

Conformal Transformation of the Ricci Scalar

The condition for a transformation to be a conformal transformation

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ab} &\rightarrow \Omega^2 g_{ab} \\ g^{ab} &\rightarrow \Omega^{-2} g^{ab}, \end{aligned}$$

implies that the determinant of the metric transforms as

$$g = \varepsilon^{\mu_0 \dots \mu_{D-1}} g_{0\mu_0 \dots \mu_{(D-1)\mu_{(D-1)}} \rightarrow \Omega^{2D} g$$

so that the volume element transforms as

$$\sqrt{-g} \rightarrow \Omega^D \sqrt{-g}.$$

and we note the partial derivative of the metric is

$$\partial_a g_{bc} = \Gamma_{bac} + \Gamma_{cba}$$

where the Christoffel symbol is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^a_{bc} &= g^{ad} \Gamma_{dbc} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} g^{ad} (\partial_b g_{cd} + \partial_c g_{bd} - \partial_d g_{bc}) \end{aligned}$$

under a conformal transformation it transforms as

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^a_{bc} &\rightarrow \Gamma^{a'}_{bc} = \frac{1}{2} \Omega^{-2} g^{ad} [\partial_b (\Omega^2 g_{cd}) + \partial_c (\Omega^2 g_{bd}) - \partial_d (\Omega^2 g_{bc})] \\ &= \Gamma^a_{bc} + \frac{1}{2} \Omega^{-2} [g^{ad} g_{cd} \partial_b \Omega^2 + g^{ad} g_{bd} \partial_c \Omega^2 - g^{ad} g_{bc} \partial_d \Omega^2] \\ &= \Gamma^a_{bc} + \Omega^{-1} [\delta^a_c \partial_b \Omega + \delta^a_b \partial_c \Omega - g_{bc} \partial^a \Omega]. \end{aligned}$$

We can now simply use the conformal transformation of the Christoffel symbols to compute the conformal transformation of the Riemann tensor R^a_{bcd} defined such that the a is upper and the b is the last index in each term if we can't contract the last index with another (non-derivative) term

$$\begin{aligned} R^a_{bcd} &= 2\partial_{[c} \Gamma^a_{d]b} + 2\Gamma^a_{[c|p|} \Gamma^p_{d]b} \\ &= \partial_c \Gamma^a_{db} - \partial_d \Gamma^a_{cb} + \Gamma^a_{cp} \Gamma^p_{db} - \Gamma^a_{dp} \Gamma^p_{cb} \end{aligned}$$

[note we contracted the last index in the first term of the (anti-symmetric) product of Christoffel's via p] directly

