

The metric

$$g_{ab}(x) = \left(g_{ab} - \frac{1}{3} x^c x^d R_{acbd} - \frac{1}{6} x^c x^d x^e \nabla_c R_{adbe} + \frac{2}{45} x^c x^d x^e x^f R_{acd g} R_{bef g} - \frac{1}{20} x^c x^d x^e x^f \nabla_{cd} R_{aebf} + \frac{1}{45} x^c x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{acd h} \nabla_e R_{bfgh} + \frac{1}{45} x^c x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{bcd h} \nabla_e R_{afgh} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{90} x^c x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{cde} R_{afbg} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6)$$

The inverse metric

$$g^{ab}(x) = \left(g^{ab} + \frac{1}{3} x^c x^d R^a{}_c{}^b{}_d + \frac{1}{6} x^c x^d x^e \nabla_c R^a{}_d{}^b{}_e + \frac{1}{15} x^c x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{cdg} R^b{}_{efg} + \frac{1}{20} x^c x^d x^e x^f \nabla_{cd} R^a{}_e{}^b{}_f + \frac{1}{30} x^c x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{cdh} \nabla_e R^b{}_{fgh} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{30} x^c x^d x^e x^f x^g R^b{}_{cdh} \nabla_e R^a{}_{fgh} + \frac{1}{90} x^c x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{cde} R^a{}_f{}^b{}_g \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6)$$

The connection

Here we use γ_{bcd}^a as coefficients in the Taylor series expansion of the connection $\Gamma_{bc}^a(x)$ around $x = 0$. The symbols Γ_{bcd}^a are reserved for the *generalised connections*.

$$\Gamma_{bc}^a(x) = \gamma_{bcd}^a x^d + \gamma_{bcde}^a x^d x^e + \gamma_{bcdef}^a x^d x^e x^f + \gamma_{bcdefg}^a x^d x^e x^f x^g + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6)$$

Here we also introduce the notation $(abc)(\dots)$ to denote symmetrisation over the specified indices. I find that this is easier to write than trying to wrap the indices in brackets.

$$\gamma_{(bc)d}^a = \frac{2}{3} R^a{}_{bcd}$$

$$\gamma_{(bc)de}^a = \frac{1}{12} \nabla^a R_{dbec} + \frac{1}{6} \nabla_b R^a{}_{dec} + \frac{1}{3} \nabla_d R^a{}_{bec}$$

$$\gamma_{(bc)def}^a = \frac{1}{20} \nabla^a{}_d R_{ebfc} + \frac{1}{10} \nabla_{db} R^a{}_{efc} + \frac{1}{10} \nabla_{de} R^a{}_{bfc} - \frac{4}{45} R^a{}_{bdg} R_{ecfg} - \frac{2}{45} R^a{}_{dbg} R_{ecfg} + \frac{8}{45} R^a{}_{deg} R_{fbcg} - \frac{2}{45} R^a{}_{gdb} R_{ecfg}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{(bc)defg}^a = & \frac{1}{60} \nabla^a{}_{de} R_{fbgc} + \frac{1}{30} \nabla_{deb} R^a{}_{fgc} + \frac{1}{45} \nabla_{def} R^a{}_{bgc} - \frac{1}{45} \nabla^a R_{fbgh} R_{dceh} - \frac{1}{45} \nabla_b R^a{}_{fgh} R_{dceh} + \frac{1}{30} \nabla_b R_{fcgh} R^a{}_{deh} + \frac{4}{45} \nabla_e R^a{}_{fgh} R_{dbch} - \frac{2}{45} \nabla_e R_{fbgh} R^a{}_{cdh} \\ & - \frac{1}{45} \nabla_e R_{fbgh} R^a{}_{dch} - \frac{1}{45} \nabla_e R_{fbgh} R^a{}_{hdc} - \frac{2}{45} \nabla_f R^a{}_{bgh} R_{dceh} - \frac{1}{45} \nabla_f R^a{}_{gbh} R_{dceh} - \frac{1}{45} \nabla_f R^a{}_{hgb} R_{dceh} + \frac{4}{45} \nabla_f R_{gbch} R^a{}_{deh} - \frac{1}{36} \nabla_h R_{fbgc} R^a{}_{deh} \end{aligned}$$

Partial derivatives of the Riemann curvature tensor.

The first four partial derivatives of the Riemann tensor when expressed in terms of the Riemann tensor and its covariant derivatives are

$$R^u{}_{(bc\dot{v},a)} = \nabla_a R^u{}_{bcv}$$

$$R^u{}_{(cd\dot{v},ab)} = \nabla_{ab} R^u{}_{cdv}$$

$$2R^u{}_{(de\dot{v},abc)} = 2\nabla_{abc} R^u{}_{dev} - R_{vabf} \nabla_c R^u{}_{def} + R^u{}_{abf} \nabla_c R_{vdef}$$

$$5R^u{}_{(ef\dot{v},abcd)} = 5\nabla_{abcd} R^u{}_{efv} - 7R_{vabg} \nabla_{cd} R^u{}_{efg} + 7R^u{}_{abg} \nabla_{cd} R_{vefg}$$

