

La semana pasada, propusimos la generalización de la derivada parcial;

→ Derivada covariante

$$\boxed{\nabla_{\mu} V^{\nu} = \partial_{\mu} V^{\nu} + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\nu} V^{\lambda}} \quad (*)$$

Para que transforme como tensor, necesitamos:

$$\nabla_{\mu'} V^{\nu'} = \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^{\nu}} \nabla_{\mu} V^{\nu} \quad (**)$$

Primero, veamos cómo transforma $\nabla_{\mu} V^{\nu}$ en (*):

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mu'} V^{\nu'} &= \partial_{\mu'} V^{\nu'} + \Gamma_{\mu'\lambda'}^{\nu'} V^{\lambda'} \\ &= \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^{\nu}} \partial_{\mu} V^{\nu} + \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial x^{\mu'}} V^{\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\mu}} \frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^{\nu}} \\ &\quad + \Gamma_{\mu'\lambda'}^{\nu'} \frac{\partial x^{\lambda'}}{\partial x^{\lambda}} V^{\lambda} \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\mu'}} = \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\mu}} \\ \text{Transf. de la} \\ \text{parcial} \end{array} \right.$$

Nota: no sabemos cómo transforman $\Gamma_{\mu'\lambda'}^{\nu'}$.

Ahora, desarrollemos el lado derecho de (**):

$$\frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^\nu} \nabla_\mu V^\nu = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^\nu} \partial_\mu V^\nu + \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^\nu} \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\nu V^\lambda$$

Igualemos estos resultados:

$$\Gamma_{\mu'\lambda'}^{\nu'} \frac{\partial x^{\lambda'}}{\partial x^\lambda} V^\lambda + \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{\mu'}} V^\lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^\lambda} = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^\nu} \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\nu V^\lambda$$

Esto se puede reducir a:

$$\Gamma_{\mu'\lambda'}^{\nu'} = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \frac{\partial x^\lambda}{\partial x^{\lambda'}} \frac{\partial x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^\nu} \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\nu - \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \frac{\partial x^\lambda}{\partial x^{\lambda'}} \frac{\partial^2 x^{\nu'}}{\partial x^\mu \partial x^\lambda}$$

• El segundo término arruina la transf. tensorial.

• Este término extra cancela el de la derivada parcial.

→ La derivada covariante es un tensor.

• ¿Qué pasa en el caso de la 1-forma?

¿Mismo $\Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\nu}$? No necesariamente.

Escribamos:

$$\nabla_{\mu} \omega_{\nu} = \partial_{\mu} \omega_{\nu} + \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} \omega_{\lambda}$$

• Veamos ahora qué pasa si calculamos:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mu} (\omega_{\lambda} V^{\lambda}) &= (\underbrace{\nabla_{\mu} \omega_{\lambda}}_{\text{blue wavy}}) V^{\lambda} + \omega_{\lambda} (\underbrace{\nabla_{\mu} V^{\lambda}}_{\text{blue wavy}}) \\ &= (\partial_{\mu} \omega_{\lambda}) V^{\lambda} + \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\lambda}^{\sigma} \omega_{\sigma} V^{\lambda} \\ &\quad + \omega_{\lambda} (\partial_{\mu} V^{\lambda}) + \omega_{\lambda} \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\sigma} V^{\sigma}. \end{aligned}$$

Pero, $\omega_\lambda V^\lambda$ es un escalar

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_\mu (\omega_\lambda V^\lambda) = \partial_\mu (\omega_\lambda V^\lambda) \\ = (\partial_\mu \omega_\lambda) V^\lambda + \omega_\lambda (\partial_\mu V^\lambda)$$

Esto es cierto si

$$0 = \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\lambda}^\sigma \omega_\sigma V^\lambda + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\sigma \omega_\sigma V^\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\lambda}^\sigma = -\Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\sigma$$

Finalmente, tenemos:

$$\boxed{\nabla_\mu \omega_\nu = \partial_\mu \omega_\nu - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda \omega_\lambda}$$

Este resultado lo generalizamos:

$$\nabla_\sigma T^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_k}_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_\ell} = \partial_\sigma T^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_k}_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_\ell} \\ + \Gamma_{\sigma\lambda}^{\mu_1} T^{\lambda \mu_2 \dots \mu_k}_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_\ell} + \Gamma_{\sigma\lambda}^{\mu_2} T^{\mu_1 \lambda \dots \mu_k}_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_\ell} + \dots$$

$$- \Gamma_{\nu_1}^{\lambda} T^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_K}_{\lambda \nu_2 \dots \nu_L} - \Gamma_{\nu_2}^{\lambda} T^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_K}_{\nu_1 \lambda \dots \nu_L} - \dots$$

• En resumen,

- Derivada parcial $\rightarrow$ tasa cambio
- Derivada covariante $\rightarrow$ tasa cambio + corrección por curvatura.

