

Relating Vierbein formulation and Tensor formulation of Relativity

Here I took the material from *Nakahara* which should work fine. Capital indices denote non-coordinate indices and Greek indices denote the usual GR indices. Capital indices are raised or lowered with η_{IJ} and Greek indices are lowered or raised with $g_{\mu\nu}$. Vierbiens (one -forms and vector fields) are defined as follows:

$$e_I = e_I^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}, \quad e^I = e_\mu^I dx^\mu \quad (1)$$

DEFINITIONS:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = e_\mu^I e_\nu^J \eta_{IJ} \quad (2)$$

$$\eta_{IJ} = e_I^\mu e_J^\nu g_{\mu\nu} \quad (3)$$

$$e_\mu^I e_I^\nu = \delta_\mu^\nu \quad (4)$$

$$e_\mu^I e_J^\mu = \delta_J^I \quad (5)$$

Relating coordinate and non-coordinate basis:

$$\text{For any vector field } V, \quad V = \underbrace{V^\mu e_\mu}_{\text{coordinate basis}} = \underbrace{V^I e_I}_{\text{non-coordinate basis}} = V^I e_I^\mu e_\mu \quad (6)$$

Think of it as writing the metric in this way:

$$g = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu \otimes dx^\nu = \eta_{IJ} e^I \otimes e^J \quad (7)$$

Now we show how to get the tensor formulation from the vierbien formulation of Einstein Equation. We need the following facts (can be proven):

$$R_\mu^I e_I^\nu = R_\mu^\nu \quad (8)$$

Hence it should be clear how to change Greek indices to Capital indices and vice versa. Now we start with the Einstein Equation given in *Carlo Rovelli's* book (without the cosmological constant).

$$R_\mu^I - \frac{1}{2} R e_\mu^I = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$R_\mu^I e_I^\nu - \frac{1}{2} R e_\mu^I e_I^\nu = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$R_\mu^\nu - \frac{1}{2} R \delta_\mu^\nu = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$R_\mu^\nu g_{\nu\sigma} - \frac{1}{2} R \delta_\mu^\nu g_{\nu\sigma} = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$R_{\mu\sigma} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\sigma} = 0 \quad (\text{and we have it!}) \quad (13)$$

Hope this document is of any help to anybody, thanks.