

(M, g) is a Riemannian manifold with Levi-Civita connection ∇ .

$\phi: M \rightarrow M$ is an isometry $\Leftrightarrow \phi^* g_{\phi(p)} = g_p$

Where the diffeomorphism ϕ is an isometry (等距同構), preserve the metric.

$\varphi_t: M \rightarrow M$ is a one-parameter group of isometries, $X \in \chi(M)$

$X_p := \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \varphi_t(p)$ is called the Killing vector field associated to φ_t

$X, Y \in \chi(M)$, $L_X Y := \left. \frac{d}{dt} ((\varphi_{-t})_* Y) \right|_{t=0}$, where $\{\varphi_t\}_{t \in I}$ is the flow of X .

And $L_X Y = [X, Y]$

$L_X \omega := \left. \frac{d}{dt} (\varphi_t^* \omega) \right|_{t=0}$

1. If X is a Killing field then $L_X g = 0$

Manifold 的 metric 在這組向量的方向上保持不變。(preserves the metric)
Flows generated by Killing fields are continuous isometries of the manifold.

A vector field $K = K^\mu \partial_\mu$ on M is said to be a Killing vector field if the

infinitesimal displacement $\varphi: x^\mu \rightarrow x^\mu + \varepsilon K^\mu$ generates an isometry.

$$L_V g_{\mu\nu} = V^\sigma \nabla_\sigma g_{\mu\nu} + (\nabla_\mu V^\lambda) g_{\lambda\nu} + (\nabla_\nu V^\lambda) g_{\mu\lambda} = \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu + \nabla_\nu \nabla_\mu$$

Or $L_V g_{\mu\nu} = 2\nabla_{(\mu} V_{\nu)}$

2. Show that $X^\kappa \partial_\kappa g_{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu X^\kappa g_{\kappa\nu} + \partial_\nu X^\kappa g_{\mu\kappa} = 0$ if X is a Killing vector field. And

these are the so-called Killing equation.

3. $\nabla_\mu X^\nu + \nabla_\nu X^\mu = 0$ is the Killing equation

4. $\langle \nabla_Y X, Z \rangle + \langle \nabla_Z X, Y \rangle = 0$ for all $Y, Z \in \chi(M)$

5. If $c: I \rightarrow M$ is a geodesic, then $\langle \dot{c}(t), X_{c(t)} \rangle$ is constant.

$\nabla_{\mu} V^{\nu} = \partial_{\mu} V^{\nu} + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\nu} V^{\lambda}$ the covariant derivative of a vector field V^{ν} .

Riemann tensor $R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z$

$$R_{\sigma\mu\nu}^{\rho} = \partial_{\mu} \Gamma_{\sigma\nu}^{\rho} - \partial_{\nu} \Gamma_{\sigma\mu}^{\rho} + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\rho} \Gamma_{\sigma\nu}^{\lambda} - \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^{\rho} \Gamma_{\sigma\mu}^{\lambda}$$

$$R_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu} = g_{\rho\lambda} R_{\sigma\mu\nu}^{\lambda}$$

$$R_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu} = -R_{\sigma\rho\mu\nu}, \quad R_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu} = -R_{\rho\sigma\nu\mu}, \quad R_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}, \quad R_{\rho[\sigma\mu\nu]} = 0$$

Bianchi Identity :

M is a manifold with symmetric connection $\nabla(\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X = [X, Y])$, then

$$R(X, Y)Z + R(Y, Z)X + R(Z, X)Y = 0$$

$$R_{ijkl} + R_{iklj} + R_{iljk} = 0$$

Ricci tensor $R_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\lambda\nu}^{\lambda}$

Scalar curvature $R = g^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}$

Exercises

- Let ξ be a Killing vector field of constant length, prove that the integral curves of ξ are geodesics of (M, g)
- If ξ is Killing then $\nabla_X(\nabla\xi) = R(X, \xi)$ for all X
- Show that any Killing vector K^{μ} satisfies (1) $\nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\sigma} K^{\rho} = R_{\sigma\mu\nu}^{\rho} K^{\nu}$ (2) $K^{\lambda} \nabla_{\lambda} R = 0$