$$\begin{aligned}
R^{a'}_{bcd} &= 2\partial_{[c}\Gamma^{a'}_{d]b} + 2\Gamma^{a'}_{[c|p|}\Gamma^{p'}_{d]b} \\
&= 2\partial_{[c}\{\Gamma^a_{d]b} + \Omega^{-1}(\delta^a_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^a_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^a\Omega)\} \\
&\quad + 2\Gamma^{a'}_{[c|p|}\Gamma^{p'}_{d]b} \\
&= 2\partial_{[c}\{\Gamma^a_{d]b} + \Omega^{-1}(\delta^a_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^a_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^a\Omega)\} \\
&\quad + 2\{\Gamma^a_{[c|p|} + \Omega^{-1}[\delta^a_p\partial_{[c}\Omega + \delta^a_{[c}\partial_{|p|}\Omega - g_{[c|p|}\partial^a\Omega]\}\{\Gamma^p_{d]b} + \Omega^{-1}[\delta^p_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^p_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^p\Omega]\} \\
&= 2\partial_{[c}\Gamma^a_{d]b} + 2\partial_{[c}\{\Omega^{-1}(\delta^a_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^a_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^a\Omega)\} \\
&\quad + 2\Gamma^a_{[c|p|}\{\Gamma^p_{d]b} + \Omega^{-1}[\delta^p_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^p_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^p\Omega]\} \\
&\quad + 2\Omega^{-1}[\delta^a_p\partial_{[c}\Omega + \delta^a_{[c}\partial_{|p|}\Omega - g_{[c|p|}\partial^a\Omega]\}\{\Gamma^p_{d]b} + \Omega^{-1}[\delta^p_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^p_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^p\Omega]\} \\
&= 2\partial_{[c}\Gamma^a_{d]b} + 2\partial_{[c}\{\Omega^{-1}(\delta^a_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^a_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^a\Omega)\} \\
&\quad + 2\Gamma^a_{[c|p|}\Gamma^p_{d]b} + 2\Gamma^a_{[c|p|}\{\Omega^{-1}[\delta^p_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^p_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^p\Omega]\} \\
&\quad + 2\Omega^{-1}[\delta^a_p\partial_{[c}\Omega + \delta^a_{[c}\partial_{|p|}\Omega - g_{[c|p|}\partial^a\Omega]\}\Gamma^p_{d]b} \\
&\quad + 2\Omega^{-1}[\delta^a_p\partial_{[c}\Omega + \delta^a_{[c}\partial_{|p|}\Omega - g_{[c|p|}\partial^a\Omega]\}\{\Omega^{-1}[\delta^p_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^p_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^p\Omega]\} \\
&= R^a_{bcd} \\
&\quad + 2\partial_{[c}\{\Omega^{-1}(\delta^a_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^a_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^a\Omega)\} \\
&\quad + 2\Gamma^a_{[c|p|}\Omega^{-1}[\delta^p_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^p_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^p\Omega] \\
&\quad + 2\Omega^{-1}[\delta^a_p\partial_{[c}\Omega + \delta^a_{[c}\partial_{|p|}\Omega - g_{[c|p|}\partial^a\Omega]\}\Gamma^p_{d]b} \\
&\quad + 2\Omega^{-1}[\delta^a_p\partial_{[c}\Omega + \delta^a_{[c}\partial_{|p|}\Omega - g_{[c|p|}\partial^a\Omega]\}\Omega^{-1}[\delta^p_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^p_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^p\Omega]
\end{aligned}$$

We could simplify further, but our goal is to compute the conformal transformation of the Ricci scalar

$$R = g^{bd}R^x_{bxd},$$

and since the Ricci scalar involves g^{-1} we expect each term to be weighted by Ω^{-2} , and since the Ricci scalar involves two derivatives we expect it to schematically take the form

$$R = g^{bd}R^x_{bxd} \rightarrow R' = \Omega^{-2}R + \lambda_1\Omega^{-3}g^{ab}D_a\partial_b\Omega + \lambda_2\Omega^{-4}g^{ab}(\partial_a\Omega)(\partial_b\Omega)$$

We fix the coefficients λ_1, λ_2 by contracting indices in the Ricci tensor to get the Ricci scalar

$$\begin{aligned}
R &= g^{bd}R^x_{bxd} \rightarrow R' = \Omega^{-2}g^{bd}R^{x'}_{bxd} \\
&= \Omega^{-2}g^{bd}\{R^a_{bxd} \\
&\quad + 2\partial_{[x}\{\Omega^{-1}(\delta^x_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^x_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^x\Omega)\} \\
&\quad + 2\Gamma^x_{[x|p|}\Omega^{-1}[\delta^p_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^p_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^p\Omega] \\
&\quad + 2\Omega^{-1}[\delta^x_p\partial_{[x}\Omega + \delta^x_{[x}\partial_{|p|}\Omega - g_{[x|p|}\partial^x\Omega]\}\Gamma^p_{d]b} \\
&\quad + 2\Omega^{-1}[\delta^x_p\partial_{[x}\Omega + \delta^x_{[x}\partial_{|p|}\Omega - g_{[x|p|}\partial^x\Omega]\}\Omega^{-1}[\delta^p_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^p_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^p\Omega]\} \\
&= \Omega^{-2}R \\
&\quad - \Omega^{-4}g^{bd}2\{\partial_{[x}\Omega\}(\delta^x_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^x_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^x\Omega) \quad I \\
&\quad + \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}2\partial_{[x}\{(\delta^x_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^x_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^x\Omega)\} \quad II \\
&\quad + 2\Gamma^x_{[x|p|}\Omega^{-3}g^{bd}[\delta^p_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^p_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^p\Omega] \quad III \\
&\quad + \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}2[\delta^x_p\partial_{[x}\Omega + \delta^x_{[x}\partial_{|p|}\Omega - g_{[x|p|}\partial^x\Omega]\}\Gamma^p_{d]b} \quad IV \\
&\quad + \Omega^{-4}g^{bd}2[\delta^x_p\partial_{[x}\Omega + \delta^x_{[x}\partial_{|p|}\Omega - g_{[x|p|}\partial^x\Omega]\}[\delta^p_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^p_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^p\Omega] \quad V.
\end{aligned}$$

