel transported along γ , i.e., for which:

(i.e., autoparallel to γ)

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \eta(x(t)) = 0, \quad \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} v(x(t)) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t.$$

Then, require: $\frac{d}{dt} (g(\gamma(t))_{bc} \eta^b(\gamma(t)) v^c(\gamma(t))) = 0$

i.e.: $0 = \dot{\gamma}^a (g_{bc} \eta^b v^c)_{;a} = \dot{\gamma}^a (g_{bc;a} \eta^b v^c + g_{bc} \eta^b{}_{;a} v^c + g_{bc} \eta^b v^c{}_{;a})$

Annotations:
 - $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \langle g, \eta \otimes v \rangle$ (above the first term)
 - "by obeying Leibniz rule" (above the first two terms)
 - "because $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \eta = 0$ " (above the third term)
 - "because $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} v = 0$ " (above the fourth term)

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⇒ $0 = g_{bc;a} \dot{\gamma}^a \eta^b v^c$ for all arbitrary η, v !

⇒ Compatibility of ∇ with g means:

$$\nabla_{\xi} g = 0 \quad \text{for all } \xi$$

Is there a ∇ for each choice of g ? Indeed:

Fund. theorem of (pseudo) Riemannian geometry:

For each (pseudo) Riemannian manifold (M, g) there exists a unique ∇ that is torsionless and compatible with g , i.e., which obeys $\nabla g = 0$, the Levi-Civita connection.

More generally: $\forall (M, g)$ and a tensor field T with $T_{ij}^k = -T_{ji}^k$ there is a metric-preserving ∇ whose torsion is T .

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$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \eta(\gamma(t)) = 0, \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \nu(\gamma(t)) = 0 \text{ for all } t.$$

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 - $\dot{\gamma}^a$ by obeying Leibniz rule
 - $g_{bc;a}$ because $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} g = 0$
 - $\eta^b_{;a}$ because $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \eta = 0$
 - $\nu^c_{;a}$ because $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \nu = 0$

In a chart: How to obtain the Levi-Civita ∇ from g ?

$$\nabla g = 0 \text{ means } g_{\mu\nu;d} - g_{\mu\beta} \Gamma^{\beta}_{\nu d} - g_{\beta\nu} \Gamma^{\beta}_{\mu d} = 0 \quad \text{I}$$

$$\text{i.e. } g_{\mu\nu;\nu} - g_{\mu\beta} \Gamma^{\beta}_{\nu\nu} - g_{\beta\nu} \Gamma^{\beta}_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \text{II}$$

$$\text{and } g_{\nu\mu;\mu} - g_{\nu\beta} \Gamma^{\beta}_{\mu\mu} - g_{\beta\mu} \Gamma^{\beta}_{\nu\mu} = 0 \quad \text{III}$$

take: $\frac{1}{2} (-\text{I} + \text{II} + \text{III})$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (g_{\mu\nu;\nu} + g_{\nu\mu;\mu} - g_{\mu\nu;d}) = g_{\mu\beta} \Gamma^{\beta}_{\nu\mu}$$

Thus: $\Gamma^{\beta}_{\nu\mu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\beta} (g_{\mu\nu;\nu} + g_{\nu\mu;\mu} - g_{\mu\nu;d})$

\uparrow "Levi-Civita" connection or also called "Riemannian" connection.

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Upgrade the math:

▣ Make use of arbitrary bases e_i, θ^i in (co-) tangent spaces: frames

▣ Allow forms to be tensor-valued: obtain, e.g., torsion and curvature forms. Also: connection forms.