Generalised connections in generic coordinates

The generalised connectiosn in generic coordinates (i.e. prior to adapting to Riemann normal coordinates) are

$$\Gamma_{bc}^a(x) = \Gamma^a{}_{bc}$$

$$\Gamma_{bcd}^a(x) = \partial_b \Gamma^a{}_{cd} - 2 \Gamma^a{}_{be} \Gamma^e{}_{cd}$$

$$\Gamma_{bcde}^a(x) = -\Gamma^f{}_{bc} \partial_f \Gamma^a{}_{de} - 4 \Gamma^f{}_{bc} \partial_d \Gamma^a{}_{ef} + \partial_{bc} \Gamma^a{}_{de} + 2 \Gamma^a{}_{fg} \Gamma^f{}_{bc} \Gamma^g{}_{de} + 4 \Gamma^a{}_{bf} \Gamma^f{}_{cg} \Gamma^g{}_{de} - 2 \Gamma^a{}_{bf} \partial_c \Gamma^f{}_{de}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{bcdef}^a(x) = & 2 \Gamma^g{}_{bc} \Gamma^h{}_{dg} \partial_h \Gamma^a{}_{ef} + 6 \Gamma^g{}_{bc} \Gamma^h{}_{de} \partial_g \Gamma^a{}_{fh} - \partial_g \Gamma^a{}_{bc} \partial_d \Gamma^g{}_{ef} - 3 \Gamma^g{}_{bc} \partial_{dg} \Gamma^a{}_{ef} + 12 \Gamma^g{}_{bc} \Gamma^h{}_{dg} \partial_e \Gamma^a{}_{fh} + 6 \Gamma^g{}_{bc} \Gamma^h{}_{de} \partial_f \Gamma^a{}_{gh} \\ & - 6 \partial_b \Gamma^a{}_{cg} \partial_d \Gamma^g{}_{ef} - 6 \Gamma^g{}_{bc} \partial_{de} \Gamma^a{}_{fg} + \partial_{bcd} \Gamma^a{}_{ef} - 12 \Gamma^a{}_{gh} \Gamma^g{}_{bc} \Gamma^h{}_{di} \Gamma^i{}_{ef} + 6 \Gamma^a{}_{gh} \Gamma^g{}_{bc} \partial_d \Gamma^h{}_{ef} - 4 \Gamma^a{}_{bg} \Gamma^g{}_{hi} \Gamma^h{}_{cd} \Gamma^i{}_{ef} \\ & - 8 \Gamma^a{}_{bg} \Gamma^g{}_{ch} \Gamma^h{}_{di} \Gamma^i{}_{ef} + 8 \Gamma^a{}_{bg} \Gamma^h{}_{cd} \partial_e \Gamma^g{}_{fh} + 4 \Gamma^a{}_{bg} \Gamma^g{}_{ch} \partial_d \Gamma^h{}_{ef} + 2 \Gamma^a{}_{bg} \Gamma^h{}_{cd} \partial_h \Gamma^g{}_{ef} - 2 \Gamma^a{}_{bg} \partial_{cd} \Gamma^g{}_{ef} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{bcdefg}^a(x) = & -4 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{dh} \Gamma^j{}_{ei} \partial_j \Gamma^a{}_{fg} - 2 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{de} \Gamma^j{}_{hi} \partial_j \Gamma^a{}_{fg} - 16 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{de} \Gamma^j{}_{fh} \partial_j \Gamma^a{}_{gi} + 2 \Gamma^h{}_{bi} \partial_h \Gamma^a{}_{cd} \partial_e \Gamma^i{}_{fg} + 4 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \partial_i \Gamma^a{}_{de} \partial_f \Gamma^i{}_{gh} + 8 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{dh} \partial_{ei} \Gamma^a{}_{fg} \\ & - 24 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{de} \Gamma^j{}_{fh} \partial_i \Gamma^a{}_{gj} - 12 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{de} \Gamma^j{}_{fg} \partial_h \Gamma^a{}_{ij} + 8 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \partial_i \Gamma^a{}_{dh} \partial_e \Gamma^i{}_{fg} + 12 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \partial_h \Gamma^a{}_{di} \partial_e \Gamma^i{}_{fg} + 24 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{de} \partial_{fh} \Gamma^a{}_{gi} + \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \partial_i \Gamma^a{}_{de} \partial_h \Gamma^i{}_{fg} \\ & - 4 \partial_b \Gamma^h{}_{cd} \partial_{eh} \Gamma^a{}_{fg} - \partial_h \Gamma^a{}_{bc} \partial_{de} \Gamma^h{}_{fg} + 3 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{de} \partial_{hi} \Gamma^a{}_{fg} - 6 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \partial_{deh} \Gamma^a{}_{fg} - 32 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{dh} \Gamma^j{}_{ei} \partial_f \Gamma^a{}_{gj} - 16 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{de} \Gamma^j{}_{hi} \partial_f \Gamma^a{}_{gj} - 48 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{de} \Gamma^j{}_{fh} \partial_g \Gamma^a{}_{ij} \\ & + 16 \Gamma^h{}_{bi} \partial_c \Gamma^a{}_{dh} \partial_e \Gamma^i{}_{fg} + 32 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \partial_d \Gamma^a{}_{ei} \partial_f \Gamma^i{}_{gh} + 24 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{dh} \partial_{ef} \Gamma^a{}_{gi} + 24 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \partial_d \Gamma^a{}_{hi} \partial_e \Gamma^i{}_{fg} + 12 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{de} \partial_{fg} \Gamma^a{}_{hi} + 8 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \partial_d \Gamma^a{}_{ei} \partial_h \Gamma^i{}_{fg} \\ & - 12 \partial_b \Gamma^h{}_{cd} \partial_{ef} \Gamma^a{}_{gh} - 8 \partial_b \Gamma^a{}_{ch} \partial_{de} \Gamma^h{}_{fg} - 8 \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \partial_{def} \Gamma^a{}_{gh} + \partial_{bcde} \Gamma^a{}_{fg} + 24 \Gamma^a{}_{hi} \Gamma^h{}_{bj} \Gamma^i{}_{ck} \Gamma^j{}_{de} \Gamma^k{}_{fg} + 16 \Gamma^a{}_{hi} \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{jk} \Gamma^j{}_{de} \Gamma^k{}_{fg} + 32 \Gamma^a{}_{hi} \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{dj} \Gamma^j{}_{ek} \Gamma^k{}_{fg} \\ & - 24 \Gamma^a{}_{hi} \Gamma^h{}_{bj} \Gamma^j{}_{cd} \partial_e \Gamma^i{}_{fg} - 32 \Gamma^a{}_{hi} \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^j{}_{de} \partial_f \Gamma^i{}_{gj} - 16 \Gamma^a{}_{hi} \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^i{}_{dj} \partial_e \Gamma^j{}_{fg} - 8 \Gamma^a{}_{hi} \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \Gamma^j{}_{de} \partial_j \Gamma^i{}_{fg} + 6 \Gamma^a{}_{hi} \partial_b \Gamma^h{}_{cd} \partial_e \Gamma^i{}_{fg} + 8 \Gamma^a{}_{hi} \Gamma^h{}_{bc} \partial_{de} \Gamma^i{}_{fg} \\ & + 24 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^h{}_{ij} \Gamma^i{}_{cd} \Gamma^j{}_{ek} \Gamma^k{}_{fg} - 12 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^i{}_{cd} \Gamma^j{}_{ef} \partial_g \Gamma^h{}_{ij} - 12 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^h{}_{ij} \Gamma^i{}_{cd} \partial_e \Gamma^j{}_{fg} + 8 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^h{}_{ci} \Gamma^i{}_{jk} \Gamma^j{}_{de} \Gamma^k{}_{fg} + 16 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^h{}_{ci} \Gamma^i{}_{dj} \Gamma^j{}_{ek} \Gamma^k{}_{fg} \\ & - 24 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^i{}_{cd} \Gamma^j{}_{ei} \partial_f \Gamma^h{}_{gj} - 16 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^h{}_{ci} \Gamma^j{}_{de} \partial_f \Gamma^i{}_{gj} - 8 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^h{}_{ci} \Gamma^i{}_{dj} \partial_e \Gamma^j{}_{fg} - 12 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^i{}_{cd} \Gamma^j{}_{ef} \partial_i \Gamma^h{}_{gj} + 12 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \partial_c \Gamma^h{}_{di} \partial_e \Gamma^i{}_{fg} + 12 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^i{}_{cd} \partial_{ef} \Gamma^h{}_{gi} \\ & - 4 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^h{}_{ci} \Gamma^j{}_{de} \partial_j \Gamma^i{}_{fg} + 4 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^h{}_{ci} \partial_{de} \Gamma^i{}_{fg} - 4 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^i{}_{cd} \Gamma^j{}_{ei} \partial_j \Gamma^h{}_{fg} + 2 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \partial_c \Gamma^i{}_{de} \partial_i \Gamma^h{}_{fg} + 6 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \Gamma^i{}_{cd} \partial_{ei} \Gamma^h{}_{fg} - 2 \Gamma^a{}_{bh} \partial_{cde} \Gamma^h{}_{fg} \end{aligned}$$

