

Appendix to Lecture 10 and 26

The *vector(al) measure of an as-yet-to-be specified area* is

$$e_\ell d^2 \Sigma^\ell \equiv d^2 \vec{\Sigma} \equiv \sum_{ij}^{(2)} e_\ell \epsilon^{\ell ij} \frac{dx^i \wedge dx^j}{2!};$$

We have 1) $e_\ell \epsilon^{\ell ij} dx^i \wedge dx^j / 2! (\vec{u}, \vec{v}) \equiv \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$

and 2.) $d(e_\ell d^2 \Sigma^\ell) = 0$

PROOF:

$$\begin{aligned} d(e_\ell d^2 \Sigma^\ell) &= d\left(e_\ell \epsilon^{\ell ij} \frac{dx^i \wedge dx^j}{2!}\right) = d\left(e_\ell g^{\ell k} \sqrt{g} [kij] \frac{dx^i \wedge dx^j}{2!}\right) \\ &= \left[de_\ell g^{\ell k} + e_\ell dg^{\ell k} + e_\ell g^{\ell k} \frac{d\sqrt{g}}{\sqrt{g}}\right] \sqrt{g} [kij] \frac{dx^i \wedge dx^j}{2!} \\ &= e_n \Gamma_{\ell r}^n dx^r g^{\ell k} + e_\ell (-) g^{\ell r} g^{\Delta k} dg_{rs} + e_\ell g^{\ell k} \frac{d\sqrt{g}}{\sqrt{g}} \sqrt{g} [kij] \frac{dx^i \wedge dx^j}{2!} \end{aligned}$$

Recall that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^r} (\sqrt{g} u^r) = u^r{}_{;r} = u^r{}_{,r} + u^\Delta \Gamma_{\Delta r}^r$$

$$u^r{}_{,r} + u^r \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial \sqrt{g}}{\partial x^r} = u^r{}_{;r} + u^r \Gamma_{r \Delta}^\Delta \Rightarrow \Gamma_{r \Delta}^\Delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial \sqrt{g}}{\partial x^r} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\Delta m} (g_{m\Delta,r} + g_{m,r\Delta} - g_{r\Delta,m})$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} d(e_\ell d^2 \Sigma^\ell) &= e_n \Gamma_{\ell r}^n g^{\ell k} dx^r \wedge \sqrt{g} [kij] \frac{dx^i \wedge dx^j}{2!} + \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3} \\ &= \underbrace{e_n \Gamma_{\ell r}^n g^{\ell r} \sqrt{g} dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^k}_{\textcircled{1}} + \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3} = \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} &= e_n \frac{1}{2} g^{nm} (g_{me,r} + g_{mr,e} - g_{re,m}) g^{\ell r} \sqrt{g} dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^k \\ &= e_n (g^{nm} g_{me,r} g^{\ell r} - \frac{1}{2} g^{nm} g^{\ell r} g_{re,m}) \sqrt{g} dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} &= e_\ell (-) g^{\ell r} g^{\Delta k} dg_{rs} \sqrt{g} [kij] \frac{dx^i \wedge dx^j}{2!} \\ &= -e_\ell g^{\ell r} g^{\Delta k} g_{rs,p} \sqrt{g} [kij] dx^p \wedge dx^i \wedge dx^j / 2! \\ &= -e_\ell g^{\ell r} g^{\Delta k} g_{rs,p} \sqrt{g} \delta_{\Delta}^p dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^k \\ &= -e_\ell g^{\ell r} g^{\Delta p} g_{rs,p} \sqrt{g} dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^k \\ &= -e_n g^{nm} g^{\Delta p} g_{ms,p} \sqrt{g} dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\textcircled{5} &= e_\ell g^{\ell k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} d\sqrt{g} \wedge [k i_j] dx^i \wedge dx^j / 2! \\
&= e_\ell g^{\ell k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial \sqrt{g}}{\partial x^p} [k i_j] dx^p \wedge dx^i \wedge dx^j / 2! \\
&= e_\ell g^{\ell k} \frac{1}{2} g^{ms} g_{ms,p} \delta_k^p \sqrt{g} dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^k \\
&= e_\ell g^{\ell k} \frac{1}{2} g^{ms} g_{ms,k} \sqrt{g} dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^k, \\
&= e_n g^{nk} \frac{1}{2} g^{ms} g_{ms,k} \sqrt{g} dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^k \\
\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3} &= e_n \left(g^{nm} g_{m\ell,r} g^{\ell r} - \frac{1}{2} g^{nm} g^{\ell r} g_{r\ell,m} \right) \sqrt{g} dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^k \\
&\quad - e_n g^{nm} g^{sp} g_{ms,p} \sqrt{g} dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^k \\
&\quad + e_n g^{nk} \frac{1}{2} g^{\ell r} g_{\ell r,k} \sqrt{g} dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^k \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, in terms of the original notation one has

$$d(e_\ell d^2 \Sigma^\ell) = 0$$

$$d(\vec{\Sigma}) = 0$$

$$d(e_\ell \in^\ell i_j dx^i \wedge dx^j) = 0$$

