

241. Some Theorems on Manifolds of Constant Curvature

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§ 1. Riemannian manifolds of constant curvature.

Let M be a connected Riemannian manifold with metric tensor g . We always assume that the dimension n of M is ≥ 3 . Let ∇ be the covariant differentiation with respect to the Riemannian connection associated with g . The curvature tensor field R is given by

$$R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z,$$

where X, Y , and Z are vector fields on M .

Then we have

- (1) $R(X, Y) + R(Y, X) = 0$,
- (2) $R(X, Y)Z + R(Y, Z)X + R(Z, X)Y = 0$ (Bianchi's 1st identity),
- (3) $(\nabla_X R)(Y, Z) + (\nabla_Y R)(Z, X) + (\nabla_Z R)(X, Y) = 0$
(Bianchi's 2nd identity).

The *Riemannian curvature tensor field* of M , denoted also by R , is the tensor field of covariant degree 4 defined by

$$R(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = g(R(X_3, X_4)X_2, X_1).$$

Then R possesses the following properties:

- (4) $R(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) + R(X_2, X_1, X_3, X_4) = 0$,
- (1') $R(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) + R(X_1, X_2, X_4, X_3) = 0$,
- (5) $R(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = R(X_3, X_4, X_1, X_2)$,
- (2') $R(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) + R(X_1, X_3, X_4, X_2) + R(X_1, X_4, X_2, X_3) = 0$,
- (3') $(\nabla_{X_5} R)(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) + (\nabla_{X_3} R)(X_1, X_2, X_4, X_5)$
 $+ (\nabla_{X_4} R)(X_1, X_2, X_5, X_3) = 0$.

M is a *Riemannian manifold of constant curvature* if and only if

$$(6) \quad R(X, Y)Z = k\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}$$

where k is a constant.

If R_{jkl}^i and g_{ij} are the components of the curvature tensor field and the metric tensor with respect to a local coordinate system, then the components R_{ijkl} of the Riemannian curvature tensor are given by

$$R_{ijkl} = \sum_{m=1}^n g_{im} R_{jkl}^m.$$

If M is a Riemannian manifold of constant curvature, then

$$R_{jkl}^i = k(\delta_k^i g_{jl} - \delta_l^i g_{jk})$$

or

$$R_{ijkl} = k(g_{ik}g_{jl} - g_{il}g_{jk}).$$