

§ 2.5 COVARIANT DERIVATIVES

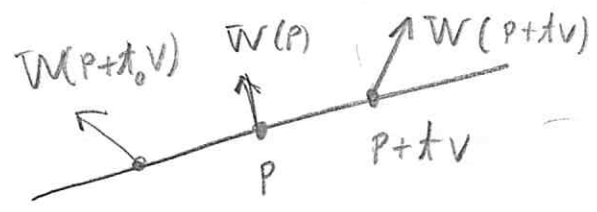
We defined the derivative of $\mathbb{Y} \in \mathcal{X}(\alpha) =$ vector field along α with respect to the parameter of α ; $\frac{d\mathbb{Y}}{dt}$. Personally, I'd like to see some manifest α -dependence like $\frac{d\mathbb{Y}_\alpha}{dt}$ or something --- but, the α is implicit.

Now we define a new differentiation

Defⁿ/ Let $W \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and $v \in T_p \mathbb{R}^3$. Then the covariant derivative of W w.r.t. v is the tangent vector $\nabla_v W = W(P+tv)'(0)$ at p

Let's unravel this formula,

- $t \mapsto P+tv$ is line through P with direction v
- $W(P+tv)$ gives vector output of $W \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ at the point $P+tv$.



- $W(P+tv)'(0)$ gives vector in which the change of W point as we go in v -direction at P .
or as O'Neil says,

" $\nabla_v W$ measures initial rate of change of $W(P)$ as P moves in v -direction "

This would be a bit more natural with $(\nabla_v W)(P)$.
or, perhaps, $\nabla_{v_p} W$ as $v_p \in T_p \mathbb{R}^3$ anyways.

① Common sense: If $W = aU_1 + bU_2 + cU_3$ for constants $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ then $\nabla_{V_p} W = 0$ as W does not change. Check,

$$W(P+tv) = (a, b, c)_P$$

$$\Rightarrow (W(P+tv))'(t) = (0, 0, 0).$$

② Example: Let $W = x^2 U_1 + U_2 + U_3$. Consider $V_p = W, v$ with $v = U_1$ then

$$W(P+tv) = W(P_1+t, P_2, P_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow W(P+tv) = (P_1+t)^2 U_1 + U_2 + U_3$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(W(P+tv)) = 2(P_1+t) U_1$$

$\therefore \nabla_{V_p} W = 2P_1 U_1$ \leftarrow W increases in the U_1 direction as P goes in U_1 direction.

Next, V_p with $v = (0, a, b)$

$$P+tv = (P_1, P_2+ta, P_3+tb)$$

$$W(P+tv) = P_1^2 U_1 + U_2 + U_3$$

$\therefore \nabla_{V_p} W = 0$ \leftarrow constant in t . \leftarrow the definition of W forbids any y, z -dep.

③ Example: $W = U_1 + x^2 U_2$. If $v = (a, b, c)$ then

$P+tv = (P_1+at, P_2+bt, P_3+ct)$ thus,
 $W(P+tv) = U_1 + (P_1+at)^2 U_2$. Hence, diff. w.r.t. t ,

$$\frac{d}{dt}[W(P+tv)] = 2a(P_1+at)U_2 \xrightarrow{t=0} \nabla_{(a,b,c)_P} W = 2aP_1 U_2$$

W increases in the U_2 -direction if we go in U_1 -direction.

Calculation in style of last page is tiresome. We use $\frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0}$ to frame definitions, but eventually, we prefer coordinate calculus!

Lemma (5.2) If $W = \sum_i w_i U_i \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and $V \in T_p \mathbb{R}^3$ then $\nabla_V W = \sum_i v [w_i] U_i(p)$

Proof: $\frac{d}{dt} (W(p+tv)) = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=1}^3 w_i(p+tv) U_i \right]$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{d}{dt} [w_i(p+tv)] U_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{d(p_j + v_j t)}{dt} \right) U_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x_j} v_j U_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 v_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right) (w_i) U_i$$

chain rule - $w_i = w_i(x_1, x_2, x_3)$

$\frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x_j}$ evaluated at $p+tv$

Thus, $\frac{d}{dt} (W(p+tv))|_{t=0} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 v_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \Big|_p \right) (w_i) U_i$

$\therefore \nabla_V W = \sum_{i=1}^3 v_p [w_i] U_i$

Example: $W = U_1 + x^2 U_2$ and $V_p = (a, b, c)_p$

$$\nabla_V W = \cancel{v_p [1]} U_1 + v_p [x^2] U_2 + \cancel{v_p [0]} U_3$$

$$= (a U_1 + b U_2 + c U_3) [x^2] U_2$$

$$= 2xa U_2 \text{ at } x = p_1$$

$$= \underline{2p_1 a U_2} \text{ (which is what we found from defn on last page)}$$

Comment: Since $V_p[W_i] = dW_i(V_p)$ we could also write $\nabla_{V_p} W = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_p[W_i] U_i = \sum_{i=1}^3 dW_i(V_p) U_i$.

