

General Relativity II

Problem Set 1

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Q grade

1 A

2 B+

3 A

4 A-

5 A

6 A

7 A

Note:

$$\text{In [6], } (A)_e X^e + (B)^f_e \nabla_f X^e$$

↑
arbitrary

↖
antisymmetric
otherwise arbitrary

should imply $A = 0$

and B is symmetric, not $B = 0$

But after taking the trace of B, the same result for R_{abcd} follows as if we set $B = 0$.

~~Left~~ I have no time to correct this,
sorry...

(ref: Weinberg pg 382)

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$$\nabla_a R_{bc]de} , R_{bcde} = -R_{cbde}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_a R_{bcde} + \nabla_b R_{cade} + \nabla_c R_{abde} = 0$$

$$\times g^{ce} \Rightarrow \nabla_a R_{bd} - \nabla_b R_{ad} + \nabla_c R_{abd}{}^c = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_a R_{bd} - \nabla_b R_{ad} - \nabla^c R_{cdab} = 0$$

$$R_{ad} = R_{da} \Rightarrow \nabla_a R_{bd} - \nabla_b R_{da} - \nabla^c R_{cdab} = 0$$

$$\times g^{db} \Rightarrow \nabla_a R - \nabla^b R_{ba} - \nabla^c R_{ca} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_a R = 2 \nabla^c R_{ca}$$

$$\times g^{ba} \Rightarrow \nabla^b R_{ba} = 2 \nabla^b R_{ba}$$

$$a \leftrightarrow b \Rightarrow \nabla^a (R_{ab}) = 2 \nabla^a R_{ab}$$

$$\times \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \nabla^a (R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{ab}) = 0 \quad \square$$

2 $[X, Y]^a = X^b \partial_b Y^a - Y^b \partial_b X^a$

$$\therefore [X, [Y, Z]]^a + [Y, [Z, X]]^a + [Z, [X, Y]]^a$$

$$= \cancel{[X^a \partial_b Z^a - Z^b \partial_b X^a]} + [Y^a \partial_b Z^a - Z^b \partial_b Y^a]$$

Consider using a smooth function f to write

$$= X^b \partial_b [Y, Z]^a - [Y, Z]^b \partial_b X^a$$

$$+ Y^b \partial_b [Z, X]^a - [Z, X]^b \partial_b Y^a$$

$$+ Z^b \partial_b [X, Y]^a - [X, Y]^b \partial_b Z^a$$

$$[X, Y](f)$$

$$= X(Y(f)) - Y(X(f))$$

$$= X^b \partial_b (Y^c \partial_c Z^a - Z^c \partial_c Y^a) - (Y^c \partial_c Z^b - Z^c \partial_c Y^b) \partial_b X^a$$

$$+ Y^b \partial_b (Z^c \partial_c X^a - X^c \partial_c Z^a) - (Z^c \partial_c X^b - X^c \partial_c Z^b) \partial_b Y^a$$

$$+ Z^b \partial_b (X^c \partial_c Y^a - Y^c \partial_c X^a) - (X^c \partial_c Y^b - Y^c \partial_c X^b) \partial_b Z^a$$

$$= 0 \quad \square$$

4 We know L_x satisfies the Leibnitz rule.

$$L_x(ST) = (L_x S)T + S(L_x T)$$

$$\rightarrow D(ST) = (L_x L_y - L_y L_x - L_{[x, y]})(ST)$$

$$= L_x(L_y S)T + L_x S L_y T - L_y(L_x S)T - L_y S L_x T - (L_{[x, y]} S)T - S(L_{[x, y]} T)$$

$$= (L_x L_y S)T + \cancel{(L_y S)(L_x T)} + \cancel{(L_x S)(L_y T)} + S(L_x L_y T) - (L_y L_x S)T - \cancel{(L_x S)(L_y T)} - \cancel{(L_y L_x S)T} - \cancel{(L_y S)(L_x T)} - S(L_y L_x T) - (L_{[x, y]} S)T - S(L_{[x, y]} T)$$

