

THE TELEPARALLEL THEORY OF GRAVITY

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① POINCARÉ GAUGE THEORY

A. Global Poincaré symmetry

1. We assume that spacetime has the structure of M_4 (at least locally).

$$ds^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \quad \text{Metric, in an inertial ref. frame}$$

Isometry of M_4 :

$$x'^\mu = x^\mu + \xi^\mu(x), \quad \text{Killing eq.} \Rightarrow$$

$$\underline{\xi^\mu = \omega^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu + \epsilon^\mu} \quad (1)$$

$K = \xi^\mu \partial_\mu$, Killing vectors of the global Poincaré transformations

2. Tangent space

T_p , the choice of basis not unique

Coordinate frame: $\vec{e}_\mu, \quad \vec{e}_\mu \cdot \vec{e}_\nu = g_{\mu\nu}$

Local Lorentz frame: $\vec{e}_i, \quad \vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j = \eta_{ij}$

(vierbein, tetrad)

$$\vec{e}_i = e_i{}^\mu \vec{e}_\mu, \quad \vec{e}_\mu = e^i{}_\mu \vec{e}_i$$

$$dx^i = e^i{}_\mu dx^\mu \quad \text{local Lorentz coordinates}$$

$x^\mu = \text{inertial} \Rightarrow$ we can choose \vec{e}_i so that $\vec{e}_i = \delta_i{}^\mu \vec{e}_\mu$.

3. Matter field $\phi(x)$

scalar, spinor, ... defined in T_p , with respect to an L frame.

$$\delta_0 \phi = \left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \omega^{ij} (x_i \partial_j - x_j \partial_i + \Sigma_{ij})}_{M_{ij}} + \underbrace{\epsilon^\mu (-\partial_\mu)}_{P_\mu} \right] \phi \equiv \mathcal{P} \phi \quad (2)$$

spin matrix

(M_{ij}, P_μ) Poincaré generators in the space of fields defined in T_p .

4. global Poincaré invariance

$$I = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_M(\phi, \partial_\kappa \phi)$$

The action integral is invariant under global Poincaré transf's, $x' = x + \xi$, if

$$\Delta \mathcal{L} \equiv \delta_0 \mathcal{L} + \partial_\mu (\xi^\mu \mathcal{L}) = 0 \quad (3)$$

where

$$\delta_0 \mathcal{L} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} \delta_0 \phi + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\kappa \phi} \delta_0 \partial_\kappa \phi$$

$$\delta_0 \phi = \left(\frac{1}{2} \omega \cdot M + \epsilon \cdot P \right) \phi = \mathcal{P} \phi$$

$$\delta_0 \partial_\kappa \phi = \partial_\kappa \delta_0 \phi = \mathcal{P} \partial_\kappa \phi + \omega_\kappa^i \partial_i \phi = \mathcal{P}_\kappa^i \partial_i \phi$$

Comments:

- In the derivation of (3), we assumed $\delta_0 \eta = 0$
- We can allow $\Delta \mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \Lambda^\mu$, as the surface term in the action does not influence field eqs.

5. Noether theorem

Global Poincaré inv. $\Rightarrow \partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$

$$J^\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi} \delta_0 \phi + \xi^\mu \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \omega^{\nu\rho} M^\mu_{\nu\rho} - \varepsilon^\nu T^\mu_\nu$$

$$T^\mu_\nu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi} \partial_\nu \phi - \delta^\mu_\nu \mathcal{L} \quad \text{canonical energy-mom.}$$

$$M^\mu_{\nu\rho} = (x_\nu T^\mu_\rho - x_\rho T^\mu_\nu) - S^\mu_{\nu\rho} \quad \text{ang. mom.}$$

$$\partial_\mu T^\mu_\nu = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu M^\mu_{\nu\rho} = T_{\nu\rho} - T_{\rho\nu} - \partial_\mu S^\mu_{\nu\rho} = 0$$

B. Localization of Poincaré symmetry

1. Start with a matter Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_M(\phi, \partial\phi)$ invariant under $P(1,3)$:

$$\Delta \mathcal{L}_M = 0$$

localization: constant $\varepsilon^i \rightarrow \varepsilon^i(\underline{x})$
constant $\omega^{ik} \rightarrow \omega^{ik}(\underline{x})$.

The invariance condition $\Delta \mathcal{L}_M = 0$ is now violated because

(i) $\delta_0 \partial_k \phi = \mathcal{P}_k^i \partial_i \phi + (\partial \omega, \partial \varepsilon)$ -terms
 \neq the old transformation rule for $\partial_k \phi$.

(ii) the term $\partial_\mu \xi^\mu \cdot \mathcal{L}_M$ in $\Delta \mathcal{L}_M$ is different from zero.

$$\partial_\mu \xi^\mu = (\partial_\mu \omega^\mu_\nu) x^\nu + \partial_\mu \epsilon^\mu \neq 0.$$

$$\Delta \mathcal{L}_M = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \omega^{ij}) S^{\mu}_{ij} - (\partial_\mu \xi^i - \omega^i_\mu) T^{\mu}_i \neq 0.$$

2. The violation of local invariance can be compensated by certain modifications of the original theory.

$$(i) \mathcal{L}_M(\phi, \partial_\kappa \phi) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}'_M \equiv \mathcal{L}_M(\phi, \nabla_\kappa \phi)$$

∇_κ = covariant derivative; $\nabla_\kappa \phi$ transforms according to the "old rule":

$$\delta_0 \nabla_\kappa \phi = \mathcal{P} \nabla_\kappa \phi + \omega_\kappa^i \nabla_i \phi \quad (5)$$