We now evaluate each non-trivial line, first evaluating I

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= -2\Omega^{-4}g^{bd}\{\partial_{[x}\Omega\}(\delta^x_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^x_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^x\Omega) \\
&= -\Omega^{-4}g^{bd}\{\partial_x\Omega\}(\delta^x_b\partial_d\Omega + \delta^x_d\partial_b\Omega - g_{db}\partial^x\Omega) + \Omega^{-4}g^{bd}\{\partial_d\Omega\}(\delta^x_b\partial_x\Omega + \delta^x_x\partial_b\Omega - g_{xb}\partial^x\Omega) \\
&= -\Omega^{-4}\{\partial_x\Omega\}\partial^x\Omega - \Omega^{-4}\{\partial_x\Omega\}\partial^x\Omega + D\Omega^{-4}\{\partial_x\Omega\}\partial^x\Omega + \Omega^{-4}\{\partial^x\Omega\}\partial_x\Omega + D\Omega^{-4}\{\partial_x\Omega\}\partial^x\Omega - \Omega^{-4}\{\partial_x\Omega\}\partial^x\Omega \\
&= 2(D-1)\Omega^{-4}\{\partial_x\Omega\}\partial^x\Omega
\end{aligned}$$

then evaluating II

$$\begin{aligned}
II &= \Omega^{-3}2g^{bd}\partial_{[x}\{(\delta^x_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^x_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^x\Omega)\} \\
&= \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_x\{(\delta^x_b\partial_d\Omega + \delta^x_d\partial_b\Omega - g_{db}\partial^x\Omega)\} - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_d\{(\delta^x_b\partial_x\Omega + \delta^x_x\partial_b\Omega - g_{xb}\partial^x\Omega)\} \\
&= \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_b\partial_d\Omega + \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_d\partial_b\Omega - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_x[g_{db}\partial^x\Omega] - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_d\partial_b\Omega - D\Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_d\partial_b\Omega + \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_d\partial_b\Omega \\
&= -(D-2)\Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_b\partial_d\Omega - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_x[g_{db}\partial^x\Omega] \\
&= -(D-2)\Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_b\partial_d\Omega - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_x[g_{db}g^{xe}\partial_e\Omega] \\
&= -(D-2)\Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_b\partial_d\Omega - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}[\partial_xg_{db}]g^{xe}\partial_e\Omega - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}g_{db}[\partial_xg^{xe}]\partial_e\Omega - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}g_{db}g^{xe}\partial_x\partial_e\Omega \\
&= -(D-2)\Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_b\partial_d\Omega - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}[\partial_xg_{db}]g^{xe}\partial_e\Omega - \Omega^{-3}D[\partial_xg^{xe}]\partial_e\Omega - D\Omega^{-3}g^{xe}\partial_x\partial_e\Omega \\
&= -2(D-1)\Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_b\partial_d\Omega - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}[\partial_xg_{db}]g^{xe}\partial_e\Omega - \Omega^{-3}D[\partial_xg^{xe}]\partial_e\Omega \\
&= -2(D-1)\Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_b\partial_d\Omega - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}[\Gamma_{dxb} + \Gamma_{b dx}]\partial^x\Omega - \Omega^{-3}D[\partial_xg^{xe}]\partial_e\Omega \\
&= -2(D-1)\Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_b\partial_d\Omega - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}[\Gamma_{dxb} + \Gamma_{b dx}]\partial^x\Omega + \Omega^{-3}D[\Gamma^x_x{}^e + \Gamma^{ex}_x]\partial_e\Omega \\
&= -2(D-1)\Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_b\partial_d\Omega - \Omega^{-3}\Gamma^b_{xb}\partial^x\Omega - \Omega^{-3}\Gamma^d_{dx}\partial^x\Omega + D\Omega^{-3}\Gamma^x_x{}^e\partial_e\Omega + D\Omega^{-3}\Gamma^{ex}_x\partial_e\Omega \\
&= -2(D-1)\Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\partial_b\partial_d\Omega - 2\Omega^{-3}\Gamma^b_{xb}\partial^x\Omega + D\Omega^{-3}\Gamma^x_x{}^e\partial_e\Omega + D\Omega^{-3}\Gamma^{ex}_x\partial_e\Omega,
\end{aligned}$$