Generalised connections in RNC coordinates

The generalised connections in Riemann normal coordinates.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{bc}^a(x) = & \frac{2}{3} x^d R^a{}_{bdc} + \frac{1}{6} x^d x^e \nabla_b R^a{}_{dec} + \frac{1}{3} x^d x^e \nabla_d R^a{}_{bec} + \frac{1}{12} x^d x^e \nabla^a R_{dbec} + \frac{8}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{deg} R_{fbcg} - \frac{4}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{bdg} R_{ecfg} - \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{dbg} R_{ecfg} \\
& + \frac{1}{10} x^d x^e x^f \nabla_{db} R^a{}_{efc} + \frac{1}{10} x^d x^e x^f \nabla_{de} R^a{}_{bfc} - \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{gdb} R_{ecfg} + \frac{1}{20} x^d x^e x^f \nabla^a{}_d R_{ebfc} + \frac{4}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{dbch} \nabla_e R^a{}_{fgh} \\
& + \frac{1}{30} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{deh} \nabla_b R_{fcgh} + \frac{4}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{deh} \nabla_f R_{gbch} - \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bdh} \nabla_e R_{fcgh} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dbh} \nabla_e R_{fcgh} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{dbeh} \nabla_c R^a{}_{fgh} \\
& - \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{dbeh} \nabla_f R^a{}_{cgh} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{dbeh} \nabla_f R^a{}_{gch} + \frac{1}{30} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{deb} R^a{}_{fgc} + \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{def} R^a{}_{bgc} - \frac{1}{36} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{deh} \nabla_h R_{fbgc} \\
& - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{hdb} \nabla_e R_{fcgh} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{dbeh} \nabla^a R_{fcgh} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{dbeh} \nabla_f R^a{}_{hgc} + \frac{1}{60} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla^a{}_{de} R_{fbgc} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{bcd}^a(x) = & \frac{1}{2} x^e \nabla_b R^a{}_{ced} + \frac{2}{15} x^e x^f R^a{}_{ebg} R_{fcdg} + \frac{8}{15} x^e x^f R^a{}_{beg} R_{fcdg} - \frac{2}{15} x^e x^f R^a{}_{bcg} R_{edfg} + \frac{3}{10} x^e x^f \nabla_{eb} R^a{}_{cfd} + \frac{1}{10} x^e x^f \nabla_{bc} R^a{}_{efd} \\
& + \frac{2}{5} x^e x^f R^a{}_{geb} R_{fcdg} + \frac{1}{20} x^e x^f \nabla^a{}_b R_{ecfd} + \frac{1}{9} x^e x^f x^g R_{ebch} \nabla_d R^a{}_{fgh} + \frac{1}{9} x^e x^f x^g R_{ebch} \nabla_h R^a{}_{fgd} + \frac{2}{9} x^e x^f x^g R_{ebch} \nabla_f R^a{}_{dgh} \\
& + \frac{2}{9} x^e x^f x^g R_{ebch} \nabla_f R^a{}_{hgd} + \frac{1}{9} x^e x^f x^g R_{ebch} \nabla^a R_{fdgh} + \frac{1}{9} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{beh} \nabla_c R_{fdgh} + \frac{2}{9} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{beh} \nabla_f R_{gcdh} \\
& - \frac{1}{18} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{beh} \nabla_h R_{fcgd} + \frac{1}{9} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_c R_{fdgh} + \frac{2}{9} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_f R_{gcdh} - \frac{1}{18} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_h R_{fcgd} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{bcde}^a(x) = & \frac{4}{9} x^f R^a{}_{bcg} R_{fdeg} + \frac{1}{9} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bch} \nabla_d R_{fegh} + \frac{2}{9} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bch} \nabla_f R_{gdeh} - \frac{1}{18} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bch} \nabla_h R_{fdge} + \frac{1}{9} x^f x^g R_{fbch} \nabla_d R^a{}_{geh} + \frac{5}{9} x^f x^g R_{fbch} \nabla_d R^a{}_{hge} \\
& + \frac{2}{9} x^f x^g R_{fbch} \nabla_g R^a{}_{deh} + \frac{4}{9} x^f x^g R_{fbch} \nabla_h R^a{}_{dge} + \frac{1}{9} x^f x^g R_{fbch} \nabla^a R_{gdeh} + \frac{2}{3} x^f x^g R_{fbch} \nabla_d R^a{}_{egh} + \frac{1}{3} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bfh} \nabla_c R_{gdeh} + \frac{1}{3} x^f x^g R^a{}_{hfb} \nabla_c R_{gdeh} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma_{bcdef}^a(x) = \frac{2}{3} x^g R^a{}_{bch} \nabla_d R_{gef h} + x^g R_{gbch} \nabla_d R^a{}_{ef h} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6)$$

