

## Ch2 Riemannian Metric, Connection & Parallel Transport.

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### 2.1 Riemannian metric & connection

Def: Let  $M$  be a  $C^\infty$  manifold. A Riemannian metric

$g$  on  $M$  is given by an inner product  $g_x$  on

each  $T_x M$  which depends smoothly on  $x \in M$

in the sense that in any coordinates system  $U$

with coordinate functions  $x^1, \dots, x^n$ ,

$$g_{ij}(x) = g_x\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}\right) \quad (\forall i, j)$$

is a smooth function on the nbd.

Notation, most of the time we write

$$\langle , \rangle_x \quad \text{for } g_x$$

$$(\text{and } \langle , \rangle \quad \text{for } g.)$$

Note: • By definition,  $(g_{i\bar{j}}(x))$  is a symmetric positive  
definite  $n \times n$  matrix  $\forall x \in U$ .

•  $g$  can be regarded as a  $(0,2)$ -tensor

satisfying

$$g(X, X) \geq 0 \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(TM)$$

$$g_x(X, X) = 0 \Leftrightarrow X(x) = 0$$

$$g(X, Y) = g(Y, X), \quad \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$$

Hence

$$g = \sum_{i, \bar{j}=1}^n g_{i\bar{j}}(x) dx^i \otimes dx^{\bar{j}}$$

in local coordinates

Def:- A connection  $D$  ( $\nabla$ ) on a  $C^\infty$  manifold  $M$  is

a mapping  $D: \Gamma(TM) \times \Gamma(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma(TM)$

$$(V, \underline{X}) \mapsto D_V \underline{X},$$

such that

$$(C1) \quad D_{fV+gW} \underline{X} = f D_V \underline{X} + g D_W \underline{X}$$

$$(C2) \quad D_V(f\underline{X}) = (Vf)\underline{X} + f D_V \underline{X}$$

$$(C3) \quad D_V(\underline{X} + \underline{Y}) = D_V \underline{X} + D_V \underline{Y}$$

where  $V, W, \underline{X}, \underline{Y} \in \Gamma(TM)$ ;  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ .

(and  $Vf = D_V f$  is the directional derivative of  $f$  in direction  $V$ )

Note:  $D_V \mathbb{X}$  is called the covariant derivative of  $\mathbb{X}$   
in the direction of  $V$ .

Fact: If  $V, W \in \Gamma(TM)$  are vector fields s.t.  $V(x) = W(x)$ ,  
then  $(D_V \mathbb{X})(x) = (D_W \mathbb{X})(x)$ ,  $\forall \mathbb{X} \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

(Pf: Ex.)

Using this fact, we have

Def:  $\forall v \in T_x M$ , one can define

$$D_v \mathbb{X} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (D_V \mathbb{X})(x) \quad (v \in T_x M)$$

where  $V$  is a vector field s.t.  $V(x) = v$ .

eg: Standard connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Recall the direction derivative of function

$$D_v f = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+tv) - f(x)}{t|v|}$$

for a smooth function defined near  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

A smooth vector field  $\mathbb{X}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  can be written as

$$\mathbb{X} = \sum \mathbb{X}^i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} x^i = \text{standard coordinates} \\ \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} = e_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow i\text{th} \end{array} \right)$$

where  $\mathbb{X}^i(x)$  are smooth functions

Then  $D_v \mathbb{X} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum D_v \mathbb{X}^i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ , and

$$(D_v \mathbb{X})(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} D_{V(x)} \mathbb{X}$$

define a connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (check = C1 - C3)

(By definition, we must have  $D_V \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right) = 0$ ,  $\forall j=1, \dots, n$ )

Lemma: The set of connections on  $M$  is convex,

i.e. If  $D^1, \dots, D^k$  are connections on  $M$

$f_1, \dots, f_k$  are functions  $\in C^\infty(M)$  with

$$\sum_{i=1}^k f_i = 1,$$

then  $D = \sum_{i=1}^k f_i D^i$  is a connection on  $M$ .

$$\left( D_V X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum f_i D^i_V X \right)$$

Pf:  $C1$  &  $C3$  are clear & do not need  $\sum f_i = 1$ .

