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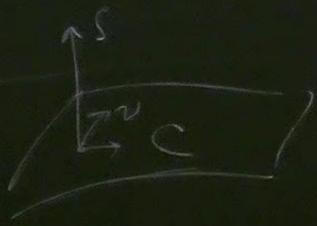
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$$z = (s^\alpha, w^i)$$

$k$   
↓

$$s^\alpha = 0 \text{ at } C$$



$$i_C: C = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} z^I \\ J_{z^I}(\bar{z}^I) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \hookrightarrow P$$

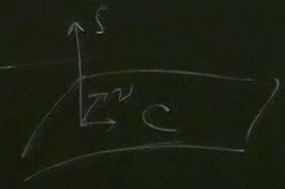
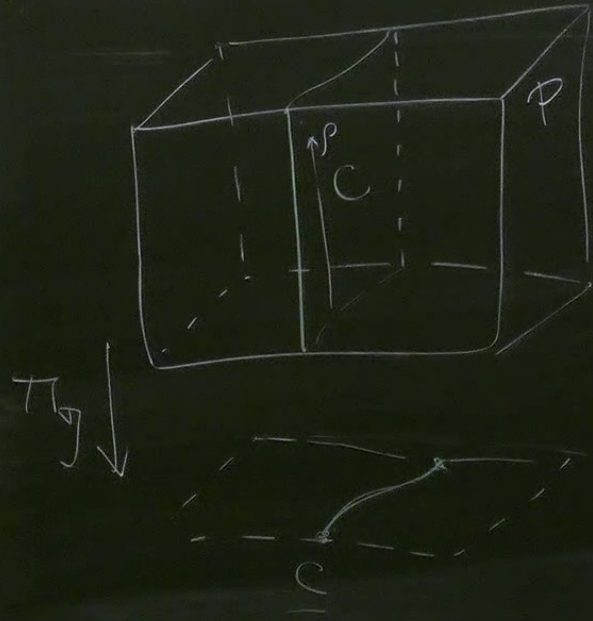
$2n$   
↑  
 $k$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} W_{I\bar{J}} dz^I d\bar{z}^{\bar{J}}$$

$2n \times 2n$   
non degenerate on  $P$

$$z_C^* W \quad (2n-k) \times (2n-k)$$

$$\dim(\ker(\quad)) \leq k \quad p(\tau_d)$$



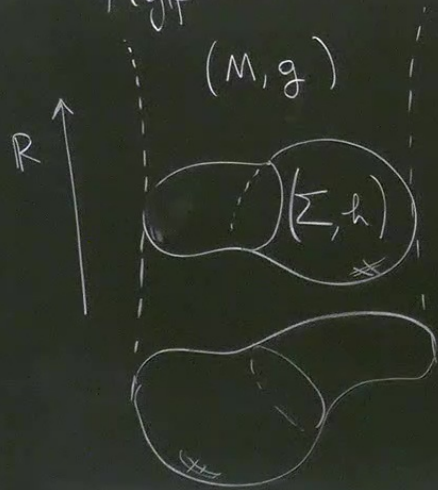
$$\vec{p} = (s^x, w^k)$$

$$s^x = 0 \text{ et}$$



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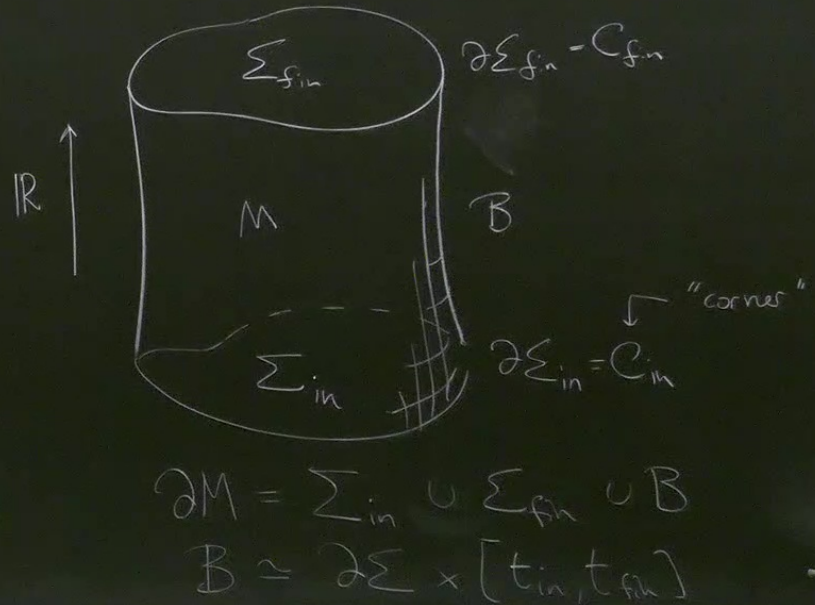


