

MIT OCW GR PSET 3

1. Accelerated observer revisited

a. on a spacetime diagram, show the trajectory (t, x) exhibited by the uniformly accelerated astronaut from HW 2, problem 6:

• We previously found that the four-velocity of the astronaut is:

$$\vec{u} = (\cosh(g\bar{t}), \sinh(g\bar{t}), 0, 0) \\ = (u^0, u^1, u^2, u^3) = (u^t, u^x, u^y, u^z)$$

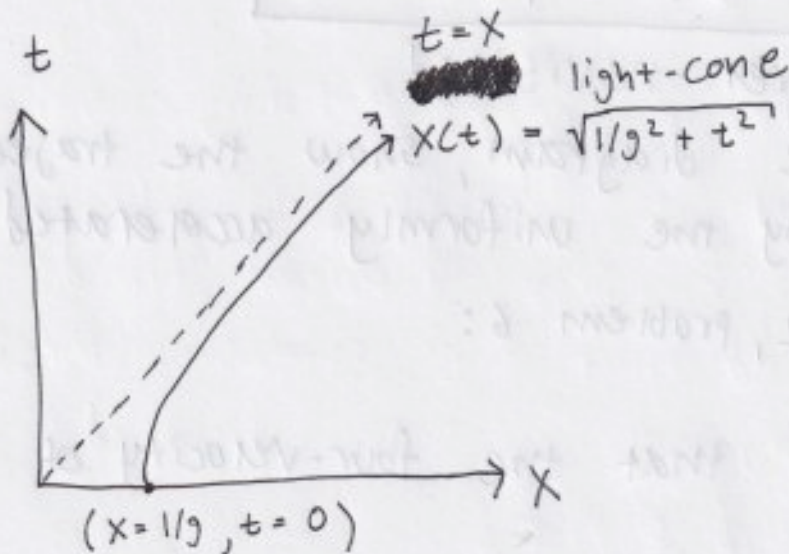
• We can integrate to find the trajectories x & t in terms of $\bar{t}$:

$$t(\bar{t}) = \int_0^{\bar{t}} u^t d\bar{t} = \int_0^{\bar{t}} \cosh(g\bar{t}) d\bar{t} = \frac{1}{g} \sinh(g\bar{t})$$

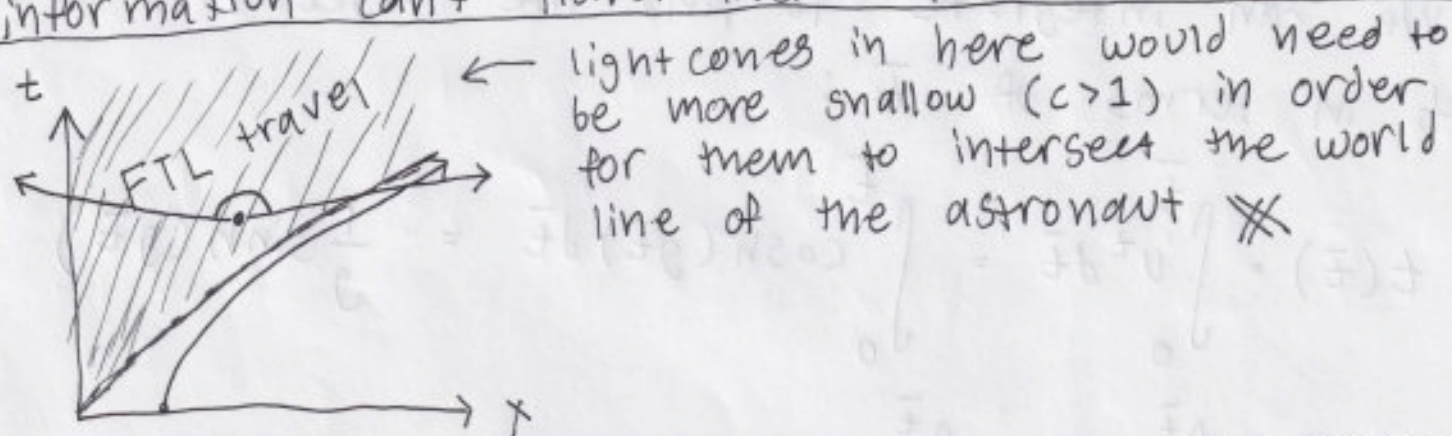
$$x(\bar{t}) = \int_0^{\bar{t}} u^x d\bar{t} = \int_0^{\bar{t}} \sinh(g\bar{t}) d\bar{t} = \frac{1}{g} \cosh(g\bar{t})$$

$\rightarrow x^2 - t^2 = \frac{1}{g^2}$ • Graphing this on t v.s. x we get:

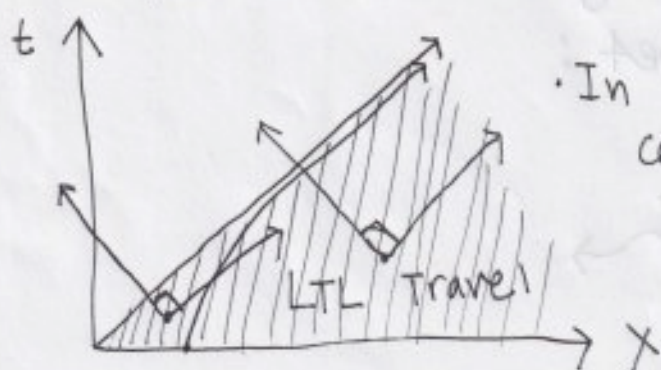
Hyperbolas



- [b] . Show that there is a region that is causally disconnected from the astronaut & events in this region cannot affect the astronaut since information can't travel faster than "c":



- [c] . Find the boundary between the causally connected v.s. disconnected regions of space time. This is called the particle horizon:



• In this region, standard light cones can intersect the world-line of the accelerating observer...