\Rightarrow We will obtain powerful, simple equations that relate ∇, g, R, T . (Even the Bianchi identities will look simple)

Now: Assume again that ∇ and g are still unrelated and $T \neq 0$. (possibly)

and $g_{\alpha\beta,\gamma} - g_{\nu\beta}\Gamma^{\nu}_{\alpha\gamma} - g_{\beta\alpha}\Gamma^{\nu}_{\gamma\nu} = 0$ III

take: $\frac{1}{2}(-I + II + III)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(g_{\nu\beta,\alpha} + g_{\alpha\nu,\beta} - g_{\alpha\beta,\nu}) = g^{\lambda\beta}\Gamma^{\beta}_{\nu\lambda}$

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"Moving frames":

Def: A "moving frame" is a set, $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^n$, of contravariant vector fields e_i which, together, at each point $p \in M$ form a basis of $T_p(M)$.

Def: We denote the dual basis $\{\theta^i\}_{i=1}^n$.

It obeys: $\theta^i(e_j) = \delta^i_j$.

Def: For $n=4$ it may be called vierbein or tetrad.
(in other dimensions: "vielbein" = many legs)

Notice: Each co-vector $\theta^i(x)$ is a 1-form, and $d\theta^i$ is a 2-form!

Def: Collect them in a "Frame": $\theta^i \otimes e_i$, i.e. a $(1,0)$ -tensor valued 1-form

Remark: If we choose e.g. $\theta^i(x) = dx^i$, then $d\theta^i = 0$.

Remark: A general choice for the $\theta^i(x)$ can always be written in the form:

$$\theta^i(x) = \lambda^i(x)^j dx^j$$
↳ scalar coefficient functions

Def: We denote the expansion coefficients by functions C^i_{jk} :

Exercise:
Express the C^i_{jk} in terms of the λ^i_j .

$$d\theta^i = -\frac{1}{2}C^i_{jk}\theta^j \wedge \theta^k$$
with $C^i_{jk} = -C^i_{kj}$
↳ coefficient functions depend on choice of frame
↳ basis for space of all 2-forms
↳ the sign part would drop out

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contain
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Another step towards more abstract formulation:

Tensor-valued p-forms:

Def: A (r,s) -tensor-valued p -form ϕ is an anti-symmetric p -multilinear mapping at each $q \in M$:

$$\phi: \underbrace{T_p(M) \times \dots \times T_p(M)}_{p \text{ factors}} \rightarrow T_p(M)^{\otimes r}$$

Def: The p -forms $\phi_{i_1, \dots, i_p} := \phi(\theta^{i_1}, \dots, \theta^{i_p}; e_{i_{p+1}}, \dots, e_{i_{p+r}})$ are called the component p -forms relative to the basis $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^n$.

Special cases:

- (r,s) tensors are (r,s) tensor-valued 0-forms.
- p -forms are $(0,0)$ tensor-valued forms.

Coefficients:

- Torsion: $T^i_{jk} := \langle \theta^i, T(e_j, e_k) \rangle$
- Curvature: $R^i_{jkl} := \langle \theta^i, R(e_j, e_k)e_l \rangle$
- Metric: $g_{ik} := g(e_i, e_k) = \langle e_i, e_k \rangle$
- Christoffel: $\Gamma^i_{kj} e_i := \nabla_{e_k} e_j$

Consider arbitrary change of frame: (has nothing to do with a change of chart!)

□ assume $\bar{\theta}^i(x) = A^i_j(x) \theta^j(x)$

□ then: $\bar{e}_i(x) = (A^{-1})^j_i(x) e_j(x)$

(because we chose bases that are dual: $\bar{\theta}^i(\bar{e}_j) = \delta^i_j$)

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symmetric p-multilinear mapping at each q-point.

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Torsion 2-form:

- We recall that $J(\xi, \eta) = -J(\eta, \xi) \Rightarrow$ can define the torsion's (1,0) tensor-valued 2-form through its action on 2 vector fields ξ, η :

"torsion 2-form" $\rightarrow \underbrace{\Theta^i(\xi, \eta)}_{\substack{\text{the 2 form } \Theta^i \\ \text{fed 2 vectors to} \\ \text{yield a vector}}} e_i := J(\xi, \eta)$

- Given a frame: using their antisymmetry $\Theta^i = \frac{1}{2} J^i_{ke} \theta^k \wedge \theta^e$

