

We are about $\Lambda(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ and $\Lambda\mathbb{R}^n$ separately because:
Defⁿ. $F \in C^\infty(M, \Lambda M)$, then the exterior
 derivative:

$$dF(x) := (M_\alpha^*)^{-1} d_{\mathbb{R}^n} (M_\alpha^* F)(x), \quad x \in M_\alpha.$$

$$\delta F(x) := (M_\alpha)_x \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\tilde{M}_\alpha)_x^{-1} F(x), \quad x \in M_\alpha.$$

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normalized
pushforward.

lecture 8/9 \Rightarrow d, δ are indep of α .

Throughout, we use metric to identify
 $\Lambda M \cong \Lambda^* M$.

Prop Let $\{\bar{e}_i\}$ be a frame for TM , and

let ∇ denote the Levi-Civita covariant derivative on TM . Then,

$$d_M F = \sum \bar{e}_i^* \wedge \nabla_{\bar{e}_i} F.$$

$$\delta_M F = \sum_i \bar{e}_i^* \lrcorner \nabla_{\bar{e}_i} F.$$

Pf (I) \Rightarrow (II) By Hodge \ast -duality.

To prove (I) w.l.o.g., assume $\bar{e}_i = (M_i)_* e_i$.

One can assume to be a coordinate frame, and

$F = \text{scalar or v-field}$ is sufficient to do

first, it is enough to write $F = \bar{e}_h^*$.

in the vector case, — the scalar case

is immediate!

Need: $\sum_i \bar{e}_i^* \wedge \nabla_{\bar{e}_i} \bar{e}_i^* = 0$, by explicit computation.

Express now d_M, δ_M via ∇ on $\wedge M$ and

now ∇ on TM .

Prop. Fix a orthonormal frame $\{\bar{e}_i\}$ for TM .

and consider L.C. cov. derivative on TM .

If $\sum F = \sum f_s \bar{e}_s$ is a multivector field on M ,

then,

$$\nabla_n F = \sum_s \partial_n f_s \cdot \bar{e}_s + f_s \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} [\omega^2(n), \bar{e}_s]}_{\nabla_n \bar{e}_s} \Delta$$

↑
diff. commutator.

where $[a, b] = ab - ba$.

and $\omega^2(n) := \sum_{i < j} \langle \omega_{ij}, n \rangle \bar{e}_i \wedge \bar{e}_j$.

ω_{ij} - Christoffel symbols for (TM, ∇) .

$\omega^2 \leftarrow$ refers to bivector object.

Note: ω^2 depends on the frame, just like Christoffel symbols.

Pf. Need $\nabla_n \bar{e}_s = \frac{1}{2} [\omega^2(n), \bar{e}_s]$.

W.l.o.g., assume $\bar{e}_s = \bar{e}_i$, i.e. basis vector field.

Exercise.

Curvature according to Cartan, for TM and ΛM .

Consider vector bundle E over M with a covariant derivative ∇

Fix a frame $\{\bar{e}_i\}$ for E

$$\nabla_n (\sum_i f_i \bar{e}_i) = \sum_i (\partial_n f_i) \bar{e}_i + f_i \langle \omega_{ji}^n \rangle \bar{e}_j$$

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 $C^\infty(M; \Lambda^1 M)$.

Def^k: Fix frame $\{\bar{e}_i\}$,

$$\Omega_{ij} := -(\text{d}\omega_{ij} + \sum_k \omega_{ik} \wedge \omega_{kj}) \in C^\infty(M; \Lambda^2 M).$$

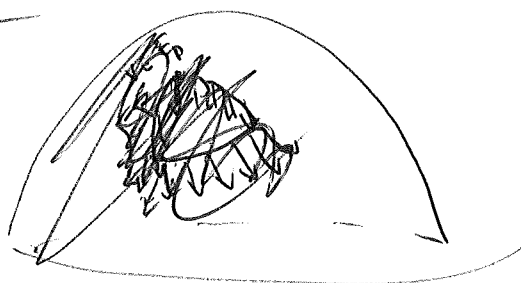
are the curvature bivectors for ∇ in $\{\bar{e}_i\}$.

