

Theorem (6) Define covariant derivative of covariant tensor of second order and show that it is a covariant tensor of rank three.

Solution
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Proof: Let A_{ij} be a second rank covariant tensor, then by tensor law of transformation

$$A'_{ij} = A_{ab} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j}$$

Differentiating w.r. to x'^k , we have

$$\frac{\partial A'_{ij}}{\partial x'^k} = \frac{\partial A_{ab}}{\partial x^c} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^k} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} + A_{ab} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x'^k} \left(\frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } A_{ab} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} &= A_{pb} \frac{\partial x^p}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \\ &= A_{pb} \left[\Gamma_{ik}^p \frac{\partial x^p}{\partial x'^r} - \Gamma_{ab}^p \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^k} \right] \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\because \Gamma_{ij}^p \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^p} = \Gamma_{ab}^c \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} + \frac{\partial^2 x^c}{\partial x'^i \partial x'^j} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore A_{ab} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} &= A_{pb} \frac{\partial x^p}{\partial x'^r} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \Gamma_{ik}^p - A_{pb} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^k} \Gamma_{ab}^p \\ &= A'_{ij} \Gamma_{ik}^p - A_{pb} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^k} \Gamma_{ab}^p \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } A_{ab} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x'^k} &= A_{ap} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \left[\Gamma_{jk}^p \frac{\partial x^p}{\partial x'^r} - \Gamma_{bc}^p \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^k} \right] \quad (2) \\ &= A_{ap} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^p}{\partial x'^r} \Gamma_{jk}^p - A_{ap} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^k} \Gamma_{bc}^p \\ &= A'_{ir} \Gamma_{jk}^p - A_{ap} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^k} \Gamma_{bc}^p \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

Now writing (1) with the help of (2) and (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial A'_{ij}}{\partial x'^k} &= \frac{\partial A_{ab}}{\partial x^c} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^k} + A'_{rj} \Gamma'^r_{ik} \\ &\quad - A_{pb} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^k} \Gamma^p_{ab} + A'_{ir} \Gamma'^r_{jk} \\ &\quad - A_{ap} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^k} \Gamma^p_{bc} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial A'_{ij}}{\partial x'^k} &= A'_{rj} \Gamma'^r_{ik} - A'_{ir} \Gamma'^r_{jk} \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial A_{ab}}{\partial x^c} - A_{pb} \Gamma^p_{ac} - A_{ap} \Gamma^p_{bc} \right] \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^k} \end{aligned}$$

If we write $A_{ab,c} = \frac{\partial A_{ab}}{\partial x^c} - A_{pb} \Gamma^p_{ac} - A_{ap} \Gamma^p_{bc}$

then the last becomes

$$A'_{ij,k} = A_{ab,c} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^j} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x'^k}$$

It proves that it is a third rank covariant tensor and this tensor is defined as covariant of A_{ab} w.r.t. x^c .

Definition: Covariant differentiation of a tensor:

The covariant differentiation of a tensor is denoted by a subscript preceded by a comma or semicolon.

i.e. $A_{a;b} = A_{a,b} = \frac{\partial A_a}{\partial x^b} - A_c \Gamma^c_{ab}$

$$A_{ab,c} = \frac{\partial A_{ab}}{\partial x^c} - A_{pb} \Gamma^p_{ac} - A_{ap} \Gamma^p_{bc}$$

Theorem (7) Show that Covariant derivatives of the fundamental tensor and Kronecker delta vanish. Hence define Covariant constants.

Proof we have to prove that

$$g_{ij,k} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$g^{ij},_k = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\delta^i_j, k = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}, \text{ Here } \delta^i_j \text{ is Kronecker delta.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore g_{ij,k} &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} - g_{aj} \Gamma^a_{ik} - g_{ia} \Gamma^a_{jk} \\ &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} - \Gamma_{ik,j} - \Gamma_{jk,i} \\ &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} - [\Gamma_{ik,j} + \Gamma_{jk,i}] \\ &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} \quad (\text{By Property of Christoffel}) \\ &= 0, \text{ Hence the equation (1).} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } g_{ij} g^{jk} = \delta^k_i = 1 \text{ or } 0$$

Differentiating it w.r.t. x^m ,

$$g_{ij} \frac{\partial g^{jk}}{\partial x^m} + \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^m} g^{jk} = 0$$

Multiplying both sides by g^{li} and noting

$$\text{that } g_{ij} g^{li} = \delta^l_j, \quad \delta^l_j \frac{\partial g^{jk}}{\partial x^m} = \frac{\partial g^{lk}}{\partial x^m}$$

$$\text{Now we obtain, } g^{li} g^{jk} \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^m} + g^{li} g_{ij} \frac{\partial g^{jk}}{\partial x^m} = 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow g^{lj} g^{jk} \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^m} + \delta_j^l \frac{\partial g^{jk}}{\partial x^m} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{li} g^{jk} \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^m} + \frac{\partial g^{lk}}{\partial x^m} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial g^{lk}}{\partial x^m} + g^{li} g^{jk} [\Gamma_{im,j} + \Gamma_{jm,i}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial g^{lk}}{\partial x^m} + g^{li} \Gamma_{im}^k + g^{jk} \Gamma_{jm}^l = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial g^{lk}}{\partial x^m} + g^{li} \Gamma_{im}^k + g^{ik} \Gamma_{im}^l = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{lk}_{,m} = 0 \text{ or } g^{ik}_{,k} = 0$$

Hence proof of equation (2).

$$\text{Now } \delta^i_{j,k} = \frac{\partial \delta^i_j}{\partial x^k} + \delta_j^m \Gamma_{mk}^i - \delta_j^a \Gamma_{jk}^a$$

$$= \frac{\partial \delta^i_j}{\partial x^k} + \Gamma_{jk}^i - \Gamma_{jk}^i$$

$$= \frac{\partial \delta^i_j}{\partial x^k} = 0 \text{ as } \delta_j^i = 1 \text{ or } 0.$$

Second part we have seen that Covariant derivatives of all fundamental tensors vanish identically. Hence they act as constants relative to covariant differentiation. Hence the tensors g_{ij} , g^{ij} , g_j^i are defined as Covariant constants.

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