Curvature 2-form:

(recall that in canonical basis: $R^i_{jkl} = -R^i_{lkj}$)

- We recall that also $R(\xi, \eta) = -R(\eta, \xi) \Rightarrow$ can define curvature's (1,1) tensor-valued 2-form:

"curvature 2-form" $\rightarrow \underbrace{\Omega^i_j(\xi, \eta)}_{\substack{\text{number} \\ \text{target vector}}} e_i := \underbrace{R(\xi, \eta)}_{\substack{\text{target vector}}} e_j$

Recall: $R: \xi \wedge \eta \rightarrow \nabla_\xi \nabla_\eta e_j - \nabla_\eta \nabla_\xi e_j - \nabla_{[\xi, \eta]} e_j$

- Given a frame $\{\theta^i, e_i\}$: $\Omega^i_j = \frac{1}{2} R^i_{jke} \theta^k \wedge \theta^e$

through its action on 2 vector fields ξ, η :

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 the 2-form Θ^i fed 2 vectors to yield a vector

Given a frame: $\Theta^i = \frac{1}{2} J^i_{\kappa\epsilon} \theta^\kappa \wedge \theta^\epsilon$ (using their antisymmetry)

\Rightarrow can define curvature's (1,1) tensor-valued 2-form:

"curvature 2-form" $\rightarrow \Omega^i_j(\xi, \eta)e_i := R(\xi, \eta)e_j$
 (number) (long vector) (short vector)

Recall: $R: \xi, \eta e_j \rightarrow \nabla_\xi \nabla_\eta e_j - \nabla_\eta \nabla_\xi e_j - \nabla_{[\xi, \eta]} e_j$

Given a frame $\{\theta^i\}$:
 $\Omega^i_j = \frac{1}{2} R^i_{j\kappa\epsilon} \theta^\kappa \wedge \theta^\epsilon$

The connection as a form?

Nontrivial because:

- Christoffels $\Gamma^i_{\kappa\epsilon} e_i := \nabla_{e_\kappa} e_\epsilon$ are not tensors to start with!
- $\Gamma^i_{\kappa\epsilon}$ is not antisym. in any indices, so can't be a 2-form (but can be 1-form):

Define the connection 1-forms ω^i_j : $\omega^i_j := \Gamma^i_{\kappa\epsilon} \theta^\kappa$

Thus:

$\nabla_\xi e_j = \omega^i_j(\xi) e_i$ (because $\nabla_\xi e_\kappa = \xi^\epsilon \nabla_\epsilon e_\kappa$)
 (scalars) (vector)

Proposition: cov. deriv. for covectors reads

$\nabla_\xi \theta^i = -\omega^i_j(\xi) \theta^j$

Proof: $0 = \nabla_\xi \langle \theta^i, e_j \rangle = \langle \nabla_\xi \theta^i, e_j \rangle + \langle \theta^i, \nabla_\xi e_j \rangle$
 $= \langle \nabla_\xi \theta^i, e_j \rangle + \langle \theta^i, \omega^k_j(\xi) e_k \rangle$ (*)
 $= \omega^i_j(\xi)$ because $\langle \theta^i, e_\omega \rangle = \delta^i_\omega$

\Rightarrow indeed:

$\nabla_\xi \theta^i = -\omega^i_j(\xi) \theta^j$

Contract with $\langle \cdot, e_j \rangle$ to verify that this is Eq. (*)

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so can't be a 2-form (but can be 1-form):

Define the connection 1-forms ω^i_j : $\omega^i_j := \Gamma^i_{kj} \theta^k$

Thus:

$$\nabla_{\xi} e_j = \underbrace{\omega^i_j(\xi)}_{\text{scalars}} e_i \quad (\text{because } \nabla_{\xi} e_i = \xi^k \partial_k e_i)$$

$$= \langle \nabla_{\xi} \theta^i, e_j \rangle + \langle \theta^i, \omega^k_j(\xi) e_k \rangle \quad (*)$$