$$\Gamma_{bcdefg}^a(x) = 0$$

Transformation from generic to RNC coordinates

The coordinate transformation from generic coordinates x^a to Riemann normal coordinates y^a .

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_5^a = & \left(\Delta x^a + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Gamma^a_{bc} + \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \left(\frac{1}{6} \Gamma^a_{be} \Gamma^e_{cd} + \frac{1}{6} \partial_b \Gamma^a_{cd} \right) + \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \Delta x^e \left(\frac{1}{12} \Gamma^a_{bf} \partial_c \Gamma^f_{de} + \frac{1}{24} \Gamma^a_{fg} \Gamma^f_{bc} \Gamma^g_{de} + \frac{1}{24} \Gamma^f_{bc} \partial_f \Gamma^a_{de} + \frac{1}{24} \partial_{bc} \Gamma^a_{de} \right) \right. \\
 & + \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \Delta x^e \Delta x^f \left(-\frac{1}{90} \Gamma^a_{bg} \Gamma^g_{ch} \Gamma^h_{di} \Gamma^i_{ef} + \frac{1}{180} \Gamma^a_{bg} \Gamma^g_{ch} \partial_d \Gamma^h_{ef} + \frac{1}{120} \Gamma^a_{bg} \Gamma^g_{hi} \Gamma^h_{cd} \Gamma^i_{ef} + \frac{1}{60} \Gamma^a_{bg} \Gamma^h_{cd} \partial_h \Gamma^g_{ef} - \frac{1}{60} \Gamma^a_{bg} \Gamma^h_{cd} \partial_e \Gamma^g_{fh} \right. \\
 & + \frac{1}{40} \Gamma^a_{bg} \partial_{cd} \Gamma^g_{ef} + \frac{1}{90} \Gamma^a_{gh} \Gamma^g_{bc} \Gamma^h_{di} \Gamma^i_{ef} + \frac{13}{360} \Gamma^a_{gh} \Gamma^g_{bc} \partial_d \Gamma^h_{ef} + \frac{1}{360} \Gamma^g_{bc} \Gamma^h_{dg} \partial_h \Gamma^a_{ef} - \frac{1}{90} \Gamma^g_{bc} \Gamma^h_{dg} \partial_e \Gamma^a_{fh} + \frac{7}{360} \partial_g \Gamma^a_{bc} \partial_d \Gamma^g_{ef} + \frac{1}{180} \partial_b \Gamma^a_{cg} \partial_d \Gamma^g_{ef} \\
 & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{120} \Gamma^g_{bc} \Gamma^h_{de} \partial_g \Gamma^a_{fh} + \frac{1}{120} \Gamma^g_{bc} \Gamma^h_{de} \partial_f \Gamma^a_{gh} + \frac{1}{60} \Gamma^g_{bc} \partial_{dg} \Gamma^a_{ef} - \frac{1}{120} \Gamma^g_{bc} \partial_{de} \Gamma^a_{fg} + \frac{1}{120} \partial_{bcd} \Gamma^a_{ef} \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

The geodesic IVP

The Taylor series solution to the geodesic equation

$$0 = \frac{d^2 x^a}{ds^2} + \Gamma_{bc}^a(x) \frac{dx^b}{ds} \frac{dx^c}{ds}$$

subject to the initial conditions $x^a(s) = x^a$ and $dx^a(s)/ds = \dot{x}^a$ at $s = 0$, is

