

Tensor calculus with Lorene

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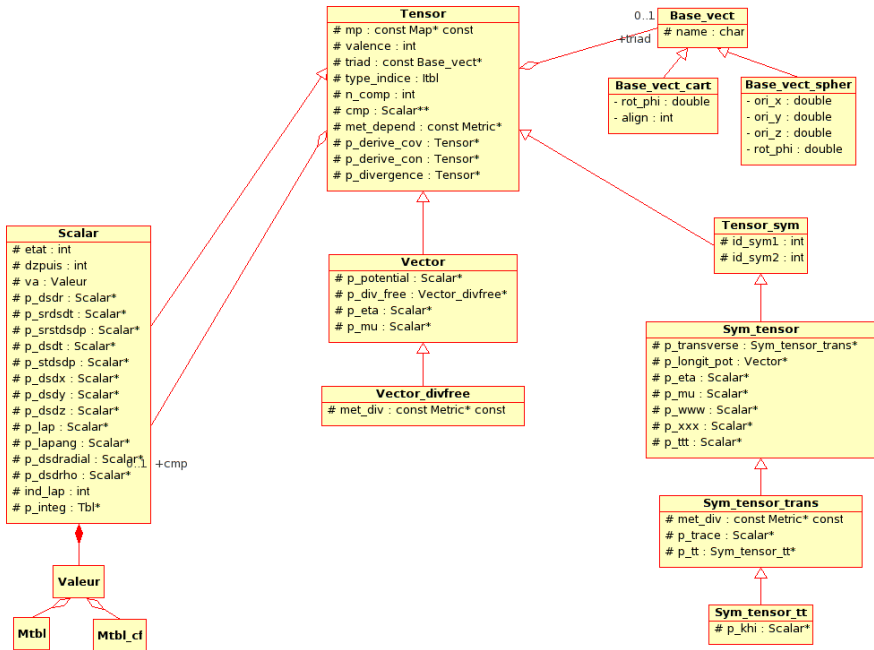
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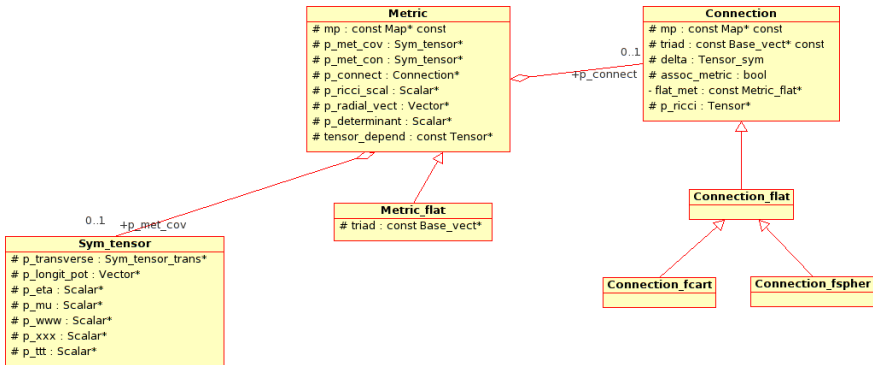
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General features of tensor calculus in LORENE

- Tensor calculus on a **3-dimensional** manifold only (3+1 formalism of general relativity)
- Main class: **Tensor** : stores **tensor components** with respect to a given triad and not *abstract tensors*
- Different metrics can be used at the same time (class **Metric**), with their associated covariant derivatives
- Covariant derivatives can be defined irrespectively of any metric (class **Connection**)
- Dynamical gestion of **dependencies** guaranties that all quantities are up to date, being recomputed only if necessary





Class Base_vect (triads)

The triads are described by the LORENE class: `Base_vect`; most of the time, **orthonormal triads** are used. Two triads are naturally provided, in relation to the coordinates (r, θ, φ) (described by the class `Map`):

- $(e_x, e_y, e_z) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$ (class `Base_vect_cart`)
- $(e_r, e_\theta, e_\varphi) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}, \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right)$ (class `Base_vect_spher`)

Notice that both triads are orthonormal with respect to the flat metric $f_{ij} = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1)$.

