

§ 1 Divergence theorem to Green identity

Divergence theorem in R^n , $\int_{\Omega} (\nabla \cdot F) dV = \int_{\partial\Omega} F \cdot n dS \cdots (*)$

Green first identity :

$$\int_{\Omega} (u \Delta v + \nabla u \cdot \nabla v) d\Omega = \int_{\partial\Omega} u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} dS$$

Let $F = u \nabla v$ then divergence $\nabla \cdot F = \nabla \cdot (u \nabla v) = \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + u \Delta v$

$$\text{代入(*) 右式} = \int_{\partial\Omega} F \cdot n dS = \int_{\partial\Omega} (u \nabla v) \cdot n dS = \int_{\partial\Omega} u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} dS$$

舉例說明：

Given two scalar function $u(x)$, $v(x)$, $x \in R^n$

$$F = u \nabla v$$

For $n=3$, $\nabla v = (\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial z})$, $F = (u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, u \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, u \frac{\partial v}{\partial z})$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot F &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (u \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (u \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}) \\ &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + u \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \dots \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) + \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right) u = \nabla v \cdot \nabla u + u \Delta v \end{aligned}$$

Green second identity :

$$\int_{\Omega} (u \Delta v - v \Delta u) dV = \int_{\partial\Omega} (u \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} - v \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}) dS$$

舉例驗證：

$$u = x^2 + y^2, v = z^2, \Omega: x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1$$

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$$\text{則左=右} = -\frac{4\pi}{5}$$

Note that spherical coordinates $x = \sin \theta \cos \phi, y = \sin \theta \sin \phi, z = \cos \theta$ then

$$dS = \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

§ 2 from R^3 to Riemannian manifold (M, g)

$$\text{In } R^3, \text{ div} X = \partial_i X^i = \frac{\partial X^1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial X^2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial X^3}{\partial z}$$

$$\text{In } (M, g), \text{ div} X = \nabla_i X^i = \partial_i X^i + \Gamma_{ik}^i X^k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|g|}} \partial_i (\sqrt{|g|} X^i), \text{ where } \Gamma_{ik}^i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|g|}} \partial_k \sqrt{|g|}$$

Divergence theorem :

$\int_M \text{div} X \mu = \int_{\partial M} \iota_X \mu$, where μ is the Riemannian volume form .

If $\omega = \iota_X \mu$ then $d\omega = d(\iota_X \mu) = (\text{div} X) \mu$, the divergence theorem is $\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega$

(Stokes theorem)

Lie derivative of the volume form $L_X \mu = (\text{div} X) \mu$

§ Laplacian Δ

In R^3 , $\Delta f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$

In (M, g) , $\Delta := \text{div}(\text{grad})$

§ For a Killing vector field X , by definition $L_X g = 0$

In local coordinates $L_X g_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_\mu X^\nu + \nabla_\nu X^\mu = 0$

(The Lie derivative of the metric along a vector field X with components X^k is given by :

$$(L_X g)_{ij} = X^k \partial_k g_{ij} + g_{ik} \partial_j X^k + g_{jk} \partial_i X^k)$$

Take $\mu = \nu$ then $\nabla_\mu X^\mu = 0$ i.e. $\text{div}(X) = 0$

Killing 向量場 ξ^μ 滿足 Killing 方程 $\nabla_\mu \xi_\nu + \nabla_\nu \xi_\mu = 0$, 這表示該向量場對應於一種等距變換(isometry) , 即時空中的測地距離不變的變換。

因此 Killing vector field 描述了時空的對稱性。例如

- (1) A timelike Killing vector (∂_t) generates time translations .
- (2) A spacelike Killing vector (e.g., ∂_ϕ) generates spatial rotations , linked to angular momentum conservation .

§ 3 線性代數

X is a vector field . $A_W : X \rightarrow \nabla_X W$, where $\nabla_X W$ is the covariant derivative of W along X .

$\text{div} X = \text{tr}(\nabla X)$, where ∇X is the Jacobian matrix .

