

Problem set 3 FYS9130 – Week 37-38

1. Weyl transformations

A transformation of a D -dimensional metric is given by

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2 g_{\mu\nu} \quad (1)$$

where $\Omega = \Omega(x^\mu)$. Show that we have the following relationships between tilded and untilded quantities:

a) The determinant of the metric

$$\sqrt{-\tilde{g}} = \Omega^D \sqrt{-g} \quad (2)$$

b) The Riemann tensor

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}_{\alpha\mu\beta\nu} = & \Omega^2 R_{\alpha\mu\beta\nu} + \Omega \left(g_{\alpha\nu} \Omega_{;\mu\beta} + g_{\mu\beta} \Omega_{;\alpha\nu} - g_{\alpha\beta} \Omega_{;\mu\nu} - g_{\mu\nu} \Omega_{;\alpha\beta} \right) \\ & + 2 \left(g_{\alpha\beta} \Omega_{,\mu} \Omega_{,\nu} + g_{\mu\nu} \Omega_{,\alpha} \Omega_{,\beta} - g_{\alpha\nu} \Omega_{,\mu} \Omega_{,\beta} - g_{\mu\beta} \Omega_{,\alpha} \Omega_{,\nu} \right) \\ & + \left(g_{\alpha\nu} g_{\mu\beta} - g_{\alpha\beta} g_{\mu\nu} \right) \Omega_{,\sigma} \Omega^{,\sigma} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

c) Ricci tensor

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}_{\mu\nu} = & R_{\mu\nu} - \Omega^{-1} \left[(D-2) \Omega_{;\mu\nu} + g_{\mu\nu} \square \Omega \right] \\ & + \Omega^{-2} \left[2(D-2) \Omega_{,\mu} \Omega_{,\nu} - (D-3) g_{\mu\nu} \Omega_{,\sigma} \Omega^{,\sigma} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

d) Ricci scalar

$$\tilde{R} = \Omega^{-2} R - 2(D-1) \Omega^{-3} \square \Omega - (D-1)(D-4) \Omega^{-4} \Omega_{,\sigma} \Omega^{,\sigma} \quad (5)$$

e) Finally, calculate $\phi_{;\mu\nu}$ and $\square \phi$ in terms of untilded metrics and derivatives.