Example: $W = f U_1 + g U_2$ where f, g are fncts of x, y, z
 $W_1 = f, W_2 = g, W_3 = 0$ hence,
 $\nabla_{V_p} W = df(V_p) U_1 + dg(V_p) U_2 \curvearrowright V_p = (a, b, c)_p$
 $= \underbrace{\left(a \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + b \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + c \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right)}_{\text{evaluated at } P} U_1 + \underbrace{\left(a \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + b \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + c \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right)}_{\text{evaluated at } P} U_2$

Silly examples aside, the theorem to follow is useful,

Th^m (5.3) PROPERTIES OF COVARIANT DERIVATIVE (at a point P)
 Let $V_p, W_p \in T_p \mathbb{R}^3$ and $Y, Z \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ then for $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$,

- (1) $\nabla_{aV_p + bW_p} Y = a \nabla_{V_p} Y + b \nabla_{W_p} Y$
- (2) $\nabla_{V_p} (aY + bZ) = a \nabla_{V_p} Y + b \nabla_{V_p} Z$
- (3) $\nabla_{V_p} (fY) = V_p[f] Y(P) + f(P) \nabla_{V_p} Y$
- (4) $V_p[Y \cdot Z] = (\nabla_{V_p} Y) \cdot Z(P) + Y(P) \cdot (\nabla_{V_p} Z)$

Proof on next page. ↪

Naturally, we can do the same for $V_p \mapsto V$ as follows, $(\nabla_V W)(P) = \nabla_{V(P)} W$. I put V_p and W_p to emphasize this ↗

Corollary (5.4) PROPERTIES OF COVARIANT DERIVATIVE ALONG VECTOR FIELDS FOR VECTOR FIELDS
 Let $V, W, Y, Z \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and f, g functions from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R} ,

- (1) $\nabla_{fV + gW} Y = f \nabla_V Y + g \nabla_W Y$
- (2) $\nabla_V (aY + bZ) = a \nabla_V Y + b \nabla_V Z$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (3) $\nabla_V (fY) = V[f] Y + f \nabla_V Y$
- (4) $V[Y \cdot Z] = (\nabla_V Y) \cdot Z + Y \cdot (\nabla_V Z)$.

Proof: (3.) $(\nabla_V (fY))(P) = \nabla_{V(P)} (fY) = V(P)[f] Y(P) + f(P) \nabla_{V(P)} Y$ By (3.) of Th^m 5.3
 $= (V[f] Y + f \nabla_V Y)(P)$ likewise for 1, 2, 4. // (this is what O'neil omits)

Proof of (1) of 5.3: Let $v_p = (v_1, v_2, v_3)_p$, $w_p = (w_1, w_2, w_3)_p$, $Y = y_1 U_1 + y_2 U_2 + y_3 U_3$ (14)

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{av_p + bw_p} Y &= \sum_{i=1}^3 (av_p + bw_p) [y_i] U_i \\ &= a \left(\sum_i v_p [y_i] U_i \right) + b \left(\sum_i w_p [y_i] U_i \right) \\ &= \underline{a \nabla_{v_p} Y + b \nabla_{w_p} Y} \quad // \end{aligned}$$

Proof of (3) of 5.3: same notation once more, f a funct,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{v_p} (fY) &= \sum_i v_p (f y_i) U_i \quad \text{: noted } fY = f y_1 U_1 + f y_2 U_2 + f y_3 U_3 \\ &= \sum_i (v_p [f] y_i + f(p) v_p [y_i]) U_i \\ &= v_p [f] \underbrace{\sum_i y_i(p) U_i}_{Y(p)} + f(p) \underbrace{\sum_i v_p [y_i] U_i}_{\nabla_{v_p} Y} = \underline{v_p [f] Y(p) + f(p) \nabla_{v_p} Y} \quad // \end{aligned}$$

Proof of (4) of 5.3

$$\begin{aligned} v_p [Y \cdot Z] &= v_p \left[\sum_i y_i z_i \right] \\ &= \sum_i v_p [y_i z_i] \\ &= \sum_i (v_p [y_i] z_i(p) + y_i(p) v_p [z_i]) \\ &= \underline{(\nabla_{v_p} Y) \cdot Z(p) + Y(p) \cdot \nabla_{v_p} Z} \end{aligned}$$

noted the i^{th} component of $\nabla_{v_p} Y$ is coeff. of U_i which is simply $v_p [y_i]$.

