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Uniquely geodesic complete Riemannian manifolds

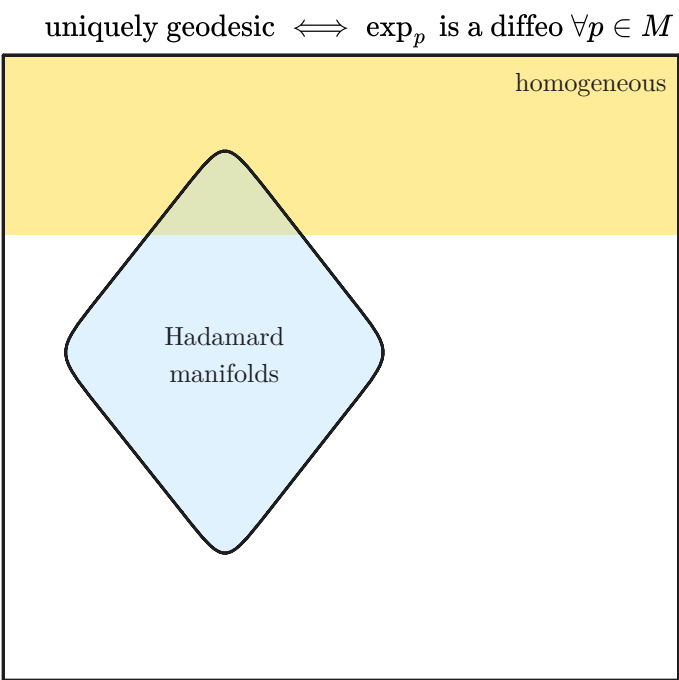
Proposition: Let (M, g) be a complete Riemannian manifold. Then the following are equivalent

- 1. every geodesic in (M, g) is (globally) **length-minimizing**
- 2. every unit speed geodesic in (M, g) is a minimal geodesic
- 3. every pair of points in (M, g) is joined by a **unique** minimal geodesic segment
- 4. the exponential

$$\exp_p : T_p M \rightarrow M$$

is a diffeomorphism for all $p \in M$

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- 2.
$$\forall q \in S, \exp_q^g(T_q S) \subseteq \iota(S)$$

In any (hence all) of these cases

- for any $p \in S$, $\exp_p^{(M, g)}(T_p S) = S$
- $d_{\iota^* g} = \iota^* d_g$
- $(S, \iota^* g)$ is a complete Riemannian manifold

Assume (1). Then

$$d_{\iota^* g} = \iota^* d_g$$

- Thus a g -geodesic must agree with $\iota^* g$ -geodesic.
- Thus (2) follows.

Assume (2). Let $p, q \in S$. Then p, q

- By

Proposition:

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$$\iota : (M, \iota^* g) \hookrightarrow (X, g)$$

be an *embedded* Riemannian submanifold. Then the following is equivalent

- M is totally geodesic

Definition. Totally geodesic submanifolds of semi-Riemannian manifolds

A Riemannian (immersed/embedded) submanifold

$$\iota : (M, g_M) \hookrightarrow (X, g_X)$$

of a semi-Riemannian manifold (X, g_X) is **totally geodesic** if for every g_X -geodesic that is tangent to M at some $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ stays in M for all $t \in (t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon)$.

- Every $\iota^* g$ -geodesic $\gamma : (a, b) \rightarrow M$ is also a g -geodesic $\iota \circ \gamma : (a, b) \rightarrow X$
- The second fundamental form of M vanishes identically.

we have ...

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1. <https://math.stackexchange.com/a/1530561/1290493> ↩