

The first variation of energy functional.

$(M, g, \nabla)$  Levi-Civita connection

$\nabla$  : metric compatibility  $\nabla_X (g(Y, Z)) = \langle \nabla_X Y, Z \rangle + g(\nabla_X Z, Y)$   
 torsion-free  $T \equiv 0$   
 i.e.  $\nabla_X g = 0, \forall X \in \Gamma(TM)$

more practical version:

Consider vector fields along a curve  $c(t)$ :

$Y(t), Z(t)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle Y(t), Z(t) \rangle = \frac{d}{dt} g(Y(t), Z(t))$$

$$= g\left(\frac{DY}{dt}, Z(t)\right) + g\left(Y(t), \frac{DZ}{dt}\right)$$

Torsion-free:  ~~$\forall X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$~~

$T(X, Y) = \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y] = 0, \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$

In local chart  $(U, x)$ ,  $\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right] = 0$

Lemma:  $M, C^\infty$  mfd,  $\nabla$  torsion-free affine connection.

Let  $S : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow M$  be a  $C^\infty$  map

$\forall (x, y) \in \Omega$ , assign  $V(x, y) \in T_{S(x, y)} M$

Then  $V(x, y)$  is a vector field along the map  $S$ .

$(U, x) \quad V(x, y) = \underbrace{V^i(x, y)}_{\frac{\partial S}{\partial x^i}}$

For convenience, we denote

$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} := \frac{\partial S}{\partial x}, \quad ds\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) = \frac{\partial S}{\partial y}$

$\frac{D}{\partial x}$  : covariant derivative along the curve  $t \mapsto S(t, y)$

$\frac{D}{\partial y}$  : covariant derivative along the curve  $t \mapsto S(x, t)$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$  : covariant derivative  $t \mapsto s(x, t)$

Then, we have

$$\underline{D} \frac{\partial s}{\partial y} = \underline{D} \frac{\partial s}{\partial x}$$

$$\begin{cases} x: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ x^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow U \end{cases}$$

Proof

Consider a local chart  $(U, (x^1, \dots, x^n))$

$$s: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow M$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto s(x, y) := (s^1(x, y), \dots, s^n(x, y))$$

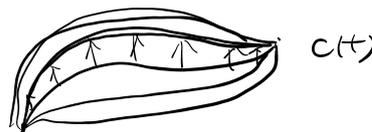
$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial y} = ds\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) = \frac{\partial s^i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \quad \nabla_x Y(p)$$

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial x} = ds\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) = \frac{\partial s^i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \quad = \nabla_{x|_p} Y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{D} \frac{\partial s}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial s^i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) + \frac{\partial s^i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 s^i}{\partial x \partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \frac{\partial s^i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) \\ &= \underline{D} \frac{\partial s}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad \leftarrow \text{torsion-free} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

$C^\infty$  curve  $c: [a, b] \rightarrow M$

$$E(c) = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \langle \underbrace{dc\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)}_{c'(t)}, \underbrace{dc\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)}_{c'(t)} \rangle dt$$



$$F(s, t) \quad F(0, t) = c(t)$$

Definition: Let  $c: [a, b] \rightarrow M$   $C^\infty$  curve,  $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow M$   $C^\infty$  map.

A variation of  $c$  is a  $C^\infty$  map:

$$F: [a, b] \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$$

with  $F(t, 0) = c(t), \forall t \in [a, b]$ .