For  $C2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_V(fX) &= \sum_i f_i D_V^i(fX) \\ &= \sum_i f_i [(Vf)X + f D_V^i X] \\ &= (Vf)X + f D_V X \quad \left( \text{since } \sum_i f_i = 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

✘

Thm Let  $M$  be a  $C^\infty$  manifold. Then  $\exists$  a connection on  $M$ .

Pf: Let  $\{(U_i, \phi_i)\}$  be an atlas on  $M$

Then  $\{U_i\}$  is an open cover of  $M$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  partitions of unity  $\{\varphi_i\}$  subordinate to  $\{U_i\}$

(WLOG, we may assume  $\{V_k\}_{k \in \Lambda'} = \{U_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$ )

On each  $U_i$ , the standard connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  induces a connection  $D^i$ . Then  $\sum \varphi_i D^i$  is a connection on  $M$  by the previous lemma. ~~XXX~~

Remark: Similar argument shows that there exists Riemannian metric on any manifold.

Lemma: Let  $v \in T_x M$ , and  $\gamma: [0, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$  be a curve such that  $\gamma'(0) = v$ . Suppose  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$



be 2 vector fields s.t.  $\mathbb{X}(\gamma(t)) = \dot{\gamma}(t)$ ,  $\forall t \in [0, \varepsilon)$

Then  $D_v \mathbb{X} = D_v \dot{\gamma}$ .

(i.e.  $D_{\gamma'(0)} \mathbb{X}$  is determined by  $\mathbb{X} \circ \gamma$ )

(Pf: Ex)

Thm: Let  $M =$  manifold

$g = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle =$  Riemannian metric on  $M$

Then  $\exists!$  connection  $D$  s.t.

(compatible with  $g$ ) (L1)  $\mathbb{X} \langle Y, Z \rangle = \langle D_{\mathbb{X}} Y, Z \rangle + \langle Y, D_{\mathbb{X}} Z \rangle$

(torsion free) (L2)  $D_{\mathbb{X}} Y - D_Y \mathbb{X} - [\mathbb{X}, Y] = 0$ .

Pf: (Uniqueness)

In coordinates, any vector field can be written as

$$\underline{X} = \sum \underline{x}^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} = \sum_k \Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \quad \text{for some } \Gamma_{ij}^k \text{ (functions)}$$

Now for  $\underline{X} = \underline{x}^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$ ,  $\underline{V} = V^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\underline{V}} \underline{X} &= D_{V^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \left( \underline{x}^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right) = V^i D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \left( \underline{x}^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right) \\ &= V^i \left( \frac{\partial \underline{x}^j}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} + \underline{x}^j D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= v^i \left( \frac{\partial \bar{x}^j}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} + \bar{x}^j \Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right)$$

$$= v^i \left( \frac{\partial \bar{x}^k}{\partial x^i} + \Gamma_{ij}^k \bar{x}^j \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$$

$\therefore \{ \Gamma_{ij}^k \}$  determines  $D_V \bar{x}$ .

$$\text{Let } g_{ij} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right\rangle \quad \forall i, j$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} g_{jk} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \Gamma_{ij}^l \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, \Gamma_{ik}^l \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} \right\rangle$$

$$= g_{lk} \Gamma_{ij}^l + g_{jl} \Gamma_{ik}^l$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial x^i} = g_{lk} \Gamma_{ij}^l + g_{jl} \Gamma_{ik}^l \quad \text{--- (1)} \\ \frac{\partial g_{ki}}{\partial x^j} = g_{li} \Gamma_{jk}^l + g_{kl} \Gamma_{ji}^l \quad \text{--- (2)} \\ \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} = g_{lj} \Gamma_{ki}^l + g_{il} \Gamma_{kj}^l \quad \text{--- (3)} \end{array} \right.$$

Note that by (L2),

$$0 = D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} - D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right]$$

$$= (\Gamma_{ij}^k - \Gamma_{ji}^k) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Gamma_{ij}^k = \Gamma_{ji}^k \quad \forall i, j, k}$$

Then (1) + (2) - (3)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial x^i} + \frac{\partial g_{ki}}{\partial x^j} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} = 2g_{lk} \Gamma_{ij}^l$$

Denote the inverse matrix of  $(g_{ij})$  by  $(g^{ij})$ .