Construction of $\nabla_\kappa \phi$ with the help of compensating fields:

$$a) \nabla_\mu \phi = (\partial_\mu + \underline{A}_\mu) \phi, \quad A_\mu = \frac{1}{2} A^{\underline{ij}}_\mu \Sigma_{ij}$$

$$b) \nabla_\kappa \phi = \delta_\kappa^\mu \nabla_\mu \phi - \underline{A}_\kappa^\mu \nabla_\mu \phi \equiv h_\kappa^\mu \nabla_\mu \phi$$

Condition (5) \Rightarrow

$$\delta_0 A^{\underline{ij}}_\mu = -\nabla_\mu \omega^{ij} - \partial_\mu \xi^\rho \cdot A^{\underline{ij}}_\rho - \xi \cdot \partial A^{\underline{ij}}_\mu \quad (6a)$$

$$\delta_0 h_i^\mu = \omega_i^\kappa h_\kappa^\mu + \partial_\rho \xi^\rho \cdot h_i^\mu - \xi \cdot \partial h_i^\mu \quad (6b)$$

(ii) Modification of \mathcal{L}_M

$$\mathcal{L}'_M = \mathcal{L}_M(\phi, \nabla_k \phi), \quad \delta_0 \mathcal{L}'_M + \xi \cdot \partial \mathcal{L}'_M = 0$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_M = \lambda \mathcal{L}_M(\phi, \nabla_k \phi)$$

↑ a function of new fields

$$\Delta \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_M = \delta_0 \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_M + \partial_\mu (\xi^\mu \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_M) = 0$$

$$\text{if } \delta_0 \lambda + \partial_\mu (\xi^\mu \lambda) = 0$$

simple solution: $\lambda = b = \det^{-1}(h_i^\mu)$

Define b^i_μ , the dual of h_i^ν : $b^i_\mu h_i^\nu = \delta_\mu^\nu$

$$\delta_0 b^i_\mu = \omega^i_k b^k_\mu - \partial_\mu \xi^\rho \cdot b^i_\rho - \xi \cdot \partial b^i_\mu \quad (7)$$

\Rightarrow The new Lagrangian, invariant under local $P(1,3)$, has the form

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_M = b \mathcal{L}_M(\phi, \nabla_k \phi)$$

Comment. In order to have a clear geom. interpretation, it is convenient to treat

i, j, k, \dots	as local Lorentz indices
μ, ν, ρ, \dots	as coordinate indices.

3. Field strengths

$$[\nabla_k, \nabla_\ell] \phi = \frac{1}{2} F^{ij}_{k\ell} \Sigma_{ij} \phi - F^s_{k\ell} \nabla_s \phi$$

$$F^i{}_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_\mu b^i{}_\nu - \nabla_\nu b^i{}_\mu \quad \text{translational}$$

$$F^{\dot{i}j}{}_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A^{\dot{i}j}{}_\nu + A^i{}_{s\mu} A^{s\dot{j}}{}_\nu - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu) \quad \text{Lorentz}$$

$$F^i{}_{jk} = h_j{}^\mu h_k{}^\nu F^i{}_{\mu\nu}, \quad F^{\dot{i}j}{}_{kl} = h_k{}^\mu h_l{}^\nu F^{\dot{i}j}{}_{\mu\nu}.$$

4. Bianchi identities

$$\varepsilon^{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} \nabla_\mu F^i{}_{\nu\rho} = \varepsilon^{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} F^i{}_{s\nu\rho} b^s{}_\mu \quad (1st)$$

$$\varepsilon^{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} \nabla_\mu F^{\dot{i}j}{}_{\nu\rho} = 0 \quad (2nd)$$

5. Complete Lagrangian

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = b \mathcal{L}_M(\phi, \nabla_k \phi) + b \mathcal{L}_F(F^{\dot{i}j}{}_{mn}, F^i{}_{mn}) \quad (9)$$

6. Generalized conservation laws

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_M \quad \tau^{\mu}{}_{\kappa} = - \frac{\delta \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_M}{\delta b^{\kappa}{}_{\mu}} \quad (10a)$$

$$\delta^{\mu}{}_{ij} = - \frac{\delta \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_M}{\delta A^{\dot{i}j}{}_{\mu}} \quad (10b)$$

dynamical
currents

$$b^i{}_{\mu} \nabla_\rho \tau^{\rho}{}_{\kappa} = \tau^{\rho}{}_{\kappa} F^{\kappa}{}_{\mu\rho} + \frac{1}{2} \delta^{\rho}{}_{ij} F^{\dot{i}j}{}_{\mu\rho}$$

$$\nabla_\mu \delta^{\mu}{}_{ij} = \tau_{ij} - \tau_{ji}$$

C. Geometric and gauge structure of PGT

1. In PGT we have

compensating fields

$$b_{\mu}^i, A^{\dot{i}}_{\mu}$$

covariant derivative

$$\nabla_{\kappa} = h_{\kappa}^{\mu} (\partial_{\mu} + A_{\mu})$$

field strengths

$$F^i_{\mu\nu}, F^{\dot{i}}_{\mu\nu}$$

This theory can be thought of as a field theory in M_4 . However, it would be unnatural to ignore strong geometric analogies.

- $\nabla_{\mu} \phi$ can be interpreted as the geometric covariant derivative $D_{\mu} \phi = (\partial_{\mu} + \omega_{\mu}) \phi$ since

 - $\nabla_{\mu} \phi$ has an additional dual index, as compared to ϕ
 - ∇_{μ} act linearly, obeys Leibnitz rule, commutes with contraction and $\nabla_{\mu} f = \partial_{\mu} f$ for $f = \text{scalar}$.
 - By comparing ∇_{μ} and $D_{\mu} \Rightarrow A_{\mu} = \omega_{\mu}$
 - $b^i_{\mu} = e^i_{\mu}$ on the basis of its transf. properties.
 - Local Lorentz symmetry \Rightarrow metricity cond.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mu} \eta_{ij} &= \partial_{\mu} \eta_{ij} + A_{i\mu}^s \eta_{sj} + A_{j\mu}^s \eta_{is} \\ &= A_{ij\mu} + A_{ji\mu} = 0 \end{aligned}$$
- \Rightarrow PGT has the geometric structure of the Riemann-Cartan spacetime.