Now, a pointless example

Let $V = (x^2 + y^2) U_1 + y z U_3$ and $W = x U_1 + y^2 U_2 + z^3 U_3$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_V W &= \sum_i v_p [w_i] U_i = V[x] U_1 + V[y^2] U_2 + V[z^3] U_3 \\ &= (x^2 + y^2) U_1 + 3z^2 y z U_3 \\ &= \underline{(x^2 + y^2) U_1 + 3y z^3 U_3} \end{aligned}$$

If ~~we~~ $Z = y^2 U_1 + x^2 U_2 + z^2 U_3$ then,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_V Z &= V[y^2] U_1 + V[x^2] U_2 + V[z^2] U_3 \\ &= \underline{(x^2 + y^2)(2x) U_2 + 2y z^2 U_3} \end{aligned}$$

like O'neil's Example on pg. 83.

$$\nabla_V W = \sum_{i=1}^3 V[w_i] U_i$$

$$\nabla_{U_1} W = \sum_{i=1}^3 U_1[w_i] U_i = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x} U_i = \frac{\partial W}{\partial x}$$

$$\nabla_{U_2} W = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial y} U_i = \frac{\partial W}{\partial y}$$

$$\nabla_{U_3} W = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial z} U_i = \frac{\partial W}{\partial z}$$

oh, these were not defined, but, seems natural.

§2.6 FRAME FIELDS

Defⁿ $E_1, E_2, E_3 \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ are a frame field on \mathbb{R}^3 iff $E_i \cdot E_j = \delta_{ij}$

This simply means $E_1(p), E_2(p), E_3(p)$ form an orthonormal basis of $T_p \mathbb{R}^3$ at each $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

Ex) U_1, U_2, U_3 form a frame field.

Ex) If $R^T R = I$ then $R = \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} & R_{23} \\ R_{31} & R_{32} & R_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ gives

$$E_1 = \sum_{j=1}^3 R_{j1} U_j, \quad E_2 = \sum_{j=1}^3 R_{j2} U_j \quad \text{and} \quad E_3 = \sum_{j=1}^3 R_{j3} U_j$$

another constant frame for \mathbb{R}^3 (it's just a rotation of the standard Euclidean frame)

$$E_i \cdot E_j = \sum_k \sum_l R_{ki} R_{lj} \underbrace{U_k \cdot U_l}_{\delta_{kl}} = \sum_k (R^T)_{ik} R_{kj} = I_{ij} = \delta_{ij}.$$

In calculus III I champion use of non cartesian coordinate systems. My notation is $\hat{u} = \frac{\nabla u}{\|\nabla u\|}$ \leftarrow points in direction of increasing u -coordinate. For example,

$$\hat{x} = \frac{\nabla x}{\|\nabla x\|} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle, \quad \hat{y} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle, \quad \hat{z} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

Of course $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ are typically used for $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$ in multivariate calculus. Moreover, we "move $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ around" so there is implicit use of $T_p \mathbb{R}^3$, I mean, we do think about flux of $\vec{F} = P\hat{i} + Q\hat{j} + R\hat{k}$ and $\vec{F}(p) = (P, Q, R)_p$ in our language.

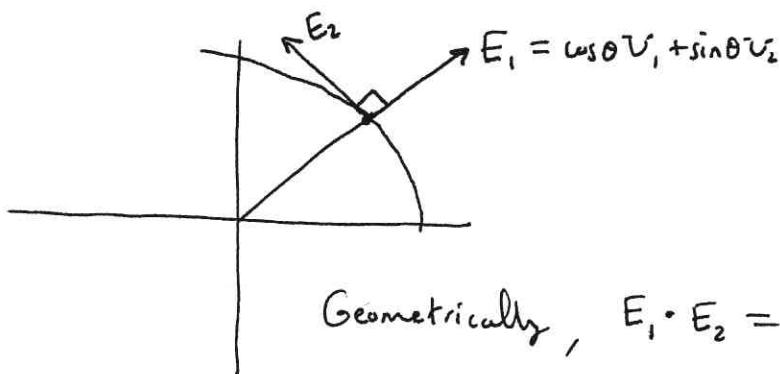
I usually introduce formulas for gradient, curl and divergence in polar/cylindrical and spherical coordinates. To accomplish that goal I need analogs of $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$ for r, θ, z and ρ, ϕ, θ these are simply $\hat{r}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{z}$ and $\hat{\rho}, \hat{\phi}, \hat{\theta}$. I have dozens of pages devoted to their derivation. I'll probably show you my visualizations of $\hat{\rho}, \hat{\phi}, \hat{\theta}$ via MAPLE.

