

Supplements 1 to Chapter X

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On the Christoffel symbols

$$\boxed{\Gamma_{ij}^k = \frac{1}{2}g^{kl}(g_{il|j} + g_{jl|i} + g_{ij|l})}, \quad (1)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} g_{il|j} &= \Gamma_{ij}^k g_{kl} + \Gamma_{lj}^k g_{ik} \\ g_{jl|i} &= \Gamma_{ji}^k g_{kl} + \Gamma_{li}^k g_{jk} \\ g_{ij|l} &= \Gamma_{il}^k g_{kj} + \Gamma_{jl}^k g_{ik} \end{aligned}$$

Multiplication by g^{kl} yields

$$\begin{aligned} g^{kl} g_{il|j} &= \Gamma_{ij}^k + g^{kl} \Gamma_{lj}^k g_{ik} \\ g^{kl} g_{jl|i} &= \Gamma_{ji}^k + g^{kl} \Gamma_{li}^k g_{jk} \end{aligned}$$

Addition yields because of symmetry

$$\begin{aligned} 2\Gamma_{ij}^k &= g^{kl} \left[g_{il|j} + g_{jl|i} + \Gamma_{lj}^k g_{ik} + \Gamma_{li}^k g_{jk} \right] \\ \Gamma_{lj}^k g_{ik} + \Gamma_{li}^k g_{jk} &= \Gamma_{li}^k g_{kj} + \Gamma_{jl}^k g_{ik} = g_{ij|l} \end{aligned}$$