[2] In class, I listed one of the defining characteristics of a perfect fluid that it have no viscosity - i.e. no force parallel to the interface between fluid elements. This implied that the stress-energy tensor must be diagonal. I then claimed

$$T^{\alpha\beta} \equiv \text{diag} \{ \rho, p, p, p \}$$

in (t, x, y, z) coords. Suppose the form were instead:

$$T^{\alpha\beta} \equiv \text{diag} \{ \rho, p(1+\epsilon), p, p \}$$

Show that performing a rotation about the z -axis by an angle ϕ that $T^{\alpha'\beta'}$ has off-diagonal components of order ϵp . Hence, we must have $\epsilon = 0$ in order for the tensor to be diagonal in all Cartesian coordinate definitions:

• Tensors transform like so:

$$T^{\alpha'\beta'} = \frac{\partial x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^{\beta}} T^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\Downarrow \quad T' = R T R^{-1} \quad \text{in matrix notation}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 T' &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & P(1+\epsilon) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & P & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & P \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & P(1+\epsilon)\cos \theta & P(1+\epsilon)\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & -P\sin \theta & P\cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & P \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} P & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & P(1+\epsilon)\cos^2 \theta - P\sin^2 \theta & P\epsilon \sin \theta \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & P\epsilon \sin \theta \cos \theta & P(1+\epsilon)\sin^2 \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & P \end{bmatrix} = T'
 \end{aligned}$$

→ In order for $\overline{T}$ to be diagonal in all Cartesian coordinate frames, must have that

$$\boxed{\epsilon \rightarrow 0}$$

[3] An observer with 4-velocity $\vec{U}$ interacting with an e-m field $\vec{F}$ measures electric + magnetic fields $\vec{E}_{\vec{U}}$ and $\vec{B}_{\vec{U}}$ in their instantaneous local inertial reference frame (that is, in an orthonormal basis with $\vec{e}_t = \vec{U}$). These fields are 4-vectors w/ components:

$$E_{\vec{U}}^{\alpha} = F^{\alpha\beta} U_{\beta} \quad ; \quad B_{\vec{U}}^{\alpha} = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} U_{\beta} F_{\gamma\delta}$$

[a] Show that $\vec{E}_{\vec{U}}$ and $\vec{B}_{\vec{U}}$ lie orthogonal to the observer's worldline. Thus they are spatial vectors according to the observer, living entirely in that observer's hypersurface of simultaneity:

Recall the projection operator $P^{\alpha\beta} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} + U^{\alpha} U^{\beta}$

$V_{\perp}^{\alpha} \equiv P^{\alpha}_{\beta} V^{\beta}$ for an arbitrary $\vec{V}$, and

$$V_{\perp}^{\alpha} U_{\alpha} = 0 \quad (*)$$

• Also $V_{\perp\perp}^{\alpha} = P^{\alpha}_{\beta} V_{\perp}^{\beta} = V_{\perp}^{\alpha} \quad (\star)$

• Thus if we can show that $\textcircled{\star}$ holds for $\vec{E}_{\vec{v}}$ and $\vec{B}_{\vec{v}}$ (the application of the projection operator leaves the vectors unchanged) then this implies $\textcircled{\star}$ (that $\vec{E}_{\vec{u}} \cdot \vec{u} = \vec{B}_{\vec{u}} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$):

$$E_{\perp}^{\gamma} \equiv p_{\alpha}^{\gamma} E^{\alpha} = p_{\alpha}^{\gamma} F^{\alpha\beta} U_{\beta}$$

$$= (\eta_{\alpha}^{\gamma} + U^{\gamma} U_{\alpha}) (F^{\alpha\beta} U_{\beta})$$

$$= F^{\gamma\beta} U_{\beta} + U^{\gamma} \boxed{U_{\alpha} U_{\beta}} \textcircled{F^{\alpha\beta}}$$

Symmetric:

$$U_{\alpha} U_{\beta} = U_{\beta} U_{\alpha}$$

anti-symmetric s.t.

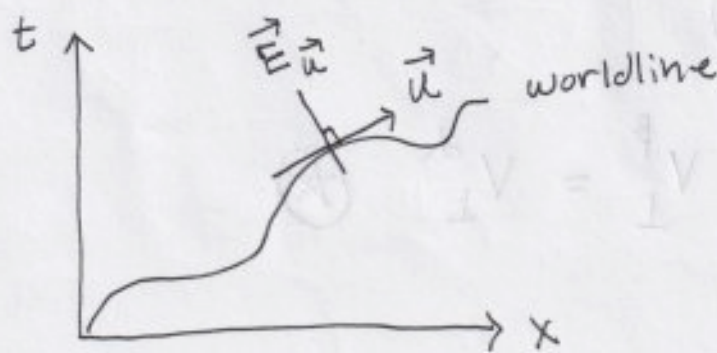
$$F^{\alpha\beta} = -F^{\beta\alpha}$$

Anti-sym $\otimes$ Sym $\rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\perp}^{\gamma} = F^{\gamma\beta} U_{\beta} = E^{\gamma}$$

$\Rightarrow E_{\perp}^{\gamma} = E^{\gamma}$ so the projection operator leaves

$\vec{E}_{\vec{v}}$ unchanged implying $\vec{E}_{\vec{v}} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$



