

Problem 5.1

a. For $y = x^2$, we can parametrize w/ λ in $D=2$:

$$x^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \lambda^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

then the curvature vector is: $K^\alpha = \frac{\ddot{x}^\alpha}{\dot{x}^\beta \dot{x}^\beta} - \frac{\dot{x}^\alpha (\ddot{x}^\delta \dot{x}^\delta)}{(\dot{x}^\beta \dot{x}^\beta)^2}$

$$\text{w/ } \dot{x}^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2\lambda \end{pmatrix} \text{ \& } \ddot{x}^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{so: } \dot{x}^\beta \dot{x}^\beta = (1+4\lambda^2)$$

$$\ddot{x}^\delta \dot{x}^\delta = 4\lambda$$

$$\delta \quad K^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{2}{(1+4\lambda^2)} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{4\lambda}{(1+4\lambda^2)^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

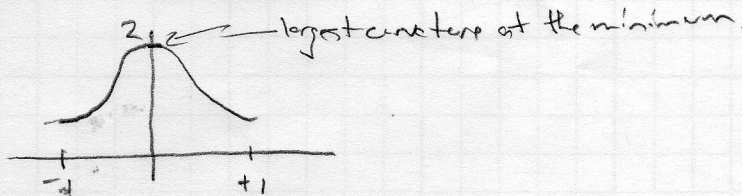
$$K^\alpha K_\alpha = \left(\frac{4\lambda}{(1+4\lambda^2)^2} \right)^2 + \left[\frac{2}{(1+4\lambda^2)} - \frac{8\lambda^2}{(1+4\lambda^2)^2} \right]^2$$

$$= \frac{16\lambda^2}{(1+4\lambda^2)^4} + \frac{4}{(1+4\lambda^2)^2} - \frac{32\lambda^2}{(1+4\lambda^2)^3} + \frac{64\lambda^4}{(1+4\lambda^2)^4}$$

$$= \frac{[16\lambda^2 + 4(1 + 8\lambda^2 + 16\lambda^4) - 32\lambda^2(1+4\lambda^2) + 64\lambda^4]}{(1+4\lambda^2)^4}$$

$$= \frac{16\lambda^2 + 4}{(1+4\lambda^2)^4} = \frac{4(1+4\lambda^2)}{(1+4\lambda^2)^4}$$

$$\alpha \quad K = \frac{2}{(1+4\lambda^2)^{3/2}}$$



b. For an ellipse parametrized by ϕ , $r(\phi) = \frac{p}{1+e\cos\phi}$

$$\dot{x}^\mu(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p}{1+e\cos\phi} \cdot \cos\phi \\ \frac{p}{1+e\cos\phi} \cdot \sin\phi \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{w/ } \ddot{x}^\mu(\phi) = \frac{1}{(1+e\cos\phi)^2} \begin{pmatrix} -p\sin\phi \\ p(e+\cos\phi) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\ddot{x}^\mu(\phi)$$

Problem 5.1 b

In[1]:= $r = p / (1 + e \cos[P]);$
 $X = \{r \cos[P], r \sin[P]\};$

In[3]:= $DX = D[X, P];$
 $DDX = D[DX, P];$

In[6]:= $k = \text{Simplify}[DDX / DX.DX - DX (DDX.DX) / (DX.DX)^2]$

Out[6]= $\left\{ -\frac{(e + \cos[P]) (1 + e \cos[P])^3}{p (1 + e^2 + 2 e \cos[P])^2}, -\frac{(1 + e \cos[P])^3 \sin[P]}{p (1 + e^2 + 2 e \cos[P])^2} \right\}$

In[7]:= $\text{Simplify}[k.k]$

Out[7]= $\frac{(1 + e \cos[P])^6}{p^2 (1 + e^2 + 2 e \cos[P])^3}$

In[8]:= $\text{kappa} = \frac{(1 + e \cos[P])^3}{p (1 + e^2 + 2 e \cos[P])^{3/2}}$

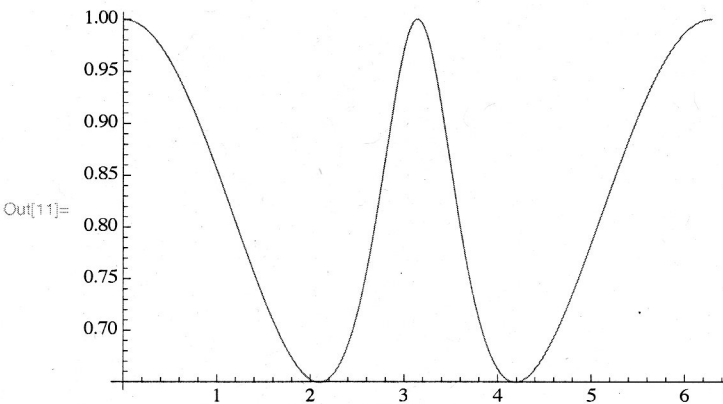
Out[8]= $\frac{(1 + e \cos[P])^3}{p (1 + e^2 + 2 e \cos[P])^{3/2}}$

(* Check circular limit *)

In[10]:= $\text{kappa} /. e \rightarrow 0$

Out[10]= $\frac{1}{p}$

In[11]:= $\text{Plot}[(\text{kappa} /. \{e \rightarrow .5, p \rightarrow 1\}), \{P, 0, 2 \text{Pi}\}]$



Problem 5.2

a.