$$\begin{aligned} x^a(s) = & \left(x^a + s\dot{x}^a - \frac{1}{2} s^2 \dot{x}^b \dot{x}^c \left(\frac{2}{3} x^d R^a{}_{bdc} + \frac{1}{6} x^d x^e \nabla_b R^a{}_{dec} + \frac{1}{3} x^d x^e \nabla_d R^a{}_{bec} + \frac{1}{12} x^d x^e \nabla^a R_{dbec} + \frac{8}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{deg} R_{fbcg} - \frac{4}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{bdg} R_{ecfg} \right. \right. \\ & - \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{dbg} R_{ecfg} + \frac{1}{10} x^d x^e x^f \nabla_{db} R^a{}_{efc} + \frac{1}{10} x^d x^e x^f \nabla_{de} R^a{}_{bfc} - \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{gdb} R_{ecfg} + \frac{1}{20} x^d x^e x^f \nabla^a R_{ebfc} + \frac{4}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{dbch} \nabla_e R^a{}_{fgh} \\ & + \frac{1}{30} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{deh} \nabla_b R_{fcgh} + \frac{4}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{deh} \nabla_f R_{gbch} - \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bdh} \nabla_e R_{fcgh} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dbh} \nabla_e R_{fcgh} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{dbeh} \nabla_c R^a{}_{fgh} \\ & - \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{dbeh} \nabla_f R^a{}_{cgh} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{dbeh} \nabla_f R^a{}_{gch} + \frac{1}{30} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{deb} R^a{}_{fgc} + \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{def} R^a{}_{bgc} - \frac{1}{36} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{deh} \nabla_h R_{fbgc} \\ & - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{hdb} \nabla_e R_{fcgh} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{dbeh} \nabla^a R_{fcgh} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{dbeh} \nabla_f R^a{}_{hgc} + \frac{1}{60} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla^a_{de} R_{fbgc} \left. \right) - \frac{1}{6} s^3 \dot{x}^b \dot{x}^c \dot{x}^d \left(\frac{1}{2} x^e \nabla_b R^a{}_{ced} \right. \\ & + \frac{2}{15} x^e x^f R^a{}_{ebg} R_{fcgd} + \frac{8}{15} x^e x^f R^a{}_{beg} R_{fcgd} - \frac{2}{15} x^e x^f R^a{}_{bcg} R_{edfg} + \frac{3}{10} x^e x^f \nabla_{eb} R^a{}_{cfd} + \frac{1}{10} x^e x^f \nabla_{bc} R^a{}_{efd} + \frac{2}{5} x^e x^f R^a{}_{geb} R_{fcgd} + \frac{1}{20} x^e x^f \nabla^a{}_b R_{ecfd} \\ & + \frac{1}{9} x^e x^f x^g R_{ebch} \nabla_d R^a{}_{fgh} + \frac{1}{9} x^e x^f x^g R_{ebch} \nabla_h R^a{}_{fgd} + \frac{2}{9} x^e x^f x^g R_{ebch} \nabla_f R^a{}_{dgh} + \frac{2}{9} x^e x^f x^g R_{ebch} \nabla_f R^a{}_{hgd} + \frac{1}{9} x^e x^f x^g R_{ebch} \nabla^a R_{fdgh} + \frac{1}{9} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{beh} \nabla_c R_{fdgh} \\ & + \frac{2}{9} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{beh} \nabla_f R_{gcdh} - \frac{1}{18} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{beh} \nabla_h R_{fcgd} + \frac{1}{9} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_c R_{fdgh} + \frac{2}{9} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_f R_{gcdh} - \frac{1}{18} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_h R_{fcgd} \left. \right) \\ & - \frac{1}{24} s^4 \dot{x}^b \dot{x}^c \dot{x}^d \dot{x}^e \left(\frac{4}{9} x^f R^a{}_{bcg} R_{fdeg} + \frac{1}{9} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bch} \nabla_d R_{fegh} + \frac{2}{9} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bch} \nabla_f R_{gdeh} - \frac{1}{18} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bch} \nabla_h R_{fdge} + \frac{1}{9} x^f x^g R_{fbch} \nabla_d R^a{}_{geh} + \frac{5}{9} x^f x^g R_{fbch} \nabla_d R^a{}_{hge} \right. \\ & + \frac{2}{9} x^f x^g R_{fbch} \nabla_g R^a{}_{deh} + \frac{4}{9} x^f x^g R_{fbch} \nabla_h R^a{}_{dge} + \frac{1}{9} x^f x^g R_{fbch} \nabla^a R_{gdeh} + \frac{2}{3} x^f x^g R_{fbch} \nabla_d R^a{}_{egh} + \frac{1}{3} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bfh} \nabla_c R_{gdeh} + \frac{1}{3} x^f x^g R^a{}_{hfb} \nabla_c R_{gdeh} \left. \right) \\ & - \frac{1}{120} s^5 \dot{x}^b \dot{x}^c \dot{x}^d \dot{x}^e \dot{x}^f \left(\frac{2}{3} x^g R^a{}_{bch} \nabla_d R_{gef h} + x^g R_{gbch} \nabla_d R^a{}_{efh} \right) \left. \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6) \end{aligned}$$

The geodesic BVP

Consider a geodesic that connects two points P and Q with coordinates x^a and $x^a + \Delta x^a$. We choose a parameter s along the geodesic with $s = 0$ at P and $s = 1$ at Q .

The solution $x(s)$ to the geodesic boundary value problem is

$$x^a(s) = x_0^a + x_1^a s + x_2^a s^2 + x_3^a s^3 + x_4^a s^4 + x_5^a s^5 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6)$$