• En Relatividad General, cada métrica define una conexión única.

• Para ver esto, notemos que la diferencia entre dos conexiones sí es un tensor:

$$S^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu} = \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu} - \hat{\Gamma}^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu}$$

Si calculamos $\nabla_{\mu} V^{\lambda} - \hat{\nabla}_{\mu} V^{\lambda}$:

$$= \partial_{\mu} V^{\lambda} + \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu} V^{\nu} - \partial_{\mu} V^{\lambda} - \hat{\Gamma}^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu} V^{\nu}$$

$$= S^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu} V^{\nu} \quad (\Gamma \sim \hat{\Gamma} + S, \text{ } S \leftarrow \text{corrección tensorial.})$$

- Notemos que de igual forma pudimos definir

$\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\lambda}$: transforma igual ($\nu \rightarrow \mu$).

$\Rightarrow$ Existe un tensor asociado a cualquier conexión:

$$T^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu} = \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\lambda} \quad \text{Tensor torsión}$$

- si la conexión es antisimétrica, T es antisim.

Si Γ es simétrica $\Rightarrow T^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu} = 0$ "Torsion-free"

- Para que la conexión sea única, requerimos:

- $T^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu} = 0$

- $\nabla_{\lambda} g_{\mu\nu} = 0$ (Metric compatibility)

Esto implica:

$$\nabla_\lambda \epsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma} = 0,$$

$$\nabla_\delta g^{\mu\nu} = 0.$$

Además, una derivada covariante que es "metric compatible":

$$g_{\mu\lambda} \nabla_\delta V^\lambda = \nabla_\delta (g_{\mu\lambda} V^\lambda) = \nabla_\delta V_\mu$$

! Si no es metric compatible, cuidado!

· Mostremos ahora, explícitamente, que existe dicha conexión (y que es única):

$$\nabla_\delta g_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\delta g_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma_{\delta\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} - \Gamma_{\delta\nu}^\lambda g_{\mu\lambda} = 0$$

$$\nabla_\mu g_{\nu\delta} = \partial_\mu g_{\nu\delta} - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\delta} - \Gamma_{\mu\delta}^\lambda g_{\nu\lambda} = 0$$

$$\nabla_\nu g_{\delta\mu} = \partial_\nu g_{\delta\mu} - \Gamma_{\nu\delta}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda g_{\delta\lambda} = 0$$

· Sumando y restando obtenemos:

$$\partial_\delta g_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu g_{\nu\delta} - \partial_\nu g_{\delta\mu} + 2 \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\delta} = 0$$

• Multiplicamos por $g^{\sigma s}$:

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\sigma s} (\partial_{\mu} g_{rs} + \partial_{\nu} g_{s\mu} - \partial_s g_{\mu\nu})$$

"Símbolos de Christoffel"

Nota: estos símbolos son cero en el espacio plano con coordenadas cartesianas,
↪ pero no en polares!

Para ver esto, toma:

$$ds^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2$$

Tenemos:

$$g_{rr} = 1, \quad g_{\theta\theta} = r^2$$

$$g^{rr} = 1, \quad g^{\theta\theta} = r^{-2}.$$

Entonces,

$$\Gamma_{rr}^r = \frac{1}{2} g^{r\underline{s}} (\partial_r g_{r\underline{s}} + \partial_r g_{\underline{s}r} - \partial_{\underline{s}} g_{rr})$$

Sumamos sobre $s = r, \theta$.

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} g^{rr} (\partial_r g_{rr} + \partial_r g_{rr} - \partial_r g_{rr}) \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} g^{r\theta} (\partial_r g_{r\theta} + \partial_r g_{\theta r} - \partial_\theta g_{rr}) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (1) (0+0-0) + \frac{1}{2} (0) (0+0-0)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma_{rr}^r = 0.$$

Però, $\Gamma_{\theta\theta}^r = \frac{1}{2} g^{rs} (\partial_\theta g_{\theta s} + \partial_\theta g_{s\theta} - \partial_s g_{\theta\theta})$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} g^{rr} (\partial_\theta g_{\theta r} + \partial_\theta g_{r\theta} - \partial_r g_{\theta\theta}) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (1) (0+0-2r) \\
&= -r.
\end{aligned}$$