

Lec 17: Einstein Eq. in tetrad formalism

Note Title

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Aim: Express Einstein eq. in tetrad formalism.

Recall the formula used before:

$$\epsilon^{\underline{a_1 \dots a_j} a_{j+1} \dots a_n} \epsilon_{\underline{a_1 \dots a_j} b_{j+1} \dots b_n} = (-1)^{(n-j)} j! \delta_{b_{j+1} \dots b_n}^{[a_{j+1} \dots a_n]}$$

Use it to simplify the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(2!)^2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} \underline{R^{\mu\nu}}_{\rho\sigma} \epsilon^{\rho\sigma\alpha\delta} &= \frac{1}{4} R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} \epsilon^{\alpha\delta\rho\sigma} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} (3!) \delta_{\beta}^{[\delta} \delta_{\mu}^{\rho} \delta_{\nu}^{\sigma]} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} (3!) R^{[\rho\sigma} \delta_{\rho\sigma}^{\delta]}_{\beta} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \{ \underbrace{R^{\rho\sigma}_{\rho\sigma} \delta_{\beta}^{\delta}} - \underbrace{R^{\sigma\rho}_{\rho\sigma} \delta_{\beta}^{\delta}} - R^{\delta\sigma}_{\rho\sigma} \delta_{\beta}^{\rho} + R^{\sigma\delta}_{\rho\sigma} \delta_{\beta}^{\rho} + R^{\delta\rho}_{\rho\sigma} \delta_{\beta}^{\sigma} - R^{\rho\delta}_{\rho\sigma} \delta_{\beta}^{\sigma} \} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \{ 2R^{\delta\delta}_{\beta} - R^{\delta\sigma}_{\beta\sigma} + R^{\sigma\delta}_{\beta\sigma} + R^{\delta\rho}_{\rho\beta} - R^{\rho\delta}_{\rho\beta} \} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \{ 2R^{\delta\delta}_{\beta} - 4R^{\delta}_{\beta} \} \\ &= G^{\delta}_{\beta} \leftarrow \text{Einstein tensor!} \end{aligned}$$

Next, we use an intermediate result!

$$G^\delta_\beta = -\frac{1}{4} R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} (3!) \delta_\beta^{[\delta} \delta^\rho_\mu \delta^\sigma_\nu]$$

$$\begin{aligned} G^0_0 &= -\frac{1}{4} R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} (3!) \delta_0^{[0} \delta^\rho_\mu \delta^\sigma_\nu] \\ &= -(R^{12}_{12} + R^{13}_{13} + R^{23}_{23}) \end{aligned}$$

Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} - & a & b & c & - & a & c & b & - & c & b & a \\ & b & a & c & + & b & c & a & + & c & a & b \end{array}$$

Consider the part of the sum w/ $\rho=0$:

$$R^{\mu\nu}_{0\sigma} \delta_0^{[\sigma} \delta^\rho_\mu \delta^\sigma_\nu]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

switched

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} +$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

Similarly, if $\sigma=0$, $0 \leftrightarrow \sigma$ switch + antisymm cancels.

More generally, no index among $\{0, \rho, \sigma\}$ in $\delta_0^{[0} \delta_\mu^\rho \delta_\nu^{\sigma]}$ can be the same.

$$R^{\mu\nu}{}_{\rho\sigma} (3!) \delta_0^{[0} \delta_\mu^\rho \delta_\nu^{\sigma]} = \sum_{\rho \neq \sigma=1}^3 R^{\mu\nu}{}_{\rho\sigma} \delta^\rho{}_\mu \delta^\sigma{}_\nu - \sum_{\rho \neq \sigma=1}^3 R^{\mu\nu}{}_{\rho\sigma} \delta^\sigma{}_\mu \delta^\rho{}_\nu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\rho \neq \sigma=1}^3 R^{\mu\nu}{}_{\rho\sigma} \delta^\rho{}_\mu \delta^\sigma{}_\nu &= R^{12}{}_{12} + R^{13}{}_{13} + R^{23}{}_{23} + R^{21}{}_{21} \\ &\quad + R^{31}{}_{31} + R^{32}{}_{32} \\ &= 2 \left(R^{12}{}_{12} + R^{13}{}_{13} + R^{23}{}_{23} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} - \sum_{\rho \neq \sigma=1}^3 R^{\mu\nu}{}_{\rho\sigma} \delta^\sigma{}_\mu \delta^\rho{}_\nu &= - \left(R^{21}{}_{12} + R^{31}{}_{13} + R^{32}{}_{23} + R^{12}{}_{21} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + R^{13}{}_{31} + R^{23}{}_{32} \right) \\ &= 2 \left(R^{12}{}_{12} + R^{13}{}_{13} + R^{23}{}_{23} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore R^{\mu\nu}{}_{\rho\sigma} (3!) \delta_0^{[0} \delta_\mu^\rho \delta_\nu^{\sigma]} = 4 \left(R^{12}{}_{12} + R^{13}{}_{13} + R^{23}{}_{23} \right)$$