with

$$x_0^a = x^a$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^a = & \left(\Delta x^a + \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \left(\frac{1}{3} x^d R^a{}_{bdc} + \frac{1}{12} x^d x^e \nabla_b R^a{}_{dec} + \frac{1}{6} x^d x^e \nabla_d R^a{}_{bec} + \frac{1}{24} x^d x^e \nabla^a R_{dbec} + \frac{4}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{dge} R_{gbfc} - \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{bgd} R_{gefc} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{dgb} R_{gefc} \right. \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{20} x^d x^e x^f \nabla_{db} R^a{}_{efc} + \frac{1}{20} x^d x^e x^f \nabla_{de} R^a{}_{bfc} + \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{gdb} R_{gefc} + \frac{1}{40} x^d x^e x^f \nabla_d R_{ebfc} + \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hbd} \nabla_e R^a{}_{fhg} + \frac{1}{60} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dhe} \nabla_b R_{hfgc} \\ & + \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dhe} \nabla_f R_{hbgc} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhd} \nabla_e R_{hfgc} - \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dhh} \nabla_e R_{hfgc} - \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla_c R^a{}_{fhg} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla_f R^a{}_{chg} \\ & - \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla_f R^a{}_{ghc} + \frac{1}{60} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{deb} R^a{}_{fgc} + \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{def} R^a{}_{bgc} + \frac{1}{72} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dhe} \nabla_h R_{fbgc} + \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{hdb} \nabla_e R_{hfgc} \\ & - \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla^a R_{hfgc} + \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla_f R^a{}_{hgc} + \frac{1}{120} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla^a_{de} R_{fbgc} \Big) + \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \left(\frac{1}{12} x^e \nabla_b R^a{}_{ced} + \frac{1}{45} x^e x^f R^a{}_{egb} R_{gcf d} \right. \\ & + \frac{4}{45} x^e x^f R^a{}_{bge} R_{gcf d} - \frac{1}{45} x^e x^f R^a{}_{bgc} R_{gef d} + \frac{1}{20} x^e x^f \nabla_{eb} R^a{}_{cfd} + \frac{1}{60} x^e x^f \nabla_{bc} R^a{}_{efd} + \frac{7}{45} x^e x^f R^a{}_{geb} R_{gcf d} + \frac{1}{120} x^e x^f \nabla^a_b R_{ecfd} + \frac{1}{54} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla_d R^a{}_{fhg} \\ & + \frac{1}{27} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla_h R^a{}_{fgd} + \frac{1}{27} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla_f R^a{}_{dhg} + \frac{2}{27} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla_f R^a{}_{hgd} - \frac{1}{108} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla^a R_{hfgd} + \frac{1}{54} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhe} \nabla_c R_{hfgd} \\ & + \frac{1}{27} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhe} \nabla_f R_{hcgd} + \frac{1}{108} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhe} \nabla_h R_{fcgd} + \frac{1}{27} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_c R_{hfgd} + \frac{2}{27} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_f R_{hcgd} + \frac{1}{54} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_h R_{fcgd} \Big) \\ & + \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \Delta x^e \left(\frac{1}{54} x^f R^a{}_{bgc} R_{gdf e} + \frac{1}{216} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhc} \nabla_d R_{hfg e} + \frac{1}{108} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhc} \nabla_f R_{hdge} + \frac{1}{432} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhc} \nabla_h R_{fdge} + \frac{1}{216} x^f x^g R_{hbf c} \nabla_d R^a{}_{ghe} \right. \\ & - \frac{5}{216} x^f x^g R_{hbf c} \nabla_d R^a{}_{hge} + \frac{1}{108} x^f x^g R_{hbf c} \nabla_g R^a{}_{dhe} + \frac{7}{108} x^f x^g R_{hbf c} \nabla_h R^a{}_{dge} + \frac{1}{216} x^f x^g R_{hbf c} \nabla^a R_{hdge} + \frac{1}{36} x^f x^g R_{hbf c} \nabla_d R^a{}_{ehg} + \frac{1}{72} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhf} \nabla_c R_{hdge} \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{24} x^f x^g R^a{}_{hfb} \nabla_c R_{hdge} \right) + \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \Delta x^e \Delta x^f \left(\frac{1}{180} x^g R^a{}_{bhc} \nabla_d R_{hegf} + \frac{1}{120} x^g R_{hbgc} \nabla_d R^a{}_{ehf} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_2^a = & \left(\Delta x^b \Delta x^c \left(-\frac{1}{3} x^d R^a{}_{bdc} - \frac{1}{12} x^d x^e \nabla_b R^a{}_{dec} - \frac{1}{6} x^d x^e \nabla_d R^a{}_{bec} - \frac{1}{24} x^d x^e \nabla^a R_{dbec} - \frac{4}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{dge} R_{gbfc} + \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{bgd} R_{gefc} + \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{dgb} R_{gefc} \right. \right. \\
