

Last class recap:

$$A \cdot B = A^i B^j g_{ij}$$

$$(A \times B)_k = \epsilon_{ijk} A^i B^j$$

$$V^i = \frac{dx^i(t)}{dt}$$

$$F_i = \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x^i}$$

$$V^i F_i = \frac{df(x^i(t))}{dt}$$

Some class generated definitions,

vector:

- components transform like coordinates (only applies to half)
- magnitude and direction
- element of a vector space
- associated with directional derivative, $\vec{n} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{n}}$

tensor:

- linear machine, takes (vectors, covectors) to scalars
- multi-indexed object, each index transforms like appropriate vector

$$T_{\text{transform-like-covector}}^{\text{transform-like-vector}}$$

- Tensor product of a collection of vectors manifold
- space where every open set is homeomorphic to an open set on \mathbb{R}^n
- embedable open sets in \mathbb{R}^{a+b} for some M^a tangent vector
- tangent curve on a vector 1-form
- linear functional takes a vector to a scalar

$$p(\vec{v}) = f$$

A few comments:

- position vectors not good vectors, don't transform properly under changes in origin
- velocity vectors ok
- coordinates (x^i) are not physical!
- distance between neighboring points is physical (difficult to give up notion of coordinates being physical, find things that are physical)

Regarding Exercise 3,

$$\Delta l^2 = \sum_i (\Delta x^i)^2$$

- the scalar produced has an implied metric

-Euclidean $g_{ij} = \text{diagonal}(1, 1, 1)$

-there are other metrics you could write down, such as polar:

$$\Delta l^2 = r^2(\Delta\theta)^2 + (\Delta r)^2 \implies g_{ij} = \{1, 0, r^2, 0\}$$

Different representation of the Gradient(see Griffiths inside cover), are determined by orthonormal basis

Last time,

- the statement $\vec{V} = V^i \hat{e}_i$, assumes an orthonormal basis

-this will not always be the case, and so $\vec{F} = V^i e_i$

-Generally there will be a coordinate basis such as:

$$\vec{F} = \vec{df} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} e^i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dx^i$$

$$\vec{V} = v^i e_i = V^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$$

-sometimes there is no choice, some spacetime can't be written as orthogonal

-coordinate basis could be more convenient than normal

-generally think of vectors as operators

- $\frac{\partial v^i}{\partial x^j}$ doesn't transform as a tensor properly

-to get tensorial behavior, there is additional term

$$e^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} (V^i e_i) = \left(\frac{\partial V^i}{\partial x^j} + \Gamma_{jk}^i V^k \right) e_i e^j$$

where this corresponds to

$$\Gamma_{jk}^i = \left(\frac{\partial e_k}{\partial x^j} \right)^i$$