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Special Relativity and Riemannian Geometry APM3713

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

This tutorial letter contains the solutions to Assignment 07.

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Assignment 1

1) $x^1 = x = a \cos v$, $x^2 = y = a \sin v$, $x^3 = z = u$

a)
$$ds^2 = g_{ab} dx^a dx^b$$
$$= dx^a dx_a$$
$$= dx^1 dx_1 + dx^2 dx_2 + dx^3 dx_3$$
$$= (-a \sin v dv)^2 + (a \cos v dv)^2 + (du)^2$$
$$= a^2 \sin^2 v dv^2 + a^2 \cos^2 v dv^2 + du^2$$
$$ds^2 = a^2 dv^2 + du^2$$

b) The metric tensor.
$$g_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The dual metric tensor.
$$g^{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{a^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) The only non-zero components of the metric tensor are, $g_{11}, g_{22}, g^{11}, g^{22}$.

The Christoffel coefficients of the surface are given by,

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

\therefore All partial derivatives of the metric vanish since it contains constant components.

$$\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

d) The Riemann Curvature Tensor $R^{\alpha}_{\beta\lambda\delta} = 0 \quad \checkmark$
 Since $R^{\alpha}_{\beta\lambda\delta} = \partial_{\lambda}\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta\delta} - \partial_{\delta}\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta\lambda} + \Gamma^{\gamma}_{\beta\delta}\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\gamma\lambda} - \Gamma^{\gamma}_{\beta\lambda}\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\gamma\delta}$

e) The Ricci tensor is $R_{\alpha\beta} = R^{\lambda}_{\alpha\lambda\beta} = 0 \quad \checkmark$

f) The curvature scalar $R = R^{\alpha}_{\alpha} = 0 \quad \checkmark$

g) The Gaussian Curvature $K = \frac{R_{1212}}{g} = 0 \quad \checkmark$

h) yes, since all the components of $R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma\delta} = 0 \quad \checkmark$

i) Since the Riemann Curvature Tensor is zero.

we have that $K T_{\mu\nu} = 0$, Hence $K = 0 \quad \checkmark$

2.) The Christoffel symbol $\Gamma^i_{jk} = \frac{1}{2} g^{il} (\partial_j g_{lk} + \partial_k g_{lj} - \partial_l g_{jk})$

$$\therefore \Gamma^i_{ik} = \frac{1}{2} g^{il} (\partial_i g_{lk} + \partial_k g_{li} - \partial_l g_{ik}) \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} g^{il} \partial_k g_{il} \quad \checkmark$$

$$3.) X^{ij} = X^{jk} \quad \text{in } S$$

$$\text{in } \bar{S}, \quad \bar{X}^{ij} = \partial_{\bar{k}} \bar{x}^i \partial_{\bar{l}} \bar{x}^j X^{kl}$$

$$\bar{X}^{ij} = \partial_{\bar{k}} \bar{x}^i \partial_{\bar{l}} \bar{x}^j X^{lk} \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{then also } \bar{X}^{ji} = \partial_{\bar{k}} \bar{x}^j \partial_{\bar{l}} \bar{x}^i X^{kl}$$

$$\bar{X}^{ji} = \partial_{\bar{k}} \bar{x}^j \partial_{\bar{l}} \bar{x}^i X^{lk} \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

replace j with i , there $\bar{X}^{ij} = \bar{X}^{ji}$.

$$4.) R_{iklm} = K(g_{ie}g_{km} - g_{im}g_{ke})$$

$$R_{km} = R^l{}_{klm}$$

$$= K(4g_{km} - g_{mk})$$

$$= 3K g_{km}$$

$$R = R^m{}_m = 12K \quad \text{or } -12K$$

$$5.) \bar{g}_{ij} = K g_{ij}, \quad K \bar{g}^{ij} = g^{ij}$$

$$\Gamma^i{}_{jk} = \frac{1}{2} K \bar{g}^{il} \left(\frac{1}{K} \partial_j \bar{g}_{ek} + \frac{1}{K} \partial_k \bar{g}_{ej} - \frac{1}{K} \partial_e \bar{g}_{jk} \right) = \bar{\Gamma}^i{}_{jk}$$

This means that the Curvature tensors are the same.

$$\therefore \bar{g}^{ij} \bar{g}_{ik} = \delta^j_k = \frac{1}{K} g^{ij} K g_{ik} = \delta^j_k$$

$$R^{\alpha}{}_{\beta\lambda\delta} = R_{\beta\lambda\delta}{}^{\alpha} \Rightarrow K_{\alpha\beta} = K_{\alpha\beta}, \quad R = \frac{R}{K}$$

$$\therefore G_{\alpha\beta} = R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\bar{G}_{\alpha\beta} = \bar{R}_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \bar{R} \bar{g}_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$= R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{R}{K} K g_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$= R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$= G_{\alpha\beta}$$



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