= $\omega^i_j(\xi)$ because $\langle \theta^i, e_k \rangle = \delta^i_k$

⇒ indeed:

$$\nabla_{\xi} \theta^i = -\omega^i_e(\xi) \theta^e$$

contrast with $\langle \cdot, e_j \rangle$
to verify that this is Eq. (*)



Connection 1-forms are non-tensorial:

Proposition: Under change of frame $\bar{\theta}^i(x) = A^i_j(x) \theta^j(x)$
the transformation is:

$$\bar{\omega}^a_b = A^i_j \omega^i_k A^{-1}{}^k_b - (dA)^i_j (A^{-1})^j_b$$

(Annotating terms: A^i_j is a 1-form, omega^i_k is a 1-form, (dA)^i_j is a 1-form, (A^-1)^j_b is a function matrix inverse)

Proof: $-\bar{\omega}^a_b(\xi) \bar{\theta}^b = \nabla_{\xi} \bar{\theta}^a = \nabla_{\xi} (A^i_a \theta^i) = (dA^i_a)(\xi) \theta^i + A^i_a \nabla_{\xi} \theta^i$

$$= dA^i_a(\xi) \theta^i - A^i_a \omega^i_c(\xi) \theta^c$$

$$= dA^i_a(\xi) A^{-1}{}^c_b \bar{\theta}^c - A^i_a \omega^i_c(\xi) A^{-1}{}^c_d \bar{\theta}^d$$

True for all $\bar{\theta} \Rightarrow$ proposition above. ✓

The "absolute exterior differential" D:

(It generalizes both ∇ and d)

Proposition: (proof, see e.g. Straumann: check tensorial behaviour under frame change)

For every (r,s) tensor-valued p -form ϕ there exists a unique (r,s) tensor-valued $(p+1)$ form $D\phi$ whose components relative to $\{\theta^i\}$ are:

$$(D\phi)_{j_1 \dots j_{p+1}}^{i_1 \dots i_r} = d\phi_{j_1 \dots j_p}^{i_1 \dots i_r} + \omega^a_{j_1} \wedge \phi_{j_2 \dots j_p}^{i_1 \dots i_r} + \dots - \omega^e_{j_1} \wedge \phi_{j_2 \dots j_p}^{i_1 \dots i_r} - \dots$$

(Annotating terms: d is a 1-form, omega is a 1-form, phi is a p-form)

$$\bar{\omega}^a{}_b = \underbrace{A_i^a \omega_j^b A^j{}_b}_{1\text{-form}} - \underbrace{(\underbrace{dA^i}_1\text{-form})_i (\underbrace{A^j}_\text{functions})_j}_1\text{-form} = \underbrace{\xi(A^a{}_b)}_{\text{Leibniz rule}}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} -\bar{\omega}(s)^a{}_b \bar{\theta}^b &= \nabla_\gamma \bar{\theta}^a = \nabla_\gamma (A_i^a \theta^i) = (dA_i^a)_\gamma \theta^i + A_i^a \nabla_\gamma \theta^i \\ &= dA_i^a(s) \theta^i - A_i^a \omega(s)^b{}_c \theta^c \\ &= dA_i^a(s) A^i{}_c \bar{\theta}^c - A_i^a \omega(s)^b{}_c A^i{}_d \bar{\theta}^d \end{aligned}$$

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p form γ ...
 (τ, s) tensor-valued $(p+1)$ form $D\phi$
 whose components relative to $\{\theta^i\}$ are:

$$(D\phi)_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_p} = \underbrace{d\phi_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_p}}_{p\text{-form}} + \underbrace{\omega^c{}_d}_{(p+1)\text{-form}} \wedge \underbrace{\phi_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_p}}_{p\text{-form}} + \dots - \omega^c{}_j \wedge \phi_{i_1 \dots i_s}^{i_1 \dots i_p} - \dots \quad (*)$$

Proposition: D is an anti-derivation: $\text{degree of } \phi$
 $D(\phi \wedge \psi) = D\phi \wedge \psi + (-1)^p \phi \wedge D\psi$