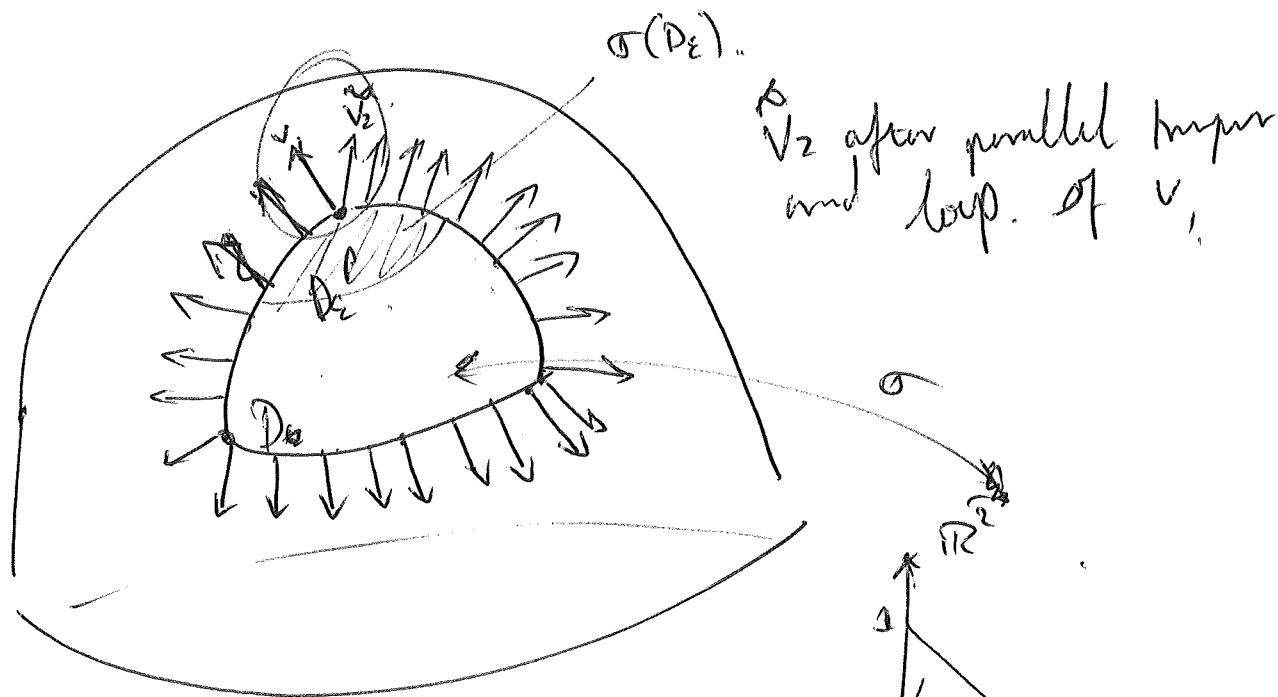
Curvature operator Ω : Given $b \in C^\infty(M; \Lambda^2 M)$

$$\langle \Omega, b \rangle (\sum_i f_i \bar{e}_i) = \sum_{ij} f_i \langle \Omega_{ij}, b \rangle \bar{e}_j.$$

inside frame $\{\bar{e}_i\}$.

Geometric meaning of Ω :





$$\sigma(D_\epsilon) = \rho$$

Consider $D_0 v_1 \in E_p$. Do parallel transport of v_1 and $\partial \sigma(D_\epsilon)$, obtain $v_2 \in E_p$.

Then,

$$v_2 = v_1 + \underbrace{\langle \Omega, \frac{\sigma_p}{D_\epsilon} (\int d\hat{n}) \rangle}_{\frac{\epsilon}{2} \text{ area}} v_1 + o(\epsilon^3)$$

- Ω does not depend on the choice of frame, unlike ω_i !
- $\Omega \in C^\infty(M; \wedge^2 M \otimes \mathcal{L}(E))$.
- $\nabla_u(\nabla_v F) - \nabla_v(\nabla_u F) = \nabla_{[u,v]} F - \langle \Omega, uv \rangle F$.

Def^k: The Riemann curvature operator.

$R = \Omega$ is the curvature operator for the Levi-Civita covariant derivative on TM .

$R \in C^\infty(M; \Lambda^2 M \otimes \Lambda^2 M)$. $\Lambda^2 M \cong$ skew adjoint operators.

But actually $R \in C^\infty(M; \Lambda^2 M \otimes \Lambda^2 M)$ because

$R(\mu, \nu) \in \mathcal{L}(TM)$ is skew adjoint and

$\Lambda^2 M \cong$ skew adjoint ops.

• Riemann curvature bivectors for a form.

$$R_{ij} \in C^\infty(M; \Lambda^2 M).$$

• Riemann curvature coefficients.

$$R_{ijkl} = \langle R_{ij}, \bar{e}_k \wedge \bar{e}_l \rangle$$

Treat this as fundamental.

Prop $E = \Delta M = \Lambda M = \Lambda(TM).$

∇ is the h.c. cov. derivative on ΛM .

R for TM , and Ω for ΛM .

Define $R^2 \leftarrow$ not square, but trace

$$R^2(b) = \sum_i \langle R_{ij}, b \rangle \bar{e}_i \wedge \bar{e}_j \in C^\infty(M, \Lambda^2 M).$$

\uparrow
 $C^\infty(M, \Lambda^2 M)$

Then,

$$\langle \Omega, b \rangle F = \frac{1}{2} [R^2(b), F]_{\Delta} = \frac{1}{2} (R^2(b) \Delta F - F \Delta R^2(b))$$