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu = A_{\nu,\mu} - A_{\mu,\nu}$$

the derivatives of $F_{\mu\nu}$: $F_{\mu\nu,\alpha} = A_{\nu,\mu\alpha} - A_{\mu,\nu\alpha}$

$$F_{\alpha\mu,\nu} = A_{\mu,\alpha\nu} - A_{\alpha,\mu\nu}$$

$$F_{\nu\alpha,\mu} = A_{\alpha,\nu\mu} - A_{\nu,\alpha\mu}$$

Then $F_{\mu\nu,\alpha} + F_{\alpha\mu,\nu} + F_{\nu\alpha,\mu} = 0$.

b. Bianchi is: $R^\alpha{}_{\mu\nu\rho;\sigma} + R^\alpha{}_{\mu\rho\nu;\sigma} + R^\alpha{}_{\mu\sigma\rho;\nu} = 0$.

If we sum by setting $\alpha = \nu$:

$$R^\alpha{}_{\mu\alpha\rho;\sigma} + R^\alpha{}_{\mu\rho\alpha;\sigma} + R^\alpha{}_{\mu\sigma\rho;\alpha} = 0$$

then

$$R_{\rho\sigma;\rho} - R_{\mu\rho;\sigma} + R^\alpha{}_{\mu\sigma\rho;\alpha} = 0$$

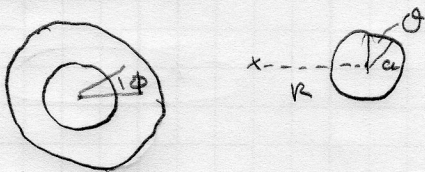
↳ hitting this w/ $g^{\mu\sigma}$ gives:


$$R^\sigma{}_{\rho;\sigma} - R^\sigma{}_{\rho;\sigma} + R^{\alpha\sigma}{}_{\sigma\rho;\alpha} = 0$$

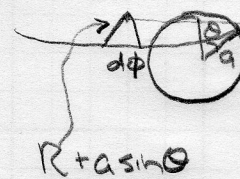
$$R_{\rho;\rho} - R^\sigma{}_{\rho;\sigma} - R^\sigma{}_{\rho;\sigma} = 0$$

or, finally $R_{\rho;\rho} = R_{\rho;\rho} = 2R^\sigma{}_{\rho;\sigma}$

Problem 5.3



If we go a small $d\theta$, then $dl^2 = a^2 d\theta^2$ 

For a small $d\phi$  $dl^2 = (R + a \sin \theta)^2 d\phi^2$

Putting these together, we have line element:

$$dl^2 = a^2 d\theta^2 + (R + a \sin \theta)^2 d\phi^2$$

so the metric, for $dx^\mu \equiv \begin{pmatrix} d\theta \\ d\phi \end{pmatrix}$ is

$$g_{\mu\nu} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (R + a \sin \theta)^2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow g^{\mu\nu} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1/a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (R + a \sin \theta)^{-2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The structure of this metric is identical to that of a sphere, so we expect

only $\Gamma_{\theta\phi}^\phi = \Gamma_{\phi\theta}^\theta$ & $\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\theta$ to be non-zero: (see (8.8) in Lecture 8)

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\theta\phi}^\phi &= \frac{1}{2} g^{\phi\rho} (g_{\rho\theta,\phi} + g_{\rho\phi,\theta} - g_{\theta\phi,\rho}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} g^{\phi\phi} g_{\phi\phi,\theta} = \frac{1}{2} (R + a \sin \theta)^{-2} \cdot 2(R + a \sin \theta) a \cos \theta \\ &= \frac{a \cos \theta}{R + a \sin \theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\theta &= \frac{1}{2} g^{\theta\rho} (g_{\rho\phi,\phi} + g_{\rho\phi,\phi} - g_{\phi\phi,\rho}) = -\frac{1}{2} g^{\theta\theta} g_{\phi\phi,\theta} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{a^2} (R + a \sin \theta) a \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\theta = -\frac{1}{a} (R + a \sin \theta) \cos \theta$$

Problem 5.3 (continued)

$$R^\alpha_{\mu\nu\sigma} = -\Gamma^\alpha_{\mu\nu,\sigma} + \Gamma^\alpha_{\mu\sigma,\nu} + \Gamma^\alpha_{\nu\rho}\Gamma^\rho_{\mu\sigma} - \Gamma^\alpha_{\sigma\rho}\Gamma^\rho_{\mu\nu}$$

we get non-zero components only for $\nu \neq \sigma$, so:

$$R^\alpha_{\mu\sigma\phi} = -\Gamma^\alpha_{\mu\sigma,\phi} + \Gamma^\alpha_{\mu\phi,\sigma} + \Gamma^\alpha_{\sigma\rho}\Gamma^\rho_{\mu\phi} - \Gamma^\alpha_{\phi\rho}\Gamma^\rho_{\mu\sigma}$$

