

Notes 99(4) : Proof of the (conventional) Second Bianchi Identity from Jacobi Identity.

The proof starts from:

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] \nabla^\rho = R^\rho{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} \nabla^\sigma - T^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} D_\lambda \nabla^\rho \quad (1)$$

Assume that: $T^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} = \Gamma^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma^\lambda{}_{\nu\mu} = 0$, (2)

then: $[D_\mu, D_\nu] \nabla^\rho = R^\rho{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} \nabla^\sigma$ (3)

Consider:

$$([D_\kappa, [D_\mu, D_\nu]]) \nabla^\rho = (D_\kappa [D_\mu, D_\nu] - [D_\mu, D_\nu] D_\kappa) \nabla^\rho \quad (4)$$

$$= D_\kappa (D_\mu (D_\nu \nabla^\rho) - D_\nu (D_\mu \nabla^\rho)) - D_\mu D_\nu (D_\kappa \nabla^\rho) + D_\nu D_\mu (D_\kappa \nabla^\rho) \quad (5)$$

$$= D_\kappa ([D_\mu, D_\nu] \nabla^\rho) - [D_\mu, D_\nu] (D_\kappa \nabla^\rho) \quad (5)$$

$$= (D_\kappa [D_\mu, D_\nu]) \nabla^\rho + [D_\mu, D_\nu] D_\kappa \nabla^\rho - [D_\mu, D_\nu] D_\kappa \nabla^\rho \quad (6)$$

(using the Leibnitz Theorem).

$$= (D_\kappa [D_\mu, D_\nu]) \nabla^\rho \quad (7)$$

The Jacobi identity is:

2)

$$[D_\kappa, [D_\mu, D_\nu]] + [D_\nu, [D_\kappa, D_\mu]] + [D_\mu, [D_\nu, D_\kappa]] := 0 \quad - (8)$$

so

$$D_\kappa [D_\mu, D_\nu] + D_\nu [D_\kappa, D_\mu] + D_\mu [D_\nu, D_\kappa] = 0 \quad - (9)$$

i.e. $(D_\kappa R^\rho_{\sigma\mu\nu} + D_\nu R^\rho_{\sigma\kappa\mu} + D_\mu R^\rho_{\sigma\nu\kappa}) \nabla^\sigma = 0 \quad - (10)$

A particular solution is

$$D_\kappa R^\rho_{\sigma\mu\nu} + D_\nu R^\rho_{\sigma\kappa\mu} + D_\mu R^\rho_{\sigma\nu\kappa} = 0 \quad - (11)$$

which is the second Bianchi identity if torsion is neglected. Q.E.D.

The differential governing eq. (11) is

$$D \wedge R^a_b = 0 \quad - (12)$$

which is therefore a statement of eq. (3)

Q.E.D.

It is known from paper 88 that eq. (12) is complete. There is only one Bianchi identity:

3) $D \wedge T^a := R^a{}_b \wedge \nabla^b$ — (13)

and the second Bianchi identity should be:

$$D \wedge (R^a{}_b \wedge \nabla^b) := D \wedge (D \wedge T^a) \neq 0 \quad (14)$$

This must be derived from eqs. (1) and (9),

giving:

$$\begin{aligned} & (D_\kappa R^{\rho}{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} + D_\nu R^{\rho}{}_{\sigma\mu\kappa} + D_\mu R^{\rho}{}_{\sigma\nu\kappa}) \nabla^\sigma \\ &= D_\kappa (T^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} D_\lambda \nabla^\rho) + D_\nu (T^\lambda{}_{\mu\kappa} D_\lambda \nabla^\rho) \\ &+ D_\mu (T^\lambda{}_{\nu\kappa} D_\lambda \nabla^\rho) \neq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

It is clear that eq. (14) is a more elegant expression of eq. (15).

More generally, eq. (9) is:

$$(D_\kappa [D_\mu, D_\nu] + D_\nu [D_\kappa, D_\mu] + D_\mu [D_\nu, D_\kappa]) \nabla^\rho = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } & D_\kappa (R^{\rho}{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} \nabla^\sigma - T^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} D_\lambda \nabla^\rho) \\ &+ D_\nu (R^{\rho}{}_{\sigma\kappa\mu} \nabla^\sigma - T^\lambda{}_{\mu\kappa} D_\lambda \nabla^\rho) \\ &+ D_\mu (R^{\rho}{}_{\sigma\nu\kappa} \nabla^\sigma - T^\lambda{}_{\nu\kappa} D_\lambda \nabla^\rho) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The conventional "second Bianchi identity",

4) eq. (11), is a special case of eq. (17)
 when: $T^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu} = 0$ — (18)

and

$$R^{\rho}_{\sigma\mu\nu} D_{\kappa} V^{\sigma} + R^{\rho}_{\sigma\kappa\mu} D_{\nu} V^{\sigma} + R^{\rho}_{\sigma\kappa\nu} D_{\mu} V^{\sigma} = 0 \quad \text{--- (19)}$$

Eq. (19) can be Leibnitz's theorem. The condition (19) is necessary for eq. (11) to be true, even in the absence of torsion. It can be written as

$$(R^{\rho}_{\sigma\mu\nu} D_{\kappa} + R^{\rho}_{\sigma\kappa\mu} D_{\nu} + R^{\rho}_{\sigma\kappa\nu} D_{\mu}) V^{\sigma} = 0 \quad \text{--- (20)}$$

or a operator notation:

$$\boxed{R^{\rho}_{\sigma\mu\nu} D_{\kappa} + R^{\rho}_{\sigma\kappa\mu} D_{\nu} + R^{\rho}_{\sigma\kappa\nu} D_{\mu} = 0} \quad \text{--- (21)}$$

i.e. $\boxed{R^a_b \wedge D = 0}$ — (22)

this appears to be a new result.