



Maps of manifolds

Let M and N be manifolds and let $\phi: M \rightarrow N$ be a C^∞ map.

1.) In "natural manner" of "pulls back" a func. $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ on N to the func $f \circ \phi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ obtained by composing f with ϕ

2.) ϕ "carries along" tangent vec at $p \in M$ to tangent vec at $\phi(p) \in N$
 \hookrightarrow it defines a map $\phi^*: V_p \rightarrow V_{\phi(p)} \rightarrow$ For $v \in V_p$ we define $\phi^*v \in V_{\phi(p)}$ by

$$(\phi^*v)(f) = v(f \circ \phi) \quad \forall f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

where f is C^∞

Note: ϕ^* is linear and may be viewed as the "derivative of ϕ " at p .

Remark: The matrix of components of ϕ^* in the coord. basis of a coord. sys $\{x^i\}$ at p and a coord. sys. $\{y^j\}$ at $\phi(p)$ equals the Jacobian mtr of the map ϕ between the coord., i.e., $(\phi^*)^{\mu\nu} = \partial y^\mu / \partial x^\nu$.

By the implicit func. theorem, $\phi: M \rightarrow N$ will be one-to-one in a neighborhood of p if $\phi^*: V_p \rightarrow V_{\phi(p)}$ is one-to-one.

3.) we can use ϕ to "pull back" dual vec. at $\phi(p)$ to dual vec. of p . We define the map $\phi_*: V_{\phi(p)}^* \rightarrow V_p^*$ by requiring that $\forall v \in V_p$

$$(\phi_*\mu)_a v^a = \mu_a (\phi^*v)^a$$

We can extend the action of ϕ_* to map tensors of type $(0,l)$ at $\phi(p)$ to tensors of type $(0,l)$ at p by

$$(\phi_*T)_{a_1 \dots a_l} (v^1)^{a_1} \dots (v^l)^{a_l} = T_{a_1 \dots a_l} (\phi^*v^1)^{a_1} \dots (\phi^*v^l)^{a_l}$$

Similarly for tensors of type $(k,0)$

$$(\phi^*T)^{b_1 \dots b_k} (\mu_1)_{b_1} \dots (\mu_k)_{b_k} = T^{b_1 \dots b_k} (\phi_*\mu_1)_{b_1} \dots (\phi_*\mu_k)_{b_k}$$

Remark: We cannot extend ϕ^* or ϕ_* to mixed tensors since ϕ^* doesn't know how to "carry along" lower index tensors, while ϕ_* doesn't know how to "pull back" upper index tensors.

A C^∞ map $\phi: M \rightarrow N$ is said to be a diffeomorphism if it is one-to-one, onto, and its inverse is C^∞ . If ϕ is diffeomorphism \Rightarrow we can use ϕ^{-1} to extend the definition of ϕ^* to tensors of all types by using the fact that $(\phi^{-1})^*$ goes from $V_{\phi(p)}$ to V_p . If $T^{b_1 \dots b_k}_{a_1 \dots a_l}$ is a tensor of type (k,l) at $\phi(p)$, we define the tensor $(\phi^*T)^{b_1 \dots b_k}_{a_1 \dots a_l}$ at p by

$$(\phi^*T)^{b_1 \dots b_k}_{a_1 \dots a_l} (\mu_1)_{b_1} \dots (\mu_k)_{b_k} (t^1)^{a_1} \dots (t^l)^{a_l} = T^{b_1 \dots b_k}_{a_1 \dots a_l} (\phi_*\mu_1)_{b_1} \dots (\phi_*\mu_k)_{b_k} ((\phi^{-1})^*t^1)^{a_1} \dots ((\phi^{-1})^*t^l)^{a_l}$$

Remark: Similarly, we could extend the map ϕ_x to all tensors. However, it is not difficult to show that $\phi_x = (\phi^{-1})^*$.

If $\phi: M \rightarrow M$ is diffeomorphism and T is a tensor field on M , we can compare T with ϕ^*T . If $\phi^*T = T \Rightarrow$ "moved" T via ϕ and "stayed the same" $\rightarrow \phi$ is a symmetry transformation for T .

Remark: For the metric g a symmetry trans. is called an isometry.

Remark: If $\phi: M \rightarrow N$ is a diffeomorphism $\Rightarrow M$ & N have identical manifold structure.

If a theory describes nature in terms of a space-time manifold, M , and tensor fields, $T^{(i)}$, defined on the manifold, then if $\phi: M \rightarrow N$ is a diffeomorphism, the solutions $(M, T^{(i)})$ and $(N, \phi^*T^{(i)})$ have physically identical properties.