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial F}{\partial s} := dF\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\right) \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} := dF\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) \end{cases}$$

$$F(a, s) = c(a), \quad F(b, s) = c(b) \quad \text{in Chap?}$$

$V(t) := \frac{\partial F}{\partial s}(t, 0)$  is a vector field along  $c(t)$ ,

## Variational field

Thm. (The First variation formula) Let  $F: [a, b] \times (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$  be a variation of  $c(t)$ , denote  $E(s) := E(c_s)$ , where  $c_s(t) := F(s, t)$ . Then we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} E(s) &= E'(0) = \langle V(b), c'(b) \rangle - \langle V(a), c'(a) \rangle \\ &= \int_a^b \langle V(t), \frac{Dc'(t)}{dt} \rangle dt \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Remark. If  $V(a) = V(b) = 0$ ,  $E'(0) = 0$  for any  $F$ ,

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\frac{Dc'(t)}{dt} = 0}$$

Proof.  $\frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} E(s) = \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \langle c_s'(t), c_s'(t) \rangle dt$

$$= \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \langle \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}(s, t), \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}(s, t) \rangle dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \frac{d}{ds} \langle \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}(s, t), \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}(s, t) \rangle dt \Big|_{s=0}$$

metric compatibility  $\int_a^b \langle \frac{D}{ds} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \rangle dt \Big|_{s=0}$

torsion-free  $\int_a^b \langle \frac{D}{dt} \frac{\partial F}{\partial s}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \rangle dt \Big|_{s=0} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}(0, t) = c'(t)$

metric compatibility  $\int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} \langle \frac{\partial F}{\partial s}(s, t), \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}(s, t) \rangle - \langle \frac{\partial F}{\partial s}, \frac{D}{dt} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \rangle dt \Big|_a^b$

$$= \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} \langle V(t), c'(t) \rangle - \langle V(t), \frac{Dc'(t)}{dt} \rangle dt$$

$$= \langle V(b), c'(b) \rangle - \langle V(a), c'(a) \rangle - \int_a^b \langle V(t), \frac{Dc'(t)}{dt} \rangle dt \quad \square$$

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## Gauss Lemma.

normal coordinate  $(U, x)$

Rie. polar coordinate  $(r, \varphi) = (\varphi^1, \dots, \varphi^{n-1})$

$$g = dr \otimes dr + g(r, \varphi) d\varphi \otimes d\varphi$$

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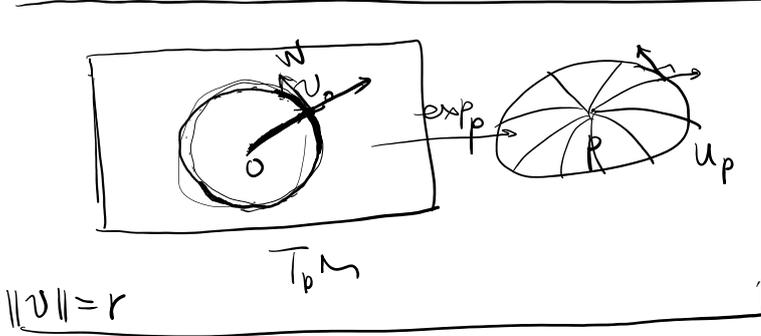
$$g = dr \otimes dr + g_{\varphi\varphi}(r, \varphi) d\varphi \otimes d\varphi$$

$$\underline{g_{r\varphi}(r, \varphi) \equiv 0} \quad \left| \underline{g_{r\varphi}(r, \varphi) \equiv 0} \right|$$

Lemma: (Gauss' lemma) Let  $(U_p, x)$  be a normal neighborhood of  $p$ .

Then the radial geodesics from  $p$  are perpendicular to the hypersurfaces:

$$\{ \exp_p(v) : v \in T_p M, \|v\| = r < \delta \}$$



Precisely, let  $v_0 \in T_p M$ .

$$\rho(t) = t v_0, t \in [0, 1]$$

a curve in  $T_p M$

$$\rho(0) = 0, \rho(1) = v_0$$

Let For any

$$W \in T_{v_0}(T_p M)$$

$$s.t. \langle W, \rho'(1) \rangle = 0$$

Then  $((d \exp_p)(v_0) : T_{v_0}(T_p M) \rightarrow T_{\exp_p(v_0)} M)$

$$\langle (d \exp_p)(v_0)(W), (d \exp_p)(v_0)(\rho'(1)) \rangle = 0$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \langle W, v_0 \rangle = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \langle (d \exp_p)(v_0)(W), (d \exp_p)(v_0)(v_0) \rangle = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Proof: We have a variation:

Consider a curve  $v(s) = (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow T_p M$

$$v(0) = v_0$$

$$s.t. \dot{v}(0) = W, \|v(s)\| = \text{const.} \leftarrow \text{Euclidean geometry}$$

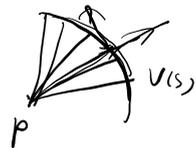
Consider the variation:  $F : [0, 1] \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$

$$(t, s) \mapsto \exp_p(t v(s))$$

$$c_s(t) := F(s, t)$$

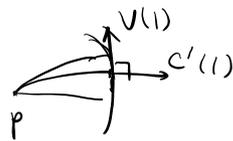
$$E(s) := \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \langle \underline{c_s'(t)}, \underline{c_s'(t)} \rangle dt$$

$$\equiv \text{const.}$$



$$= \frac{1}{2} \|v_s\|^2 \stackrel{\equiv \text{const.}}{=} \text{const.} \quad c_s(t) = \exp_p(t \underline{v(s)})$$

$$0 = E'(1_0) = \langle V(1), c'(1) \rangle - \langle V(1_0), c'(1_0) \rangle - \int_0^1 \langle V(t), \frac{Dc'(t)}{dt} \rangle dt = \langle V(1), c'(1) \rangle$$



$$V(1) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial s}(t, 0) \Big|_{t=1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \Big|_{s=0} \exp_p(v(s))$$

$$= (d \exp_p)(v_0)(W) \Big|_{v_0}$$

$$c'(1) = (d \exp_p)(v_0)(\beta'(1)) \quad \square$$

### §6. Covariant ~~derivative~~ differentiation, Hessian and Laplacian

covariant derivative: for a  $(r, s)$ -tensor  $A$

$$\nabla_X A \quad \nabla_{fX+gY} A = f \nabla_X A + g \nabla_Y A$$

$\nabla_{fX+gY} A$  is tensorial

Therefore, we can define a  $(r, s+1)$ -tensor,  $\nabla A$ ,

as

$$\nabla A (w^1, \dots, w^r; X_1, \dots, X_s, X)$$

$$:= \nabla_X A (w^1, \dots, w^r; X_1, \dots, X_s) \quad \forall w^i \in \Gamma(T^*M)$$

$$X_j \in \Gamma(TM)$$

We call  $\nabla A$  the covariant differentiation of  $A$ .

In a local chart,  $(U, x)$ ,

$$A = A_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_r} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_s}} \otimes dx^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dx^{i_r}$$

where  $A_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_r} := A(dx^{i_1}, \dots, dx^{i_r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_s}})$

where  $A_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_r} := A(dx^{i_1}, \dots, dx^{i_r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_s}})$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} A_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_r} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i_r}} \otimes dx^{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dx^{j_s} \otimes dx^k$$

is not a tensor

$$\nabla A = B_{j_1 \dots j_s k}^{i_1 \dots i_r} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i_r}} \otimes dx^{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dx^{j_s} \otimes dx^k$$

$$B_{j_1 \dots j_s k}^{i_1 \dots i_r} = \nabla A \left( dx^{i_1}, \dots, dx^{i_r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_s}}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right)$$

$$= \left( \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}} A \right) \left( dx^{i_1}, \dots, dx^{i_r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_s}} \right)$$

Comment.  $A = \gamma \otimes \omega \quad \nabla_x A = \nabla_x \gamma \otimes \omega + \gamma \otimes \nabla_x \omega$

$$\Rightarrow (\nabla_x A)(\omega^1, \dots, \omega^r, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s)$$

$$= X(A(\omega^1, \dots, \omega^r, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s)) - \sum_{i=1}^r A(\omega^1, \dots, \nabla_x \omega^i, \dots, \omega^r, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s)$$

$$- \sum_{j=1}^s A(\omega^1, \dots, \omega^r, \gamma_1, \dots, \nabla_x \gamma_j, \dots, \gamma_s)$$

