

235(10): Spiral Torsion Elements and Riemann
Torsion of the Plane Polar Coordinates

In this note the spiral torsion elements are worked out
 with:

$$(a) = 2. \quad - (1)$$

In this case:

$$T_{12}^{(2)} = J_1 q_1^{(2)} - J_2 q_1^{(2)} + \omega_{1(b)}^{(2)} q_2^{(b)} \\ - \omega_{2(b)}^{(2)} q_1^{(b)} \quad - (2)$$

The basic unit vectors are:

$$\underline{e}_r = i \cos \theta + j \sin \theta \quad - (3)$$

$$\underline{e}_\theta = -i \sin \theta + j \cos \theta \quad - (4)$$

$$\text{so } \frac{d\underline{e}_\theta}{dx} = - \frac{d\theta}{dx} \underline{e}_r \quad - (5)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{d\underline{e}_\theta}{d\theta} = - \underline{e}_r \quad - (6)$$

$$\text{so } \frac{d\underline{e}_\theta}{d(\epsilon\theta)} = - \left(\frac{d\theta}{dx} \right) \underline{e}_r \quad - (7)$$

$$\text{Eq. (5) is: } \frac{de_r^{(2)}}{dx^1} = \omega_{1(1)}^{(2)} e_r^{(1)} \quad - (8)$$

$$\text{and eq. (7) is: } \frac{de_r^{(2)}}{dx^2} = \omega_{2(1)}^{(2)} e_r^{(1)} \quad - (9)$$

So:

$$\omega_{,1(1)}^{(2)} = \omega_{,2(1)}^{(2)} = -\frac{d\theta}{dx} \quad -(10)$$

The tetrad is defined by:

$$q_\mu^{(a)} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \quad -(11)$$

$$\text{so } q_1^{(1)} = \cos\theta, \quad q_2^{(1)} = \sin\theta \quad -(12)$$

$$q_1^{(2)} = -\sin\theta, \quad q_2^{(2)} = \cos\theta$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{12}^{(2)} &= \partial_1 q_2^{(2)} - \partial_2 q_1^{(2)} + \omega_{,1(1)}^{(2)} q_2^{(1)} - \omega_{,2(1)}^{(2)} q_1^{(1)} \\ &= \frac{d \cos\theta}{dx} + \frac{d \sin\theta}{d(\theta)} - \frac{d\theta}{dx} \sin\theta + \frac{d\theta}{dx} \cos\theta \\ &= 2 \frac{d\theta}{dx} (\cos\theta - \sin\theta) \quad -(13) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{12}^{(2)} &= \partial_2 q_1^{(2)} - \partial_1 q_2^{(2)} + \omega_{,2(1)}^{(2)} q_1^{(1)} - \omega_{,1(1)}^{(2)} q_2^{(1)} \\ &= -\frac{d \sin\theta}{d(\theta)} - \frac{d \cos\theta}{dx} - \frac{d\theta}{dx} \cos\theta + \frac{d\theta}{dx} \sin\theta \\ &= -2 \frac{d\theta}{dx} (\cos\theta - \sin\theta) \quad -(14) \end{aligned}$$

3) Therefore: $T_{12}^{(2)} = -T_{21}^{(2)}$ — (15)

From the tetrad postulate:

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{(a)} = \partial_\mu \gamma_\nu^{(a)} + \omega_\mu^{(a)\nu} - (16)$$

so: $T_{12}^{(1)} = \Gamma_{12}^{(1)} - \Gamma_{21}^{(1)} - (17)$

$$= 2 \frac{d\theta}{dr} (\cos\theta + \sin\theta)$$

and $T_{12}^{(2)} = \Gamma_{12}^{(2)} - \Gamma_{21}^{(2)} - (18)$

$$= 2 \frac{d\theta}{dr} (\cos\theta - \sin\theta).$$

Therefore: $\Gamma_{12}^{(1)} = 2 \frac{d\theta}{dr} \cos\theta - (19)$

$$\Gamma_{21}^{(1)} = -2 \frac{d\theta}{dr} \sin\theta - (20)$$

The Riemann torsion is given by:

$$T_{\mu\nu}^K = \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^K - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^K - (21)$$

and is related to the Cartan torsion by the

4) tetrad postulate:

$$D_\mu \eta^\alpha_\mu = 0 \quad -(22)$$

Therefore:

$$\Gamma_{12}^{(1)} = 2 \frac{dt}{dr} \cos\theta, \quad \Gamma_{21}^{(1)} = -2 \frac{dt}{dr} \sin\theta \quad -(23)$$

$$\Gamma_{12}^{(2)} = 2 \frac{dt}{dr} \cos\theta, \quad \Gamma_{21}^{(2)} = 2 \frac{dt}{dr} \sin\theta$$

$$\text{so } \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_{12}^{(1)} & \Gamma_{21}^{(1)} \\ \Gamma_{12}^{(2)} & \Gamma_{21}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = 2 \frac{dt}{dr} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \cos\theta & \sin\theta \end{bmatrix} \quad -(24)$$

Refined torsion for plane polar coordinate system are non-zero. From eqns. (23) the connections are not symmetric. Refer the use of a symmetric connection in Einstein's general relativity if it is correct.

IL general:

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{(a)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}(S) + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}(A) \right) \quad -(25)$$

Here S denotes symmetric and A denotes anti-symmetric in μ and ν . In eq. (25) the following definitions are used:

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}(s) = \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{(a)}(s) - (26)$$

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}(A) = -\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{(a)}(A) - (27)$$

so $\bar{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{(a)} = \frac{1}{2} (\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}(A) - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{(a)}(A)) - (28)$

$$= \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}(A)$$

It follows that:

$$\Gamma_{12}^{(1)}(A) = 2 \frac{d\theta}{dr} (\cos\theta + \sin\theta) - (29)$$

$$\Gamma_{12}^{(2)}(A) = 2 \frac{d\theta}{dr} (\cos\theta - \sin\theta)$$

In vector format:

$$\Gamma_3^{(1)} = \epsilon_{123} \Gamma_{12}^{(1)} - (30)$$

$$\underline{\Gamma} = 2 \frac{d\theta}{dr} (\cos\theta + \sin\theta) \underline{k} - (31)$$

and

i.e.

$$\underline{\Gamma} = 2(\cos\theta + \sin\theta) \underline{\omega}$$

$$- (32)$$