

Now, the equation of a geodesic is:

$$\ddot{x}^i + \Gamma^i_{jk} \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k = 0$$

Where:

$$\dot{x}^i = \frac{dx^i}{ds} \quad \text{etc}$$

Now, transform:

$$x^i = x^i(x') \quad s = s'$$

∴

$$\dot{x}^i = \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^r} \frac{\partial x'^r}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^r} \dot{x}'^r$$

$$\ddot{x}^i = \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^r} \dot{x}'^r \right)$$

Notice that:

$$\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^r} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x'^t} \left(\frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^r} \right) \frac{\partial x'^t}{\partial s}$$

Hence:

$$\ddot{x}^i = \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^r} \ddot{x}'^r + \frac{\partial^2 x^i}{\partial x'^t \partial x'^r} \dot{x}'^r \dot{x}'^t$$

Substituting the above expressions for \dot{x}^i and \ddot{x}^i into the equation for a geodesic:

$$\frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^r} \ddot{x}'^r + \frac{\partial^2 x^i}{\partial x'^t \partial x'^r} \dot{x}'^r \dot{x}'^t + \Gamma^i_{jk} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x'^r} \dot{x}'^r \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial x'^t} \dot{x}'^t = 0$$

Rearranging:

$$\frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^r} \ddot{x}'^r + \left(\frac{\partial^2 x^i}{\partial x'^t \partial x'^r} + \Gamma^i_{jk} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x'^r} \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial x'^t} \right) \dot{x}'^r \dot{x}'^t = 0$$

Multiply both sides by $\frac{\partial x'^p}{\partial x^i}$. The first term is now:

$$\frac{\partial x'^p}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x'^r} \ddot{x}'^r$$

$$= \mathbf{d}_r^p \ddot{x}'^r$$

$$= \ddot{x}'^p$$

Hence:

$$\ddot{x}'^p + \frac{\partial x'^p}{\partial x^i} \left(\frac{\partial^2 x^i}{\partial x'^t \partial x'^r} + \Gamma^i_{jk} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x'^r} \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial x'^t} \right) \dot{x}'^r \dot{x}'^t = 0$$

But, the equation of the geodesic in the “dashed” frame is:

$$\ddot{x}'^p + \Gamma'^p_{rt} \dot{x}'^r \dot{x}'^t = 0$$

Where:

$$\Gamma'^p_{rt} = g'^{pm} [rt, m]$$

$$= \frac{g'^{pm}}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g'_{rm}}{\partial x'^t} + \frac{\partial g'_{tm}}{\partial x'^r} - \frac{\partial g'_{rt}}{\partial x'^m} \right)$$

Hence:

$$\Gamma'^p{}_{rt} = \frac{\partial x'^p}{\partial x^i} \left(\frac{\partial^2 x^i}{\partial x'^t \partial x'^r} + \Gamma^i{}_{jk} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x'^r} \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial x'^t} \right) \dot{x}'^r \dot{x}'^t \quad (1)$$

∴

$$\Gamma'^p{}_{rt} = \frac{\partial x'^p}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x'^r} \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial x'^t} \Gamma^i{}_{jk} + \frac{\partial x'^p}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial^2 x^i}{\partial x'^t \partial x'^r}$$

Note in the above expression, the presence of the 2nd term prevents the Γ 's transforming as tensors.

Now, multiply (1) by $\frac{\partial x^s}{\partial x'^p}$ giving:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial x^s}{\partial x'^p} \Gamma'^p{}_{rt} &= \mathbf{d}_i^s \left(\frac{\partial^2 x^i}{\partial x'^t \partial x'^r} + \Gamma^i{}_{jk} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x'^r} \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial x'^t} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 x^s}{\partial x'^t \partial x'^r} + \Gamma^s{}_{jk} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x'^r} \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial x'^t} \end{aligned}$$

∴

$$\frac{\partial^2 x^s}{\partial x'^t \partial x'^r} = \frac{\partial x^s}{\partial x'^p} \Gamma'^p{}_{rt} - \Gamma^s{}_{jk} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x'^r} \frac{\partial x^k}{\partial x'^t} \quad (2)$$

Now, the transformation of “primes” on “unprimed”, sends $x \rightarrow x'$, and say that $x'' = x$, so that when you put primes on a function, unprimed become singularly primed, and singularly primed become unprimed.

Hence, (2), under this transformation, becomes:

$$\frac{\partial^2 x'^s}{\partial x'^t \partial x'^r} = \frac{\partial x'^s}{\partial x^p} \Gamma^p{}_{rt} - \Gamma'^s{}_{jk} \frac{\partial x'^j}{\partial x'^r} \frac{\partial x'^k}{\partial x'^t} \quad (3)$$

Contravariant Differentiation:

Consider:

$$A'^i(x') = \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} A^j(x)$$

Differentiate w.r.t. x'^k gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial A'^i}{\partial x'^k} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x'^k} \left(\frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} A^j \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} \left(\frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} A^j \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \left(\frac{\partial^2 x'^i}{\partial x^l \partial x^j} A^j + \frac{\partial A^j}{\partial x^l} \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Giving:

$$\frac{\partial A'^i}{\partial x'^k} = \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial A^j}{\partial x^l} + \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial^2 x'^i}{\partial x^l \partial x^j} A^j \quad (4)$$

Denoting:

$$B'^i{}_k = \frac{\partial A'^i}{\partial x'^k}$$

Then:

$$B'^i_k = \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} B^{j_l} + \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial^2 x'^i}{\partial x^l \partial x^j} A^j$$

Hence B^i_k does not transform as a tensor.