• This implies $E_{\vec{u}}$ is always instantaneously perpendicular to the observer's worldline
W QED

• Now we do the same for $B_{\vec{u}}^\lambda = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\lambda\beta\gamma\delta} U_\beta F_{\gamma\delta}$



$$B_{\perp}^\omega \equiv P_{\perp}^\omega B^\lambda = P_{\perp}^\omega \left(-\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\lambda\beta\gamma\delta} U_\beta F_{\gamma\delta} \right)$$

$$= \left(\eta_{\perp}^\omega + U^\omega U_\lambda \right) \left(-\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\lambda\beta\gamma\delta} U_\beta F_{\gamma\delta} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\omega\beta\gamma\delta} U_\beta F_{\gamma\delta} - \frac{1}{2} U^\omega F_{\gamma\delta} U_\lambda U_\beta \epsilon^{\lambda\beta\gamma\delta}$$

$\uparrow$ Sym under $\lambda \leftrightarrow \beta$ $\uparrow$ anti-sym under $\lambda \leftrightarrow \beta$

$$\Rightarrow B_{\perp}^\omega = B^\omega \text{ so this}$$

implies that $\vec{B}_{\vec{u}} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$

also. Which itself implies

that $B_{\vec{u}}^\lambda$ is always instantaneously orthogonal to the observer's worldline. $\checkmark$

[b]. Show that the field tensor can be reconstructed from the observer's 4-velocity and the E & B fields they measure via the following tensor equation (valid for any basis):

$$\boxed{\text{LHS} = F^{\alpha\beta} = \text{RHS} = U^{\alpha} E^{\beta}_{\vec{u}} - E^{\alpha}_{\vec{u}} U^{\beta} + \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\gamma\delta} U^{\gamma} B^{\delta}_{\vec{u}}}$$

• Show that LHS = RHS:

$$\text{RHS} = U^{\alpha} F^{\beta\omega} U_{\omega} - F^{\alpha\beta} \underbrace{U_{\beta} U^{\beta}}_{-1} + \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\gamma\delta} U^{\gamma} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \epsilon^{\delta\beta\gamma\omega} U_{\beta} F_{\gamma\omega}$$

$$= U^{\alpha} \underbrace{\eta_{\omega\beta}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Symm. under} \\ \omega \leftrightarrow \beta}} U^{\beta} \underbrace{F^{\beta\omega}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{anti-symm. under} \\ \omega \leftrightarrow \beta}} + F^{\alpha\beta} - \epsilon^{\alpha}{}_{\beta\gamma\delta} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \epsilon^{\delta\beta\gamma\omega} U^{\gamma} U_{\beta} F_{\gamma\omega}$$

$$= 0 + F^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\epsilon^{\delta\beta\gamma\omega} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}}_{\substack{\epsilon^{\delta\omega\beta\gamma} \epsilon_{\alpha\delta\beta\gamma}}} U^{\gamma} U_{\beta} F_{\gamma\omega}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{RHS} = F^{\alpha\beta} \quad \checkmark$$

• So the boxed equation holds true. QED.

$$\underbrace{\epsilon^{\delta\omega\beta\gamma} \epsilon_{\alpha\delta\beta\gamma}}_{\substack{\text{Identity given} \\ \text{in PSET} \\ \text{statement}}} \rightarrow$$

$$2 \left(\delta^{\delta}_{\alpha} \delta^{\omega}_{\beta} - \delta^{\delta}_{\beta} \delta^{\omega}_{\alpha} \right)$$

$$2 \left(\delta^{\omega}_{\alpha} - \delta^{\omega}_{\beta} \right) = 0$$

[C] . Show that you can write $\overline{F}$ in terms of the wedge product + Hodge dual of $\vec{U}$, $\vec{E}_{\vec{u}}$, and $\vec{B}_{\vec{u}}$

• Wedge product definition:

$$\vec{A} \wedge \vec{B} = \vec{A} \otimes \vec{B} - \vec{B} \otimes \vec{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u} \wedge \vec{E}_{\vec{u}} = u^\alpha E_{\vec{u}}^\beta - E_{\vec{u}}^\alpha u^\beta \quad (i)$$

• Hodge dual of (02) tensor definition:

$$*C_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}_{\mu\nu} C_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\rightarrow *C^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}_{\gamma\delta} C^{\gamma\delta}$$

$$\rightarrow *C^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}_{\gamma\delta} C^{\gamma\delta}$$

• Also $\vec{u} \wedge \vec{B}_{\vec{u}} = u^\gamma B_{\vec{u}}^\delta - B_{\vec{u}}^\gamma u^\delta$

$$\rightarrow *(\vec{u} \wedge \vec{B}_{\vec{u}}) = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}_{\gamma\delta} (u^\gamma B_{\vec{u}}^\delta - B_{\vec{u}}^\gamma u^\delta)$$

• Focus on the second term: $\rightsquigarrow$

• Let $\gamma \leftrightarrow \delta$, then second term becomes:

$$-\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\delta\gamma} U^{\gamma} B^{\delta}{}_{\vec{a}}$$

• But $\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\delta\gamma} = -\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\gamma\delta}$

$$\rightarrow *(\vec{a} \wedge \vec{B}_{\vec{a}}) = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\gamma\delta} U^{\gamma} B^{\delta}{}_{\vec{a}} \quad \textcircled{\text{ii}}$$

