

Theorem (Hopf-Rinow) The following are equivalent:

- (a) M is a complete metric space where the distance from p to q in M is defined as the minimum length of all curves from p to q .
- (b) For some $p \in M$, $\exp_p$ is defined on all of $T_p M$.
- (c) For all $p \in M$, $\exp_p$ is defined on all of $T_p M$.

Any of these conditions imply

- (d) Any two points p, q of M can be joined by a geodesic whose length is the distance from p to q .

(a) $\Rightarrow$ ^(d) most important. $M: \text{compact} \Rightarrow (a)$. $(d) \not\Rightarrow (a) \because$  M .

CURVATURE

Gauss: curvature of a surface. intrinsic

Riemann: curvature in a Riemannian manifold M .

$p \in M$, σ : 2-dimensional subspace of $T_p M$

$\exp(\sigma)$: the set of all geodesics that start at p and are tangent to σ .

: surface in M . its own curvature as defined by Gauss.

Definition The curvature R of a Riemannian manifold M is a trilinear map from $\mathfrak{X}(M) \times \mathfrak{X}(M) \times \mathfrak{X}(M)$ to $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ given by

$$R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z, \quad X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M).$$

* For the natural coordinates of $\mathbb{R}^n$ $x_1, \dots, x_n$, let $Z = \sum_i z_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$.

Then $\nabla_X \nabla_Y Z = (XY z_1, \dots, XY z_n)$ and hence

$$R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z = 0.$$

$\therefore R$ measures how much M deviates from being Euclidean.

* If $x_1, \dots, x_n$ are coordinates of a Riemannian manifold M , then $\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right] = 0$.

$\therefore R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} = \left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}} \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}} - \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}} \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}$, hence the curvature measures the non-commutativity of the covariant derivative.

* $\exp$ preserves the radial distance and the orthogonality between $x'_v(t)$ and $d\exp(w)$. Hence the deviation of $d\exp$ from being an

isometry is measured by the extent to which $\|w\|$ differs from $\|\text{dexp}(w)\|$

$$\|\text{dexp}(tw)\|^2 = \|tw\|^2 - \frac{1}{3} \langle R(tw, T)T, tw \rangle t^2 + O(t^5).$$

* R is $C^\infty(M)$ -linear. $\therefore$ tensor

$$R(fX, Y)Z = fR(X, Y)Z = R(X, fY)Z = R(X, Y)fZ.$$

* $R(X, Y)Z + R(Z, X)Y + R(Y, Z)X = 0$ Bianchi identity
 $R(X, Y)Z = -R(Y, X)Z.$ (**)

$$\langle R(X, Y)Z, W \rangle = -\langle R(X, Y)W, Z \rangle.$$

$$\langle R(X, Y)Z, W \rangle = \langle R(Z, W)X, Y \rangle.$$

In coordinate system:

$$R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right)\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} = \sum_l R_{ijkl} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} = \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}} \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} - \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}} \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\sum_l \Gamma_{jk}^l \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\sum_l \Gamma_{ik}^l \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} \right)$$

$$R\left(\sum_i u^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \sum_j v^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right) \sum_k w^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} = \sum_{ijkl} R_{ijkl} u^i v^j w^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l}$$

$$\therefore R_{ijk}^m = \sum_l \Gamma_{jk}^l \Gamma_{il}^m - \sum_l \Gamma_{ik}^l \Gamma_{jl}^m + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Gamma_{jk}^m - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \Gamma_{ik}^m.$$

Set $\langle R(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m} \rangle = \sum_l R_{ijkl} g_{lm} := R_{ijkm}$. Then

$$R_{ijkm} + R_{jkim} + R_{kijm} = 0, \quad R_{ijkm} = -R_{jikm}, \quad R_{ijkm} = -R_{ijmk}, \quad R_{ijkm} = R_{kmi j}.$$

* Sectional Curvature

Given any plane σ in $T_p M$ and two vectors v and w which span σ , we define the sectional curvature $K(\sigma)$ to be $\frac{\langle R(v, w)w, v \rangle}{\|v \wedge w\|^2}$, where $\|v \wedge w\|$ denotes the area of the parallelogram spanned by v and w .

$K(\sigma)$ does not depend on the choice of the spanning vectors.

$$\therefore \{v, w\} \rightarrow \{w, v\} \quad \{v, w\} \rightarrow \{\lambda v, w\} \quad \{v, w\} \rightarrow \{v + \lambda w, w\}$$

The curvature tensor R is completely determined by knowledge of $K(\sigma)$ for all σ :

Lemma Let R, R' be trilinear maps from $\mathfrak{X}(M) \times \mathfrak{X}(M) \times \mathfrak{X}(M)$ to $\mathfrak{X}(M)$

such that conditions (**) are satisfied. If $\langle R(v, w)w, v \rangle = \langle R'(v, w)w, v \rangle$ for all v, w , then $R = R'$.

$$\text{pf)} \quad \langle R(u+w, v)(u+w), v \rangle = \langle R'(u+w, v)(u+w), v \rangle \quad \therefore \langle R(u, v)w, v \rangle = \langle R'(u, v)w, v \rangle$$

$$\langle R(u, v+x)w, v+x \rangle = \langle R'(u, v+x)w, v+x \rangle$$

$$\therefore \langle R(u, v)w, x \rangle - \langle R'(u, v)w, x \rangle = \langle R(v, w)u, x \rangle - \langle R'(v, w)u, x \rangle$$

$$= \langle R(w, u)v, x \rangle - \langle R'(w, u)v, x \rangle$$

$$\therefore \text{Bianchi} \Rightarrow \langle R(u, v)w, x \rangle = \langle R'(u, v)w, x \rangle.$$

The simplest examples of Riemannian manifolds are those whose sectional curvature is constant. The complete ones are called space forms. For each K all simply connected space forms with sectional curvature K are isometric.

$x_1, \dots, x_n$: standard coordinates of $\mathbb{R}^n$, $g_{ij} = \frac{\delta_{ij}}{(1 + \frac{K}{4} \sum x_i^2)^2}$

$(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{ij}) = S_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{K}}}^n$: constant curvature $K > 0$, not complete.

$(\|x\|^2 < -\frac{4}{K}, g_{ij})$: $K < 0$.

Define $\langle R(u, v)w, x \rangle = -K \begin{vmatrix} \langle u, w \rangle & \langle v, w \rangle \\ \langle u, x \rangle & \langle v, x \rangle \end{vmatrix}$: well-defined, i.e. (**).

Moreover, R has constant sectional curvature K .

$$R(u, v)w = K(\langle w, v \rangle u - \langle w, u \rangle v).$$

$x_1, \dots, x_n$: normal coordinates in a neighborhood of $p \in M$.

$$g_{ij} = \delta_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} R_{ikjl} x_k x_l + O(|x|^3). \quad \therefore \Gamma_{ij}^h = \frac{1}{2} \sum_m \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} g_{jm} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} g_{mi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m} g_{ij} \right) g^{mh}$$

$$\Gamma_{ij}^h(p) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} g_{ij}(p) = 0.$$

Definition M^n is said to have isotropic curvature at p if $K(\sigma)$ is independent of the choice of $\sigma \subset T_p M$. M is isotropic if it is isotropic at every point. $n \geq 3$.

Lemma $\Rightarrow R(u, v, w, x) = f(\langle u, w \rangle \langle v, x \rangle - \langle u, x \rangle \langle v, w \rangle)$, $f \in C^\infty(M)$.

Theorem (Schur) An isotropic Riemannian manifold M^n , $n \geq 3$, has constant curvature.