Then $\text{tr}(A) = \frac{n}{\omega_{n-1}} \int_{S^{n-1}} \langle A(X), X \rangle dS$, where S^{n-1} is a unit sphere , and ω_{n-1} is the surface area of S^{n-1} .

Let $\{e_i\}$ be an orthonormal basis for R^n .

The trace of A is $tr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle A(e_i), e_i \rangle$. The unit sphere S^{n-1} is symmetric , so the

average of $\langle A(X), X \rangle$ over all unit vector X is proportional to $tr(A)$.

Specially : $\int_{S^{n-1}} \langle A(X), X \rangle dS = C \cdot tr(A)$, where C is a constant dependind only on n .

To find C , let $A=I$ (the identity operator) . Then $\langle A(X), X \rangle = \langle X, X \rangle = 1$

The integral becomes : $\int_{S^{n-1}} dS = \omega_{n-1}$. For $A=I$, $tr(A)=n$, so $\omega_{n-1} = C \cdot n \Rightarrow C = \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{n}$

Substitute C back , $\int_{S^{n-1}} \langle A(X), X \rangle dS = \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{n} tr(A)$

$$tr(A) = \frac{n}{\omega_{n-1}} \int_{S^{n-1}} \langle A(X), X \rangle dS$$

舉例說明：

1. Let $W(x, y, z) = (x^2, y, z)$

$$\text{Jacobian } J_W = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, tr(J_W) = 2x + 2$$

Operator A : $A(X) = J_W \cdot X = 2xX^1 + X^2 + X^3$

$$\langle A(X), X \rangle = 2xX_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2$$

Using symmetry , average over S^2 : $\int_{S^2} X_i^2 dS = \frac{4\pi}{3}$ for $i=1,2,3$

$$\text{So } \int_{S^2} \langle A(X), X \rangle dS = \frac{4\pi}{3} (2x + 2)$$

$$\frac{n}{\omega_{n-1}} \int_{S^{n-1}} \langle A(X), X \rangle dS = \frac{3}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{4\pi}{3} (2x + 2) = 2x + 2 = tr(J_W)$$

The derivative matrix ∇X (Jacobian) is the backbone of the problem .

1. It defines the operator A via $A(X) = \nabla_X W$.
2. Its trace gives the divergence, which is averaged over the sphere.
3. The integral identity elegantly connects local (trace) and global (integral) properties of A.

2. $F(x,y,z)=(yz,xz,xy)$, compute and verify $tr(A) = \frac{3}{4\pi} \int_{S^2} \langle A(X), X \rangle dS$

Where $X=(X_1, X_2, X_3)$ is a unit vector on S^2 , $A(X) = \nabla_X F = J_F \cdot X$

$$1. \quad J_F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & z & y \\ z & 0 & x \\ y & x & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(J_F) = 0$$

$$2. \quad A(X) = \nabla_X F = J_F \cdot X = \begin{pmatrix} zX_1 + yX_3 \\ zX_1 + xX_3 \\ yX_1 + xX_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle A(X), X \rangle = \dots = 2zX_1X_2 + 2yX_1X_3 + 2xX_2X_3$$

$$3. \quad \text{Terms like } X_1X_2 \text{ are odd functions over } S^2, \text{ so } \int_{S^2} X_1X_2 dS = \dots = 0$$

$$\int_{S^2} \langle A(X), X \rangle dS = 0$$

The field $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (yz, xz, xy)$ is **curl-free** ($\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$) and divergence-free, making it a **harmonic vector field** in $\mathbb{R}^3$. Such fields often arise in solutions to Laplace's equation $\nabla^2 \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$.

Try repeating this for $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (-y, x, 0)$ (a rotational field) to see non-zero curl and a different trace!

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這與測地線方程類似

$$\text{直線 } \ddot{x}^k = 0$$

$$\text{geodesic : } \ddot{x}^k + \Gamma_{ij}^k \dot{x}^i \dot{x}^j = 0$$