Then  $g^{sk} g_{kl} = \delta_l^s \quad \forall s, l$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Gamma_{ij}^k = \frac{1}{2} g^{kl} \left[ \frac{\partial g_{lj}}{\partial x^i} + \frac{\partial g_{il}}{\partial x^j} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^l} \right]} \quad (7)$$

$\therefore \{ \Gamma_{ij}^k \}$  & hence  $\mathbb{D}$  satisfying L1 & L2 is uniquely

determined by  $g$ .

Existence = Let  $\{(U_\beta, \phi_\beta)\} = \text{atlas of } M$ . For  $\underline{X} = \sum \frac{d}{dx^i}$

&  $V = V^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$  on  $U_\beta$ , we define

$$D_V \underline{X} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} V^i \left( \frac{\partial X^k}{\partial x^i} + \Gamma_{ij}^k X^j \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$$

with  $\Gamma_{ij}^k$  defined by (17)

Then one can check that  $D_V \underline{X}$  doesn't depend on the coordinate  $(U_\beta, \phi_\beta)$ . Hence it defines a connection,

$D$  on  $M$ . The properties L1 & L2 are then easy to check. ~~xx~~

Note : • The connection given by this theorem is called the Levi-Civita connection of  $g$ , (a Riemannian connection of  $g$ )

• The coefficients  $\Gamma_{ij}^k$  of  $D$  are called Christoffel symbols if  $D$  is Levi-Civita.

• The formula (17) is equivalent to

$$\langle D_X Y, Z \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & X \langle Y, Z \rangle + Y \langle Z, X \rangle - Z \langle X, Y \rangle \\ & + \langle Z, [X, Y] \rangle + \langle Y, [Z, X] \rangle - \langle X, [Y, Z] \rangle \end{aligned} \right\}$$

for  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$

eg On  $S^3$ , there exist  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  orthonormal vector fields

such that  $[\hat{i}, \hat{j}] = \hat{k}$ ,  $[\hat{j}, \hat{k}] = \hat{i}$  &  $[\hat{k}, \hat{i}] = \hat{j}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D_{\hat{i}} \hat{j}, \hat{k} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \hat{i} \langle \hat{j}, \hat{k} \rangle + \hat{j} \langle \hat{k}, \hat{i} \rangle - \hat{k} \langle \hat{i}, \hat{j} \rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \langle \hat{k}, [\hat{i}, \hat{j}] \rangle + \langle \hat{j}, [\hat{k}, \hat{i}] \rangle - \langle \hat{i}, [\hat{j}, \hat{k}] \rangle \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{ \langle \hat{k}, \hat{k} \rangle + \langle \hat{j}, \hat{j} \rangle - \langle \hat{i}, \hat{i} \rangle \} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $\langle D_{\hat{i}} \hat{j}, \hat{i} \rangle = \langle D_{\hat{i}} \hat{j}, \hat{j} \rangle = 0$

Hence  $D_{\hat{i}} \hat{j} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{k}$  (Similarly for others: Ex.)



## Geometry meaning of Levi-Civita connection

Def: Let  $N$  be a (embedded) submanifold of  $M$ .

Suppose  $g$  is a metric on  $M$ , then the induce metric  $\bar{g}$  of  $g$  on  $N$  is defined by

$$\bar{g}(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) = g(\underline{x}, \underline{y}), \quad \forall \underline{x}, \underline{y} \in TN \subset TM$$

(eg. If  $N \subset M$  is open, then  $\bar{g} = g|_N$ )

Def: Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold,

$D =$  Levi-Civita connection of  $g$ .

Suppose  $N \subset M$  is a submanifold, then one can

define a connection on  $N$  by

$$\bar{D}_X Y = (D_X Y)^\perp$$

where  $(\ )_x^\perp = T_x M \rightarrow T_x N$  is the orthogonal projection  
(wrt  $g_x$  on  $T_x M$ )

Facts •  $\bar{D}$  is well-defined, i.e.  $\bar{D}$  satisfies C1 - C3.

