

APPENDIX TO UFT 188: THEOREM OF THE ANTISYMMETRIC CONNECTION.

Consider three metric compatibility conditions in cyclic permutation:

$$\partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} - \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda g_{\mu\lambda} = 0 \quad - (A1)$$

$$\partial_\mu g_{\nu\rho} - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho} - \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda g_{\nu\lambda} = 0 \quad - (A2)$$

$$\partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} - \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda g_{\rho\lambda} = 0 \quad - (A3)$$

Subtract Eqs. (2) and (3) from Eq. (1):

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu g_{\nu\rho} - \partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} - \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} - \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda g_{\mu\lambda} \\ & + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho} + \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda g_{\nu\lambda} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} + \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda g_{\rho\lambda} = 0 \quad - (A4) \end{aligned}$$

Subtract Eqs. (1) and (2) from Eq. (3):

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} - \partial_\mu g_{\nu\rho} - \partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda g_{\rho\lambda} \\ & + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho} + \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda g_{\nu\lambda} + \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} + \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda g_{\mu\lambda} = 0 \quad - (A5) \end{aligned}$$

Subtract Eqs. (1) and (3) from Eq. (2):

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_\mu g_{\nu\rho} - \partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho} - \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda g_{\nu\lambda} \\ & + \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} + \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda g_{\mu\lambda} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} + \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda g_{\rho\lambda} = 0 \quad - (A6) \end{aligned}$$

Now apply antisymmetry:

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = -\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda \quad - (A7)$$

to obtain:

$$\partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu g_{\nu\rho} - \partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} = 2(\Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} + \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu}) \quad (A8)$$

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Add Eqs. (8) and (10):

$$\partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} = -(\Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\mu} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda g_{\lambda\rho}) \quad (A11)$$

This equation relates the general metric to the antisymmetric connection.

For a diagonal metric:

$$\rho = \mu \quad (A12)$$

so

$$\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\mu = \frac{1}{2g_{\mu\mu}} \partial_\nu g_{\mu\mu} \quad (A13)$$

$$\nu \neq \mu \quad (A14)$$

This result is given the appellation "Theorem of the Antisymmetric Connection".