• Now (i) + (ii) imply:

$$F^{\alpha\beta} = U^{\alpha} E^{\beta}{}_{\vec{a}} - E^{\alpha}{}_{\vec{a}} U^{\beta} + \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\gamma\delta} U^{\gamma} B^{\delta}{}_{\vec{a}}$$

$$= \textcircled{\text{i}} + \textcircled{\text{ii}}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\vec{F} = \vec{a} \wedge \vec{E}_{\vec{a}} + *(\vec{a} \wedge \vec{B}_{\vec{a}})} \quad \text{QED}$$

4a • Show that under a coordinate transformation, the components of the Christoffel symbol transform as follows:

$$\Gamma^{\alpha'}_{\beta'\gamma'} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}}}_{\text{Tensorial}} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\beta} \partial x^{\gamma}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}}}_{\text{NOT Tensorial}}$$

$$\Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^{\alpha} = g^{\alpha\mu} \Gamma_{\mu\beta\gamma} \quad \leftarrow \text{By definitions}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\mu} (\partial_{\beta} g_{\gamma\mu} + \partial_{\gamma} g_{\mu\beta} - \partial_{\mu} g_{\beta\gamma})$$

• The metric transforms like:

$$g_{\alpha'\beta'} = \frac{\partial x^{\alpha}}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} g_{\alpha\beta}$$

• Partial transform like:

$$\partial_{\alpha'} = \frac{\partial x^{\alpha}}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \partial_{\alpha}$$

• So overall, we get that the Christoffel transforms as:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\beta'\gamma'}^{\alpha'} &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\mu'}}{\partial x^{\mu}} g^{\alpha\mu} \right) \left(\frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \partial_{\beta} \left(\frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\nu'}} g_{\gamma\nu} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} \partial_{\gamma} \left(\frac{\partial x^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\nu'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} g_{\nu\beta} \right) - \frac{\partial x^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\nu'}} \partial_{\nu} \left(\frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} g_{\beta\gamma} \right) \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\mu'}}{\partial x^{\mu}} g^{\alpha\mu} \right) \left(\frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\nu'}} \cdot \partial_{\beta} g_{\gamma\nu} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\nu'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \partial_{\gamma} g_{\nu\beta} - \frac{\partial x^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\nu'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} \cdot \partial_{\nu} g_{\beta\gamma} \right) \\ &\quad + \textcircled{\star} \leftarrow \text{defined on next page} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{\partial x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}}}_{\text{Tensorial}} \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^{\alpha} + (\star)$$

Where $(\star) \equiv \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\mu'}}{\partial x^{\mu}} g^{\alpha\mu} \right)$

$$\cdot \left(\frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x^{\mu}}{\partial x^{\beta} \partial x^{\mu'}} g_{\gamma\mu} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\beta} \partial x^{\gamma'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial x^{\mu'}} g_{\gamma\mu} \leftarrow \text{redefine } g_{\gamma\mu} = \int_{\mu}^{\beta} g_{\beta\gamma}$$

$$+ \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\gamma} \partial x^{\beta'}} g_{\mu\beta} \leftarrow \text{redefine } g_{\mu\beta} = \int_{\beta}^{\gamma} g_{\mu\beta}$$

$$+ \frac{\partial^2 x^{\mu}}{\partial x^{\gamma} \partial x^{\mu'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} g_{\mu\beta}$$

$$- \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\mu} \partial x^{\gamma'}} g_{\beta\gamma}$$

$$- \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\mu} \partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} g_{\beta\gamma}$$

$\Rightarrow$ 3rd + 6th term cancel and 2nd + 5th terms cancel after applying our Kronecker Delta tricks W

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{\star} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^{\nu}} g_{\alpha\nu} \right) \left(\frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} \right)$$

$$\cdot \left(\frac{\partial^2 x^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\beta} \partial x^{\nu'}} g_{\alpha\nu} + \frac{\partial^2 x^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\gamma} \partial x^{\nu'}} g_{\nu\beta} \right)$$

$$- \frac{\partial^2 x^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\beta} \partial x^{\nu'}} \delta_{\gamma}^{\alpha} g_{\alpha\nu} - \frac{\partial^2 x^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\gamma} \partial x^{\nu'}} \delta_{\beta}^{\alpha} g_{\alpha\nu}$$

(see subsequent proof)
minus sign comes from partial derivative tricks

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{\star} = - \left(\frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\beta} \partial x^{\gamma}} \right)$$

Overall $\rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{\beta'\gamma'}^{\alpha'} = \frac{\partial x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^{\alpha} - \frac{\partial^2 x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\beta} \partial x^{\gamma}} \left(\frac{\partial x^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\gamma}}{\partial x^{\gamma'}} \right)$$

[b] Using this rule, show that:

$$\nabla_{\alpha'} A^{\beta'} = \frac{\partial x^{\alpha}}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^{\beta}} \nabla_{\alpha} A^{\beta} \text{ like a tensor as}$$

expected:

$$\nabla_{\alpha'} A^{\beta'} = \frac{\partial x^{\alpha}}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \partial_{\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^{\beta}} A^{\beta} \right) + \Gamma_{\nu'\alpha'}^{\beta'} A^{\nu'}$$



$$= \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^\beta} \partial_\alpha A^\beta + \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} A^\beta \frac{\partial^2 x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\beta} + \left(\frac{\partial x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^\beta} \cdot \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \Gamma_{\mu\alpha}^\beta - \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^\mu \partial x^\alpha} \right) \frac{\partial x^{\mu'}}{\partial x^\mu} A^\mu$$

$$= \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^\beta} \partial_\alpha A^\beta + \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^\beta} \Gamma_{\mu\alpha}^\beta A^\mu$$

$$+ \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\beta} A^{\beta'} - \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^{\mu}} A^{\mu'}$$

dummy indices

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\nabla_{\alpha'} A^{\beta'}} = \left(\frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^\beta} \right) \left(\partial_\alpha A^\beta + \Gamma_{\mu\alpha}^\beta A^\mu \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^{\alpha'}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\beta'}}{\partial x^\beta} \nabla_\alpha A^\beta \quad \checkmark$$

which is indeed tensorial!