$$= (L_x L_y S - L_y L_x S - L_{[x, y]} S)T$$

$$+ S(L_x L_y T - L_y L_x T - L_{[x, y]} T)$$

$$= (DS)T + S(DT) \Rightarrow \text{Leibnitz property obeyed}$$

□

$$L_x f = x^a \partial_a f = x^a \nabla_a f$$

$$\rightarrow Df = L_x L_y f - L_y L_x f - L_{[x, y]} f$$

$$= L_x Y^a \nabla_a f - L_y X^a \nabla_a f - [X, Y]^a \nabla_a f$$

$$= \cancel{X^b \nabla_b Y^a} \nabla_a f - Y^b \nabla_b X^a \nabla_a f$$

$$- (X^b \nabla_b Y^a) (\nabla_a f) + Y^b \nabla_b X^a (\nabla_a f)$$

$$= (X^b \nabla_b Y^a) (\nabla_a f) + \cancel{X^b Y^a \nabla_b} \nabla_a f + X^b Y^a \nabla_b \nabla_a f$$

$$- (Y^b \nabla_b X^a) (\nabla_a f) - Y^b X^a \nabla_b \nabla_a f$$

$$- (X^b \nabla_b Y^a) (\nabla_a f) + (Y^b \nabla_b X^a) (\nabla_a f)$$

$$= (\nabla_b \nabla_a f) (x^b y^a - x^a y^b)$$

$$= x^b y^a (\underbrace{\nabla_b \nabla_a - \nabla_a \nabla_b}_{=0}) f = 0 \quad \square$$

$$\mathcal{L}_X Y^a = [X, Y]^a.$$

$$\therefore DZ^a = \mathcal{L}_X \mathcal{L}_Y Z^a - \mathcal{L}_Y \mathcal{L}_X Z^a - \mathcal{L}_{[X, Y]} Z^a.$$

$$= [X, [Y, Z]]^a - [Y, [X, Z]]^a - [[X, Y], Z]^a.$$

$$= [X, [Y, Z]]^a + [Y, [Z, X]]^a + [Z, [X, Y]]^a.$$

Jacobi's Identity: $\} = 0$

\square

Consider tensor $T^{a_1 \dots a_p}_{b_1 \dots b_q}$, ~~vectors A^{a_1}, A^{a_2}, \dots~~ , covectors ~~B_{a_1}, B_{a_2}, \dots~~ vector A^a , covector B_b

$$0 = D(T^{a_1 \dots a_p}_{b_1 \dots b_q} A^{b_1} \dots A^{b_q} B_{a_1} \dots B_{a_p}).$$

$$Df = 0$$

Leibnitz rule \rightarrow

$$= (DT^{a_1 \dots a_p}_{b_1 \dots b_q}) A^{b_1} \dots A^{b_q} B_{a_1} \dots B_{a_p}$$

$$+ T^{a_1 \dots a_p}_{b_1 \dots b_q} (DA^{b_1}) A^{b_2} \dots A^{b_q} B_{a_1} \dots B_{a_p}$$

$$+ \dots + T^{a_1 \dots a_p}_{b_1 \dots b_q} A^{b_1} \dots A^{b_{q-1}} B_{a_1} \dots B_{a_{p-1}} DB_{a_p}.$$

good

$$\therefore DA^{b_1} = 0 \quad DB_{a_1} = 0$$

$$\therefore 0 = D(T^{a_1 \dots a_p}_{b_1 \dots b_q}) A^{b_1} \dots A^{b_q} B_{a_1} \dots B_{a_p} \quad \forall A, B.$$

$$\therefore DT = 0 \quad \text{for any tensor } T \quad \forall X, Y.$$

$$\Rightarrow D \equiv 0 \quad \forall X, Y \quad \square$$

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Consider vector S

better to denote vectors with different letters

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{L}_x (R_{abcd} S^a S^b S^c S^d) = \cancel{x^e \nabla_e} x^e \nabla_e (R_{abcd} S^a S^b S^c S^d)$$