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 $\partial \Sigma = \emptyset$

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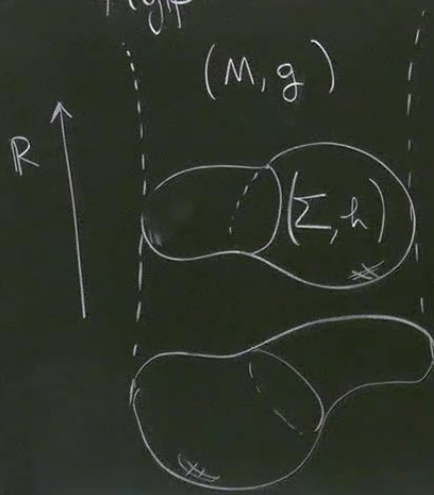


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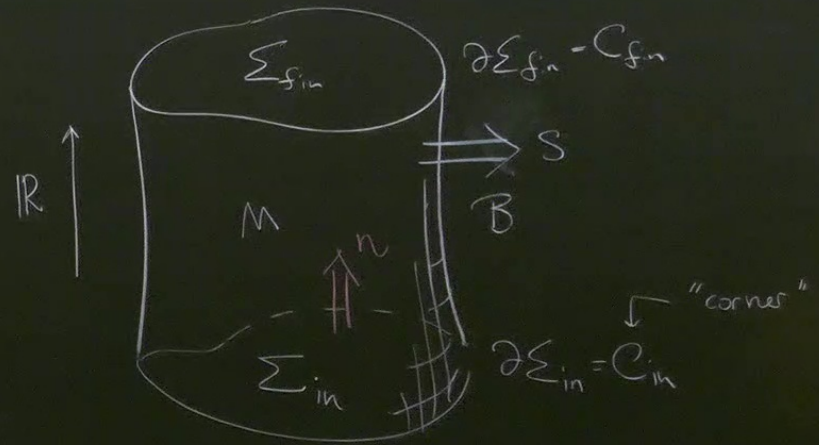


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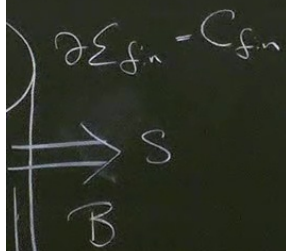
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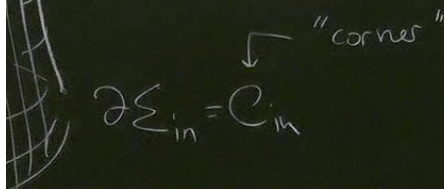
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$$\partial \Sigma_{f_n} = C_{f_n}$$



$$\partial \Sigma_{i_n} = C_{i_n}$$

$$\cup \Sigma_{f_n} \cup B$$

$$\times [t_{i_n}, t_{f_n}]$$

• Unit conormals

$n_a \sim$  timelike conormal to  $\Sigma \hookrightarrow M$   
(future pointing)

$s_a \sim$  spacelike conormal to  $B \hookrightarrow M$   
(outgoing)

$$e_{ab} := \frac{n_a s_b - s_a n_b}{\sqrt{1 + (s \cdot n)^2}} \sim \text{cobinormal to } C \hookrightarrow M$$

Ex

$$M = (\mathbb{R}^4, \eta_{ab}) \sim \text{Minkowski}$$

Cartesian coords

$$M = (\mathbb{R}^3, \delta_{ab}) \times \mathbb{R}$$

$\Sigma = 3\text{-ball of unit radius } \{r \leq 1\}$

$$\cdot \underline{n} = dt \quad \rightarrow \quad n^a = \partial_t$$

$$\cdot \underline{s} = dr \quad \rightarrow \quad s^e = \partial_r$$

$$\cdot \underline{\xi} = dt \wedge dr$$



inkowski

$$(\mathbb{R}^3, \delta_{ab}) \times \mathbb{R}$$

radius  $\{r \leq 1\}$

$$n^a = \partial_t$$

$$s^e = \partial_r$$

In adopted coords

where

$$\Sigma = \{t = ct\}$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \{r = ct\}$$

$$\underline{n} \propto dt$$

$$\underline{s} \propto dr$$

$$\underline{\xi} \propto dt + dr$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{aligned} n &\sim \partial_t + \dots \\ s &\sim \partial_r + \dots \end{aligned}$$

why?