Example: $x = r \cos \theta \rightarrow r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \rightarrow 2r dr = 2x dx + 2y dy$
 $y = r \sin \theta \rightarrow \tan \theta = y/x$
 $z = z$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}, \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$\nabla r = \left\langle \frac{x}{r}, \frac{y}{r}, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\nabla r = \cos \theta U_1 + \sin \theta U_2 = E_1}$$

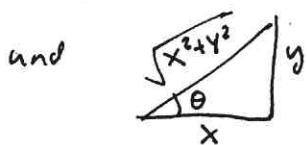


Geometrically, $E_1 \cdot E_2 = 0$ and $\|E_2\| = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{E_2 = -\sin \theta U_1 + \cos \theta U_2}$$

Of course, $E_3 = U_3$ so $\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$ forms cylindrical coord. frame.

(or just calculate it, $\tan \theta = y/x \Rightarrow \sec^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{dy}{x} - \frac{y dx}{x^2}$)



and $\Rightarrow \sec \theta = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{x} \therefore \frac{(x^2 + y^2) d\theta}{x^2} = \frac{x dy - y dx}{x^2}$

$$\therefore d\theta = \frac{x dy - y dx}{x^2 + y^2} = W \nabla \theta$$

$$\nabla \theta = \left\langle -\frac{\sin \theta}{r}, \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow E_2 = \langle -\sin \theta, \cos \theta, 0 \rangle$$

FRAME FIELDS CONTINUED

E_x | $x = \rho \cos \theta \sin \phi$
 $y = \rho \sin \theta \sin \phi$
 $z = \rho \cos \phi$

(Note: this has little to do with our main aim in § 2.5-2.8, can ignore details here.)

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \rho^2 \Rightarrow 2x dx + 2y dy + 2z dz = 2\rho d\rho$$

$$\Rightarrow d\rho = \frac{1}{\rho} (x dx + y dy + z dz) = \omega_{\nabla \rho}$$

$$\therefore \nabla \rho = \left\langle \frac{x}{\rho}, \frac{y}{\rho}, \frac{z}{\rho} \right\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{E_1 = \cos \theta \sin \phi U_1 + \sin \theta \sin \phi U_2 + \cos \phi U_3}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

same as cylindricals $\Rightarrow \underline{E_3 = -\sin \theta U_1 + \cos \theta U_2}$

Finally $\cos \phi = \frac{z}{\rho} \Rightarrow -\sin \phi d\phi = \frac{dz}{\rho} - \frac{z d\rho}{\rho^2}$

$$\Rightarrow -\sin \phi d\phi = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(dz - \frac{z}{\rho} (x dx + y dy + z dz) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\rho \sin \phi d\phi = \frac{-xz}{\rho^2} dx - \frac{yz}{\rho^2} dy + \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{\rho^2} \right) dz$$

$$\Rightarrow -\rho \sin \phi d\phi = \frac{-xz dx - yz dy + (x^2 + y^2) dz}{\rho^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho \sin \phi d\phi = \cos \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi dx + \sin \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi dy + \sin^2 \phi dz$$

$$\Rightarrow d\phi = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\cos \theta \cos \phi dx + \sin \theta \cos \phi dy + \sin \phi dz \right)$$

$$\omega_{\nabla \phi} \Rightarrow \nabla \phi = \frac{1}{\rho} \left[\cos \theta \cos \phi U_1 + \sin \theta \cos \phi U_2 + \sin \phi U_3 \right]$$

Unit-vector
this is E_2 .

I number them as
 did so that $E_1 \times E_2 = E_3$
 we learn this in Chapter 3.

$\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$ is right-handed-frame.

Lemma 6.3 Let E_1, E_2, E_3 be a frame field on \mathbb{R}^3 .