$\mathcal{L}_x(\text{scalar}) = x^e \nabla_e (\text{scalar})$

$$= x^e (\nabla_e R_{abcd}) + \cancel{R_{abcd} x^e \nabla_e} R_{abcd} S^b S^c S^d x^e \nabla_e S^a$$

$$+ R_{abcd} S^a S^c S^d x^e \nabla_e S^b + R_{abcd} S^a S^b S^d x^e \nabla_e S^c$$

$$+ R_{abcd} S^a S^b S^c x^e \nabla_e S^d$$

On the other hand, by Leibnitz's rule:

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{L}_x (R_{abcd} S^a S^b S^c S^d)$$

$$= S^a S^b S^c S^d \mathcal{L}_x R_{abcd} + R_{abcd} S^b S^c S^d \mathcal{L}_x S^a$$

$$+ R_{abcd} S^a S^c S^d \mathcal{L}_x S^b + R_{abcd} S^a S^b S^d \mathcal{L}_x S^c$$

$$+ R_{abcd} S^a S^b S^c \mathcal{L}_x S^d$$

$$= S^a S^b S^c S^d \mathcal{L}_x R_{abcd} + R_{abcd} S^b S^c S^d x^e \nabla_e S^a$$

$$- R_{abcd} S^e S^b S^c S^d \nabla_e x^a + R_{abcd} S^a S^e S^d x^e \nabla_e S^b$$

$$- R_{abcd} S^e S^a S^c S^d \nabla_e x^b + \text{similar terms} \dots$$

equating (1) = (2) :

terms like $R_{abcd} S^b S^c S^d x^e \nabla_e S^a$ cancel

\Rightarrow ~~$S^a S^b S^c$~~ and terms like

$$R_{abcd} S^e S^b S^c S^d \nabla_e x^a = R_{ebcd} S^a S^b S^c S^d \nabla_a x^e$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{swap } e \leftrightarrow a}$

So we have

$$s^a s^b s^c s^d \mathcal{L}_X R_{abcd}$$

$$= s^a s^b s^c s^d (X^e \nabla_e R_{abcd} + R_{ebcd} \nabla_a X^e + R_{aecd} \nabla_b X^e + R_{abed} \nabla_c X^e + R_{abce} \nabla_d X^e)$$

$\neq 0$

✓ good

This proves the required result. \square

By definition of Riemann curvature tensor we have

$$\textcircled{1} [\nabla_a, \nabla_b] \nabla_c X_d = R_{abcd} \nabla^e X_d + R_{abde} \nabla_c X^e \quad \neq 0$$

For X a Killing vector, use $\nabla_a \nabla_b X_c = R_{cbad} X^d$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} [\nabla_a, \nabla_b] \nabla_c X_d &= \nabla_a \nabla_b \nabla_c X_d - \nabla_b \nabla_a \nabla_c X_d \\ &= \nabla_a (R_{dcbe} X^e) - \nabla_b (R_{dcae} X^e) \\ &= X^e \nabla_a R_{dcbe} + R_{dcbe} \nabla_a X^e - X^e \nabla_b R_{dcae} \\ &\quad - R_{dcae} \nabla_b X^e \end{aligned}$$

$\textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2}$ are equal \Rightarrow

$$\rightarrow R_{abce} \nabla^e X_d = -R_{abce} \nabla_d X^e \quad \because \nabla_{[a} X_{b]} = 0 \quad \neq \text{Killing } X$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow X^e (\nabla_a R_{dcbe} - \nabla_b R_{dcae}) &= X^e (\nabla_a R_{bedc} - \nabla_b R_{aedc}) \\ &= -X^e (\nabla_a R_{ebdc} + \nabla_b R_{aedc}) = +X^e \nabla_e R_{badc} \end{aligned}$$

antisymmetry

first Bianchi

$$= X^e \nabla_e R_{abcd}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so: } X^e \nabla_e R_{abcd} + R_{dcobe} \nabla_a X^e - R_{dcae} \nabla_b X^e \\ = -R_{abce} \nabla_d X^e + R_{abde} \nabla_c X^e \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow X^e \nabla_e R_{abcd} + R_{ebcd} \nabla_a X^e + R_{aecd} \nabla_b X^e + R_{abed} \nabla_c X^e + R_{abce} \nabla_d X^e = 0$$