- Special cases:
- An ordinary p -form is $(0, p)$ tensor-valued. In this case, clearly: $D = d$
 - An ordinary tensor field is a tensor-valued 0 -form. In this case: $D = \nabla$

Exercise: Verify

Hint: Choose frame $\theta^i = dx^i$, use $\omega^i{}_j = \Gamma^i{}_{jk} \theta^k$, then show (*) implies indeed:

$$\phi_{i_1 \dots i_p j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_p} = \phi_{i_1 \dots i_p j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_p} + \Gamma^i{}_{jk} \phi_{i_1 \dots i_p j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_p} + \dots - \Gamma^c{}_j \phi_{i_1 \dots i_s}^{i_1 \dots i_p} - \dots$$

How are $\omega, g, \Theta, \Omega$ related now?

Proposition: (Exercise: check)

An affine connection ∇ is metric, if and only if $Dg = 0$, i.e., iff:

$$dg_{ik} - \omega_{ik} - \omega_{ki} = 0$$

$(0, 2)$ tensor-valued 1-form

They express torsion and curvature in terms of the connection

Theorem: "The Cartan structure equations"

In special case of frame $\theta^i = dx^i$:

- $\Theta^i = d\theta^i + \omega^i{}_j \wedge \theta^j$ i.e. $\Theta^i = D\theta^i$
 $= 0$ for metric connection Torsion Θ^i is a $(1, 0)$ tensor-valued 2-form
- $\Omega^i{}_j = d\omega^i{}_j + \omega^i{}_k \wedge \omega^k{}_j$
(The frame θ^i, θ^k is a $(1, 0)$ tensor-valued 1-form within the upper index)

$$\bar{\omega}^a{}_b = \underbrace{A_i^a \omega_j^b A^j{}_b}_{1\text{-form}} - \underbrace{(\underbrace{dA^i}_1\text{-form}) \underbrace{(A^j)_b}_{\text{functions}})}_{1\text{-form}} = \underbrace{\xi(A^a{}_b)}_{\text{Leibniz rule}}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\bar{\omega}(s)^a{}_b \bar{\theta}^b &= \nabla_\gamma \bar{\theta}^a = \nabla_\gamma (A_i^a \theta^i) = (dA_i^a(s)) \theta^i + A_i^a \nabla_\gamma \theta^i \\
 &= dA_i^a(s) \theta^i - A_i^a \omega(s)^b{}_c \theta^c \\
 &= dA_i^a(s) A^i{}_b \bar{\theta}^b - A_i^a \omega(s)^b{}_c A^i{}_d \bar{\theta}^d
 \end{aligned}$$

true for all $\bar{\theta} \Rightarrow$ proposition above. ✓

p form γ and (τ, s) tensor-valued $(p+1)$ form $D\phi$ whose components relative to $\{\theta^i\}$ are:

$$(D\phi)_{j_1 \dots j_{p+1}}^{i_1 \dots i_p} = \underbrace{d\phi_{j_1 \dots j_p}^{i_1 \dots i_p}}_{p\text{-form}} + \underbrace{\omega^c{}_d \wedge \phi_{j_1 \dots j_p}^{i_1 \dots i_p}}_{(p+1)\text{-form}} + \dots - \omega^c{}_j \wedge \phi_{i_1 \dots i_p}^{i_1 \dots i_p} - \dots \quad (*)$$

Proposition: D is an anti-derivation: $\text{degree of } \phi$

$$D(\phi \wedge \psi) = D\phi \wedge \psi + (-1)^p \phi \wedge D\psi$$

- Special cases:
- An ordinary p -form is $(0, p)$ tensor-valued. In this case, clearly: $D = d$
 - An ordinary tensor field is a tensor-valued 0 -form. In this case: $D = \nabla$

Exercise: Verify

Hint: Choose frame $\theta^i = dx^i$, use $\omega^i{}_j = \Gamma^i{}_{jk} \theta^k$, then show (*) implies indeed:

$$\phi_{i_1 \dots i_p j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p} = \phi_{i_1 \dots i_p j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p} + \Gamma^i{}_{j_1 k} \phi_{i_1 \dots i_p j_2 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p} + \dots - \Gamma^i{}_{j_1 k} \phi_{i_1 \dots i_p j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p} - \dots$$

How are $\omega, g, \Theta, \Omega$ related now?

