

1) Note 188(1): Unique Solution for Antisymmetric Metric.

Start with eq. (12) of note 186(3):

$$2(\Gamma_{\rho\mu}^{\lambda} g_{\lambda\nu} + \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^{\lambda} g_{\lambda\mu}) = \partial_{\rho} g_{\mu\nu} - \partial_{\mu} g_{\rho\nu} - \partial_{\nu} g_{\rho\mu} \quad - (1)$$

Now let:

$$\rho \rightarrow \mu, \mu \rightarrow \rho. \quad - (2)$$

This relabels indices and leaves eq. (1) the same. So:

$$2(\Gamma_{\mu\rho}^{\lambda} g_{\lambda\nu} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} g_{\lambda\rho}) = \partial_{\mu} g_{\rho\nu} - \partial_{\rho} g_{\mu\nu} - \partial_{\nu} g_{\mu\rho} \quad - (3)$$

Add (1) and (3) using the symmetry of the metric

$$2(\Gamma_{\rho\nu}^{\lambda} g_{\lambda\mu} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} g_{\lambda\rho}) = -2 \partial_{\nu} g_{\rho\mu} \quad - (4)$$

i.e

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

This is a general result for any metric.

For a diagonal metric:

$$\rho = \mu \quad - (6)$$

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so :

$$\partial_\nu g_{\mu\mu} = 2 \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda g_{\mu\lambda} \quad - (7)$$

with

$$\nu \neq \mu \quad - (8)$$

by definition.

$$1) \quad \text{If } \mu = 0 \quad - (9)$$

$$\partial_\nu g_{00} = 2 \Gamma_{\nu 0}^0 g_{00} \quad - (10)$$

$$2) \quad \text{If } \mu = 1 \quad - (11)$$

$$\partial_\nu g_{11} = 2 \Gamma_{\nu 1}^1 g_{11} \quad - (12)$$

$$3) \quad \text{If } \mu = 2 \quad - (13)$$

$$\partial_\nu g_{22} = 2 \Gamma_{\nu 2}^2 g_{22} \quad - (14)$$

$$4) \quad \text{If } \mu = 3 \quad - (15)$$

$$\partial_\nu g_{33} = 2 \Gamma_{\nu 3}^3 g_{33} \quad - (16)$$


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