Given a coordinate system, described by a mapping (class `Map`), they are obtainable respectively by the methods

- `Map::get_bvect_cart()`
- `Map::get_bvect_spher()`

Class Tensor (tensorial fields)

Conventions: the indices of the tensor components, vary between **1** and **3**.

In the example T^i_{jk} , the first index i is called index no. **0**, the second index j is called index no. **1**, etc...

The covariance type of the indices is indicated by an integer which takes two values, defined in file `tensor.h`:

- **COV** : covariant index
- **CON** : contravariant index

The covariance types are stored in an array of integers (LORENE class `Itbl`) of size the tensor valence. For T^i_{jk} , the `Itbl`, `tipe` say, has a size of 3 and is such that

- `tipe(0) = CON`
- `tipe(1) = COV`
- `tipe(2) = COV`

An example of code

This code is available as

Lorene/School05/Wednesday/demo_tensor.C

in the LORENE distribution

```
// C headers
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <assert.h>
#include <math.h>

// Lorene headers
#include "headcpp.h" // standard input/output C++ headers
                    // (iostream, fstream)
#include "metric.h" // classes Metric, Tensor, etc...
#include "nbr_spx.h" // defines __infinity as an ordinary number
#include "graphique.h" // for graphical outputs
#include "utilitaires.h" // utilities

int main() {
```

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// Setup of a multi-domain grid (Lorene class Mg3d)
// -----
int nz = 3 ; // Number of domains
int nr = 17 ; // Number of collocation points in r in each domain
int nt = 9 ; // Number of collocation points in theta in each domain
int np = 8 ; // Number of collocation points in phi in each domain
int symmetry_theta = SYM ; // symmetry with respect to the
                          // equatorial plane
int symmetry_phi = NONSYM ; // no symmetry in phi
bool compact = true ; // external domain is compactified

// Multi-domain grid construction:
Mg3d mgrid(nz, nr, nt, np, symmetry_theta, symmetry_phi,
           compact) ;

cout << mgrid << endl ;

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// Setup of an affine mapping : grid --> physical space
// (Lorene class Map_af)
//-----

// radial boundaries of each domain:
double r_limits[] = {0., 1., 2., __infinity} ;

Map_af map(mgrid, r_limits) ; // Mapping construction

cout << map << endl ;

// Coordinates associated with the mapping:

const Coord& r = map.r ;
const Coord& x = map.x ;
const Coord& y = map.y ;

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// Some scalar field to be used as a conformal factor
// -----

Scalar psi4(map) ;

psi4 = 1 + 5*x*y*exp(-r*r) ;

psi4.set_outer_boundary(nz-1, 1.) ; // 1 at spatial infinity
                                     // (instead of NaN !)