Proposition: (Exercise: check)

An affine connection ∇ is metric, if and only if $Dg = 0$, i.e., iff:

$$dg_{ik} - \omega_{ik} - \omega_{ki} = 0$$

$(0, 2)$ tensor-valued 1-form

They express torsion and curvature in terms of the connection

Theorem: "The Cartan structure equations"

In special case of frame $\theta^i = dx^i$:

- $\Theta^i = d\theta^i + \omega^i{}_j \wedge \theta^j$ i.e. $\Theta^i = D\theta^i$
 - $\Omega^i{}_j = d\omega^i{}_j + \omega^i{}_k \wedge \omega^k{}_j$
- $\Theta^i = d\theta^i + \omega^i{}_j \wedge \theta^j$ is 0 for metric connection. Torsion Θ^i is a $(1, 0)$ tensor-valued 2-form. The frame $\theta^i = dx^i$ is a $(1, 0)$ tensor-valued 1-form. Notice the upper index.

$$D = d$$

- An ordinary tensor field is a tensor-valued 0-form. In this case:

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Exercise: Verify

Hint: Choose frame $\theta^i = dx^i$, use $\omega^i_j = \Gamma^i_{jk} \theta^k$, then show (*) implies indeed:

$$\phi_{i_1 \dots i_p j_1 \dots j_q} = \phi_{i_1 \dots i_p j_1 \dots j_q} + \Gamma^k_{i_1 j_1} \phi_{k i_2 \dots i_p j_2 \dots j_q} + \dots - \Gamma^k_{i_1 j_2} \phi_{i_2 k i_3 \dots i_p j_3 \dots j_q} - \dots$$

$$dg_{ik} - \omega^i_j - \omega^k_l = 0$$

(0,2) tensor-valued 1-form

Theorem: "The Cartan structure equations"

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In special case of frame $\theta^i = dx^i$:

$$T^i_j = \Gamma^i_{jk} - \Gamma^i_{kj}$$

1.) $\Theta^i = d\theta^i + \omega^i_j \wedge \theta^j$ i.e. $\Theta^i = D\theta^i$

= 0 for metric connection

Torsion Θ^i is (1,0) tensor-valued 2-form

(The form $\theta^i \otimes \theta^k$ is a (1,0) tensor-valued 1-form unless the upper index is lower)

$$R_{ik} = \Gamma^l_{ik} \Gamma^m_{lm} - \Gamma^l_{im} \Gamma^m_{lk} + \Gamma^l_{jk} \Gamma^m_{lm} - \Gamma^l_{jm} \Gamma^m_{lk}$$

2.) $\Omega^i_j = d\omega^i_j + \omega^i_k \wedge \omega^k_j$

Proof of 2.:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^i_j(\xi, \eta) e_i &= \nabla_\xi \nabla_\eta e_j - \nabla_\eta \nabla_\xi e_j - \nabla_{[\xi, \eta]} e_j \\ &= \nabla_\xi (\omega^i_j(\eta) e_i) - \nabla_\eta (\omega^i_j(\xi) e_i) - \omega^i_j([\xi, \eta]) e_i \\ &= \left(\xi(\omega^i_j(\eta)) - \eta(\omega^i_j(\xi)) - \omega^i_j([\xi, \eta]) \right) e_i \\ &\quad + \left(\omega^i_j(\eta) \omega^k_i(\xi) - \omega^i_j(\xi) \omega^k_i(\eta) \right) e_k \\ &= d\omega^i_j(\xi, \eta) e_i + (\omega^i_k \wedge \omega^k_j)(\xi, \eta) e_i \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: Fill in all steps

true for all $\xi, \eta, e_i \Rightarrow \checkmark$

Use of the Cartan Structure equations?

