

188(6): Theorem of the Antisymmetric Connection
 Consider three metric compatibility conditions in cyclic permutation:

$$\partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} - \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\partial_\mu g_{\nu\rho} - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho} - \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} - \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho} = 0 \quad (3)$$

Subtract (2) and (3) from (1):

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu g_{\nu\rho} - \partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} - \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} - \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} \\ + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho} + \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} + \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Subtract (1) and (2) from (3):

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} - \partial_\mu g_{\nu\rho} - \partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho} \\ + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho} + \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} + \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} + \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Subtract (1) and (3) from (2):

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\mu g_{\nu\rho} - \partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho} - \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} \\ + \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} + \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} + \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Now apply antisymmetry:

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = -\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda \quad (7)$$

2) to show:

$$\partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu g_{\nu\rho} - \partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} = 2(\Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} + \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu}) - (8)$$

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Add eq. (8) and (10):

$$\partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} = -(\Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho}) - (11)$$

This equation relates to general metric to the antisymmetric convention.

For a diagonal metric:

$$\rho = \mu - (12)$$

so

$$\partial_\nu g_{\mu\mu} = 2\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\mu g_{\mu\mu} - (13)$$

$$\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\mu = \frac{1}{2g_{\mu\mu}} \partial_\nu g_{\mu\mu} \quad \nu \neq \mu - (14)$$

This is the definition of the antisymmetric convention:

$$\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\mu = -\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\mu - (15)$$