•  $\bar{D}$  is the Levi-Civita connection of the induced metric  $\bar{g}$ . (Pf - Ex)

Note: If  $M = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $g =$  standard metric (= flat metric)  
then Levi-Civita connection  $\bar{D} =$  usual directional derivative.

Hence, the facts above give a geometry interpretation of the Levi-Civita connection on submanifolds  $N$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

"Meaning" of L2:  $D_X Y - D_Y X - [X, Y] = 0$

L2 doesn't use the metric  $g$ , and in local coordinates

$$L2 \Leftrightarrow \Gamma_{ij}^k = \Gamma_{ji}^k$$

Hence, connections satisfying (L2) are called symmetric

Moreover,  $T(X, Y) = D_X Y - D_Y X - [X, Y]$

defines a (1,2)-tensor on  $M$  called the torsion tensor,

i.e.  $T \in \Gamma(TM \otimes (\otimes^2 T^*M))$  (i.e. linear in  $X, Y$  ( $\mathbb{R}_x$ ))

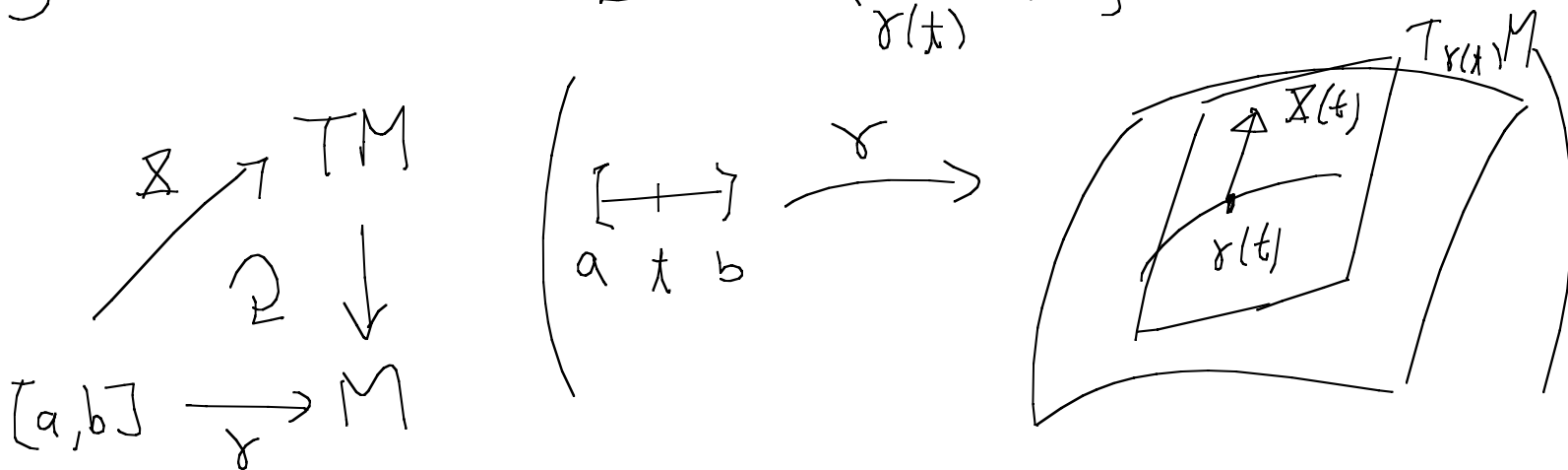
Hence  $D$  is symmetric  $\Leftrightarrow T \equiv 0$

$\Leftrightarrow D$  is torsion free.

## 2.2 Parallel Transport

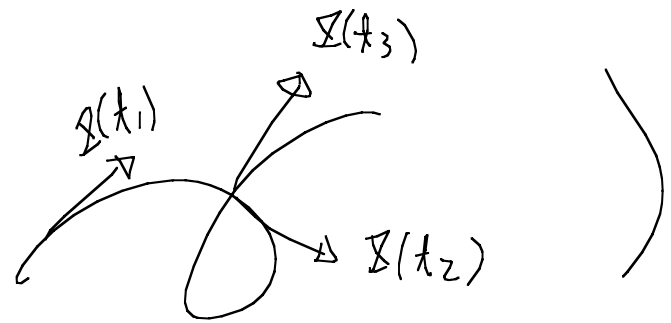
Let  $D$  be a connection (not necessary Levi-Civita) on  $M$ ;  
 $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow M$  be an embedded curve such that  
 $\gamma([a, b])$  is contained in a coordinate neighborhood  
 with coordinate functions  $\{x^i\}$ .