where we used

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{ab}b^{bc} &= \delta_a{}^c \\
\partial_d g_{ab} &= \Gamma_{adb} + \Gamma_{bad} \\
0 &= \partial_d(g_{ab}g^{bc}) \\
&= (\partial_d g_{ab})g^{bc} + g_{ab}(\partial_d g^{bc}) = (\Gamma_{adb} + \Gamma_{bad})g^{bc} + g_{ab}(-\Gamma^b_d{}^c - \Gamma^{cb}_d) = (\Gamma_{adb} + \Gamma_{bad})g^{bc} - (\Gamma_{ad}{}^c + \Gamma^c_{ad}) \\
&= (\Gamma_{adb} + \Gamma_{bad})g^{bc} - (\Gamma_{adb} + \Gamma_{bad})g^{bc} \\
\partial_d g^{bc} &= -(\Gamma^b_d{}^c + \Gamma^{cb}_d)
\end{aligned}$$

then evaluating III

$$\begin{aligned}
III &= \Omega^{-3}2g^{bd}\Gamma^x_{[x|p|}[\delta^p_{|b|}\partial_{d]}\Omega + \delta^p_{d]}\partial_b\Omega - g_{d]b}\partial^p\Omega] \\
&= \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\Gamma^x_{xp}[\delta^p_b\partial_d\Omega + \delta^p_d\partial_b\Omega - g_{db}\partial^p\Omega] - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}\Gamma^x_{dp}[\delta^p_b\partial_x\Omega + \delta^p_x\partial_b\Omega - g_{xb}\partial^p\Omega] \\
&= \Omega^{-3}\Gamma^x_{xp}[\partial^p\Omega + \partial^p\Omega - D\partial^p\Omega] - \Omega^{-3}\Gamma^x_{dp}[g^{pd}\partial_x\Omega + \delta^p_x\partial^d\Omega - \delta^d_x\partial^p\Omega] \\
&= (2-D)\Omega^{-3}\Gamma^x_{xp}\partial^p\Omega - \Omega^{-3}\Gamma^x_d{}^d\partial_x\Omega - \Omega^{-3}\Gamma^x_{xp}\partial^p\Omega + \Omega^{-3}\Gamma^x_{xp}\partial^p\Omega \\
&= (2-D)\Omega^{-3}\Gamma^x_{xp}\partial^p\Omega - \Omega^{-3}\Gamma^x_d{}^d\partial_x\Omega
\end{aligned}$$

then evaluating IV

$$\begin{aligned}
IV &= \Omega^{-3}2g^{bd}[\delta^x_p\partial_{[x}\Omega + \delta^x_{[x|p|}\partial_{d]}\Omega - g_{[x|p|}\partial^x\Omega]\Gamma^p_{d]b} \\
&= \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}[\delta^x_p\partial_x\Omega + \delta^x_x\partial_p\Omega - g_{xp}\partial^x\Omega]\Gamma^p_{db} - \Omega^{-3}g^{bd}[\delta^x_p\partial_d\Omega + \delta^x_d\partial_p\Omega - g_{dp}\partial^x\Omega]\Gamma^p_{xb} \\
&= \Omega^{-3}\partial_p\Omega\Gamma^p_d{}^d + D\Omega^{-3}\partial_p\Omega\Gamma^p_d{}^d - \Omega^{-3}\partial_p\Omega\Gamma^p_d{}^d - \Omega^{-3}\partial_d\Omega\Gamma^p_p{}^d - \Omega^{-3}\partial_p\Omega\Gamma^p_d{}^d + \Omega^{-3}\partial^x\Omega\Gamma^p_{xp} \\
&= D\Omega^{-3}\partial_p\Omega\Gamma^p_d{}^d - \Omega^{-3}\partial^d\Omega\Gamma^p_{pd} - \Omega^{-3}\partial_p\Omega\Gamma^p_d{}^d + \Omega^{-3}\partial^d\Omega\Gamma^p_{pd} \\
&= -(1-D)\Omega^{-3}\partial_x\Omega\Gamma^x_d{}^d
\end{aligned}$$