Lic derivative

Let M be a manifold and let ϕ_t be a one-parameter group of diffeomorphisms. ϕ_t will be generated by a vectorfield, v^a , and ϕ_t^* carries along C^∞ tensorfield $T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l}$. Comparison of $T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l}$ and $\phi_{-t}^* T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l}$ for small t gives rise to the notion of Lic derivative, L_v , with respect to v^a . More precisely:

$$L_v T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\phi_{-t}^* T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l} - T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l}}{t} \right\}$$

where all tensors appearing are evaluated at the same point p .

Note: index on v^a is dropped in the symbol L_v since its presence could lead to confusion.

Properties of Lic derivative:

- (i) $\mathcal{T}(k, l)$ be a group of C^∞ type (k, l) tensor fields. $L_v: \mathcal{T}(k, l) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(k, l)$ is a linear map.
- (ii) L_v satisfies the Leibnitz rule on outer products of tensors

$$L_v(T \cdot R) = T \cdot L_v R + R \cdot L_v T$$

- (iii) Since v^a tangent to the integral curves of ϕ_t , for func. $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$L_v(f) = v(f)$$

- (iv) L_v commutes with the contraction

- (v) $L_v T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_l} = 0$ everywhere IFF $\forall t: \phi_t$ is a symmetry trans. for T .

The components of L_V of $T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_k}$ in a coord. sys. adapted to v^a are simply

$$L_V T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_k} = \frac{\partial T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_k}}{\partial x^i} \cdot (x)$$

Thus in particular, ϕ_t will be a symmetry trans. of T iff the components $T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_k}$ in a coord. sys. adapted to v^a are independent of the integral curve coordinate x^i . We can obtain coord. independent expression for L_V of a vec. field w^a by noting that in an adapted coord. sys. we have by eq. (*)

$$L_V w^a = \frac{\partial w^a}{\partial x^i}$$

Since $v^a = (\partial/\partial x^i)^a$ and $w^a = \sum_{\mu} w^\mu (\partial/\partial x^\mu)^a$, the commutator of v^a and w^a :

$$[v, w]^\mu = \sum_{\nu} \left(v^\nu \frac{\partial w^\mu}{\partial x^\nu} - w^\nu \frac{\partial v^\mu}{\partial x^\nu} \right) = \frac{\partial w^\mu}{\partial x^i}$$

$$L_V w^a = [v, w]^a$$

coord. sys. independent formula for Lie derivative

The action of Lie derivative on all other types of tensor fields is determined by prop. (iii), and $L_V w^a = [v, w]^a$, and the Leibnitz rule.

E.G.: for dual vec. field, μ_a , we have by prop. (iii)

$$L_V (\mu_a w^a) = v (\mu_a w^a)$$

where w^a is an arbitrary field. By the Leibnitz rule and $L_V w^a = [v, w]^a$, we have

$$L_V (\mu_a w^a) = w^a L_V \mu_a + \mu_a [v, w]^a$$

If P_a is a der. op. on M , we have by prop. (4) and (2) of the definition der. op

$$v (\mu_a w^a) = v^b P_b (\mu_a w^a) = v^b w^a P_b \mu_a + v^b \mu_a P_b w^a$$

$$[v, w]^a = v^b P_b w^a - w^b P_b v^a$$

$$v^b w^a P_b \mu_a + v^b \mu_a P_b w^a = w^a L_V \mu_a + \mu_a v^b P_b w^a - \mu_a w^b P_b v^a$$

$$L_V \mu_a = v^b P_b \mu_a + \mu_a P_a v^b$$

More generally for an arbitrary tensor field:

$$L_V T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_k} = v^c P_c T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_k} - \sum_{i=1}^k T^{a_1 \dots a_{i-1} a_{i+1} \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_k} P_a v^{a_i} + \sum_{j=1}^k T^{a_1 \dots a_k}_{b_1 \dots b_{j-1} b_{j+1} \dots b_k} P_{b_j} v^c$$

If $\phi: M \rightarrow M$ diffeomorphism $\rightarrow (M, g_{ab})$ and $(M, \phi^* g_{ab})$ represent the same physical space-time. If we consider 1-parameter family of space-times $(M, g_{ab}(\lambda))$ and $(M, \phi_\lambda^* g_{ab}(\lambda))$ represent the same 1-parameter family, where ϕ_λ^* is an arbitrary 1-parameter group of diffeomorphisms.