& - \frac{1}{20} x^d x^e x^f \nabla_{db} R^a{}_{efc} - \frac{1}{20} x^d x^e x^f \nabla_{de} R^a{}_{bfc} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{gdb} R_{gefc} - \frac{1}{40} x^d x^e x^f \nabla^a R_{ebfc} - \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hbd} \nabla_e R^a{}_{fhg} - \frac{1}{60} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dhe} \nabla_b R_{hfgc} \\
& - \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dhe} \nabla_f R_{hbgc} + \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhd} \nabla_e R_{hfgc} + \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dhh} \nabla_e R_{hfgc} + \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla_c R^a{}_{fhg} + \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla_f R^a{}_{chg} \\
& + \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla_f R^a{}_{ghc} - \frac{1}{60} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{deb} R^a{}_{fgc} - \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{def} R^a{}_{bgc} - \frac{1}{72} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dhe} \nabla_h R_{fbgc} - \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{hdb} \nabla_e R_{hfgc} \\
& + \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla^a R_{hfgc} - \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla_f R^a{}_{hgc} - \frac{1}{120} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla^a R_{fbgc} \Big) + \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \left(-\frac{2}{9} x^e x^f R^a{}_{geb} R^g{}_{cfd} - \frac{1}{18} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_c R^h{}_{fgd} \right. \\
& - \frac{1}{9} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_f R^h{}_{cgd} - \frac{1}{36} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla^h R_{fcgd} - \frac{1}{18} x^e x^f x^g R^h{}_{bec} \nabla_h R^a{}_{fgd} - \frac{1}{9} x^e x^f x^g R^h{}_{bec} \nabla_f R^a{}_{hgd} + \frac{1}{36} x^e x^f x^g R^h{}_{bec} \nabla^a R_{hfgd} \Big) \\
& \left. - \frac{1}{18} \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \Delta x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{hfb} \nabla_c R^h{}_{dge} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_3^a = & \left(\Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \left(-\frac{1}{12} x^e \nabla_b R^a{}_{ced} - \frac{1}{45} x^e x^f R^a{}_{egb} R_{gcfd} - \frac{4}{45} x^e x^f R^a{}_{bge} R_{gcfd} + \frac{1}{45} x^e x^f R^a{}_{bgc} R_{gefd} - \frac{1}{20} x^e x^f \nabla_{eb} R^a{}_{cfd} - \frac{1}{60} x^e x^f \nabla_{bc} R^a{}_{efd} \right. \right. \\
& + \frac{1}{15} x^e x^f R^a{}_{geb} R_{gcfd} - \frac{1}{120} x^e x^f \nabla^a R_{ecfd} - \frac{1}{54} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla_d R^a{}_{fhg} + \frac{1}{54} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla_h R^a{}_{fgd} - \frac{1}{27} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla_f R^a{}_{dhg} + \frac{1}{27} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla_f R^a{}_{hgd} \\
& - \frac{1}{54} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla^a R_{hfgd} - \frac{1}{54} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhe} \nabla_c R_{hfgd} - \frac{1}{27} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhe} \nabla_f R_{hcgd} - \frac{1}{108} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhe} \nabla_h R_{fcgd} + \frac{1}{54} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_c R_{hfgd} \\
& \left. + \frac{1}{27} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_f R_{hcgd} + \frac{1}{108} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_h R_{fcgd} \right) - \frac{1}{12} \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \Delta x^e x^f x^g R^h{}_{bfc} \nabla_h R^a{}_{dge} \Big)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_4^a = & \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \Delta x^e \left(-\frac{1}{54} x^f R^a{}_{bgc} R_{gdfe} - \frac{1}{216} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhc} \nabla_d R_{hfgc} - \frac{1}{108} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhc} \nabla_f R_{hdgc} - \frac{1}{432} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhc} \nabla_h R_{fdgc} - \frac{1}{216} x^f x^g R_{hbfc} \nabla_d R^a{}_{ghe} \right. \\
& + \frac{5}{216} x^f x^g R_{hbfc} \nabla_d R^a{}_{hgc} - \frac{1}{108} x^f x^g R_{hbfc} \nabla_g R^a{}_{dhe} + \frac{1}{54} x^f x^g R_{hbfc} \nabla_h R^a{}_{dge} - \frac{1}{216} x^f x^g R_{hbfc} \nabla^a R_{hdgc} - \frac{1}{36} x^f x^g R_{hbfc} \nabla_d R^a{}_{ehg} - \frac{1}{72} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhf} \nabla_c R_{hdgc} \\
& \left. + \frac{1}{72} x^f x^g R^a{}_{hfb} \nabla_c R_{hdgc} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$x_5^a = \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \Delta x^e \Delta x^f \left(-\frac{1}{180} x^g R^a{}_{bhc} \nabla_d R_{hegf} - \frac{1}{120} x^g R_{hbgc} \nabla_d R^a{}_{ehf} \right)$$