Proof of minus sign in part 4.a:

given $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^{\nu}} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x^{\alpha}}{\partial x^{\beta} \partial x^{\nu'}}}_{1} \delta^{\alpha}_{\beta} \underbrace{g^{\alpha\nu} g_{\alpha\nu}}_1 = (*)$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha}}}_{\equiv g} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^{\nu}}}_{\equiv f} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial x^{\alpha}}{\partial x^{\nu'}}}_{\equiv f} \right) = (i)$$

$$\rightarrow g' = \frac{\partial^2 x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha} \partial x^{\beta}}$$

$$\rightarrow (i) = \left(\frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^{\nu}} \right) \left(\underset{\downarrow}{(fg)'} - g'f \right)$$

$$(fg)' = \left(\frac{\partial x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\alpha}}{\partial x^{\nu'}} \right)' = \text{derivative of forward times backward transformation}$$

$$= \partial_{\beta} (\text{Identity}) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow (i) = - \frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^{\nu}} \cdot \frac{\partial x^{\alpha}}{\partial x^{\nu'}} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha} \partial x^{\beta}}$$

$$\rightarrow (*) = - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\alpha} \partial x^{\beta}}$$

and similarly for other term, hence the minus sign...

5. Carroll, Chapter 3, Problem 3.

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• Imagine we have a diagonal metric $g_{\mu\nu}$. Show that the Christoffel symbols are given by:

$$(i) \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} = 0$$

$$(ii) \Gamma_{\mu\mu}^{\lambda} = -\frac{1}{2} (g_{\lambda\lambda})^{-1} \partial_{\lambda} g_{\mu\mu}$$

$$(iii) \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\lambda} = \partial_{\mu} (\ln \sqrt{|g_{\lambda\lambda}|})$$

$$(iv) \Gamma_{\lambda\lambda}^{\lambda} = \partial_{\lambda} (\ln \sqrt{|g_{\lambda\lambda}|})$$

for (i): $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} = g^{\lambda\alpha} \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\alpha} (\partial_{\mu} g_{\nu\alpha} + \partial_{\nu} g_{\mu\alpha} - \partial_{\alpha} g_{\mu\nu})$$

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• We will also need a few other assumptions:

①  $\partial_\alpha g_{\beta\gamma} = 0$  ("metric compatibility" ... True in Cartesian representation, so true in general)  
 $\nabla_\alpha g_{\beta\gamma}$

definition of co-variant derivative of metric

②  $\nabla_\beta g_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\beta g_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma_{\beta\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} - \Gamma_{\beta\nu}^\lambda g_{\mu\lambda}$

$\Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^\lambda = \Gamma_{\gamma\beta}^\lambda$  symmetry of Christoffel

• Since the last term in ② is off-diagonal, it's zero, so we get:

$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\alpha} (\partial_\mu g_{\nu\alpha} + \partial_\nu g_{\alpha\mu})$

• expand + only consider on-diagonal terms:

$= \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\nu} \partial_\mu g_{\nu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\mu} \partial_\nu g_{\mu\mu}$  (\*)

Aside (From ① + ② we get:

$0 = \partial_\mu g_{\lambda\nu} - \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\alpha g_{\alpha\nu} - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\alpha g_{\lambda\alpha}$

$\rightarrow \partial_\mu g_{\nu\nu} = \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\alpha g_{\alpha\nu} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\alpha g_{\nu\alpha}$

$\partial_\mu g_{\nu\nu} = 2 \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\nu g_{\nu\nu}$  (a) 

• Also

$$\partial_\nu g_{\mu\nu} = 2 \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\nu g_{\mu\nu} \quad (b)$$

• Plugging (a) + (b) into (\*) we get:

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\nu} \cdot 2 \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\nu g_{\nu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\nu} \cdot 2 \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\nu g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$= \delta_\mu^\lambda \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\nu + \delta_\nu^\lambda \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\nu$$

$$= \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda + \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda$$

$$= 2 \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = 0}$$

• Now prove (ii):

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\alpha} (\partial_\mu g_{\nu\alpha} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\alpha} - \partial_\alpha g_{\mu\nu})$$

$$= g^{\lambda\alpha} \partial_\mu g_{\nu\alpha} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\alpha} \partial_\alpha g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$= g^{\lambda\lambda} \partial_\mu g_{\nu\lambda} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\lambda} \partial_\lambda g_{\mu\nu} \quad \rightsquigarrow$$

$$(g_{\lambda\lambda})^{-1} \equiv g^{\lambda\lambda}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} = -\frac{1}{2} (g_{\lambda\lambda})^{-1} \partial_{\lambda} g_{\mu\nu}}$$

Now prove (iii):

$$\Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\lambda} (\partial_{\mu} g_{\lambda\lambda} + \overset{\uparrow 0}{\partial_{\lambda} g_{\mu\lambda}} - \overset{\uparrow 0}{\partial_{\lambda} g_{\mu\lambda}})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\lambda} \partial_{\mu} g_{\lambda\lambda} = \text{LHS}$$

Now consider  $\partial_{\mu} \ln \sqrt{|g_{\lambda\lambda}|}$  via chain rule:

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{|g_{\lambda\lambda}|}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} |g_{\lambda\lambda}|^{-1/2} \cdot \partial_{\mu} |g_{\lambda\lambda}|$$

$$= \frac{\partial_{\mu} |g_{\lambda\lambda}|}{2 |g_{\lambda\lambda}|} \quad \text{since we are dividing } g_{\lambda\lambda} \text{ by itself we can take away the } ||\text{'s (absolute values)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\lambda} \partial_{\mu} g_{\lambda\lambda} \equiv \text{RHS} = \text{LHS}$$

$$\uparrow \text{using } 1/g_{\lambda\lambda} = g^{\lambda\lambda} \rightarrow \boxed{\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} = \partial_{\mu} \ln \sqrt{|g_{\lambda\lambda}|}}$$

• Now prove (iv):

• Replacing  $\nu \rightarrow \lambda$  in the last equation,  
we get that:

$$\left[ \frac{\Gamma \lambda}{\lambda \lambda} = \partial_{\lambda} (\ln \sqrt{19 \lambda \lambda}) \right]$$

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[6]. Carroll, Chapter 3, Problem 2:

- For an arbitrary vector  $V^\alpha$  in 3-space, use the covariant derivative  $\nabla_\alpha$  in spherical polar coords to find the gradient of a scalar  $\nabla\phi$ , the divergence of the vector  $V^\alpha$ , and the curl  $\nabla \times V$ :

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \varphi, y = r \sin \theta \sin \varphi, z = r \cos \theta$$

- We will ultimately end up needing a bunch of Christoffel symbols which we will calculate by taking partials of our 3-space metric
- We therefore need to find the metric ~~of~~ of our 3-space to begin with:

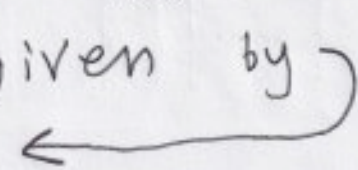
$$ds^2 = g_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta$$

$$ds^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2$$

$$\Rightarrow g_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$g^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/r^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

• and the inverse of the metric is given by



$$\Gamma_{\nu\tau}^{\lambda} = g^{\lambda\alpha} \Gamma_{\alpha\nu\tau} \quad \leftarrow \text{By definitions}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\alpha} (\partial_{\nu} g_{\tau\alpha} + \partial_{\tau} g_{\alpha\nu} - \partial_{\alpha} g_{\nu\tau})$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{rr}^r = \frac{1}{2} g^{r\alpha} (\partial_r g_{r\alpha} + \partial_r g_{\alpha r} - \partial_{\alpha} g_{rr})$$

$$= g^{r\alpha} \partial_r g_{r\alpha} = [1 \ 0 \ 0] \cdot \vec{0} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{r\theta}^r = \frac{1}{2} g^{r\alpha} (\partial_r g_{\theta\alpha} + \partial_{\theta} g_{\alpha r} - \partial_{\alpha} g_{r\theta})$$

$$\rightarrow 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [1 \ 0 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{r\phi}^r = \frac{1}{2} g^{r\alpha} (\partial_r g_{\phi\alpha} + \partial_{\phi} g_{\alpha r} - \partial_{\alpha} g_{r\phi})$$

$$\rightarrow 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [1 \ 0 \ 0] \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2r \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} \text{ [scribbled out] } - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^{\theta} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\theta\lambda} (\partial_{\theta} g_{\lambda\theta} + \partial_{\theta} g_{\lambda\theta} - \partial_{\lambda} g_{\theta\theta})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} [0 \ r^{-2} \ 0] \begin{pmatrix} 2r \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{\theta r}^{\theta} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\theta\lambda} (\partial_{\theta} g_{r\lambda} + \partial_r g_{\lambda\theta} - \partial_{\lambda} g_{r\theta})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [0 \ r^{-2} \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1/r$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{\theta\varphi}^{\theta} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\theta\lambda} (\partial_{\theta} g_{\varphi\lambda} + \partial_{\varphi} g_{\lambda\theta} - \partial_{\lambda} g_{r\varphi})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [0 \ r^{-2} \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2r^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{\varphi\varphi}^{\varphi} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\varphi\lambda} (\partial_{\varphi} g_{\varphi\lambda} + \partial_{\varphi} g_{\lambda\varphi} - \partial_{\lambda} g_{\varphi\varphi})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} [0 \ 0 \ 1/r^2 \sin^2\theta] \begin{bmatrix} 2r \sin^2\theta \\ 2r^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{\varphi r}^{\varphi} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\varphi\lambda} (\partial_{\varphi} g_{r\lambda} + \partial_r g_{\lambda\varphi} - \partial_{\lambda} g_{\varphi r})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [0 \ 0 \ 1/r^2 \sin^2 \theta] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2r \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} = 1/r$$

$\Rightarrow$  Finally  $\ddot{}$ ,

$$\Gamma_{\varphi\theta}^{\varphi} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\varphi\lambda} (\partial_{\varphi} g_{\theta\lambda} + \partial_{\theta} g_{\lambda\varphi} - \partial_{\lambda} g_{\varphi\theta})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [0 \ 0 \ 1/r^2 \sin^2 \theta] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \cot \theta$$

• So the only non-zero Christoffels so far are:

$$\Gamma_{\theta\varphi}^{\varphi} = \cot \theta, \quad \Gamma_{\varphi r}^{\varphi} = \Gamma_{\theta r}^{\theta} = \frac{1}{r}$$