then evaluating V

$$\begin{aligned}
V &= \Omega^{-4} 2g^{bd} [\delta^x_p \partial_{[x} \Omega + \delta^x_{[x} \partial_{|p|} \Omega - g_{[x|p|} \partial^x \Omega] [\delta^p_{|b|} \partial_{d]} \Omega + \delta^p_{d]} \partial_b \Omega - g_{d]b} \partial^p \Omega] \\
&= \Omega^{-4} g^{bd} [\delta^x_p \partial_x \Omega + \delta^x_x \partial_p \Omega - g_{xp} \partial^x \Omega] [\delta^p_b \partial_d \Omega + \delta^p_d \partial_b \Omega - g_{db} \partial^p \Omega] \\
&\quad - \Omega^{-4} g^{bd} [\delta^x_p \partial_d \Omega + \delta^x_d \partial_p \Omega - g_{dp} \partial^x \Omega] [\delta^p_b \partial_x \Omega + \delta^p_x \partial_b \Omega - g_{xb} \partial^p \Omega] \\
&= \Omega^{-4} [\delta^x_p \partial_x \Omega + \delta^x_x \partial_p \Omega - \partial_p \Omega] [\partial^p \Omega + \partial^p \Omega - D \partial^p \Omega] \\
&\quad - \Omega^{-4} [\delta^x_p \partial_d \Omega + \delta^x_d \partial_p \Omega - g_{dp} \partial^x \Omega] [g^{pd} \partial_x \Omega + \delta^p_x \partial^d \Omega - \delta^d_x \partial^p \Omega] \\
&= -(D-2) \Omega^{-4} [\partial_p \Omega \partial^p \Omega + D \partial_p \Omega \partial^p \Omega - \partial_p \Omega \partial^p \Omega] \\
&\quad - \Omega^{-4} \{ \delta^x_p \partial_d \Omega [g^{pd} \partial_x \Omega + \delta^p_x \partial^d \Omega - \delta^d_x \partial^p \Omega] + \delta^x_d \partial_p \Omega [g^{pd} \partial_x \Omega + \delta^p_x \partial^d \Omega - \delta^d_x \partial^p \Omega] \\
&\quad \quad - g_{dp} \partial^x \Omega [g^{pd} \partial_x \Omega + \delta^p_x \partial^d \Omega - \delta^d_x \partial^p \Omega] \} \\
&= -D(D-2) \Omega^{-4} \partial_p \Omega \partial^p \Omega \\
&\quad - \Omega^{-4} \{ \partial_x \Omega [\partial^x \Omega + D \partial^x \Omega - \partial^x \Omega] + \partial_x \Omega [\partial^x \Omega + \partial^x \Omega - D \partial^x \Omega] \\
&\quad \quad - \partial^x \Omega [D \partial_x \Omega + \partial_x \Omega - \partial_x \Omega] \} \\
&= -D(D-2) \Omega^{-4} \partial_p \Omega \partial^p \Omega - \Omega^{-4} \{ D \partial_x \Omega \partial^x \Omega + (2-D) \partial_x \Omega \partial^x \Omega - D \partial_x \Omega \partial^x \Omega \} \\
&= -D(D-2) \Omega^{-4} \partial_p \Omega \partial^p \Omega - \Omega^{-4} (2-D) \partial_x \Omega \partial^x \Omega.
\end{aligned}$$

