

Curvature of a Riemannian manifold

Definition. Riemann curvature tensor of a Riemannian manifold

The assignment

$$(X, Y, Z) \mapsto ([\nabla_X, \nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[X, Y]})Z$$

produces a (1,3)-tensor on M .

The **Riemann curvature tensor** is the (0,4)-tensor

$$R(X, Y, Z, W) := g([\nabla_X, \nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[X, Y]})Z, W$$

The Riemann curvature (0,4)-tensor is actually

$$R \in \Gamma \text{Sym}^2 \Lambda^2 TM$$

and it satisfies the two **Branchi identities**

$$R(W, X, Y, Z) + R(X, Y, W, Z) + R(Y, W, X, Z) = 0$$

Definition. Ricci and scalar tensors

$$\text{Ric}(X, Y) := \text{tr}(Z \mapsto R(X, Z, Y, \cdot))$$

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| | | R^l_{ijk} |
| Riemann | $R : \text{Sym}^2 \Lambda^2 TM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ | $R_{ijkl} = g_{lm} R^m_{ijk}$ |
| | we may think of it as a <i>symmetric bilinear form on the 2-wedge tangent space</i> $\Lambda^2 TM \times \Lambda^2 TM \rightarrow \text{Sym}^2 \Lambda^2 TM$ $(X \wedge Y, Z \wedge W) \mapsto R(X, Y, Z, W)$ | |
| | and consider the <i>quadratic form</i> of the above bilinear form $\Lambda^2 TM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $R(X \wedge Y) \mapsto R(X, Y, X, Y)$ | |
| sectional | $\kappa : \mathbf{Gr}^2 TM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $\kappa(\mathbb{R}\langle v, w \rangle) := \frac{R(v, w, w, v)}{\ v \wedge w\ _g^2}$ | |
| | $(X, Y) \mapsto \text{tr}(Z \mapsto R(X, Z, Y, \cdot))$ | $g^{pq} R_{ipjq}$ |

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| Ricci | $\text{Ric} : T^u(M, g) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ | |
| scalar | $\text{sc} := \text{tr}(\text{Ric}) : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ | $\kappa = R_i^i = g^{ij} R_{ij}$ |
| total scalar curvature | $\int_M \text{sc}_g \lambda_g$ | |