But the above is precisely $L_X R_{abcd}$ so
 $L_X R_{abcd} = 0$ if X is a Killing vector \square

[6] If we want to know the value of a vector field X in any point in spacetime, we should specify the ~~value~~ at a particular point the values of X , ~~first~~ ∇X , $\nabla \nabla X$, $\nabla \nabla \nabla X$, ... (X and all derivatives of X up to arbitrary order).

For a Killing vector field, however, because $\nabla_a \nabla_b X_c = -R_{bcad} X^d$, if we know X ~~we~~ at a particular point we ~~also~~ automatically know $\nabla \nabla X$, the second derivatives of X . And if we know ∇X , then $\nabla \nabla \nabla X \sim \nabla R X \sim \nabla X$ so we know 3rd derivatives. etc. As long as we specify X and ∇X at a point, we know X in all points of spacetime. *good*

So to count number of linearly independent X^a , we need to count how many X and ∇X components we can set freely.

\rightarrow For X_a , \because space is n -dimensional ~~so~~ we have n choices.

\rightarrow For $\nabla_a X_b$, $\because \nabla_a X_b = 0 \quad \therefore \nabla_a X_a = 0$ (No sum)
 we need distinct $a \neq b$ and once we know $\nabla_a X_b$ we know $\nabla_b X_a = -\nabla_a X_b$. This gives a

$$\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \text{ choices.}$$

→ In total, $n + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ choices □

↳ $R_{abcd} = 0$ from Q5

$$\Rightarrow X^e \nabla_e R_{abcd} + R_{ebcd} \nabla_a X^e + R_{aecd} \nabla_b X^e + R_{abed} \nabla_c X^e + R_{abce} \nabla_d X^e = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\nabla_e R_{abcd}) X^e + (R_{ebcd} \delta_a^f + R_{aecd} \delta_b^f + R_{abed} \delta_c^f + R_{abce} \delta_d^f) \nabla_f X^e = 0 \quad (*)$$

In most general case second bracket should be symmetric (not necessarily 0)

But after taking the trace the exact same result is produced.

see Weinberg pp 380-383

In a space that has maximum possible of Killing vectors, all components of X and ∇X can be chosen ~~fre~~ freely to be non-zero. (In fact technically $\nabla_f X^e = 0$ when $f=e$ ~~but~~; in that case X^e can still be chosen to be non-zero and $(A)X + (B)0 = 0$ doesn't imply $B=0$. But we ignore this and do the calculation anyway and later argue the result is the only correct result possible).

Quantities in the brackets () are 0

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_e R_{abcd} = 0 \quad \square \Rightarrow \text{curvature is same everywhere.}$$

↳ what does this say about ∇R , R , etc?

$$\Rightarrow \text{try } R_{ebcd} \delta_a^f + R_{aecd} \delta_b^f + R_{abed} \delta_c^f + R_{abce} \delta_d^f = 0$$

$$\text{take trace } R_{ebcd} \delta_a^f \delta_f^a + R_{aecd} \delta_b^f \delta_f^a + R_{abed} \delta_c^f \delta_f^a + R_{abce} \delta_d^f \delta_f^a = 0$$

$$\quad \quad \quad = \delta_f^f = n \quad \quad \quad + R_{abce} \delta_d^f \delta_f^a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n R_{ebcd} + R_{becd} + R_{cbed} + R_{dbce} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n R_{ebcd} + \underbrace{(R_{becd} + R_{cbed} + R_{dbce})}_0 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow R_{ebcd} = 0$ This of course is a solution, but obviously not the most general one. We get this because our assumption that () in front of $\nabla_e X^e = 0$ is wrong. We need to rewrite (*) so that this assumption is right.