This results in

$$\begin{aligned}
R' &= \Omega^{-2} R + I + \dots + V \\
&= \Omega^{-2} R \\
&\quad + 2(D-1) \Omega^{-4} \{ \partial_x \Omega \} \partial^x \Omega \\
&\quad - 2(D-1) \Omega^{-3} g^{bd} \partial_b \partial_d \Omega - 2 \Omega^{-3} \Gamma^b_{xb} \partial^x \Omega + D \Omega^{-3} \Gamma^x_x{}^e \partial_e \Omega + D \Omega^{-3} \Gamma^{ex}_x \partial_e \Omega \\
&\quad + (2-D) \Omega^{-3} \Gamma^x_{xp} \partial^p \Omega - \Omega^{-3} \Gamma^x_d{}^d \partial_x \Omega \\
&\quad - (1-D) \Omega^{-3} \partial_x \Omega \Gamma^x_d{}^d \\
&\quad - D(D-2) \Omega^{-4} \partial_p \Omega \partial^p \Omega - \Omega^{-4} (2-D) \partial_x \Omega \partial^x \Omega \\
&= \Omega^{-2} R \\
&\quad + \Omega^{-3} \{ -2(D-1) g^{bd} \partial_b \partial_d \Omega - 2 \Gamma^b_{xb} \partial^x \Omega + D \Gamma^x_x{}^e \partial_e \Omega + D \Gamma^{ex}_x \partial_e \Omega + (2-D) \Gamma^x_{xp} \partial^p \Omega - \Gamma^x_d{}^d \partial_x \Omega \\
&\quad \quad - (1-D) \partial_x \Omega \Gamma^x_d{}^d \} \\
&\quad + \Omega^{-4} \{ 2(D-1) - D(D-2) - (2-D) \} \partial_x \Omega \partial^x \Omega \\
&= \Omega^{-2} R \\
&\quad + \Omega^{-3} \{ -2(D-1) g^{bd} \partial_b \partial_d \Omega + D \Gamma^{ex}_x \partial_e \Omega - \Gamma^x_d{}^d \partial_x \Omega - (1-D) \partial_x \Omega \Gamma^x_d{}^d \} \\
&\quad + \Omega^{-4} \{ 2(D-1) - D(D-2) + 1(D-2) \} \partial_x \Omega \partial^x \Omega \\
&= \Omega^{-2} R \\
&\quad + \Omega^{-3} \{ -2(D-1) g^{bd} \partial_b \partial_d \Omega + D \Gamma^{ex}_x \partial_e \Omega - (2-D) \Gamma^x_d{}^d \partial_x \Omega \} \\
&\quad + \Omega^{-4} \{ 2(D-1) - (D-1)(D-2) \} \partial_x \Omega \partial^x \Omega \\
&= \Omega^{-2} R + g^{bd} \{ -2(D-1) \partial_b \partial_d \Omega + 2(D-1) \Gamma^x_d{}^d \partial_x \Omega \} \frac{1}{\Omega^3} - (D-1)(D-4) \frac{\partial_x \Omega \partial^x \Omega}{\Omega^4} \\
&= \Omega^{-2} R - 2(D-1) g^{bd} \{ \partial_b \partial_d \Omega - \Gamma^c_{bd} \partial_c \Omega \} \frac{1}{\Omega^3} - (D-1)(D-4) \frac{\partial_x \Omega \partial^x \Omega}{\Omega^4} \\
&= \Omega^{-2} R - 2(D-1) g^{bd} D_b \partial_d \Omega \frac{1}{\Omega^3} - (D-1)(D-4) \frac{\partial_x \Omega \partial^x \Omega}{\Omega^4} \\
&= \Omega^{-2} R - 2(D-1) g^{bd} D_b D_d \Omega \frac{1}{\Omega^3} - (D-1)(D-4) \frac{\partial_x \Omega \partial^x \Omega}{\Omega^4}.
\end{aligned}$$

The conformal transformation of the Ricci tensor is

$$R'_{bd} = R_{bd} - [(D-2) \delta^x_b \delta^y_d + g_{bd} g^{xy}] \frac{D_x \partial_y \Omega}{\Omega} + [2(D-2) \delta^x_b \delta^y_d - (D-3) g_{bd} g^{xy}] \frac{(\partial_x \Omega)(\partial_y \Omega)}{\Omega^2}$$