(1.) If $V \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ then $V = \sum_i f_i E_i$ where $f_i = V \cdot E_i$ or more compactly, $V = \sum_i (V \cdot E_i) E_i$ so the component facts of V in the E_1, E_2, E_3 frame are obtained through dot-products with E_1, E_2, E_3 respectively.

(2.) If $V, W \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and $V = \sum_i f_i E_i$ & $W = \sum_i g_i E_i$ then $V \cdot W = \sum_i f_i g_i$. Moreover, $\|V\| = \sqrt{\sum_i f_i^2}$

Proof: Let $V = \sum_{i=1}^3 v_i U_i$ and $W = \sum_{i=1}^3 w_i U_i$

(1) We're given $E_i \cdot E_j = \delta_{ij}$ hence $\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$ forms basis for $T_p \mathbb{R}^3$ at each $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Let $V = \sum_i f_i E_i$ and calculate $V \cdot E_j = \sum_i f_i E_i \cdot E_j = \sum_i f_i \delta_{ij} = f_j$. Thus $V = \sum_i (V \cdot E_i) E_i$. These calculations are done at $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$, but p is arbitrary so we find the result holds for $\mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ as a module, but of course $V \cdot E_i \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$

(2) $V \cdot W = \left(\sum_i f_i E_i \right) \cdot \left(\sum_j g_j E_j \right)$
 $= \sum_{i,j} f_i g_j \underbrace{E_i \cdot E_j}_{\delta_{ij}} = \sum_i f_i g_i$ as claimed.

Honestly, I think I already did this somewhere... //

§2.7 CONNECTION FORMS

The covariant derivative of a vector field is once more a vector field. At a point $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ we can express $\nabla_{V_p} W$ as a linear combination of $E_1(p), E_2(p), E_3(p)$ for the frame E_1, E_2, E_3 . In particular, we can study the covariant der. of the frame itself in terms of the frame (sort of like the Frenet-Serret Eq^s)

$$\nabla_{V_p} E_1 = C_{11} E_1(p) + C_{12} E_2(p) + C_{13} E_3(p)$$

$$\nabla_{V_p} E_2 = C_{21} E_1(p) + C_{22} E_2(p) + C_{23} E_3(p)$$

$$\nabla_{V_p} E_3 = C_{31} E_1(p) + C_{32} E_2(p) + C_{33} E_3(p)$$

Applying Lemma 6.3, or common sense of orthonormality,

$$C_{ij} = E_j \cdot (\nabla_{V_p} E_i) = (\nabla_{V_p} E_i) \cdot E_j$$

Recall $\nabla_{aV_p + bW_p} E_i = a \nabla_{V_p} E_i + b \nabla_{W_p} E_i$ and \star

the dot-product is linear hence C_{ij} is linear in V_p

We define

$$W_{ij}(V_p) = (\nabla_{V_p} E_i) \cdot (E_j(p))$$

for $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$

I'm being a bit annoying about V_p versus V in theil.

Lemma (7.1) Let E_1, E_2, E_3 be a frame field on \mathbb{R}^3 . For each $V_p \in T_p \mathbb{R}^3$, let $W_{ij}(V_p) = (\nabla_{V_p} E_i) \cdot E_j(p)$ then each W_{ij} is a one-form and $W_{ij} = -W_{ji}$. These W_{ij} are called the connection forms for E_1, E_2, E_3 .

Proof: \star shows W_{ij} is one-form for $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$. Consider,

$$0 = V_p [E_i \cdot E_j] = (\nabla_{V_p} E_i) \cdot E_j(p) + E_i(p) \cdot (\nabla_{V_p} E_j) \stackrel{(4) \text{ of Thm 5.3}}{=} W_{ij}(p) + W_{ji}(p) //$$

↖ δ_{ij}

$$\omega_{ij}(V_p) = \underbrace{(\nabla_{V_p} E_i) \cdot E_j}_{}(P)$$

initial rate of change of E_i in the V_p -direction which goes in the E_j direction. Or, as O'neil says rate at which E_i rotates to E_j as P moves in V_p -direction.

Th^m/(7.2) Let ω_{ij} be connection forms for frame E_1, E_2, E_3 on \mathbb{R}^3 . Then for any vector field V on \mathbb{R}^3 ,

$$\nabla_V E_i = \sum_j \omega_{ij}(V) E_j$$

connection eq^s for E_1, E_2, E_3 frame.