Suppose  $X$  is a vector field along  $\gamma$ , i.e.,  $X$  depends  
 smoothly on  $t$  and  $X(t) \in T_{\gamma(t)}M$ ,  $\forall t \in [a, b]$



Since  $\gamma$  is embedded,  $\mathbb{X}$  can be extended to a smooth vector field  $\tilde{\mathbb{X}}$  on  $M$ .

(Not true for immersed curve :



Now for any 2 extensions  $\tilde{\mathbb{X}}$  &  $\tilde{\mathbb{Y}}$ , we must have

$$\tilde{\mathbb{X}}(\gamma(t)) = \tilde{\mathbb{Y}}(\gamma(t)) = \mathbb{X}(\gamma(t))$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{\gamma'(t)} \tilde{\mathbb{X}} = D_{\gamma'(t)} \tilde{\mathbb{Y}}$$

$\therefore$   $D_{\gamma'(t)} \mathbb{X}$  is well-defined.

In local coordinates,

$$\gamma'(t) = \sum \gamma'^i(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\gamma(t)}$$

$$\bar{X}(t) = \sum \bar{X}^i(t) \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right|_{\gamma(t)}$$

for some functions  $\gamma'^i(t)$  &  $\bar{X}^i(t)$ .

Recall that

$$D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} = \sum_k \Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \quad (\text{for some } \Gamma_{ij}^k)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\gamma'(t)} \bar{X} &= D_{\gamma'(t)} \left( \bar{X}^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right) \\ &= \left( D_{\gamma'(t)} \bar{X}^j \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} + \bar{X}^j D_{\gamma'(t)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \\ &= \frac{d\bar{X}^j}{dt} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} + \bar{X}^j \gamma'^i D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \\ &= \left( \frac{d\bar{X}^k}{dt} + \bar{X}^j \gamma'^i \Gamma_{ij}^k \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \end{aligned}$$

$$D_{\gamma'(t)} \mathbb{X} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{d\mathbb{X}^k}{dt} + (\Gamma_{ij}^k \gamma'^i) \mathbb{X}^j = 0, \quad \forall k=1, \dots, n$$

linear ODE system in  $\mathbb{X}^1, \dots, \mathbb{X}^n$ .

Linear ODE theory  $\Rightarrow$

$\forall v \in T_{\gamma(a)} M$ ,  $\exists!$  soln.  $\mathbb{X}(t)$  to the IVP

$$\begin{cases} D_{\gamma'(t)} \mathbb{X} = 0, & \forall t \in \underline{[a, b]} \\ \mathbb{X}(a) = v \end{cases}$$

Def: A vector field  $\mathbb{X}$  along  $\gamma$  is called parallel if  $D_{\gamma'} \mathbb{X} = 0$ .