- Allow proof of simple formulation of the Bianchi identities:

1st Bianchi: $D\Theta^i = \Omega^i_j \wedge \theta^j$

2nd Bianchi: $D\Omega^i_j = 0$

i.e. "Riemannian" or "Levi-Civita", without torsion.

- Thus, for metric connection, i.e. when $dg_{ik} = \omega^i_j + \omega^k_l$ and $\Theta^i = 0$ (same as $\nabla g = 0$, and $\Gamma_{ij} = \Gamma_{ji}$)

then:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^i_j \wedge \theta^j &= 0 \\ D\Omega^i_j &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Lecture 10

Recall:

□ The curvature map, R , is defined through:

$$R: \xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3 \rightarrow R(\xi_1, \xi_2)\xi_3 = (\nabla_{\xi_1}\nabla_{\xi_2} - \nabla_{\xi_2}\nabla_{\xi_1} - \nabla_{[\xi_1, \xi_2]})\xi_3$$

□ 1st Bianchi Identity:

$$\sum_{\text{cyclic}} R(\xi, \eta)v = \sum_{\text{cyclic}} (\nabla_{\xi}(\nabla_{\eta}v) - \nabla_{\eta}(\nabla_{\xi}v))$$

□ 2nd Bianchi Identity:

$$\sum_{\text{cyclic}} (\nabla_{\xi}R)(\eta, v) + R(\nabla_{\xi}\eta, v) = 0$$

In a chart? (Assuming no torsion, and using $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$, dx^i bases)

1st Bianchi: $\sum_{(jke)} R^i{}_{jke} = 0$
↳ cyclic sum

2nd Bianchi: $\sum_{(k\ell m)} R^i{}_{jkl;m} = 0$
↳ cyclic sum

Other useful properties:

□ $R^i{}_{jke} = -R^i{}_{jek}$

□ $R_{ijke} = -R_{jike}$

□ $R_{ijke} = R_{kell}$

(Note: This antisymmetry will be useful because it allows one to view R as a 2-form, which is (1,1) tensor-valued)

$\langle R(\xi, \eta)v, S \rangle = \langle R(\xi, \eta)S, v \rangle$
 $\langle R(\xi, \eta)v, S \rangle = -\langle R(v, S)\xi, \eta \rangle$

Contractions of R :

The Ricci Tensor:

$R_{je} := R^i{}_{jil}$
 \Rightarrow clearly: $R_{jcd}{}^a{}^d v^c \in T_p(M)_2$

The Curvature Scalar:

$R := g^{je} R_{je}$

Then, 2nd Bianchi identity implies:

$(\nabla_{\xi} R)(\eta, v) + R(\nabla_{\xi}\eta, v) = 0$

Recall strategy:

□ Specified $g \Rightarrow$ specified distances in M
 \Rightarrow implicitly specified "shape" of M

Then, alternatively:

□ Specified $\nabla \Rightarrow$ specified parallel transport in M
 \Rightarrow specified "shape" of M , namely:

∇ specifies Torsion T and Curvature R .

Exercise: Verify

Hint: Choose frame $\theta^i = dx^i$, use $\omega^i_j = \Gamma^i_{jk} \theta^k$, then show (*) implies indeed:

$$\phi^i_{j; i; j; k} = \phi^i_{j; i; j; k} + \Gamma^i_{kl} \phi^i_{j; i; j} + \dots - \Gamma^k_{ij} \phi^i_{j; i; j} - \dots$$

In special case of frame $\theta^i = dx^i$:

$$\Gamma^i_{jk} = \Gamma^i_{kj} = \Gamma^i_{jk}$$

1.) $\Theta^i = d\theta^i + \omega^i_j \wedge \theta^j$ i.e. $\Theta^i = D\theta^i$

