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Exercise 37 Tensors.

The addition rule for two tensors S and T of the same rank (k, l) is defined by,

$$(S+T)(\omega_1, ..., \omega_k, v_1, ..., v_l) := S(\omega_1, ..., \omega_k, v_1, ..., v_l) + T(\omega_1, ..., \omega_k, v_1, ..., v_l).$$
(1)

Show, that the sum of the tensors (S + T) is in fact a tensor being a multi linear map in all its arguments.

The tensor product of a tensor T with rank (k', l') and a tensor S with rank (k-k', l-l')(with $k \ge k'$ and $l \ge l'$) is defined by,

$$(S \otimes T)(\omega_1, ..., \omega_k, v_1, ..., v_l) := S(\omega_1, ..., \omega_{k'}, v_1, ..., v_{l'}) \cdot T(\omega_{k'+1}, ..., \omega_k, v_{l'+1}, ..., v_l).$$
(2)

Show that this definition of the product gives a tensor of rank (k, l).

Furthermore, show that the tensor product is associative such that, $S \otimes (T \otimes U) =$

 $(S \otimes T) \otimes U$. For simplicity show this assuming that S, T and U are rank (1,0) tensors. Next start from the (k, l) tensor T,

$$T = T^{i_1 \dots i_k}_{j_1 \dots j_l} \,\partial_{i_1} \otimes \dots \partial_{i_k} \otimes dx^{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dx^{j_l} \,, \tag{3}$$

and change to a new coordinate basis for geneneral coordinate transformations $y^i(x)_{i=1,D}$ with the new basis vectors $\frac{\partial}{\partial y^j}$ and one-forms dy^j . How do the components $T^{i_1i_2...i_k}_{j_1j_2...j_l}$ of the tensor transform?

Exercise 37 Binachi Identity.

Show/argue that the Jacobi identity,

$$[D_i, [D_j, D_k]] + [D_j, [D_k, D_i]] + [D_k, [D_i, D_j]] = 0,$$
(4)

holds for covariant derivatives. (It is sufficient to show this property for the components of a vector field.)

Exercise 38 Curvature Tensor and Torsion

Derive the explicit form of the components of the curvature tensor $R^{\rho}_{\sigma\mu\nu}$ and the torsion tensor $T^{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}$ in terms of connection coefficients $\Gamma^{\mu}_{\nu\rho}$ from the relation,

$$[D_{\mu}, D_{\nu}]V^{\rho} = R^{\rho}_{\sigma\mu\nu}V^{\sigma} + T^{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}D_{\sigma}V^{\rho}.$$
(5)