• Using our Christoffels, let's now calculate

$$\text{div}(V^{\lambda}) = \nabla_{\lambda} V^{\lambda} = \partial_{\lambda} V^{\lambda} + \underbrace{\Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^{\lambda} V^{\mu}}_{\rightarrow}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \partial_r V_r + \partial_\theta V_\theta + \partial_\phi V_\phi \\
&+ \cancel{\Gamma_{rr}^r V_r} + \cancel{\Gamma_{r\theta}^r V_\theta} + \cancel{\Gamma_{r\phi}^r V_\phi} \\
&+ \cancel{\Gamma_{\theta r}^\theta V_r} + \cancel{\Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\theta V_\theta} + \cancel{\Gamma_{\theta\phi}^\theta V_\phi} \\
&+ \cancel{\Gamma_{\phi r}^\phi V_r} + \cancel{\Gamma_{\phi\theta}^\phi V_\theta} + \cancel{\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\phi V_\phi}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \partial_r V_r + \partial_\theta V_\theta + \partial_\phi V_\phi + \frac{2V_r}{r} + \cot(\theta) V_\theta$$

$$= \text{div}(V^2)$$

• Notice that this does not match the standard formula one would expect for the  $\nabla \cdot \vec{V}$  in Euclidean space. This is because we are working in a coordinate basis rather than an orthonormal basis  $\checkmark$

• Now onwards to calculate  $\nabla \phi$ :

$$\nabla \phi \rightarrow \partial_\alpha \phi \vec{e}_\alpha$$

$$\nabla \phi = \partial_r \phi \vec{e}_r + \partial_\theta \phi \vec{e}_\theta + \partial_\phi \phi \vec{e}_\phi$$

• Now for the curl. Take the definition

$$\text{curl}(\vec{V})_i = \varepsilon_i{}^{jk} \nabla_j V_k$$

$$= \varepsilon_i{}^{jk} \left( \partial_j V_k + \Gamma_{jk}{}^\nu V_\nu \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{curl}(\vec{V})_r = \varepsilon_r{}^{\theta\phi} \left( \partial_\theta V_r - \partial_r V_\theta + \left( \Gamma_{r\theta}{}^\nu - \Gamma_{\theta r}{}^\nu \right) V_\nu \right)$$

• Define  $\varepsilon_r{}^{\theta\phi} = +1$

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$$\rightarrow \text{curl}(\vec{V})_r = \partial_\theta V_r - \partial_r V_\theta$$

$$\rightarrow \text{curl}(\vec{V})_\theta = \varepsilon_\theta{}^{r\phi} (\partial_r V_\phi - \partial_\phi V_r)$$

$$= -(\partial_r V_\phi - \partial_\phi V_r)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{curl}(\vec{V})_\phi = \varepsilon_\phi{}^{r\theta} (\partial_r V_\theta - \partial_\theta V_r)$$

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• So overall;

$$\text{curl}(\vec{V}) = (\partial_\theta V_r - \partial_r V_\theta) \vec{e}_r + (\partial_\phi V_r - \partial_r V_\phi) \vec{e}_\theta + (\partial_r V_\theta - \partial_\theta V_r) \vec{e}_\phi$$

7. Prove the following connection identities

a  $\partial_\lambda g_{\mu\nu} \stackrel{?}{=} \Gamma_{\mu\nu\lambda} + \Gamma_{\nu\mu\lambda}$   $\forall$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= \frac{1}{2} (\cancel{\partial_\nu g_{\mu\lambda}} + \partial_\lambda g_{\mu\nu} - \cancel{\partial_\mu g_{\nu\lambda}}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (\cancel{\partial_\mu g_{\nu\lambda}} + \partial_\lambda g_{\mu\nu} - \cancel{\partial_\nu g_{\mu\lambda}}) = \partial_\lambda g_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{QED} \end{aligned}$$

b  $g_{\mu\kappa} \partial_\lambda g^{\kappa\nu} \stackrel{?}{=} -g^{\kappa\nu} \partial_\lambda g_{\mu\kappa}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= g_{\mu\kappa} \partial_\lambda g^{\kappa\nu} \\ &= g_{\mu\kappa} \left( -\Gamma_{\lambda\alpha}^{\kappa} g^{\alpha\nu} - \Gamma_{\lambda\alpha}^{\nu} g^{\alpha\kappa} \right) \quad \leftarrow \text{see notes for why... comes from } \nabla_\lambda g^{\kappa\nu} \text{ formula} \\ &\quad \text{relabel dummy } \alpha \rightarrow \nu \\ &= -g^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\kappa} \Gamma_{\lambda\nu}^{\kappa} - g^{\alpha\kappa} g_{\mu\kappa} \Gamma_{\lambda\alpha}^{\nu} \\ &= -\delta_\kappa^\nu \Gamma_{\lambda\nu}^{\kappa} - \delta_\mu^\alpha \Gamma_{\lambda\alpha}^{\nu} \\ &= -\Gamma_{\lambda\nu}^{\nu} - \Gamma_{\lambda\nu}^{\nu} = -2\Gamma_{\lambda\nu}^{\nu} \quad \textcircled{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RHS} = -g^{\kappa\nu} \partial_\lambda g_{\mu\kappa}$$

$$= -g^{\kappa\nu} \left( \Gamma_{\lambda\nu}^{\alpha} g_{\alpha\kappa} + \Gamma_{\lambda\kappa}^{\alpha} g_{\nu\alpha} \right)$$

$$= -g^{kr} g_{\alpha k} \Gamma_{\lambda \nu}^{\alpha} - g^{kr} g_{\nu r} \Gamma_{\lambda k}^{\nu}$$

$$= -\delta_{\alpha}^{\nu} \Gamma_{\lambda \nu}^{\alpha} - \delta_{\nu}^k \Gamma_{\lambda k}^{\nu}$$

$$= -2 \Gamma_{\lambda \nu}^{\nu} \quad (2) \quad (1) = (2) \Rightarrow \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_{\nu k} \partial_{\lambda} g^{\nu k} = -g^{kr} \partial_{\lambda} g_{\nu k} \quad \text{W/ QED}$$