$$\begin{aligned} \because \delta = g_{ij} \\ \therefore \nabla \delta = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Using $\nabla_a X_b = 0$ we rewrite $\int X R_{abcd} = 0$ with $\nabla_e R_{abcd} = 0$ as

$$R_{ebcd} \nabla_a X^e + R_{aecd} \nabla_b X^e - R_{abfd} \nabla_c X^e - R_{abcf} \nabla_d X^e = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = (R_{ebcd} \delta_a^f + R_{aecd} \delta_b^f) \nabla_f X^e - (R_{abfd} \delta_c^e + R_{abcf} \delta_d^e) \nabla_f X^e$$

$$= R_{dcbe} \quad = -R_{eacd} = -R_{dcae} \quad = -R_{abdf}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \cancel{(R_{dcbe} - R_{abdf})}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = (R_{dcb}^e \delta_a^f - R_{dca}^e \delta_b^f + R_{abd}^f \delta_c^e - R_{abc}^f \delta_d^e) \nabla_f X^e$$

and try $R_{dcb}^e \delta_a^f \delta_f^a - R_{dca}^e \delta_b^f \delta_f^a + R_{abd}^f \delta_c^e \delta_f^a - R_{abc}^f \delta_d^e \delta_f^a = 0$

$$\Rightarrow n R_{dcb}^e - R_{dcb}^e + - R_{bad}^a \delta_c^e + R_{bac}^a \delta_d^e = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-1) R_{dcb}^e - R_{bd} \delta_c^e + R_{bc} \delta_d^e = 0$$

$$\times g_{ae} \Rightarrow (n-1) R_{dcba} - g_{ac} R_{bd} + g_{ad} R_{bc} = 0 \quad (**)$$

$$= R_{cdab} = R_{abcd}$$

~~contracting c, a~~

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{(n-1) R_{db}}$$

contracting d, b $(\times g^{db})$:

$$(n-1) R_{ca} - g_{ac} R + R_{ac} = 0 \Rightarrow R_{ac} = \frac{1}{n} g_{ac} R \quad (***)$$

put (***) back to (**) gives

$$(n-1)R_{abcd} - \frac{1}{n}R g_{ac}g_{bd} + \frac{1}{n}R g_{ad}g_{bc} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{abcd} = \frac{R}{n(n-1)} (g_{ac}g_{bd} - g_{ad}g_{bc}) \quad (\star)$$

this solution is the most general solution, because $\nabla_e R_{abcd} = 0 \Rightarrow R_{abcd}$ is a combination of the metric tensor, and $g_{ac}g_{bd} - g_{ad}g_{bc}$ is a unique combination of g that gives the same \ast symmetry properties of $R_{abcd} \Rightarrow R_{abcd} \propto g_{ac}g_{bd} - g_{ad}g_{bc}$

proportionality constant $\frac{R}{n(n-1)}$ is indeed a constant since $\nabla_e R_{abcd} = 0 \Rightarrow R$ is constant.

In this case our assumption that $() \nabla_f X_e \Rightarrow ()$ vanishes is in fact correct because using this assumption we get the most general solution and form of solution, and this form of solution makes $()_{abcd}$ vanish automatically when $e=f$ without having to solve an equation when $e=f$.

$\Rightarrow R_{abcd}$ is given by (\star)

In 4-D Minkowski metric $R_{abcd} = 0, R = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_a \nabla_b X_c = -R_{bcad} X^d \text{ gives } \nabla_a \nabla_b X_c = 0$$

∇ Killing vector X_c , also $\nabla_a X_b + \nabla_b X_a = 0$

∇ Killing vector X_a .