Exercise.  $(\nabla_x \omega)(\gamma) = X(\omega(\gamma)) - \omega(\nabla_x \gamma)$

$$B_{j_1 \dots j_s k}^{i_1 \dots i_r} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \left( A(dx^{i_1}, \dots, dx^{i_r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_s}}) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{l=1}^r A(dx^{i_1}, \dots, \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}} dx^{i_l}, \dots, dx^{i_r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_s}})$$

$$= \sum_{l=1}^r A(dx^{i_1}, \dots, dx^{i_r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_l}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_s}})$$

$= \sum_{k,j_e} \Gamma_{k j_e}^h \frac{\partial}{\partial x^h}$

$$B_{j_1 \dots j_s k}^{i_1 \dots i_r} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} A_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_r} + \sum_{l=1}^r \Gamma_{k h}^{i_l} A_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_{l-1} h i_{l+1} \dots i_r}$$

$$- \sum_{l=1}^s \Gamma_{k j_l}^h A_{j_1 \dots j_{l-1} h j_{l+1} \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_r} \quad (*)$$

"Cartesian derivative" of  $\{A_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_r}\}$

"Covariant derivative" of  $\left\{ A_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_r} \right\}_{i_1, \dots, i_r, j_1, \dots, j_s}$

$X$  vector field,  $\{X^i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^k} + \Gamma_{kh}^i X^h \right] \text{ is } (\nabla X) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right)$$

1-form  $\omega = f_i dx^i$  ( $f_1, \dots, f_n$ )

$$\left[ \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x^k} - \Gamma_{ki}^h f_h \right] \text{ is } (\nabla \omega) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right)$$

$$A_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_r}; k := \nabla_k A_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_r} = B_{j_1 \dots j_s}^{i_1 \dots i_r} k$$

$$g_{ij}, k \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} g_{ij}$$

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$$A \quad \nabla A \quad \nabla^2 A \quad \nabla^3 A \quad \dots$$

(r,s)-tensor    (r,s+1)-tensor    (r,s+2)-tensor    (r,s+3)-tensor

Warning!  $\nabla^2 A (w^1, \dots, w^r; X_1, \dots, X_s, X, Y)$   
 $\neq \nabla_Y \nabla_X A (w^1, \dots, w^r; X_1, \dots, X_s)$

Lemma: For any (r,s)-tensor A, we have

$$\nabla^2 A (\dots, X, Y) = (\nabla_Y (\nabla_X A)) (\dots) - (\nabla_{\nabla_Y X} A) (\dots)$$

Proof:  $\nabla(\nabla A) (w^1, \dots, w^r; X_1, \dots, X_s, X, Y)$   
 $= (\nabla_Y (\nabla A)) (w^1, \dots, w^r; X_1, \dots, X_s, X)$   
 $= Y \left( (\nabla_X A) (w^1, \dots, w^r; X_1, \dots, X_s, X) \right)$



$$= [Y, X] f - \underbrace{(\nabla_Y X - \nabla_X Y)}_{} f$$

$$= (\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X) f - [X, Y] f = T(X, Y) f. \quad \square$$

torsion-free,  $\nabla^2 f$  symmetric.