If we consider the 1st order perturbation of $g_{ab}|_{\lambda=0}$ we obtained by differentiating $g_{ab}(\lambda)$ with respect to λ at $\lambda=0$, we find that $\bar{M}_{ab} = d g_{ab} / d\lambda|_{\lambda=0}$ and $\bar{M}_{ab} = d(\phi_{\lambda}^* g_{ab}) / d\lambda|_{\lambda=0}$ represent the same perturbation.

$$\bar{M}'_{ab} = \bar{M}_{ab} - \mathcal{L}_\zeta g_{ab}$$

ζ^a is the vec. field which generates ϕ_{λ}^* and $g_{ab} = g_{ab}(\lambda=0)$. Thus, the gauge freedom in perturbation, \bar{M}_{ab} , is given by $\mathcal{L}_\zeta g_{ab}$, where ζ^a is an arbitrary vec. field.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_\zeta g_{ab} &= \zeta^c \partial_c g_{ab} + g_{cb} \partial_a \zeta^c + g_{ac} \partial_b \zeta^c \\ &= \partial_a \zeta_b + \partial_b \zeta_a \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the gauge transformation of linearized GR, about a solution g_{ab} are

$$\bar{M}_{ab} \rightarrow \bar{M}'_{ab} = \bar{M}_{ab} - \partial_a \zeta_b - \partial_b \zeta_a$$

This is closely analogous to the gauge freedom $A_a \rightarrow A'_a - \partial_a \chi$ of electromagnetism.

Killing Vector Fields

If $\phi_t: M \rightarrow M$ is 1-parameter group of isometries, $\phi_t^* g_{ab} = g_{ab}$, the vec. field ξ^a which generates ϕ_t is called a Killing vec. field. The necessary and sufficient condition for ϕ_t to be a group of isometries is $\mathcal{L}_\zeta g_{ab} = 0$. Thus, according to $\mathcal{L}_\zeta g_{ab} = \partial_a \zeta_b + \partial_b \zeta_a$, the necessary and sufficient cond. that ξ^a be a Killing vec. field is that it satisfy Killing's equation:

$$\partial_a \xi_b + \partial_b \xi_a = 0$$

Proposition: If ξ^a be a Killing vec. field and let \mathcal{P} be a geodesic with tangent u^a . Then $\xi_a u^a$ is constant along \mathcal{P} .

Proof: We have

$$u^b \partial_b (\xi_a u^a) = u^b u^a \partial_b \xi_a + \xi_a u^b \partial_b u^a = 0$$

since the first term vanishes by Killing's equation and the second term vanishes by the geodesic equation. \square

Since in GR timelike geodesic represent the spacetime motions of freely falling particles and null geodesic represent the paths of light rays, this prop. can be interpreted as saying that every 1-parameter family symmetries gives rise to a conserved quantity for particles and light rays. This conserved quantity

enables one to determine the gravitational redshift in stationary spacetimes and is extremely useful for integrating the geodesic eq. when symmetries are present.

The Riemann tensor:

$$\nabla_a \nabla_b \xi_c - \nabla_b \nabla_a \xi_c = R_{abc}{}^d \xi_d \quad / \text{Killing eq.}$$

$$\nabla_a \nabla_b \xi_c + \nabla_b \nabla_c \xi_a = R_{abc}{}^d \xi_d$$

If we write down the cyclic permutation of indices $(abc) \Rightarrow$ adding them together, we get:

$$2\nabla_b \nabla_c \xi_a = (R_{abc}{}^d + R_{bca}{}^d - R_{cab}{}^d) \xi_d = -2R_{cab}{}^d \xi_d$$

We used the symmetry properties of $R_{abc}{}^d$. Thus, $\forall \xi^a$ we obtain the formula:

$$\nabla_a \nabla_b \xi_c = -R_{bca}{}^d \xi_d$$

A Killing field, ξ^a , is completely determined by the values of ξ^a and $L_{ab} \equiv \nabla_a \xi_b$ at any point $p \in M$.

If we are given (ξ^a, L_{ab}) at $p \Rightarrow (\xi^a, L_{ab})$ at any other point q is determined by integration of the system of ODE

$$v^a \nabla_a \xi_b = v^a L_{ab}$$

$$v^a \nabla_a L_{bc} = -R_{bca}{}^d \xi_d v^a$$

along the curve connecting p and q , where v^a denotes the tangent to the curve

Corollaries of this result

(i) if a Killing field and its derivative vanish at a point, then the Killing field vanishes everywhere

(ii) on a manifold of dim n , there can be at most

$$n + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

linearly independent Killing fields, since this is the dim of the space of initial data for (ξ^a, L_{ab}) .

If we contract over a and b , we find

$$\nabla^a \nabla_a \xi_c = -R_c{}^d \xi_d$$

Thus, in a vacuum spacetime, $R_c{}^d = 0$, ξ^a satisfies the src. free Maxwell eq. for a vec. potential in the Lorenz gauge.

The Lorenz gauge condition $\partial_a \xi^a = 0$.