Proof: $\nabla_V E_i = \sum_{j=1}^3 [(\nabla_V E_i) \cdot E_j] E_j \leftarrow \{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$
form orth. basis.
 $= \sum_{j=1}^3 \omega_{ij}(V) E_j \leftarrow \det^2$ of ω_{ij}
..//

Sorry, I got weary of the "P" see pg. 89 for the "P".
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$$\omega_{11} = -\omega_{11}, \quad \omega_{22} = -\omega_{22}, \quad \omega_{33} = -\omega_{33}$$

Thus $\omega_{12}, \omega_{13}, \omega_{23}$ uniquely determine ω

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \omega_{12} & \omega_{13} \\ -\omega_{12} & 0 & \omega_{23} \\ -\omega_{13} & -\omega_{23} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑
the matrix of connection forms

WAIT, WHAT, A MATRIX OF FORMS. YES. A MATRIX...

Expand the connection eqⁿ 5 in terms of the connection matrix coeff. forms $\omega_{12}, \omega_{13}, \omega_{23}$,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla_V E_1 &= \omega_{12}(V) E_2 + \omega_{13}(V) E_3 \\ \nabla_V E_2 &= -\omega_{11}(V) E_1 + \omega_{23}(V) E_3 \\ \nabla_V E_3 &= -\omega_{13}(V) E_1 - \omega_{23}(V) E_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} T' &= \kappa N \\ \text{like } N' &= -\kappa N + \tau B \\ \theta' &= -\tau N \end{aligned}$$

Oneil notes κ, τ are facts defined along some curve whereas $\omega_{12}, \omega_{13}, \omega_{23}$ are functions of $V \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Moreover, the frame holds $\forall p \in \mathbb{R}^3$, it has no particular application to some an object in \mathbb{R}^3 , rather, there is much flexibility and we'll be able to tailor a frame to a surface in later chapters 5-6. Or, even to a curve! See Exercise 8

Now, we work on connecting an arbitrary frame E_1, E_2, E_3 to U_1, U_2, U_3 and find a computationally convenient method to calculate the connection forms for a given frame. The attitude matrix was previously introduced in ~~Chp 1~~ §2.1.

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= a_{11} U_1 + a_{12} U_2 + a_{13} U_3 = (a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}) \\ E_2 &= a_{21} U_1 + a_{22} U_2 + a_{23} U_3 = \underline{a_{21}} \\ E_3 &= a_{31} U_1 + a_{32} U_2 + a_{33} U_3 \end{aligned}$$

Where $a_{ij} = E_i \cdot U_j$ and the attitude matrix A is,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

We can prove $A^T A = I$ so $A^T = A^{-1}$ (or $\overleftarrow{A} = A^T$)
oneil

Th^m (7.3) If $A = (a_{ij})$ is the attitude matrix and $\omega = (\omega_{ij})$ is the matrix of connection forms for the frame field E_1, E_2, E_3 then

$$\omega = dA A^T \leftarrow \text{matrix multiplication}$$

Explicitly,

$$\omega_{ij} = \sum_k a_{jk} da_{ik}$$

O'Neill gives an example for cylindrical frame field at this point. I'll attempt a proof, but, first, I must check the notation,

$$\omega_{ij} = (dA A^T)_{ij} = \sum_k (dA)_{ik} (A^T)_{kj} = \sum_k a_{jk} (dA)_{ik}$$

But, $(dA)_{ik} = dA_{ik}$ by defⁿ and $A_{ik} = a_{ik}$ by defⁿ hence we arrive at $\omega_{ij} = \sum_k a_{jk} da_{ik}$ as advertised in Th^m.

Proof: $\omega_{ij}(v) = (\nabla_v E_i) \cdot E_j$ (suppressing p -dependence)

$$= \nabla_v \left(\sum_{k=1}^3 a_{ik} U_k \right) \cdot E_j$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^3 \left(v[a_{ik}] U_k + a_{ik} \nabla_v U_k \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{h=1}^3 a_{jh} U_h \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k,h} \left(a_{jh} v[a_{ik}] \underbrace{U_k \cdot U_h}_{\delta_{kh}} + a_{ik} a_{jh} \underbrace{(\nabla_v U_k) \cdot U_h}_0 \right)$$

$$= \sum_k a_{jk} da_{ik}(v)$$

$$= \left(\sum_k a_{jk} da_{ik} \right)(v) \quad \therefore \underline{\omega_{ij} = dA A^T} //$$

constant on \mathbb{R}^3
so ∇_v is zero!