2. P&T does not have the structure of an "ordinary" gauge theory.

$$A_\mu = \Theta^i{}_\mu P_i + \frac{1}{2} \omega^{ij}{}_\mu M_{ij}$$

$$u = u^i P_i + \frac{1}{2} u^{ij} M_{ij}$$

$$\delta_0 A_\mu = -\nabla_\mu u = -\partial_\mu u - [A_\mu, u]$$

Translations: $\delta_0 e^i{}_\mu = -\nabla'_\mu u^i$, $\delta_0 \omega^{ij}{}_\mu = 0$

Lor. rotations: $\delta_0 e^i{}_\mu = u^i{}_\kappa e^\kappa{}_\mu$, $\delta_0 \omega^{ij}{}_\mu = -\nabla'_\mu u^{ij}$
 \curvearrowright diff. from P&T

Example: Einstein-Cartan theory

$$I_{EC} = -a \int d^4x b R = a \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \epsilon_{ijkl} b^\kappa{}_\lambda b^\ell{}_\rho R^{ij}{}_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\delta_0^T I_{EC} = \frac{a}{2} \int d^4x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \epsilon_{ijkl} \cdot 2 b^\kappa{}_\lambda \cdot (-\nabla'_\rho u^\ell) \cdot R^{ij}{}_{\mu\nu}$$

$$= \frac{a}{2} \int d^4x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \epsilon_{ijkl} \cdot T^\kappa{}_{\rho\lambda} \cdot u^\ell \cdot R^{ij}{}_{\mu\nu}$$

$$+ a \int d^4x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \epsilon_{ijkl} b^\kappa{}_\lambda \nabla_\rho R^{ij}{}_{\mu\nu} \neq 0$$

the second term vanishes (Bianchi id), but the first one remains $\neq 0!!$

Appendix: Geometric classification of spaces

Spacetime is often described as "4d continuum".
Topological space allows a precise formulation of the idea of continuity.

Differentiable manifold is defined as a topological space X which

- locally "looks like" an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n , i.e. we can introduce local coordinates, and
- local coordinate systems are compatible (diff. transition functions).

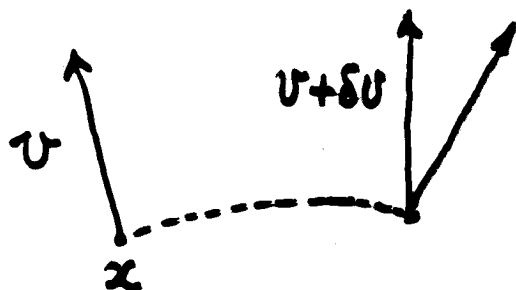
Tangent space at P , T_P : vectors, tensors.

Dual of T_P : forms

The metric tensor: $(0,2)$, symmetric nondegenerate tensor field

$$g: (u, v) \rightarrow u \cdot v = g_{\mu\nu} u^\mu u^\nu$$

Connection (parallel transport)



$$U_{PT}(x+dx) = U(x) + \delta U, \quad \delta U^\mu = - \underline{\Gamma_{\lambda\rho}^\mu} v^\lambda dx^\rho$$

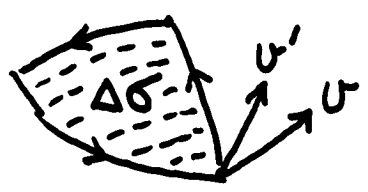
$$DU = U(x+dx) - U_{PT}(x+dx) \quad \text{cov. derivative}$$

Torsion

$$T^\mu_{\nu\rho} = \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\rho} - \Gamma^\mu_{\rho\nu}$$

Curvature

$$R^\mu_{\nu\rho\lambda} = \partial_\rho \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\lambda} + \Gamma^\mu_{\sigma\rho} \Gamma^\sigma_{\nu\lambda} - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)$$



$$\Delta U^\mu = -\frac{1}{2} R^\mu_{\nu\lambda\rho} U^\nu \Delta\sigma^{\lambda\rho}$$

Linearly connected,
metric and connection
independent

(L_4, g)

Y_4

Weil-Cartan space

$$Q_{\mu\nu\rho} \equiv -\nabla_\mu(\Gamma)g_{\nu\rho} = -\Psi_\mu g_{\nu\rho}$$

$Q=0$

U_4

Riemann-Cartan space

$$\nabla_\mu g_{\nu\rho} = 0$$

$T=0$

$R=0$

Riemann V_4

T_4

Weitzenböck teleparallel

$R=0$

$T=0$

M_4

Minkowski

PGT has the geometric structure of the Riemann-Cartan space U_4 .

② THE TELEPARALLEL THEORY

Introduction

General geometric arena for PGT = U_4
 Riemann-Cartan

$T \rightarrow 0$, $U_4 \rightarrow V_4 =$ Riemannian space of GR

$R \rightarrow 0$, $U_4 \rightarrow T_4 =$ teleparallel space

$$R^{\dot{i}j}{}_{\mu\nu}(A) = 0 \quad (1)$$

In T_4 , parallel transport is path-independent
 (if some topological restrictions are adopted)

\Rightarrow we have absolute parallelism

Physical interpretation:

There is a one-parameter family of TP Lagrangians which is empirically equiv. to GR

The Lagrangian

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = b \mathcal{L}_T + \lambda_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu} R^{\dot{i}j}{}_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_M$$

$$\mathcal{L}_T = a (A T_{ijk} T^{ijk} + B T_{ijk} T^{jik} + C T_i T^i) \equiv \beta \cdot T$$

$\lambda_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu} =$ Lagrange multipliers $\Rightarrow R^{\dot{i}j}{}_{\mu\nu} = 0$

$a = 1/2\kappa$, $A, B, C =$ free parameters

$$(i) \quad 2A+B+C=0, \quad C=-1$$

the one-parameter TP theory,
gives the same results as GR in the
linear, weak-field approx.