Remark  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .  $C^\infty$ . Hessian matrix

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} \right)_{i,j=1,\dots,n}$$

$$(U, x) \quad \boxed{\nabla^2 f \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} \right)} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^k \partial x^l} - \underbrace{\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l}}_{\Gamma_{lk}^h \frac{\partial}{\partial x^h}} f$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^k \partial x^l} - \Gamma_{lk}^h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^h}} \quad \nabla^2 f = \underbrace{\nabla^2 f \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} \right)}_{dx^k dx^l}$$

$f$  (0,0)-tensor.  $\nabla f$  (0,1) tensor.

$$f_{;k} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^k} \quad \nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^k} dx^k$$

$$\nabla^2 f \quad (0,2) \quad \nabla^2 f = \nabla(\nabla f)$$

$$(f_{;k})_{;l} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} (f_{;k}) - f_{;h} \Gamma_{lk}^h = \boxed{\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^l \partial x^k} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^h} \Gamma_{lk}^h}$$

(U, x) Hessian matrix of  $f$

$$\left( (f_{;k})_{;l} \right) = (f_{;kl})$$

$$(f_{;k})_{;l} = f_{;kl} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^k \partial x^l}$$

Reformulate the divergence of a vector field.

$$X \in \Gamma(TM), \quad \text{div}(X)$$

$$L_X \Omega = \underbrace{\text{div}(X)}_{\text{volume form}} \Omega$$

$$\mathbb{R}^n \quad X = (X^1, \dots, X^n)$$

$$\text{div} X = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^i}$$

$$(U, x) \quad \text{div}(X) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (\sqrt{G} X^i), \quad G = \det(g_{ij})$$

Claim. in (U, x)  $X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$

$$\text{div}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n (X^i)_{;i}$$

Claim: in  $(U, X)$   $\text{div}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n (X^i)_{;i}$   
 $X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$   
 $= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^i} + \sum_{h=1}^n \Gamma_{ih}^i X^h \right)$

Claim:  $\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^i} + \sum_h \Gamma_{ih}^i X^h \right) = \sum_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (\sqrt{G} X^i)$

Proof: LHS =  $\sum_i \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^i} + \sum_{i,h} \Gamma_{ih}^i X^h$   
 RHS =  $\sum_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \sqrt{G} \right) \cdot X^i + \sum_i \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^i}$

Remains to show  $\sum_{i,h} \Gamma_{hi}^h X^i = \sum_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \sqrt{G} \cdot X^i$

Enough to show  $\forall X$

$$\sum_{h=1}^n \Gamma_{hi}^h = \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \sqrt{G}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{hi}^h &= \frac{1}{2} g^{hk} (g_{ki,h} + g_{hk,i} - g_{hi,k}) \quad g = (g_{ij}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} g^{hk} g_{hk,i} = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left( g^{-1} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} g \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \ln \det g = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \ln G = \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \sqrt{G} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

$A(t)$  matrix-valued fct. nonsingular.

$$\text{tr} \left( A^{-1} \frac{d}{dt} A \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \ln(\det A)$$

Globally:  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$   $(X^i)_{;i}$   
 $\nabla X \in \Gamma(TM \otimes T^*M)$

$$\nabla X : \Gamma(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma(TM)$$

$$Y \mapsto \nabla_Y X$$

$$\nabla X(p) : T_p M \rightarrow T_p M$$

$$\text{tr } \nabla X = \text{div}(X)$$

$$\nabla X = \nabla \left( X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) = \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}} \left( X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) \otimes dx^k$$

$$= \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^k} + X^h \Gamma_{kh}^i \right)}_{X^i{}_{;k}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \otimes dx^k$$

~~$\nabla X$~~   $\nabla X(p) = T_p M \rightarrow T_p M$

~~$\nabla X$~~   $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \mapsto \nearrow$

$$\nabla X \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) (p) = \left( \frac{\partial X^k}{\partial x^i} + X^h \Gamma_{ih}^k \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$$

matrix  $\text{tr} \left( \frac{\partial X^k}{\partial x^i} + X^h \Gamma_{ih}^k \right)_{i,k=1,\dots,n}$

$$= \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^i} + X^h \Gamma_{ih}^i = \sum_{i=1}^n X^i{}_{;i}$$

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$$\text{div}(X) = \text{tr}(\nabla X) = \sum_{i=1}^n X^i{}_{;i} \quad \square$$

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