psi4.std_spectral_base() ; // Standard polynomial bases
                           // will be used to perform the
                           // spectral expansions
```

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// Graphical outputs:
// -----

// 1D view via PGPLOT
des_profile(psi4, 0., 4., 1, M_PI/4, M_PI/4, "r", "\\gq\\u4") ;

// 2D view of the slice z=0 via PGPLOT
des_coupe_z(psi4, 0., -3., 3., -3., 3., "\\gq\\u4") ;

// 3D view of the same slice via OpenDX
psi4.visu_section('z', 0., -3., 3., -3., 3.) ;

cout << "Coefficients of the spectral expansion of Psi^4:"
    << endl ;
psi4.spectral_display() ;

arrete() ; // pause (waiting for return)

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// Components of the flat metric in an orthonormal
// spherical frame :

Sym_tensor fij(map, COV, map.get_bvect_spher()) ;
fij.set(1,1) = 1 ;
fij.set(1,2) = 0 ;
fij.set(1,3) = 0 ;
fij.set(2,2) = 1 ;
fij.set(2,3) = 0 ;
fij.set(3,3) = 1 ;

fij.std_spectral_base() ; // Standard polynomial bases will
                          // be used to perform the spectral expansions

// Components of the physical metric in an orthonormal
// spherical frame :

Sym_tensor gij = psi4 * fij ;

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// Construction of the metric from the covariant components:

Metric gam(gij) ;

// Construction of a Vector :  $V^i = D^i \Psi^4 = (\Psi^4)^{;i}$ 
Vector vv = psi4.derive_con(gam) ; // this is spherical comp.
                                   // (same triad as gam)

vv.dec_dzpuis(2) ; // the dzpuis flag (power of r in the CED)
                   // is set to 0 (= 2 - 2)

// Cartesian components of the vector :
Vector vv_cart = vv ;
vv_cart.change_triad( map.get_bvect_cart() ) ;

// Plot of the vector field :

des_coupe_vect_z(vv_cart, 0., -4., 1., -2., 2., -2., 2.,
                 "Vector V") ;

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// A symmetric tensor of valence 2 : the Ricci tensor
//   associated with the metric gam :
//-----

Sym_tensor tens1 = gam.ricci() ;

const Sym_tensor& tens2 = gam.ricci() ; // same as before except
// that no memory is allocated for a
// new tensor: tens2 is merely a
// non-modifiable reference to the
// Ricci tensor of gam

// Plot of tens1

des_meridian(tens1, 0., 4., "Ricci (x r\\u3\\d in last domain)",
             10) ;

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// Another valence 2 tensor : the covariant derivative of V
//   with respect to the metric gam :
//-----
Tensor tens3 = vv.derive_cov(gam) ;

const Tensor& tens4 = vv.derive_cov(gam) ;

// the reference tens4 is preferable over the new object tens3
// if you do not intend to modify tens4 or vv, because it does
// not perform any memory allocation for a tensor.

// Raising an index with the metric gam :

Tensor tens5 = tens3.up(1, gam) ; // 1 = second index (index j
    // in the covariant derivative  $V^i_{;j}$ )

Tensor diff1 = tens5 - vv.derive_con(gam) ; // this should be 0

// Check:
cout << "Maximum value of diff1 in each domain : " << endl ;
Tbl tdiff1 = max(diff1) ;

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// Another valence 2 tensor : the Lie derivative
// of  $R_{\{ij\}}$  along  $V$  :

Sym_tensor tens6 = tens1.derive_lie(vv) ;

// Contracting two tensors :

Tensor tens7 = contract(tens1, 1, tens5, 0) ; // contracting
// the last index of tens1 with the
// first one of tens5

// self contraction of a tensor :

Scalar scal1 = contract(tens3, 0, 1) ; // 0 = first index,
// 1 = second index

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// Each of these fields should be zero:

Scalar diff2 = scal1 - vv.divergence(gam) ; // divergence

Scalar diff3 = scal1 - tens3.trace() ;      // trace

// Check :
cout << "Maximum value of diff2 in each domain : "
      << max(abs(diff2)) << endl ;

cout << "Maximum value of diff3 in each domain : "
      << max(abs(diff3)) << endl ;

arrete() ;
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// Tensorial product :

Tensor_sym tens8 = tens1 * tens3 ; // tens1 = R_{ij}
                                   // tens3 = V^k_{;l}
                                   // tens8
                                   //   = (T8)_{ij}^k_l
                                   //   = R_ij V^k_{;l}

cout << "Valence of tens8 : " << tens8.get_valence()
      << endl ;

cout <<
" Spectral coefficients of the component (2,3,1,1) of tens8:"
  << endl ;

tens8(2,3,1,1).spectral_display() ;

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//                                                                    //  
// To see more functions, please have a look to //  
// Lorene documentation at //  
// http://www.lorene.obspm.fr/Refguide/ //  
//                                                                    //  
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return EXIT_SUCCESS ;
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}
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