Def: A vector  $w \in T_{\gamma(b)} M$  is called a parallel transport

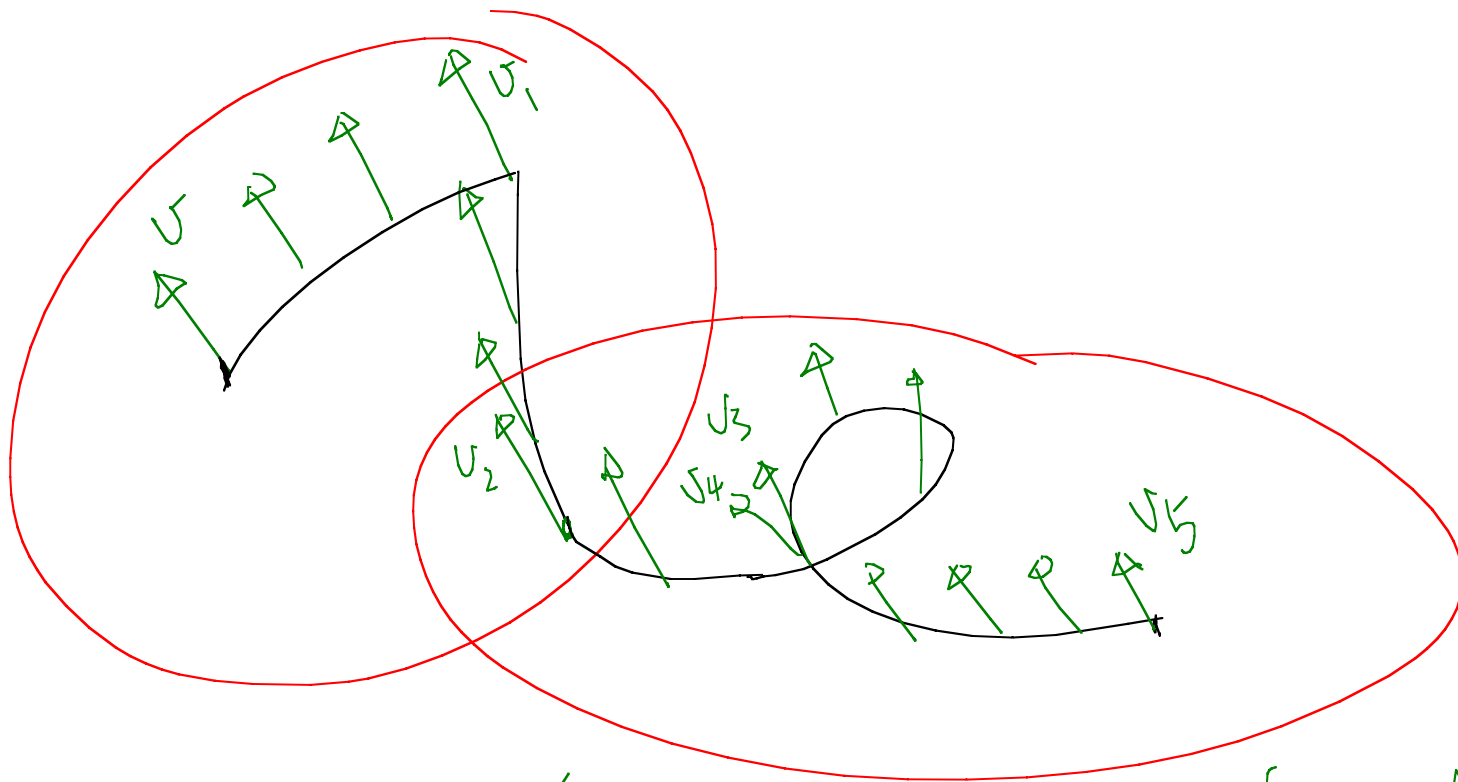


of a vector  $v \in T_{x(a)}M$  along  $\gamma$  if  $\exists$  a parallel vector field  $\underline{X}$  along  $\gamma$  such that

$$\underline{X}(a) = v \quad \& \quad \underline{X}(b) = w$$

Note: parallel transport  $w$  of  $v$  (along  $\gamma$ ) is uniquely determined by  $v$ . (for fixed  $\gamma$ )

Note: If  $\gamma$  is not embedded or contained in a chart or  $\gamma$  is only piecewise smooth, we can use subdivision to define parallel transport of a vector  $v \in T_{x(a)}M$  along  $\gamma$ .



(  $U_3$  may not equal to  $U_4$  for curved space )

Hence we have

Thm  $\forall$  immersed curve  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow M$  &  $U \in T_{\gamma(a)}M$ ,  $\exists!$  parallel vector field  $X(t)$  along  $\gamma$  s.t.,  $X(a) = U$ .

Hence  $\exists!$   $w \in T_{\gamma(b)}M$  s.t.  $w$  is the parallel transport of  $U$  along  $\gamma$ .

This Thm  $\Rightarrow$  one can define  $\forall$  immersed curve  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow M$   
a mapping

$$P^\gamma: T_{\gamma(a)} M \longrightarrow T_{\gamma(b)} M$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$u \longmapsto w = \text{parallel transport of } u \text{ along } \gamma.$

Thm:  $P^\gamma: T_{\gamma(a)} M \rightarrow T_{\gamma(b)} M$  is an vector space  
isomorphism.