Now:

$$\frac{\partial^2 x'^i}{\partial x^l \partial x^j} = \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^p} \Gamma^p_{lj} - \Gamma'^i_{pk} \frac{\partial x'^p}{\partial x^l} \frac{\partial x'^k}{\partial x^j} \quad (5)$$

(which is the same as (3), but with symbols changed)

Substituting (5) into (4) gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial A'^i}{\partial x'^k} &= \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial A^j}{\partial x^l} + \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \left(\frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^p} \Gamma^p_{lj} - \Gamma'^i_{pk} \frac{\partial x'^p}{\partial x^l} \frac{\partial x'^k}{\partial x^j} \right) A^j \\ &= \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial A^j}{\partial x^l} + \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^p} \Gamma^p_{lj} A^j - \Gamma'^i_{pk} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial x'^p}{\partial x^l} \frac{\partial x'^k}{\partial x^j} A^j \end{aligned}$$

The last term giving:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma'^i_{pk} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial x'^p}{\partial x^l} \frac{\partial x'^k}{\partial x^j} A^j &= \Gamma'^i_{pk} \mathbf{d}_j^l \frac{\partial x'^p}{\partial x^l} A^j \\ &= \Gamma'^i_{pk} \frac{\partial x'^p}{\partial x^l} A^l \\ &= \Gamma'^i_{pk} A'^p \end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial A'^i}{\partial x'^k} + \Gamma'^i_{pk} A'^p &= \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial A^j}{\partial x^l} + \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^p} \Gamma^p_{lj} A^j \\ &= \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial A^j}{\partial x^l} + \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} \Gamma^j_{lp} A^p \\ &= \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} \left(\frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x^l} + \Gamma^j_{lp} A^p \right) \end{aligned}$$

Putting:

$$B'^i_k = \frac{\partial A'^i}{\partial x'^k} + \Gamma'^i_{pk} A'^p$$

Hence:

$$B'^i_k = \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial x'^k} B^{j_l}$$

Therefore B^i_k transforms as a mixed tensor.

We write:

$$B^i_k = A^i_{,k}$$

∴

$$A^i_{,k} = \frac{\partial A^i}{\partial x^k} + \Gamma^i_{kj} A^j$$

This is called the covariant differentiation of the contravariant vector A^i .

Repeating for the covariant vector A_i :

$$A'_i(x') = \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x'^i} A_j(x)$$

So, the contravariant differentiation of the covariant vector A_i is:

$$A_{i,j} = \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^j} - \Gamma^k{}_{ij} A_k$$

Some examples:

$$A^i{}_{j,k} = \frac{\partial A^i{}_j}{\partial x^k} + \Gamma^i{}_{kp} A^p{}_j - \Gamma^p{}_{jk} A^i{}_p$$

$$A^i{}_{jk,l} = \frac{\partial A^i{}_{jk}}{\partial x^l} + \Gamma^i{}_{pl} A^p{}_{jk} - \Gamma^p{}_{jl} A^i{}_{pk} - \Gamma^p{}_{kl} A^i{}_{jp}$$

$$A^{ij}{}_{k,l} = \frac{\partial A^{ij}{}_k}{\partial x^l} + \Gamma^i{}_{pl} A^{pj}{}_k + \Gamma^j{}_{pl} A^{ip}{}_k - \Gamma^p{}_{kl} A^{ij}{}_p$$

$$A^{ij}{}_{kml,t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^t} A^{ij}{}_{kml} + \Gamma^i{}_{pt} A^{pj}{}_{kml} + \Gamma^j{}_{pt} A^{ip}{}_{kml} - \Gamma^p{}_{kt} A^{ij}{}_{pml} - \Gamma^p{}_{mt} A^{ij}{}_{kpl} - \Gamma^p{}_{lt} A^{ij}{}_{kmp}$$

Proof that g_{ij} transforms as a covariant tensor:

$$\begin{aligned} ds' &= ds \\ \therefore g'_{ij} dx'^i dx'^j &= g_{ij} dx^i dx^j \\ &= g_{rs} dx^r dx^s \end{aligned}$$

But:

$$\begin{aligned} dx^r &= \frac{\partial x^r}{\partial x'^i} dx'^i \\ dx^s &= \frac{\partial x^s}{\partial x'^j} dx'^j \end{aligned}$$

\therefore

$$g'_{ij} dx'^i dx'^j = g_{rs} \frac{\partial x^r}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^s}{\partial x'^j} dx'^i dx'^j$$

Hence, the coefficients are equal:

$$g'_{ij} = \frac{\partial x^r}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^s}{\partial x'^j} g_{rs}$$

Hence a tensor.

So:

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ij,k} &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} - \Gamma^p{}_{ik} g_{pj} - \Gamma^p{}_{jk} g_{ip} \\ &\left\{ \Gamma^p{}_{ik} = g^{pm} [ik, m] = \frac{g^{pm}}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g_{im}}{\partial x^k} + \frac{\partial g_{km}}{\partial x^i} - \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial x^m} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore g_{pj} \Gamma^p{}_{ik} = g_{pj} g^{pm} [ik, m] = \mathbf{d}^m [ik, m] = [ik, j]$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{ij,k} &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} - [ik, j] - [jk, i] \\
 &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} + \frac{\partial g_{kj}}{\partial x^i} - \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial x^j} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g_{ji}}{\partial x^k} + \frac{\partial g_{ki}}{\partial x^j} - \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial x^i} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x_k} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the covariant differentiation of $g_{ij,k} = 0$

Similarly:

$$g^{ij},_k = 0$$

$$\mathbf{d}^i_{j,k} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{d}_{ij,k} = 0$$