

Symmetries of R (Assume Γ symmetric) (11) (1)

① $R_{B_{ji}}^\alpha = -R_{B_{ij}}^\alpha$

P.f. $R_{B_{ij}}^\alpha Z^B = Z_{ji}^B - Z_{ij}^B \checkmark$

② $R_{[B_{ij}]}^\alpha = R_{B_{ij}}^\alpha + R_{jBi}^\alpha + R_{iBj}^\alpha$
 ↑ cyclicly permute

P.f. $R_{B_{ij}}^\alpha = \underbrace{\Gamma_{B_{j,i}}^\alpha - \Gamma_{B_{i,j}}^\alpha}_{\text{symmetric}} + \underbrace{\Gamma_{i_2}^\alpha \Gamma_{B_j}^\alpha - \Gamma_{j_2}^\alpha \Gamma_{B_i}^\alpha}_{\text{symmetric}}$

Claim: Any set of #'s $B_{B_{ji}} = A_{B_{ji}} - A_{B_{ij}}$ (*)
 with $A_{B_{ji}} = A_{jBi}$

satisfies $B_{[B_{ij}]} = 0$ i.e. $B_{[B_{ij}]} = \cancel{A_{B_{ji}}} - \cancel{A_{B_{ij}}}$

Since $A_{B_{ji}} = \Gamma_{B_{j,i}}^\alpha$ & $\cancel{A_{B_{ji}}} = \Gamma_{i_2}^\alpha \Gamma_{B_j}^\alpha$ + $\cancel{A_{jBi}} - \cancel{A_{iBj}}$
 are symmetric in B_j & R^α = α + $\cancel{A_{i_2iB}} - \cancel{A_{i_2iB}}$

$$\text{Let } R_{\alpha\beta ij} = g_{\alpha\sigma} R^{\sigma}_{\beta ij}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad R_{\alpha\beta ij} &= -R_{\beta\alpha ij} \\ &= -R_{\alpha\beta ji} \quad (\text{from above}) \end{aligned}$$

i.e. antisymm in 1st 2 & last 2 indices

Proof: in Loc Lorentz coords,

$$R_{\alpha\beta ij} = \Gamma_{\alpha\beta j, i} - \Gamma_{\alpha\beta i, j}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -g_{\beta j, \alpha i} + g_{\alpha\beta, ji} + g_{j\alpha, \beta i} \right\}$$

$$- \left\{ -g_{\beta i, \alpha j} + g_{\alpha\beta, ij} + g_{i\alpha, \beta j} \right\}$$

$$R_{\alpha\beta ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -g_{\beta j, \alpha i} + g_{\beta i, \alpha j} + g_{\alpha j, \beta i} - g_{\alpha i, \beta j} \right\} \quad (*)$$

from which $\textcircled{3}$ follows at once.

↑ { get (3) & (4) from this }

(Note: antisymm. is a coord indent prop of a

④ $R_{\alpha\beta ij} = R_{ij \alpha\beta}$ "Symm. under pr. exch."

Pf. This follows from (*) in Loc. Cov. fr.

But Symm under pair exch is a coord. indept property of a tensor. \checkmark (FIP)

Thm: Symmetries ①-④ $\Rightarrow \exists$ 20 indept entries in the Curvature tensor. (FIP)

Project: Show \exists a metric ^{with} exactly 20 indept entries: [see David Meldgin]

• $R_{\alpha\beta ij}$ $4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 256$ entries

• $R_{\alpha\beta ij} = -R_{\beta\alpha ij}$
 $R_{\alpha\beta ij} = -R_{\alpha\beta ji}$ } $\underbrace{4 \times 4}_{6} \times \underbrace{4 \times 4}_{6} \leq 36$ indept entries



• $R_{\alpha\beta ij} = R_{ij \alpha\beta} \Rightarrow \leq 21$ indept entries (FIP)

• $R_{\alpha[\beta ij]} = 0 \Rightarrow 20$ indept entries all those from

Ricci Tensor

$$R_{ij} = R^{\sigma}{}_{i\sigma j} \quad (\Rightarrow R_{ij} = R_{ji})$$

Thm: R_{ij} is the only non-trivial 2 tensor which can be obtained from the 4-tensor $R^i{}_{jkl}$ by contraction (modulo raising/lowering & trivial interchanges)

Pf: If $A_{ij} = -A_{ji}$, then

$$A^i{}_j = g^{\sigma i} A_{\sigma j} = -g^{\sigma i} A_{j\sigma} = -A^i{}_j \quad (A)$$

$$A^i{}_i = \underbrace{g^{\sigma i}}_{\text{symm}} \underbrace{A_{\sigma i}}_{\text{antisymm}} = 0 \quad (B)$$

Thus: ① $R^{\sigma}{}_{\sigma ij} = R_{ij}{}^{\sigma}{}_{\sigma} = 0$ by (B)

② $R^{\sigma}{}_{i\sigma j} = -R_{i}{}^{\sigma}{}_{\sigma j} = R_{i}{}^{\sigma}{}_{j\sigma} = -R^{\sigma}{}_{i j\sigma}$

③ Since $R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = R_{\delta\gamma\alpha\beta}$ ② is equiv. to raising

the latter two indices & contracting

Note: $R_{ij} = R_{ji} \Rightarrow R^i_j = R_j^i = R^i_j$ (Not $R^i_j = R^j_i$) (5)

I.e., $R_{ij} = R^\sigma_{i\sigma j} = g^{\tau\sigma} R_{\tau i \sigma j} = g^{\tau\sigma} R_{\sigma j \tau i} = R_{ij}$

Scalar Curvature: $R = R^\sigma_\sigma$

Note: Since there's only "one way" to contract R^i_{jkl} once, \exists essentially only one way to contract it twice $\Rightarrow R$ is quite natural.