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[c] Prove that  $\partial_{\lambda} g^{\nu r} = -\Gamma_{\lambda k}^{\nu} g^{kr} - \Gamma_{\lambda k}^r g^{k\nu}$

• This just follows from a relation we already used to prove (a) + (b):

$$\nabla_{\lambda} g^{\nu r} = \partial_{\lambda} g^{\nu r} + \Gamma_{\lambda k}^{\nu} g^{kr} + \Gamma_{\lambda k}^r g^{k\nu}$$

$$\nabla_{\lambda} g^{\nu r} = 0 \quad \uparrow \text{Definition of covariant derivative of two-index tensor...}$$

$$\rightarrow \partial_{\lambda} g^{\nu r} = -\Gamma_{\lambda k}^{\nu} g^{kr} - \Gamma_{\lambda k}^r g^{k\nu} \quad \text{W/ QED??}$$

[d] Define  $g = \det(g^{\nu r})$

• Prove that  $\nabla_{\nu} A_{\lambda}^{\nu} = |g|^{-1/2} \partial_{\nu} (|g|^{1/2} A_{\lambda}^{\nu}) - \Gamma_{\nu \lambda}^{\mu} A_{\mu}^{\nu}$

in a coordinate basis:



• Use the fact that  $\Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^{\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|g|}} \partial_{\lambda} (\sqrt{|g|})$

• expand LHS =  $\nabla_{\nu} A_{\mu}^{\nu}$

$$= \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu}^{\nu} + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^{\nu} A_{\mu}^{\lambda} - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\lambda} A_{\lambda}^{\nu}$$

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of tensor

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" - " for lower  
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tensor

$$= \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu}^{\nu} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{|g|}} \partial_{\lambda} (\sqrt{|g|}) A_{\mu}^{\lambda} - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\lambda} A_{\lambda}^{\nu}$$

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$$= \frac{\partial_{\nu} (\sqrt{|g|} A_{\mu}^{\nu})}{\sqrt{|g|}} - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\lambda} A_{\lambda}^{\nu} = \nabla_{\nu} A_{\mu}^{\nu} \quad \checkmark$$

• [e] Show that  $\nabla_{\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|g|}} \partial_{\nu} (\sqrt{|g|} F^{\mu\nu})$

in a coordinate basis if  $F^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\nu\mu}$

(anti-symmetric): 

• By definition:

$$\nabla_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu} + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\mu F^{\lambda\nu} + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\nu F^{\mu\lambda}$$

$$= \partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu} + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\mu F^{\lambda\nu} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{|g|}} \partial_\lambda (\sqrt{|g|}) F^{\mu\lambda}$$

$$= \frac{\partial_\nu (\sqrt{|g|} F^{\mu\nu})}{\sqrt{|g|}} + \underbrace{\Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\mu F^{\lambda\nu}}_{\substack{\text{sym. under } \lambda \leftrightarrow \nu \\ \text{anti-sym. under } \lambda \leftrightarrow \mu}} \quad \text{anti-sym. under } \lambda \leftrightarrow \nu$$

$$\boxed{\nabla_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial_\nu (\sqrt{|g|} F^{\mu\nu})}{\sqrt{|g|}}}$$

□. prove that  $\square S \equiv g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu S$

$$= \frac{\partial_\mu (\sqrt{|g|} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu S)}{\sqrt{|g|}}$$

• In a coordinate basis where  $S$  is a scalar function:

$$\text{LHS} = \square S \equiv g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu S = g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu (\underbrace{\partial_\nu S}_{\uparrow \text{1-form}})$$

$$= g^{\nu r} \partial_\nu \partial_r S - g^{\nu r} \Gamma_{\nu r}^k \partial_k S$$

• Now the RHS:

$$RHS = \frac{\partial_\nu (\sqrt{|g|} g^{\nu r} \partial_r S)}{\sqrt{|g|}}$$

$$= \underbrace{(\partial_r S)(\partial_\nu g^{\nu r})}_{\parallel} + g^{\nu r} \partial_\nu \partial_r S + (\partial_r S)(g^{\nu r}) \frac{\partial_\nu (\sqrt{|g|})}{\sqrt{|g|}}$$

$$\underbrace{(\partial_r S) \left( -\Gamma_{\nu k}^\nu g^{kr} - \Gamma_{\nu k}^r g^{\nu k} \right)}_{\parallel}$$

$$(\partial_r S) \left( -g^{kr} \frac{\partial_k (\sqrt{|g|})}{\sqrt{|g|}} - \Gamma_{\nu k}^r g^{\nu k} \right)$$

reindex  $k \rightarrow \nu$  + cancels here.

$$\Rightarrow RHS = g^{\nu r} \partial_\nu \partial_r S - \partial_r S \Gamma_{\nu k}^r g^{\nu k}$$

Let  $k \leftrightarrow \nu$

$$RHS = g^{\nu r} \partial_\nu \partial_r S - g^{\nu r} \Gamma_{\nu r}^k \partial_k S = LHS \quad \checkmark$$

Q.E.D.  $\ddot{\smile}$