

3.15(5): First and Second Bianchi Identities and Hodge Duality

The original first and second Bianchi identities are:

$$R^k_{\mu\nu\rho} + R^k_{\rho\mu\nu} + R^k_{\nu\rho\mu} = 0 \quad - (1)$$

and

$$D_\rho R^k_{\lambda\mu\nu} + D_\nu R^k_{\lambda\mu\rho} + D_\mu R^k_{\lambda\nu\rho} = 0 \quad - (2)$$

However the correct identities w/ torsion are:

$$R^k_{\mu\nu\rho} + R^k_{\rho\mu\nu} + R^k_{\nu\rho\mu} := D_\mu T^k_{\nu\rho} + D_\nu T^k_{\rho\mu} + D_\rho T^k_{\mu\nu} \quad - (3)$$

and

$$D_\rho R^k_{\lambda\mu\nu} + D_\nu R^k_{\lambda\mu\rho} + D_\mu R^k_{\lambda\nu\rho} := T^d_{\mu\nu} R^k_{\lambda\rho d} + T^d_{\rho\mu} R^k_{\lambda\nu d} + T^d_{\nu\rho} R^k_{\lambda\mu d} \quad - (4)$$

Eq. (3) is the Cartan identity and eq. (4) is the Jacobi-Cartan-Evans identity.

It is important to consider the Hodge duals of these identities, because they simplify and provide field equations. The Hodge dual of the torsion form for example is:

$$\frac{1}{T} a_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \|g\|^{1/2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} T_{\alpha\beta}^a \quad - (5)$$

where $|g|$ is the determinant of the metric. It is also important to consider the identities (3) and (4) as identities of differential geometry:

$$D_\mu T_{\nu\rho}^a + D_\nu T_{\rho\mu}^a + D_\rho T_{\mu\nu}^a := R_{\mu\nu\rho}^a + R_{\rho\mu\nu}^a + R_{\nu\rho\mu}^a - (6)$$

and:

$$D_\rho R_{\mu\nu}^a + D_\nu R_{\rho\mu}^a + D_\mu R_{\nu\rho}^a := T_{\mu\nu}^c R_{\rho c}^a + T_{\rho\mu}^c R_{\nu c}^a + T_{\nu\rho}^c R_{\mu c}^a - (7)$$

Here a, b and c are indices of the Cartan algebra.
It becomes clear that eqs. (6) and (7) are cyclic in μ, ν and ρ in four dimensions

The Hodge dual of eqs (6) and (7) are:

$$D_\mu \tilde{T}^{a\mu\nu} := \tilde{R}_\mu^a{}^{\mu\nu} - (8)$$

and:

$$D_\mu \tilde{R}^a{}_{b\mu\nu} := T_{\mu\nu}^c \tilde{R}^a{}_{b\mu c} - (9)$$

The structures of eqs. (8) and (9) are similar to the homogeneous field equations of the standard or $U(1)$ electrodynamics:

$$D_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0 - (10)$$

Eq (10) is equivalent to:

$$D_\rho F_{\mu\nu} + D_\mu F_{\nu\rho} + D_\nu F_{\rho\mu} = 0. - (11)$$

It is convenient to give details of this equivalence.

3) It follows from the Hodge dual transform in four dimensions in Minkowski spacetime:

$$\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\rho\sigma} \quad - (12)$$

is that the totally antisymmetric unit tensor in 4-D is:

$$\epsilon^{0123} = 1 = -\epsilon^{0213} = \epsilon^{0231} = \dots = 1 \quad - (13)$$

It follows that:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \tilde{F}^{03} &= F_{12} \\ \tilde{F}^{01} &= F_{23} \\ \tilde{F}^{02} &= F_{31} \\ \tilde{F}^{12} &= F_{03} \\ \tilde{F}^{13} &= F_{20} \\ \tilde{F}^{23} &= F_{01} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad - (14)$$

Eq. (10) gives four equations:

$$\partial_0 \tilde{F}^{01} + \partial_2 \tilde{F}^{21} + \partial_3 \tilde{F}^{31} = 0 \quad - (15)$$

$$\partial_0 \tilde{F}^{02} + \partial_1 \tilde{F}^{12} + \partial_3 \tilde{F}^{32} = 0 \quad - (16)$$

$$\partial_0 \tilde{F}^{03} + \partial_1 \tilde{F}^{13} + \partial_2 \tilde{F}^{23} = 0 \quad - (17)$$

$$\partial_1 \tilde{F}^{10} + \partial_2 \tilde{F}^{20} + \partial_3 \tilde{F}^{30} = 0 \quad - (18)$$

These are equivalent to:

$$\partial_1 F_{23} + \partial_3 F_{12} + \partial_2 F_{31} = 0 \quad - (19)$$

$$\partial_0 F_{31} + \partial_1 F_{03} + \partial_3 F_{10} = 0 \quad - (20)$$

$$\partial_0 F_{12} + \partial_1 F_{20} + \partial_2 F_{01} = 0 \quad - (21)$$

$$\partial_0 F_{23} + \partial_2 F_{30} + \partial_3 F_{02} = 0 \quad - (22)$$

4) These are equivalent to:

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B} = 0 \quad - (23)$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{E} + \frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t} = \underline{0} \quad - (24)$$

using:

$$\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -cB_x & -cB_y & -cB_z \\ cB_x & 0 & E_z & -E_y \\ cB_y & -E_z & 0 & E_x \\ cB_z & E_y & -E_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad - (25)$$

and

$$d_\mu = \left(\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \underline{\nabla} \right) \quad - (26)$$

So the same type of vector structure will emerge from eqs. (8) and (9). From previous work, eq. (8) is transformed into a field equation using:

$$\tilde{F}^{a\mu\nu} = A^{(0)} \tilde{T}^{a\mu\nu} \quad - (27)$$

and gives:

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B}^a = j^{0a} \quad - (27)$$

and

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{E}^a + \frac{\partial \underline{B}^a}{\partial t} = \underline{j}^a \quad - (28)$$

The vector structure of the magnetic charge current density:

$$j^{\mu} = (j^{0a}, \underline{j^a}) - (29)$$

has been given in previous papers such as HFT 255.
So Eq. (9) will give new vector field equations

As an example of this procedure consider eqs (16) and (25); which give:

$$-\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (cB_y) + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = 0 - (30)$$

i.e.
$$\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} = 0 - (31)$$

using the definition:

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{E} = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ E_x & E_y & E_z \end{vmatrix} - (32)$$

it becomes clear that eq. (31) is:

$$\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} + (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{E})_y = 0 - (33)$$

and is the y component of

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{E} + \frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t} = \underline{0} - (34)$$

So the same procedure can be applied to the Hodge dual (9) of the JCE identity to obtain its vector format. This will be done in the next note.