

1) 201(3): Testing the Constraint (18) is HFT 199  
 Assume that the fundamental equivalence theorem is:

$$D_\mu V^a = \omega_{\mu b}^a V^b \quad - (1)$$

where the covariant derivative is:

$$D_\mu V^a = \partial_\mu V^a + \omega_{\mu b}^a V^b \quad - (2)$$

If the equivalence theorem is defined as eq. (1), under what circumstances does it follow that:

$$D_\mu V^a = \omega_{\mu b}^a V^b = \omega_{\mu b}^a V^b \quad - (3)$$

For rotation in a plane, HFT 199 shows that:

$$V_\mu^a = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\omega_{ab}^c = \frac{1}{c} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{dt} & -\frac{d\theta}{dt} \\ \frac{d\theta}{dt} & \frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{dt} \end{bmatrix} \quad - (4)$$

Let  $a=1$ , then:

$$D_0 V^1 = \omega_{01}^1 V^1 + \omega_{02}^1 V^2 \quad - (5)$$

Let  $a=2$ , then:

$$D_0 V^2 = \omega_{01}^2 V^1 + \omega_{02}^2 V^2 \quad - (6)$$

This equation implies that:

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{d(\cos \theta(t))}{dt} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{d\theta}{dt} \sin \theta \quad - (7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{cr} \frac{dr}{dt} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad - (8)$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad -\sin \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{dt} + \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad - (9)$$

$$\text{or} \quad (1 - \sin \theta) \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{dt} \quad - (10)$$

$$\text{Now use:} \quad \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{dr}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad - (10)$$

2) to find that:

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = r(1 - \sin\theta) \quad - (11)$$

It is concluded that eq. (3) does not follow from eq. (1) is general because eq. (11) is too restrictive.

Therefore the torsion is defined by:

$$T^a_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \tilde{V}^a_\nu - \partial_\nu \tilde{V}^a_\mu + \omega^a_{\mu b} \tilde{V}^b_\nu - \omega^a_{\nu b} \tilde{V}^b_\mu \quad - (12)$$

is general. The tetrad postulate is:

$$D_\mu \tilde{V}^a_\nu = \partial_\mu \tilde{V}^a_\nu + \omega^a_{\mu b} \tilde{V}^b_\nu - \Gamma^\lambda_{\mu\nu} \tilde{V}^a_\lambda = 0. \quad - (13)$$

Therefore:

$$\Gamma^a_{\mu\nu} = \Gamma^\lambda_{\mu\nu} \tilde{V}^a_\lambda = \partial_\mu \tilde{V}^a_\nu + \omega^a_{\mu b} \tilde{V}^b_\nu \quad - (14)$$

$$= - \Gamma^a_{\nu\mu} \quad - (15)$$

So the antisymmetry constraint is:

$$\partial_\mu \tilde{V}^a_\nu + \omega^a_{\mu b} \tilde{V}^b_\nu = - (\partial_\nu \tilde{V}^a_\mu + \omega^a_{\nu b} \tilde{V}^b_\mu)$$

and the equivalence tensor is eq. (1).