\Rightarrow empirically equivalent to GR!

$$(ii) \quad 2A-B=0 \quad + \quad (i) \quad [A=\frac{1}{4}, B=\frac{1}{2}, C=-1]$$

this choice gives a TP theory equivalent
with GR in the gravitational sector,
but with different interaction

$$A = \Delta + K$$

Δ = Riemannian connection

K = contortion

$$abR(A) = abR(\Delta) + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_T'' - 2\partial_\mu (bT^\nu) \cdot a$$

\parallel
0

\uparrow
GR

\nwarrow
teleparallel $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_T$ with
 $A=1/4, B=1/2, C=-1$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \underline{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_T''} = - \underline{abR(\Delta)} + \text{div}$$

\uparrow GR Lagrangian!

Interaction

$$\text{GR}(V_4) : \quad \nabla = \partial + \underline{\text{Christoffel}}$$

$$\text{TP}(T_4) : \quad \nabla = \partial + A, \quad A \text{ is a } \underline{\text{pure gauge}}$$

since $R^\lambda_{\mu\nu}(A) = 0$

Field eqs

$$4 \nabla_\rho (\tilde{\beta}_i{}^{\mu\rho}) - 4 \tilde{\beta}{}^{nm\mu} T_{nmi} + h_i{}^\mu \tilde{\alpha}_T = \tau^\mu_i \quad (3a)$$

$$4 \nabla_\rho \lambda_{ij}{}^{\mu\rho} - 8 \tilde{\beta}{}_{[ij]}{}^\mu = \sigma^\mu_{ij} \quad (3b)$$

$$R^{ij}{}_{\mu\nu}(A) = 0 \quad (3c)$$

(3c) defines TP geometry in PGT

(3a) is a dynamical eq. for $b^i{}_\mu$

symm. piece - analogous to Einstein's eq. in GR

antisymm. piece:

$$\nabla_\rho \tilde{\beta}{}_{[ij]}{}^\rho = \tau_{[ij]}$$

(3b) serves to determine $\lambda_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu}$

$$\text{No. of eqs} = 6 \times 4 = 24$$

∇ (3b) \Rightarrow 6 identities

$$- 8 \nabla_\mu \tilde{\beta}{}_{[ij]}{}^\mu = \nabla_\mu \sigma^\mu_{ij} = \tau_{ij} - \tau_{ji}$$

↑
angul. momentum conserv.

the resulting eq. coincides with antisymm. (3a)

$$\Rightarrow \text{No. of independent eqs} = 24 - 6 = \underline{18}$$

$$\text{No. of } \lambda_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu} = 6 \times 6 = \underline{36} !$$

We shall see that No. of independent λ 's is 18 !

The λ symmetry

The TP Lagrangian (2) is inv. under local Poincaré transf's. In addition to that, it is also inv. under

$$\delta_0 \lambda_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu} = \nabla_\rho \epsilon_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu\rho} \quad (4)$$

↑
antisymm. in (μ, ν, ρ)

proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_0 \int d^4x \lambda_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu} R^i{}_{j\mu\nu} &= \int d^4x \nabla_\rho \epsilon_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu\rho} \cdot R^i{}_{j\mu\nu} \\ &= \text{surface term} - \int d^4x \underbrace{\epsilon_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu\rho} \nabla_\rho R^i{}_{j\mu\nu}} \\ &= 0 \text{ by the 2nd Bianchi id:} \\ &\quad \nabla_\rho R^i{}_{j\mu\nu} + \text{cicl}(\mu, \nu, \rho) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

No. of gauge parameters $\epsilon_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu\rho} = 6 \times 4 = \underline{24}$

However, canonical analysis shows that gauge transformations defined by $\underline{\epsilon_{ij}{}^{\alpha\beta\gamma}}$ are not independent \Rightarrow six parameters $\epsilon_{ij}{}^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ can be completely discarded!

No. of independent $\epsilon_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu\rho} = 24 - 6 = 18$

\Rightarrow No. of gauge-independent λ 's = $36 - 18 = \underline{18}$

These λ 's are completely determined by the (18) second field eqs. (36).

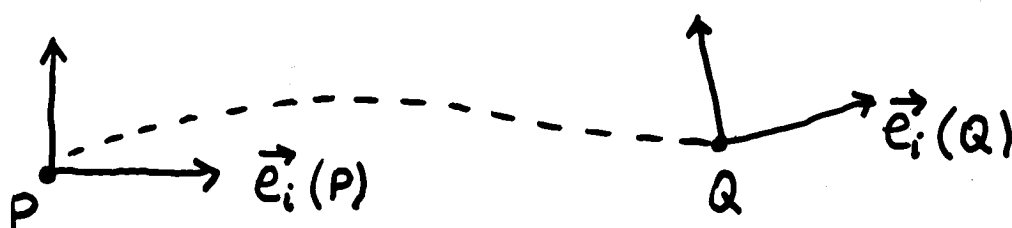
Orthonormal-teleparallel frames

TP theories in U_4 : $R^{\dot{i}j}_{\mu\nu}(A) = 0$ (1')

Choose \vec{e}_i at P , $\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j = \eta_{ij}$

if the manifold is parallelizable, i.e.
(1') + some topological assumptions

\Rightarrow parallel transport is path-independent



the resulting tetrad field $\vec{e}_i(x)$ is globally well defined

it is orthonormal and teleparallel \Rightarrow OT frame.