$$\therefore G^0_0 = - \left(R^{12}{}_{12} + R^{13}{}_{13} + R^{23}{}_{23} \right)$$

Q: Find an expression for G^1_2 .

$$G^1_2 = -\frac{1}{4} R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} (3!) \delta^{[1}_2 \delta^\rho_\mu \delta^{\sigma]}_\nu$$

$$= -(R^{01}_{20} + R^{31}_{23})$$

proof

$$R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} (3!) \delta^{[1}_2 \delta^\rho_\mu \delta^{\sigma]}_\nu = R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} (3!) \delta^{[\rho}_2 \delta^\sigma_\mu \delta^{\nu]}_\nu$$

$$= R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} \delta^\rho_2 \delta^\sigma_\mu \delta^{\nu]}_\nu - R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} \delta^\sigma_2 \delta^\rho_\mu \delta^{\nu]}_\nu$$

$$+ R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} \delta^\rho_2 \delta^{\nu]}_\nu \delta^\sigma_\mu - R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} \delta^{\nu]}_\nu \delta^\rho_2 \delta^\sigma_\mu$$

$$= R^{01}_{20} - R^{31}_{20} - R^{01}_{23} + R^{31}_{23}$$

$$= 2(R^{01}_{20} + R^{31}_{23}) = 2[(R^{01}_{20} + R^{31}_{23}) + (R^{10}_{02} + R^{13}_{32})]$$

$$= 4[R^{01}_{20} + R^{31}_{23}]$$

$$\therefore G^1_2 = - [R^{01}_{20} + R^{31}_{23}]$$

$$G^0_3 = -\frac{1}{4} R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} (3!) \delta_3^{[0} \delta_\mu^\rho \delta_\nu^{\sigma]}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} (3!) \delta_3^{[\rho} \delta_\mu^\sigma \delta_\nu^{0]}$$

$$= -(R^{10}_{31} + R^{20}_{32})$$

bottom cannot contain 0
top cannot contain 3

All other components are straight forward generalizations.

Example

$$ds^2 = -f(r) dt^2 + h(r) dr^2 + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$$

$$G^0_0 = - (R^{12}_{12} + R^{13}_{13} + R^{23}_{23})$$

$$= - \left(\frac{h'}{2rh^2} + \frac{h'}{2rh^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{1}{h} + \frac{1}{h^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{h'}{rh^2} - \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{1}{h} + \frac{1}{r^2} = 0$$

$$h' - \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{dh}{dr} = \frac{h - h^2}{r}$$

$$\int \frac{dh}{h-h^2} = \ln r + c$$
$$\int dh \left[\frac{a}{h} + \frac{b}{1-h} \right] = \ln r + c$$

$$a - ah + bh = 1 \Rightarrow a = b \quad a = 1$$

$$\ln h - \ln(1-h) = \ln r + c$$

$$\frac{h}{1-h} = e^c r \equiv \tilde{c} r$$

$$h = \tilde{c} r (1-h)$$

$$h [1 + \tilde{c} r] = \tilde{c} r$$

$$h = \frac{\tilde{c} r}{1 + \tilde{c} r} = \boxed{\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\tilde{c} r}}}$$

Later, you will see that $\tilde{c} = \frac{-1}{2M}$ to give Schwarzschild metric:

Some other minor technique

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\mu}^{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} (g_{\alpha\beta,\mu} + g_{\mu\beta,\alpha} - g_{\alpha\mu,\beta})$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} g_{\alpha\beta,\mu}$$

$$\delta\sqrt{-g} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} g^{\alpha\beta} \delta g_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\partial_{\mu} \ln(\sqrt{-g}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_{\mu} \sqrt{-g} = \cancel{\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}}} \frac{1}{2} \cancel{\sqrt{-g}} g^{\alpha\beta} \partial_{\mu} g_{\alpha\beta}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} g_{\alpha\beta,\mu}$$
$$= \boxed{\Gamma_{\alpha\mu}^{\alpha}}$$