

CALCULATIONS ON PARALLEL TRANSPORT

We are to consider the parallel transportation of a vector along the 45 degree latitude in a round trip on a sphere of constant radius. The vector always lies on the surface of the sphere .

Our relevant equations are as follows:

$$\frac{dA^\theta}{d\varphi} + \Gamma_{\varphi\theta}^\theta A^\theta + \Gamma_{\varphi\varphi}^\theta A^\varphi = 0$$

$$\frac{dA^\varphi}{d\varphi} + \Gamma_{\varphi\theta}^\varphi A^\theta + \Gamma_{\varphi\varphi}^\varphi A^\varphi = 0$$

Using the expressions for the Christoffel symbols we have,

$$\frac{dA^\theta}{d\varphi} - \sin\theta \cos\theta A^\varphi = 0$$

$$\frac{dA^\varphi}{d\varphi} + \cot\theta A^\theta = 0$$

For $\theta = 45^\circ$, we have,

$$\frac{dA^\theta}{d\varphi} - \frac{1}{2} A^\varphi = 0$$

$$\frac{dA^\varphi}{d\varphi} + A^\theta = 0$$

Solving them we have,

$$A^\theta = A \cos \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\varphi + B \sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\varphi$$

$$A^\varphi = C \cos \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\varphi + D \sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\varphi$$

Using the boundary conditions ,for $\varphi = 0$, $A^\theta = K_1$ and $A^\varphi = K_2$ we obtain,

$$A^\theta = K_1 \cos \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\varphi$$

$$A^\varphi = K_2 \cos \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\varphi$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{A^\theta}{A^\varphi} = \frac{K_1}{K_2}$$

Which remains constant