$\vec{e}_i(Q)$ is parallel to $\vec{e}_i(P) \Rightarrow \underline{A^{\dot{i}j}_{\mu} = 0}$ (5)

In an OT frame, $\nabla = \partial$.

Eq. (5) defines a particular solution of (1').
General solution:

$$\bar{A}^{\dot{i}j}_{\mu} = \Lambda^i_m \Lambda^{j_n} \overset{0}{A}^{\mu mn} + \Lambda^i_m \partial_{\mu} \Lambda^{jm} = \Lambda^i_m \partial_{\mu} \Lambda^{jm}$$

Λ^i_m - local Lorentz transf.

Thus, the choice $A^{\dot{i}j}_{\mu} = 0$ breaks local Lorentz inv., but is compatible with $\Lambda^i_m = \text{const.}$

One can impose the gauge condition (5) directly in the TP action:

$$A^{ij}_\mu = 0, \quad b^i_\mu = \text{dynamical}$$

The resulting theory = translational gauge th.

GR₁₁: the teleparallel form of GR

$$A = \frac{1}{4}, \quad B = \frac{1}{2}, \quad C = -1$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_T'' + \lambda_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu} R^{ij}{}_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_M \quad (6a)$$

$$0 = \delta b R(A) = ab R(\Delta) + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_T'' + \text{div.}$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} \Rightarrow -ab R(\Delta) + \tilde{\lambda}_{ij}{}^{\mu\nu} R^{ij}{}_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_M \quad (6b)$$

1st field eq.

$$b [R_{ij}(\Delta) - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{ij} R(\Delta)] = \tau_{ji}/2a$$

$$\tau_{ij} = \tau_{ji} \quad \text{for consistency}$$

2nd field eq.

$$\nabla_p (4 \lambda_{ij}{}^{\mu\rho} + 2a H_{ij}{}^{\mu\rho}) = 3^{\mu}{}_{ij}$$

The interaction with matter different from GR!

Canonical structure

Lagrangian variables: $q^A = (b^i_\mu, A^{ij}_\mu, \lambda_{ij}^{\mu\nu})$

momenta: $\pi_A = \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathcal{L}}}{\partial \dot{q}^A} = (\pi_i^\mu, \pi_{ij}^\mu, \pi^{ij}_{\mu\nu})$

$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ given in Eq. (1)

• primary constraints:

$$\pi_i^0 \approx 0$$

$$\pi_{ij}^0 \approx 0$$

$$\pi_{ij}^{\mu\nu} \approx 0$$

$$\pi_{ij}^\alpha - 4 \lambda_{ij}^{0\alpha} \approx 0$$

(7)

these are sure constraints, ϕ_A .

the definition of π_i^α may lead to additional, extra constraints if A, B, C have specific values (if constraints).

Extra constraints - not important for our analysis.

• Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_c = N \mathcal{H}_\perp + N^\alpha \mathcal{H}_\alpha - \frac{1}{2} A^{ij}_0 \mathcal{H}_{ij} - \lambda_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} R^{ij}_{\alpha\beta} + \partial_\alpha D^\alpha$$

$$N = \alpha_K b^K_0$$

$$N^\alpha = \beta_K^\alpha b^K_0$$

\uparrow lapse and \uparrow shift functions

$$\mathcal{H}_T = \mathcal{H}_c + \underbrace{u^A \phi_A}_{\text{sure}} + \underbrace{(u \cdot \phi)}_{\text{extra}}$$

Consistency requirement on primary constraints,

$$\dot{\phi}_A \equiv \{\phi_A, H_T\} \approx 0$$

lead to

- secondary constraints, and/or
- determination of some multipliers.

Further consistency requirements produce nothing new.

The final result:

$$\mathcal{H}_T = \hat{\mathcal{H}}_T + \partial_\alpha \bar{D}^\alpha$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_T = \bar{\mathcal{H}}_c + u^i_0 \pi_{i^0} + \frac{1}{2} u^{ij}_0 \pi_{ij^0} + \frac{1}{4} u^{ij\alpha\beta} \pi^{ij}_{\alpha\beta} + (u \cdot \phi)$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{H}}_c = N \bar{\mathcal{H}}_\perp + N^\alpha \bar{\mathcal{H}}_\alpha - \frac{1}{2} A^{ij}_0 \bar{\mathcal{H}}_{ij} - \lambda^{ij\alpha\beta} \bar{\mathcal{H}}^{ij}_{\alpha\beta}$$

$\bar{\mathcal{H}}_\perp, \bar{\mathcal{H}}_\alpha, \bar{\mathcal{H}}_{ij}, \bar{\mathcal{H}}^{ij}_{\alpha\beta}$ known expressions.

	first class	second class
primary	$\pi_{i^0}, \pi_{ij^0}, \pi^{ij}_{\alpha\beta}$	$\phi^{ij\alpha}, \pi^{ij}_{\alpha\beta}$
secondary	$\bar{\mathcal{H}}_\perp, \bar{\mathcal{H}}_\alpha, \bar{\mathcal{H}}_{ij}, \bar{\mathcal{H}}^{ij}_{\alpha\beta}$	

First class constraints are responsible for gauge symmetries:

$\pi_{i^0}, \pi_{ij^0} \rightarrow$ local Poincare

$\pi^{ij}_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow$ local Lambda.

The λ symmetry

If gauge transformations are given in terms of $\epsilon(t)$, $\dot{\epsilon}(t)$, then the gauge generator has the form

$$G = \epsilon(t) G^{(0)} + \dot{\epsilon}(t) G^{(1)}$$

where $G^{(0)}$, $G^{(1)}$ are defined by the conditions

$$G^{(1)} = \text{CPFC} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{primary} \\ \text{first class} \end{array}$$

$$G^{(0)} + \{G^{(1)}, H_T\} = \text{CPFC}$$

$$\{G^{(0)}, H_T\} = \text{CPFC}$$

(Castellani '81)

The only PFC acting on λ is $\pi^{ij}_{\alpha\beta}$.