Translated RNC frames

Let P and Q be two points with RNC coordinates x^a and $x^a + \Delta x^a$ relative to a third point O . At P we can construct a new set of RNC coordinates, y^a . We will rotate the y^a frame so that the x^a and y^a coordinate axes are aligned at P . Then the RNC coordinates of Q relative to P are

$$\begin{aligned}
y^a = & \left(\Delta x^a + \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \left(\frac{1}{3} x^d R^a{}_{bdc} + \frac{1}{12} x^d x^e \nabla_b R^a{}_{dec} + \frac{1}{6} x^d x^e \nabla_d R^a{}_{bec} + \frac{1}{24} x^d x^e \nabla^a R_{dbec} + \frac{4}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{dge} R_{gbfc} - \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{bgd} R_{gefc} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{dgb} R_{gefc} \right. \right. \\
& + \frac{1}{20} x^d x^e x^f \nabla_{db} R^a{}_{efc} + \frac{1}{20} x^d x^e x^f \nabla_{de} R^a{}_{bfc} + \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f R^a{}_{gdb} R_{gefc} + \frac{1}{40} x^d x^e x^f \nabla_d R_{ebfc} + \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hbd} \nabla_e R^a{}_{fhg} + \frac{1}{60} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dhe} \nabla_b R_{hfgc} \\
& + \frac{2}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dhe} \nabla_f R_{hbgc} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhd} \nabla_e R_{hfgc} - \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dhb} \nabla_e R_{hfgc} - \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla_c R^a{}_{fhg} - \frac{1}{45} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla_f R^a{}_{chg} \\
& - \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla_f R^a{}_{ghc} + \frac{1}{60} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{deb} R^a{}_{fgc} + \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{def} R^a{}_{bgc} + \frac{1}{72} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{dhe} \nabla_h R_{fbgc} + \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{hdb} \nabla_e R_{hfgc} \\
& - \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla^a R_{hfgc} + \frac{1}{90} x^d x^e x^f x^g R_{hdeb} \nabla_f R^a{}_{hgc} + \frac{1}{120} x^d x^e x^f x^g \nabla_{de} R_{fbgc} \left. \right) + \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \left(\frac{1}{12} x^e \nabla_b R^a{}_{ced} + \frac{1}{45} x^e x^f R^a{}_{egb} R_{gcfd} \right. \\
& + \frac{4}{45} x^e x^f R^a{}_{bge} R_{gcfd} - \frac{1}{45} x^e x^f R^a{}_{bgc} R_{gefd} + \frac{1}{20} x^e x^f \nabla_{eb} R^a{}_{cfd} + \frac{1}{60} x^e x^f \nabla_{bc} R^a{}_{efd} + \frac{7}{45} x^e x^f R^a{}_{geb} R_{gcfd} + \frac{1}{120} x^e x^f \nabla^a{}_b R_{ecfd} + \frac{1}{54} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla_d R^a{}_{fhg} \\
& + \frac{1}{27} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla_h R^a{}_{fgd} + \frac{1}{27} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla_f R^a{}_{dhg} + \frac{2}{27} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla_f R^a{}_{hgd} - \frac{1}{108} x^e x^f x^g R_{hbec} \nabla^a R_{hfgd} + \frac{1}{54} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhe} \nabla_c R_{hfgd} \\
& + \frac{1}{27} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhe} \nabla_f R_{hcgd} + \frac{1}{108} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhe} \nabla_h R_{fcgd} + \frac{1}{27} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_c R_{hfgd} + \frac{2}{27} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_f R_{hcgd} + \frac{1}{54} x^e x^f x^g R^a{}_{heb} \nabla_h R_{fcgd} \left. \right) \\
& + \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \Delta x^e \left(\frac{1}{54} x^f R^a{}_{bgc} R_{gdfe} + \frac{1}{216} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhc} \nabla_d R_{hfgc} + \frac{1}{108} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhc} \nabla_f R_{hdgc} + \frac{1}{432} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhc} \nabla_h R_{fdgc} + \frac{1}{216} x^f x^g R_{hbfc} \nabla_d R^a{}_{ghe} \right. \\
& - \frac{5}{216} x^f x^g R_{hbfc} \nabla_d R^a{}_{hgc} + \frac{1}{108} x^f x^g R_{hbfc} \nabla_g R^a{}_{dhe} + \frac{7}{108} x^f x^g R_{hbfc} \nabla_h R^a{}_{dge} + \frac{1}{216} x^f x^g R_{hbfc} \nabla^a R_{hdgc} + \frac{1}{36} x^f x^g R_{hbfc} \nabla_d R^a{}_{ehg} + \frac{1}{72} x^f x^g R^a{}_{bhf} \nabla_c R_{hdgc} \\
& \left. + \frac{1}{24} x^f x^g R^a{}_{hfb} \nabla_c R_{hdgc} \right) + \Delta x^b \Delta x^c \Delta x^d \Delta x^e \Delta x^f \left(\frac{1}{180} x^g R^a{}_{bhc} \nabla_d R_{hegf} + \frac{1}{120} x^g R_{hbgc} \nabla_d R^a{}_{ehf} \right) \Big) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6)
\end{aligned}$$

The geodesic length

The squared geodesic length between the points P and Q is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\int_P^Q ds\right)^2 = & \left(g_{ab}\Delta x^a\Delta x^b - \frac{1}{3}R_{abcd}x^ax^c\Delta x^b\Delta x^d - \frac{1}{12}\nabla_a R_{bcde}x^bx^d\Delta x^a\Delta x^c\Delta x^e - \frac{1}{6}\nabla_a R_{bcde}x^ax^bx^d\Delta x^c\Delta x^e + \frac{2}{45}R_{abcd}R_{aefg}x^bx^cx^f\Delta x^d\Delta x^e\Delta x^g \right. \\
& - \frac{1}{20}\nabla_{ab}R_{cdef}x^ax^cx^e\Delta x^b\Delta x^d\Delta x^f - \frac{11}{45}R_{abcd}R_{aefg}x^cx^f\Delta x^b\Delta x^d\Delta x^e\Delta x^g - \frac{1}{60}\nabla_{ab}R_{cdef}x^cx^e\Delta x^a\Delta x^b\Delta x^d\Delta x^f + \frac{2}{45}R_{abcd}R_{aefg}x^bx^cx^ex^f\Delta x^d\Delta x^g \\
& - \frac{1}{20}\nabla_{ab}R_{cdef}x^ax^bx^cx^e\Delta x^d\Delta x^f + \frac{1}{45}R_{abcd}\nabla_e R_{afgh}x^cx^ex^fx^g\Delta x^b\Delta x^d\Delta x^h + \frac{1}{45}R_{abcd}\nabla_e R_{afgh}x^bx^cx^fx^g\Delta x^d\Delta x^e\Delta x^h \\
& + \frac{1}{45}R_{abcd}\nabla_e R_{afgh}x^bx^cx^ex^g\Delta x^d\Delta x^f\Delta x^h - \frac{1}{60}\nabla_{abc}R_{defg}x^ax^bx^dx^f\Delta x^c\Delta x^e\Delta x^g - \frac{2}{27}R_{abcd}\nabla_e R_{afgh}x^cx^fx^g\Delta x^b\Delta x^d\Delta x^e\Delta x^h \\
& - \frac{1}{12}R_{abcd}\nabla_a R_{efgh}x^cx^ex^g\Delta x^b\Delta x^d\Delta x^f\Delta x^h - \frac{5}{27}R_{abcd}\nabla_e R_{afgh}x^cx^ex^g\Delta x^b\Delta x^d\Delta x^f\Delta x^h + \frac{1}{54}R_{abcd}\nabla_e R_{afgh}x^cx^g\Delta x^b\Delta x^d\Delta x^e\Delta x^f\Delta x^h \\
& \left. + \frac{1}{18}R_{abcd}\nabla_e R_{afgh}x^bx^cx^g\Delta x^d\Delta x^e\Delta x^f\Delta x^h + \frac{2}{45}R_{abcd}\nabla_e R_{afgh}x^bx^cx^ex^fx^g\Delta x^d\Delta x^h - \frac{1}{90}\nabla_{abc}R_{defg}x^ax^bx^cx^dx^f\Delta x^e\Delta x^g\right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6)
\end{aligned}$$