(Pf = Ex.)

- $P^\gamma$  is called parallel transport from  $\gamma(a)$  to  $\gamma(b)$  along  $\gamma$ .

Furthermore, if  $D$  is the Levi-Civita connection of a metric  $g$  on  $M$ , then  $\forall$  2 parallel vector fields  $X$  &  $Y$  along  $\gamma$  ( $\gamma$  embedded)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \langle X, Y \rangle &= \gamma'(t) \langle X, Y \rangle \\ &= \langle D_{\gamma'(t)} X, Y \rangle + \langle X, D_{\gamma'(t)} Y \rangle \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P^{\gamma}: T_{\gamma(a)} M \rightarrow T_{\gamma(b)} M$  is in fact an isometry of the inner product spaces.

Conversely, if  $D$  is a connection such that all  $P^{\gamma}$  are isometries of the inner product spaces, then  $\forall$  vector

fields  $\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{Z}$ , we choose a curve  $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow M$

$$\text{s.t. } \gamma'(0) = \mathbb{X}(x) \quad (x \in M)$$

Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $T_x M$ . Then parallel transport  $P^\gamma$  along  $\gamma$  defines orthonormal basis  $\{e_1(t), \dots, e_n(t)\}$  of  $T_{\gamma(t)} M$ ,  $\forall t \in [0, 1]$  (since  $P^\gamma$  are isometries  $\forall t$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \mathbb{Y}(\gamma(t)) &= \sum \mathbb{Y}^i(t) e_i(t) & \text{for since } \mathbb{Y}^i(t) \& \\ \mathbb{Z}(\gamma(t)) &= \sum \mathbb{Z}^i(t) e_i(t) & \mathbb{Z}^i(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbb{X}(x) \langle \mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{Z} \rangle &= \gamma'(0) \langle \mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{Z} \rangle \\ &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \langle \mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{Z} \rangle (\gamma(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} Y^i(t) Z^i(t)$$

$$= \frac{dY^i}{dt}(0) Z^i(0) + Y^i(0) \frac{dZ^i}{dt}(0)$$

Note that

$$D_{\gamma'(0)} Y = D_{\gamma'(0)} \left( \sum Y^i(t) e_i(t) \right)$$

$$= \sum \frac{dY^i}{dt}(0) e_i + \sum Y^i(0) \cancel{D_{\gamma'(0)} e_i} \rightarrow 0$$

$$= \sum \frac{dY^i}{dt}(0) e_i$$

Similarly for  $D_{\gamma'(0)} Z$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sum \langle Y, Z \rangle = \langle D_X Y, Z \rangle + \langle Y, D_X Z \rangle$$

$\Rightarrow D$  is compatible with the metric  $g$ .

Conclusion :  $D = \text{compatible with } g \Leftrightarrow P^\gamma = \text{isometry, } \forall \gamma.$

In particular, if  $D$  is symmetric,

$D = \text{Levi-Civita} \Leftrightarrow P^\gamma = \text{isometry, } \forall \gamma.$