Start with $G^{(1)} \rightarrow \pi^{ij}_{\alpha\beta} \Rightarrow$

$$G_A = \frac{1}{4} \dot{\epsilon}_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \pi^{ij}_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} S^{ij}_{\alpha\beta}$$

$S^{ij}_{\alpha\beta}$ found with the help of Castellani's procedure:

$$S^{ij}_{\alpha\beta} = -4 \bar{\mathcal{H}}^{ij}_{\alpha\beta} + 2 A^{[i}_{\alpha} \pi^{j]s}_{\beta s}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\delta_0^A \lambda^{ij}_{\alpha\beta} = \{ \lambda^{ij}_{\alpha\beta}, G_A \} = \nabla_\beta \epsilon_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\delta_0 \lambda^{ij}_{\alpha\beta} = \nabla_0 \epsilon_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$$

These are the only non-trivial gauge transformations.

Where is the transformation $\delta_0^B \lambda_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \nabla_\gamma \epsilon_{ij}^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ found in the Lagrangian formalism?

Define $\Pi^{ij}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \nabla_\alpha \pi^{ij}_{\beta\gamma} + \text{cyclic}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ (11)

this is a linear combination of $\pi^{ij}_{\alpha\beta}$
hence $\Pi^{ij}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \text{Cpfc.}$

The related generator G_B^\bullet will not be truly independent of the expression for G_A .

Since $\{\Pi^{ij}_{\alpha\beta\gamma}, H_T\} = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$G_B = -\frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{ij}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \nabla_\alpha \pi^{ij}_{\beta\gamma}$$

$$\underline{\delta_0^B \lambda_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \nabla_\gamma \epsilon_{ij}^{\alpha\beta\gamma}}$$

this is the missing transf. found in the Lagr. formalism.

$\delta_0^B \lambda_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$ are not independent gauge transf.

\Rightarrow 6 parameters $\underline{\epsilon_{ij}^{\alpha\beta\gamma}}$ in the Lagr.
 λ transformation can be completely discarded.

No. of independent λ gauge transf. = 18
(the number of $\epsilon_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$).

Hence, the 2nd field equation can completely determine $\lambda_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$
(No. of indep. eqs. = 18 = No. of indep. λ 's)

③ TOPOLOGICAL TELEPARALLEL 3D GRAVITY

3-dimensional PGT

M_3 , the isometry group = $P(1,2)$

generators $P_i, M_{ij} = -\epsilon^{ijk} J^k$

gauge fields $b^i_\mu, A^j_\mu = -\epsilon^{ijk} \omega^k_\mu$

field strengths: $T^i_{\mu\nu}, R^j_{\mu\nu} = -\epsilon^{ijk} R^k_{\mu\nu}$

$$T^i_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu b^i_\nu - \partial_\nu b^i_\mu + \epsilon^{imn} \omega_{m\mu} b^i_\nu - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)$$

$$R^i_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \omega^i_\nu - \partial_\nu \omega^i_\mu + \epsilon^{imn} \omega_{m\mu} \omega_{n\nu}$$

GR $I_0 = - \int d^3x b R = \int d^3x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} b^i_\mu R_{i\nu\rho}$

$$\delta b^i_\mu: \quad \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} R_{i\nu\rho} = 0$$

$$\delta \omega^i_\mu: \quad \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} T_{i\nu\rho} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Riemannian connection}$$

Standard $P(1,2)$ gauge theory

Lie algebra $[J_i, J_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} J^k, [P_i, P_j] = 0$

$$[J_i, P_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} P^k$$

$$A_\mu = e^i_\mu P_i + \omega^i_\mu J_i$$

gauge field

$$u = \xi^i P_i + \tau^i J_i$$

gauge parameter

$$\delta_0 A_\mu = -\nabla_\mu U = -\partial_\mu U - [A_\mu, U]$$

$$\delta_0 b^i_\mu = -\nabla_\mu \xi^i - \epsilon^{ijk} b_{j\mu} \tau_k$$

$$\delta_0 \omega^i_\mu = -\nabla_\mu \tau^i$$

$$\tau^i \rightarrow \tau^i - \xi^p \omega^i_p \Rightarrow$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \delta_0 b^i_\mu &= \delta_0^{\text{PGT}} b^i_\mu - \xi^p \underline{T^i_{\mu p}} \\ \delta_0 \omega^i_\mu &= \delta_0^{\text{PGT}} \omega^i_\mu - \xi^p \underline{R^i_{\mu p}} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{equivalent to PGT, on shell}$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + [A_\mu, A_\nu]$$

$$= P_i T^i_{\mu\nu} + J_i R^i_{\mu\nu}$$

GR with cosm. constant: GR $_\Lambda$

$$I_\Lambda = -\int d^3x (bR + 2\Lambda)$$

$$= \int d^3x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} (b^i_\mu R_{i\nu\rho} - \frac{\Lambda}{3} \epsilon_{ijk} b^i_\mu b^j_\nu b^k_\rho)$$

field eqs:

$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} (R_{i\nu\rho} - \Lambda \epsilon_{ijk} b^j_\nu b^k_\rho) = 0$$

$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} T_{i\nu\rho} = 0$$

\Rightarrow const. curvature, Riemannian connect.