(L.I. = linearly independent)

In $n=4$ dimensions there are at most $\frac{4(5)}{2} = 10$ L.I. Killing vectors, ~~see~~ and $\therefore \nabla_a \nabla_b X_c = 0, \nabla_a X_b + \nabla_b X_a = 0$.

\therefore we can find 4 L.I. Killing vectors already - the constant vectors.

$$\Rightarrow \text{P}_{1,2,3,4} P_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0), P_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0), P_3 = (0, 0, 1, 0), P_4 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$$

Also in Minkowski space affine connection (Levi-Civita) vanishes $\therefore \nabla = \partial \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \partial_a \partial_b X_c = 0 \\ \partial_a X_b + \partial_b X_a = 0 \end{cases}$

$\partial_a \partial_b X_c = 0$ means X doesn't have ~~quadratic~~ quadratic or higher power terms, so beside the 4 constant Killing vectors, we have some other Killing vectors linear in x^a and obeys $\partial_a X_b + \partial_b X_a = 0$

$\therefore X$ is linear $\therefore \partial_a X_b$ is a number, so we choose $\partial_a X_b = 1, \partial_b X_a = -1$ and find another 6 L.I. Killing vectors (and remember $\partial_a X_a = 0$ (no sum))

$$M_{12} = \text{---} (0, Y, -X, 0) \quad M_{23} = (0, 0, Z, -Y)$$

$$M_{31} = (0, -Z, 0, X) \quad M_{01} = \text{---} (-t, X, 0, 0)$$

$$\text{---} M_{02} = \text{---} (-t, 0, Y, 0) \quad \text{---} M_{03} = \text{---} (-t, 0, 0, Z)$$

$$M_{01} = \text{---} (X, -t, 0, 0)$$

$$M_{02} = (Y, 0, -t, 0) \quad M_{03} = (Z, 0, 0, -t)$$

translations

P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4

rotations

M_{12}, M_{23}, M_{31}

"Boosts"

M_{01}, M_{02}, M_{03}

state $\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{I})$ here where $\mathbb{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Q7 \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$I = z\partial_y - y\partial_z = (0, z, -y) \quad J = x\partial_z - z\partial_x = (-z, 0, x)$$

$$K = y\partial_x - x\partial_y = (y, -x, 0)$$

conserved quantity associated with I is

$$I_a \dot{x}^a = zV_y - yV_z = \frac{(\vec{p} \times \vec{x})_x}{m} = \text{angular momentum}$$

per unit mass in x -direction \hat{i} , similarly for J and K

\Rightarrow I, J, K represent rotations I in x -direction, J in y and K in z . \square

$$I(f) = I_a \partial^a f \quad \text{metric } \propto g^{ab} = g_{ab} = \delta^{ab} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow [I, J](f) = I(J(f)) - J(I(f))$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (z\partial_y - y\partial_z)(x\partial_z f - z\partial_x f) - (x\partial_z - z\partial_x)(z\partial_y f - y\partial_z f) \\ &= z x \partial_y \partial_z f - z^2 \partial_y \partial_x f - y x \partial_z \partial_z f + y z \partial_z \partial_x f + y \partial_x f \\ &\quad - x z \partial_z \partial_y f + x y \partial_z \partial_z f \\ &\quad + z^2 \partial_y \partial_x f - z y \partial_x \partial_z f - x \partial_y f \end{aligned}$$

$$= (y\partial_x - x\partial_y)f = K(f) \Rightarrow [I, J] = K \quad \square$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{similarly } [J, K]f &= (x\partial_z - z\partial_x)(y\partial_x - x\partial_y)f - (y\partial_x - x\partial_y)(x\partial_z - z\partial_x)f \\ &= (z\partial_y - y\partial_z)f = I f \Rightarrow [J, K] = I \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } [K, I]f &= (y\partial_x - x\partial_y)(z\partial_y - y\partial_z)f - (z\partial_y - y\partial_z)(y\partial_x - x\partial_y)f \\ &= (x\partial_z - z\partial_x)f = J(f) \\ &\Rightarrow [K, I] = J \end{aligned}$$