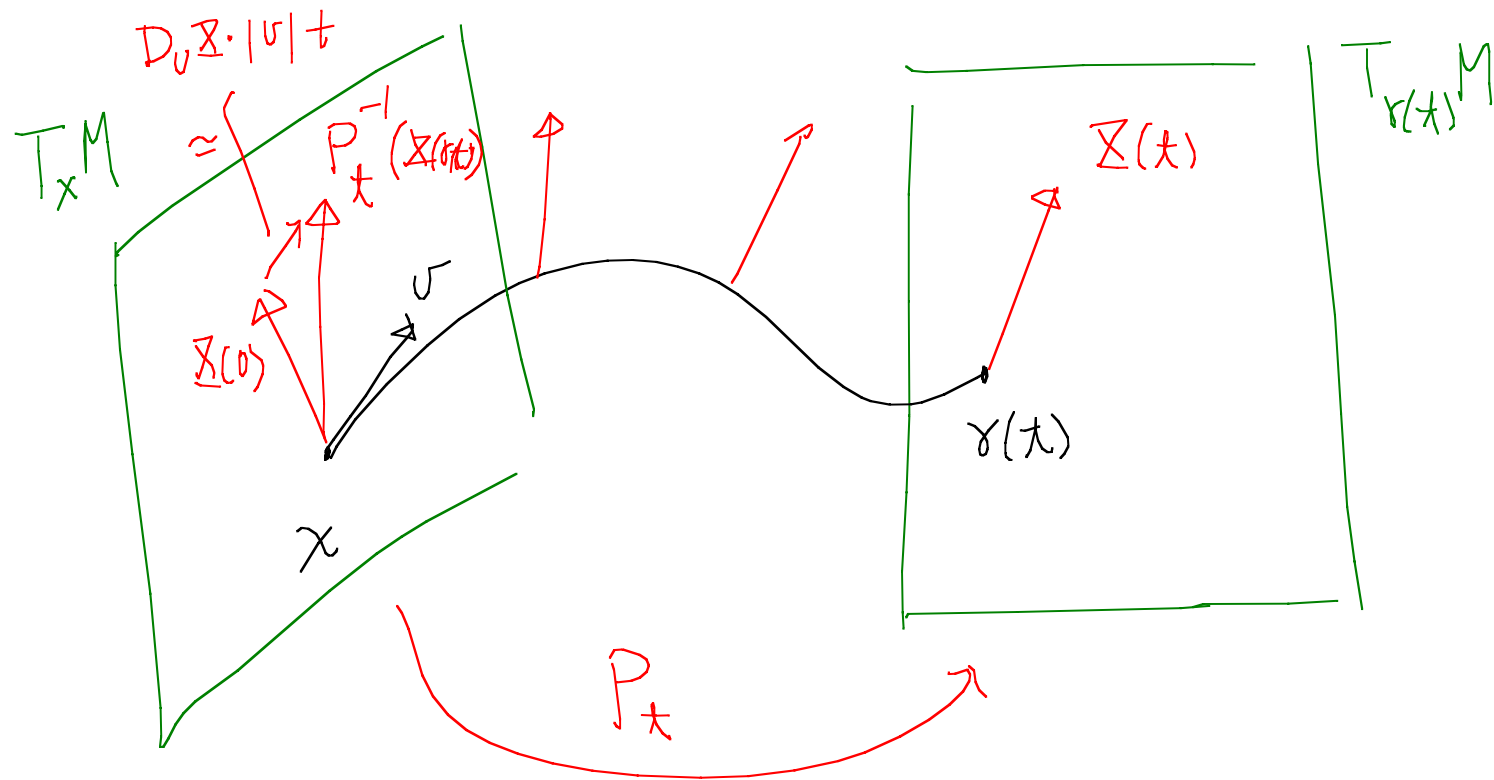
Thm :  $\forall v \in T_x M \text{ \& } \gamma \in \Gamma(TM),$

$$D_v \gamma = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} P_t^{-1} (\gamma(\gamma(t))) \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{for } D \\ \text{Levi-Civita} \end{array} \right)$$

where  $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow M$  is a curve s.t.

$$\gamma(0) = x \text{ \& } \gamma'(0) = v$$

$P_t: T_x M \rightarrow T_{\gamma(t)} M = \text{parallel transport along } \gamma|_{[0,t]}.$



Pf : Let  $\{e_i\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $T_x M$ .

Define  $e_i(t) = P_t e_i$

Then  $\{e_i(t)\}$  is an o.n. basis of  $T_{\gamma(t)} M$ .

Write  $X$  in terms of  $\{e_i(t)\}$  :



$$\bar{X}(x(t)) = \sum \bar{X}^i(t) e_i(t) \quad \text{for some } \bar{X}^i(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow D_v \bar{X} = \sum \frac{d\bar{X}^i}{dt}(0) e_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And } P_t^{-1}(\bar{X}(x(t))) &= \sum \bar{X}^i(t) P_t^{-1}(e_i(t)) \\ &= \sum \bar{X}^i(t) e_i \in T_x M \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} P_t^{-1}(\bar{X}(x(t))) = \sum \frac{d\bar{X}^i}{dt}(0) e_i = D_v \bar{X}. \quad \times$$