— Take $\alpha = \theta$, then:

$$R^\theta_{\mu\sigma\phi} = \Gamma^\theta_{\mu\phi,\sigma} - \Gamma^\theta_{\phi\phi}\Gamma^\phi_{\mu\sigma} \quad \mu = \phi \text{ contributes}$$

$$\Gamma^\theta_{\phi\phi,\theta} = \frac{1}{a}(R+a\sin\theta)\sin\theta - \frac{\cos\theta}{a} \cdot a\cos\theta$$

$$= \frac{R}{a}\sin\theta + (\sin^2\theta - \cos^2\theta)$$

$$\Gamma^\theta_{\phi\phi}\Gamma^\phi_{\phi\theta} = -\cos^2\theta$$

so,

$$R^\theta_{\phi\theta\phi} = \frac{R}{a}\sin\theta + \sin^2\theta = -R^\theta_{\phi\phi\theta}$$

— Set $\alpha = \phi$: $R^\phi_{\mu\sigma\phi} = \Gamma^\phi_{\mu\phi,\sigma} + \Gamma^\phi_{\theta\phi}\Gamma^\theta_{\mu\phi}$ & $\mu = \theta$ contributes

$$\Gamma^\phi_{\theta\phi,\theta} = \frac{-a\sin\theta}{R+a\sin\theta} - \frac{a\cos\theta}{(R+a\sin\theta)^2} \cdot (a\cos\theta)$$

$$\Gamma^\phi_{\theta\phi}\Gamma^\theta_{\theta\phi} = \frac{a^2\cos^2\theta}{(R+a\sin\theta)^2}$$

$$-R^\phi_{\theta\phi\theta} = R^\phi_{\theta\theta\phi} = \frac{-a\sin\theta}{R+a\sin\theta}$$

The Ricci tensor: $R^M_{\alpha\mu\beta} = R^\theta_{\alpha\theta\beta} + R^\phi_{\alpha\phi\beta}$

$$R_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} R^\phi_{\theta\phi\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & R^\theta_{\phi\theta\phi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a\sin\theta}{R+a\sin\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{R}{a}\sin\theta + \sin^2\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

so

$$R = g^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{a\sin\theta}{R+a\sin\theta} + (R+a\sin\theta)^{-2} \left[\frac{1}{a}\sin\theta(R+a\sin\theta) \right]$$

$$R = \frac{2\sin\theta}{a(R+a\sin\theta)}$$

b. The symmetries we counted are for $R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$, & if we compute the two components of the Riemann tensor in the fully covariant form:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\theta\phi\phi\theta} &= g_{\theta\theta} R^\theta_{\phi\phi\theta} = a\sin\theta(R+a\sin\theta) \\ R_{\phi\theta\theta\phi} &= g_{\phi\phi} R^\phi_{\theta\theta\phi} = a\sin\theta(R+a\sin\theta) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{the same} \Rightarrow \text{indep. component} \\ \text{to } R_{\alpha\mu\nu\rho} \end{array}$$

Problem 5.4

A cylinder has metric given by the line element:

$$dl^2 = ds^2 + s^2 d\phi^2 + dz^2.$$

Its surface is two dimensional (no "ds" movement allowed):

$$dl^2 = s^2 d\phi^2 + dz^2.$$

where s is now a constant. Define the coordinate $y \equiv s\phi$, then $s^2 d\phi^2 = dy^2$ & $dl^2 = dy^2 + dz^2$.

In this coordinate system, $g_{\mu\nu} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and the space is flat, hence

$$\boxed{R^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu\rho} = 0}$$

Problem 5.5

From $g_{\mu\nu;\alpha} = 0$, we know only that $g_{\mu\nu}$ can be viewed as a constant, symmetric matrix:

$$g_{\mu\nu} \equiv G$$

Take $dl^2 = dx^\mu g_{\mu\nu} dx^\nu \equiv dx^T G dx$

Since G is sym. & invertible, it can be decomposed into:

$$G = V^T \Sigma V \quad \text{w/ } V^T V = I \quad (V \text{ orthogonal})$$

and Σ diagonal w/ real, non-zero entries: $\{\sigma_i\}_{i=1}^N$

Then:

$$dl^2 = dx^T V^T \Sigma V dx \quad \text{let } y \equiv Vx$$
$$= dy^T \Sigma dy$$

now we have a diagonal metric & the line elt. takes the form:

$$dl^2 = \sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_j (dy^j)^2$$

let $z^j \equiv \sqrt{\sigma_j} dy^j$, we have $dl^2 = dz^j \delta_{jj} dz^j$

(metric is identity)