

# Problems on General Relativity: 5

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**Problem 1.** Find the torsion free, metric connection  $\Gamma^i_j$  and its curvature two form  $R^i_j$  given a cotangent frame  $(e^1, e^2, e^3)$  such that:

$$de^1 = e^2 \wedge e^3, \quad de^2 = e^3 \wedge e^1 \quad de^3 = -e^1 \wedge e^2$$

and a metric tensor:

$$g = e^1 \otimes e^1 + e^2 \otimes e^2 - e^3 \otimes e^3.$$

Helpful tip: Given a cotangent frame  $(e^1, \dots, e^n)$  such that

$$de^i = \frac{1}{2} f^i_{jk} e^j \wedge e^k, \quad f^i_{jk} = -f^i_{kj}$$

and a metric tensor

$$g = g_{ij} e^i \otimes e^j, \quad g_{ij} = g_{ji} = \text{const}$$

the corresponding torsion free and metric connection is given by

$$\Gamma^i_{jk} = \frac{1}{2} g^{il} (f_{ljk} + f_{jkl} - f_{klj}).$$

The curvature 2-form always is

$$R^i_j = d\Gamma^i_j + \Gamma^i_k \wedge \Gamma^k_j$$

**Problem 2.** Given  $(e^0, e^1, e^2, e^3) = (dt, dx, dy, dz)$ , and a metric tensor

$$g = -dt \otimes dt + a^2(t)(dx \otimes dx + dy \otimes dy + dz \otimes dz)$$

calculate the torsion free metric connection  $\Gamma^a_b$ , and its curvature  $R^a_b$  2-form.

Helpful tip:

Given  $(e^1, \dots, e^n) = (dx^1, \dots, dx^n)$ , and a metric tensor

$$g = g_{ab} dx^a \otimes dx^b, \quad g_{ab} = g_{ba},$$

the corresponding torsion free metric connection  $\Gamma^a_b$  is given by

$$\Gamma^a_{bc} = \frac{1}{2} g^{ad} (g_{db,c} + g_{dc,b} - g_{bc,d})$$

**Problem 3\* - optional.**

$$de^1 = e^2 \wedge e^3, \quad de^2 = e^3 \wedge e^1 \quad de^3 = \pm e^1 \wedge e^2$$

$$g = e^1 \otimes e^1 + e^2 \otimes e^2 \pm e^3 \otimes e^3.$$

Show, that

$$\mathcal{L}_{e_1} g = \mathcal{L}_{e_2} g = \mathcal{L}_{e_3} g = 0$$

Hint:

$$\mathcal{L}_X \omega = X \lrcorner d\omega + d(X \lrcorner \omega)$$