= 0 for metric connection
Torsion $\Theta = \Theta^i_j \wedge \theta^j$ is a (1,0)-tensor-valued 2-form
(The form $\theta^i \otimes \theta^k$ is a (1,0)-tensor-valued (1-form) when the upper index is the same as the lower index)

$$R_{ijkl} = \Gamma^m_{jk} \Gamma^i_{lm} - \Gamma^m_{jl} \Gamma^i_{km} + \Gamma^m_{kl} \Gamma^i_{jm} - \Gamma^m_{kj} \Gamma^i_{lm}$$

2.) $\Omega^i_j = d\omega^i_j + \omega^i_k \wedge \omega^k_j$

Proof of 2.:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^i_j(\xi, \eta) e_i &= \nabla_\xi \nabla_\eta e_j - \nabla_\eta \nabla_\xi e_j - \nabla_{[\xi, \eta]} e_j \\ &= \nabla_\xi (\omega^i_j(\eta) e_i) - \nabla_\eta (\omega^i_j(\xi) e_i) - \omega^i_j([\xi, \eta]) e_i \\ &\stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{=} \left(\xi(\omega^i_j(\eta)) - \eta(\omega^i_j(\xi)) - \omega^i_j([\xi, \eta]) \right) e_i \\ &\quad + \left(\omega^i_j(\eta) \omega^k_i(\xi) - \omega^i_j(\xi) \omega^k_i(\eta) \right) e_k \\ &= d\omega^i_j(\xi, \eta) e_i + (\omega^i_k \wedge \omega^k_j)(\xi, \eta) e_i \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: Fill in all steps

true for all $\xi, \eta, e_i \Rightarrow \checkmark$

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□ Thus, for metric connection, i.e. when $dg_{ik} = \omega_{ik} + \omega_{ki}$ and $\Theta^i = 0$ (same as $\nabla g = 0$, and $\Gamma_{ij} = \Gamma_{ji}$)

then:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^i_j \wedge \theta^j &= 0 \\ D\Omega^i_j &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Proposition:

□ In the case of metric connection, the Cartan equations yield for arbitrary bases:

$\Theta^i = 0$ in canonical frame $\{dx^i\}$

Exercise: Fill in all steps

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(\xi(\omega^i_j(\eta)) - \eta(\omega^i_j(\xi)) - \omega^i_j(\xi, \eta) \right) e_i \\
 &+ \left(\omega^k_j(\eta) \omega^i_k(\xi) - \omega^i_k(\xi) \omega^k_j(\eta) \right) e_k \\
 &= d\omega^i_j(\xi, \eta) e_i + (\omega^i_k \wedge \omega^k_j)(\xi, \eta) e_i
 \end{aligned}$$

true for all $\xi, \eta, e_i \Rightarrow \checkmark$

1st Bianchi: $D\Theta^i = \Omega^i_j \wedge \theta^j$

2nd Bianchi: $D\Omega^i_j = 0$

Thus, for metric connection, i.e. when $dg_{ik} = \omega_{ik} + \omega_{ki}$ and $\Theta^i = 0$ (same as $\nabla g = 0$, and $T_i = T_i$)

then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega^i_j \wedge \theta^j &= 0 \\
 D\Omega^i_j &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Proposition:

In the case of metric connection, the Cartan equations yield for arbitrary bases:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma^e_{ki} &= \frac{1}{2} (C^e_{ki} - g_{is} g^{sj} C^s_{ki} - g_{ks} g^{sj} C^s_{ij}) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} g^{ij} (g_{jki} + g_{jik} - g_{kij})
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall:

$$d\theta^i = -\frac{1}{2} C^i_{jk} \theta^j \wedge \theta^k$$

In this case, also:

$$R^i_{jkb} = \Gamma^i_{bj,a} - \Gamma^i_{aj,b} + \Gamma^i_{ae} \Gamma^e_{bj} - \Gamma^i_{be} \Gamma^e_{aj} - \Gamma^i_{ej} C^e_{ab}$$