For $\Lambda = -1/\ell^2 < 0 \Rightarrow$ AdS geometry:

$$ds^2 = (1 + r^2/\ell^2) dt^2 - \frac{dr^2}{1 + r^2/\ell^2} - r^2 d\varphi^2$$

Chern-Simons formulation

SL(2, R) CS theory: $A_i = A_{i\mu} dx^\mu$

$$I_{CS} = \frac{k}{M} \int (A^i dA^j + \frac{1}{3} \epsilon_{mn}^i A^m A^n A^j) \eta_{ij} \quad (4)$$

Cartan's metric

$$\delta I_{CS} = \int_M \delta A^i F^j \eta_{ij} + \underbrace{\int_{\partial M} A^i \delta A^j \eta_{ij}}_{= 0 \text{ for } \underline{A_+ = 0 \text{ on } \partial M}}$$

With such boundary conditions, diff on ∂M defined by

$$\xi^i = \xi^\mu A^i_\mu \text{ at } \partial M$$

reduce to conformal transformations:

$$\{L_n, L_m\} = -i(n-m)L_{n+m} - \frac{C_0}{12} i n^3 \delta_{n+m, 0}$$

Virasoro algebra with class. central charge
 $C_0/12 = -4\pi k \alpha$

Important identity: $A^i = \omega^i + \theta^i/\ell$
 ($\theta^i = b^i_\mu dx^\mu$) $\bar{A}^i = \omega^i - \theta^i/\ell$

$$I_\Lambda \Rightarrow \frac{1}{16\pi G} I_\Lambda = I_{CS}(A) - I_{CS}(\bar{A})$$

if $4\pi k = \frac{\ell}{8G}$

\Rightarrow In GR $_\Lambda$, we have conf. symmetry at ∂M .

Topological 3d gravity with torsion

Conf. symm. at ∂M - is it possible in a theory of gravity with torsion?

Topological or topological-like terms:

$$I_1 = - \int d^3x b (a R + 2\Lambda)$$

$$I_2 = \int (w^i d w_i + \frac{1}{3} \epsilon_{ijk} w^i w^j w^k) \quad (6)$$

$$I_3 = \int \theta^i T_i = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} b_{i\mu} T_{i\nu\rho}$$

General action: $I = I_1 + \alpha_2 I_2 + \alpha_3 I_3 + I_M$

field eqs \Rightarrow

$$\underline{T_{ijk} = A \epsilon_{ijk}} \quad A = \frac{\alpha_2 \Lambda + \alpha_3 a}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 - a^2} \quad (7a)$$

$$\underline{R_{ijk} = B \epsilon_{ijk}} \quad B = - \frac{(\alpha_3)^2 + a \Lambda}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 - a^2} \quad (7b)$$

$A = \Delta + K$ + curvature identity \Rightarrow

$$\underline{R^{ij}{}_{\mu\nu}(\Delta) = - \Lambda_{\text{eff}} (b^i{}_{\mu} b^j{}_{\nu} - b^i{}_{\nu} b^j{}_{\mu})} \quad (8)$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{eff}} = B - \frac{1}{4} A^2$$

← a consequence of (7a, b)

- Witten's choice: $\alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = 0$
 \Rightarrow Riemannian geometry, AdS.
- Our choice: $B = 0$
 \Rightarrow teleparallel geometry, AdS

Teleparallel 3d gravity

$$(d_3)^2 + a\Lambda = 0, \quad d_2 = 0 \quad \left[\quad d_3 \equiv -a \cdot \frac{2}{\ell} \quad \right]$$

\Downarrow $R^i{}_{\mu\nu} = 0$ \Uparrow for simplicity

$$\underline{I = -a \int d^3x b \left(R - \frac{8}{\ell^2} \right) - \frac{a}{\ell} \int d^3x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} b^i{}_{\mu} T^i{}_{\nu\rho}}$$

field eqs: $R^i{}_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad T_{ijk} = \frac{2}{\ell} \epsilon_{ijk}$

- \Rightarrow a) teleparallel geometry
 b) $\Lambda_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{\ell^2} < 0 \Rightarrow$ AdS metric

AdS solution:

$$ds^2 = f^2 dt^2 - \frac{dr^2}{f^2} - r^2 d\varphi^2, \quad f^2 \equiv 1 + \frac{r^2}{\ell^2}$$

$$\theta^0 = f dt \sim \frac{r}{\ell} dt$$

$$\theta^1 = \frac{1}{f} dr \sim \frac{\ell}{r} dt$$

$$\theta^2 = r d\varphi \sim r d\varphi$$

$$b^i{}_{\mu} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \frac{r}{\ell} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\ell}{r} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \Delta + K \Rightarrow$$

$$\omega^i{}_{\mu} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \frac{r}{\ell^2} & 0 & -\frac{r}{\ell} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{r} & 0 \\ -\frac{r}{\ell^2} & 0 & \frac{r}{\ell} \end{pmatrix}$$

Black hole solution

$$ds^2 = N^2 dt^2 - N^{-2} dr^2 - r^2 (N_{\varphi} dt + d\varphi)^2$$

$$N^2 = \left(-2M + \frac{r^2}{\ell^2} + \frac{J^2}{r^2} \right)$$

$$N_{\varphi} = \frac{J}{r^2}$$

etc.

Asymptotic configuration

Asymptotically, the black hole metric

$$ds^2 \sim \frac{r^2}{l^2} dt^2 - \frac{l^2}{r^2} dr^2 - \underbrace{2J dt d\varphi} - r^2 d\varphi^2$$

coincides with the dominant contribution in the AdS metric, at least for $J=0$.

A metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ is said to be asympt. AdS if

- $g_{\mu\nu} \sim$ AdS metric for $r \rightarrow \infty$
- invariant under the AdS group $SO(2,2)$.