$X$  vector tangent to  $\Sigma$

$$X = (\text{zero})\partial_t + X^i\partial_i$$

$$0 = \underline{n}(X) \rightarrow \underline{n} \propto dt$$



- On sp.t. we can do geometry / diff calculus using Cartan's formalism

$$(d, i_X, L_X)$$

$X \in \mathfrak{X}^1$  vect field

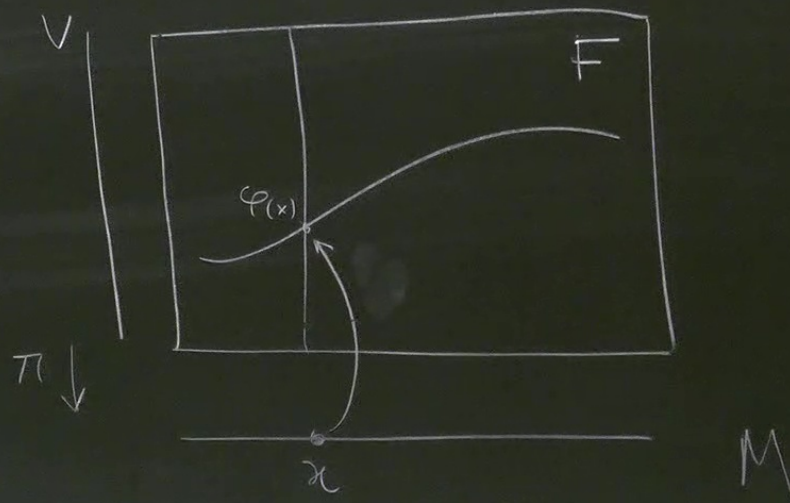
$\uparrow$  exterior diff  
 $\uparrow$  interior diff / inner prod.  
 $\uparrow$  Lie derivative along  $X$

$$L_X = i_X d + di_X \quad \text{Cartan's formula}$$

$$\Omega^{\text{top}-k}(\mathbb{R}) := \Omega^{\dim(\mathbb{R})-k}(\mathbb{R})$$

- But we want to do geometry over field space! (Phase space)

→ Fields are sections of (vector/affine) bundles



$$\pi: F \rightarrow M$$

$$V \cong \pi^{-1}(x)$$

$$\varphi \in \Gamma(M, F)$$



if  $F$  is trivial,  $F = M \times V$ ,  
 $\varphi \in \Gamma(M, F) \simeq C^\infty(M, V)$

### Examples

•  $\mathbb{C}$ -scalar field  $F = M \times \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\varphi \in C^\infty(M, \mathbb{C})$

• Electromagnetism  $A \in \mathcal{F} = \Omega^1(M)$ ,  $F = T^*M$   
(cheating a bit), in reality  $F = J^1P/G$

• YM  $A \in \mathcal{F} = \Omega^1(M, \mathfrak{g})$ ,  $F = T^*M \otimes \mathfrak{g}$

• GR  $g_{ab}$   $F \sim T^*M \otimes_{\text{sym}} T^*M$

• particle in sp time  $\rightarrow 0+1d$  field theory

$$F = \mathbb{R} \times M$$

$\uparrow$  (sp)time       $\uparrow$  fiber

$$\gamma \in \mathcal{F} = C^\infty(\mathbb{R}, M)$$

$M, \mathbb{R}$

$T^*M$

$\mathfrak{g} \quad F = \mathfrak{J}P/G$

$= T^*M \otimes \mathfrak{g}$



•  $\mathcal{F}$   $\infty$ -dim mfd.

Cartan's geometry on  $\mathcal{F}$

$$(d, \overset{\circ}{i}_X, \mathbb{L}_X)$$

$$X \in \mathcal{X}'(\mathcal{F})$$

$$\mathbb{L}_X = \overset{\circ}{i}_X d + d \overset{\circ}{i}_X$$

Rmk: often  $d \rightarrow \delta$   
here  $\delta \varphi$  denotes the component  
of a vector

$d\alpha$

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$M$

$x^a \quad a=1, \dots, n$

Coord's

vector

$$X = \left( \sum_a X^a(x) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a}$$

$$df = \sum_a \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^a} dx^a$$

differential

$F$

$\varphi^I(x)$

finite  $\uparrow$  infinite dim

$$X = \int_M \sum_I (\delta_x \varphi)^I(x) \frac{\delta}{\delta \varphi^I(x)}$$

$$\mathbb{R} \quad S = \int_M L(\varphi, \partial\varphi, x)$$

$$dS = \int_M \sum_I \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi^I} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_a \varphi^I)} \partial_a \right) [d\varphi^I(x)]$$

$\delta S / \delta \varphi^I(x)$  differential operator!



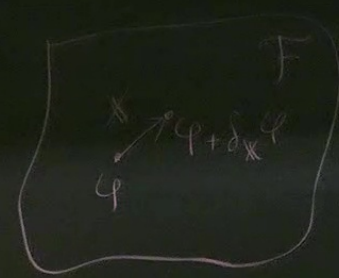
$\mathcal{F}$

$n$

finite  $\uparrow$  infinite dim

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$$d\varphi^I \equiv \partial_a d\varphi^I$$



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