These conditions imply the following asymptotic behaviour for $g_{\mu\nu}$:

$$\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{r^2}{l^2} + \mathcal{O}_0 & \mathcal{O}_3 & \mathcal{O}_0 \\ \mathcal{O}_3 & -\frac{l^2}{r^2} + \mathcal{O}_4 & \mathcal{O}_3 \\ \mathcal{O}_0 & \mathcal{O}_3 & -r^2 + \mathcal{O}_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- leading terms are the same as in AdS case
- the \mathcal{O}_n terms are chosen so as to ensure $SO(2,2)$ invariance.

$$\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = \bar{b}^i{}_{\mu} \bar{b}^j{}_{\nu} \eta_{ij} \quad \rightarrow \quad \bar{b}^i{}_{\mu} \quad (\text{not uniquely})$$

$$A = \Delta + K \quad \rightarrow \quad \bar{w}^i{}_{\mu}$$

$$\bar{b}^i{}_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{r}{\ell^2}\right) + \mathcal{O}_1 & \mathcal{O}_4 & \mathcal{O}_1 \\ \mathcal{O}_2 & \left(\frac{\ell}{r}\right) + \mathcal{O}_3 & \mathcal{O}_2 \\ \mathcal{O}_1 & \mathcal{O}_4 & (r + \mathcal{O}_1) \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\text{leading}} + \bar{B}^i{}_\mu$$

$$\bar{w}^i{}_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{r}{\ell^2}\right) + \mathcal{O}_1 & \mathcal{O}_2 & \left(-\frac{r}{\ell^2}\right) + \mathcal{O}_1 \\ \mathcal{O}_2 & \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) + \mathcal{O}_3 & \mathcal{O}_2 \\ \left(-\frac{r}{\ell^2}\right) + \mathcal{O}_1 & \mathcal{O}_2 & \left(\frac{r}{\ell}\right) + \mathcal{O}_1 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\text{lead.}} + \bar{\Omega}^i{}_\mu$$

Asymptotic symmetries

Ass. symmetry = a subset of gauge transf. which transforms ass. configurations $\bar{b}^i{}_\mu, \bar{w}^i{}_\mu$ into themselves, i.e.

$$\delta_0 \bar{b}^i{}_\mu = \varepsilon^{i\delta\kappa} \theta_j \bar{b}_{\kappa\mu} - \partial_\mu \xi^\rho \bar{b}^i{}_\rho - \xi \cdot \partial \bar{b}^i{}_\mu = \delta_0 \bar{B}^i{}_\mu$$

$$\delta_0 \bar{w}^i{}_\mu = -\nabla_\mu \theta^i - \partial_\mu \xi^\rho \bar{w}^i{}_\rho - \xi \cdot \partial \bar{w}^i{}_\mu = \delta_0 \bar{\Omega}^i{}_\mu$$

Asymptotic symms def. in this way are not isometries, since $\delta_0 \bar{b}^i{}_\mu, \delta_0 \bar{w}^i{}_\mu \neq 0$.

Acting on $\bar{b}^i{}_\mu, \bar{w}^i{}_\mu$, these transformations change the form of subleading terms.

The form of ass. symmetries will be found in 3 steps.

Step 1 Multiply 1st eq. by $\bar{b}^i{}_v$, symmetrize in (μ, ν) : 6 conditions

$$-\partial_\mu \xi^\rho \bar{g}_{\nu\rho} - \partial_\nu \xi^\rho \bar{g}_{\mu\rho} - \xi \cdot \partial \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = \delta_0 \bar{G}_{\mu\nu}$$

Using $\xi^\rho = \sum_n \xi_n^\rho r^{-n} \Rightarrow$

$$\xi^0 = \ell \left[T + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} \frac{\ell^4}{r^2} \right] + \mathcal{O}_4$$

$$\xi^2 = S - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \varphi^2} \cdot \frac{\ell^2}{r^2} + \mathcal{O}_4$$

$$\xi^1 = -\ell \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right) r + \mathcal{O}_1$$

where

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \varphi} = \ell \frac{\partial S}{\partial t}, \quad \frac{\partial S}{\partial \varphi} = \ell \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Two functions $T(t, \varphi)$ and $S(t, \varphi)$ define conformal symmetry :

$$x^\pm = \frac{1}{2} t \pm \varphi, \quad T^\pm = T \pm S, \quad \partial_\pm T^\mp = 0.$$

$$L = \xi^\mu \partial_\mu \Big|_{T=0} \rightarrow \sum L_n e^{inx^+}$$

$$\bar{L} = \xi^\mu \partial_\mu \Big|_{T^+=0} \rightarrow \sum \bar{L}_n e^{inx^-}$$

L_n, \bar{L}_n satisfy two commuting Virasoro algebras:

$$[L_n, L_m] = i(n-m) L_{n+m}, \quad [L_n, \bar{L}_m] = 0$$

$$[\bar{L}_n, \bar{L}_m] = -i(n-m) \bar{L}_{n+m}$$

Step 2 The remaining 3 conditions in the 1st. eq. can be used to determine the Lorentz parameters θ_i :

$$\theta^0 = -\frac{l^2}{r} \partial_0 \partial_2 T + \theta_3$$

$$\theta^2 = \frac{l^3}{r} \partial_0^2 T + \theta_3$$

$$\theta^1 = \partial_2 T + \theta_2.$$

Step 3. Going to the 2nd. eq. we find that it does not lead to any new restrictions.

\Rightarrow Asymptotic symmetry corresponding to the chosen asympt. configuration $\bar{g}_\mu^i, \bar{w}_\mu^i$ in the topological teleparallel theory (9) is given by 2d conformal symmetry.

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Concluding remarks

- In Riemann-Cartan geometry
 - both \underline{T} and \underline{Q} are sources of gravity
 - \underline{PE} is compatible with torsion
- In 4d, TP theory is observationally equivalent to GR, but interaction with spinning matter is different
- In 3d, topological TP theory has conformal symmetry at ∂M