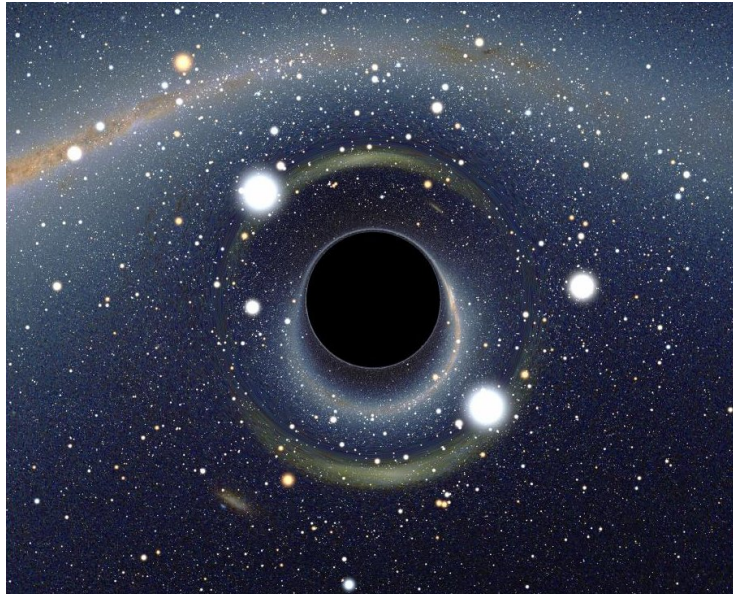


# Differential Geometry II

## Lorentzian Geometry

### Lecture Notes



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**Proposition 3.2.26.**

- (1)  $\tau(p, q) > 0 \iff p \ll q$ ,
- (2) *If  $p \leq q$  and  $q \leq r$ , then  $\tau(p, q) + \tau(q, r) \leq \tau(p, r)$  (inverse triangle inequality),*
- (3) *The function  $\tau : M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is lower semi-continuous.*

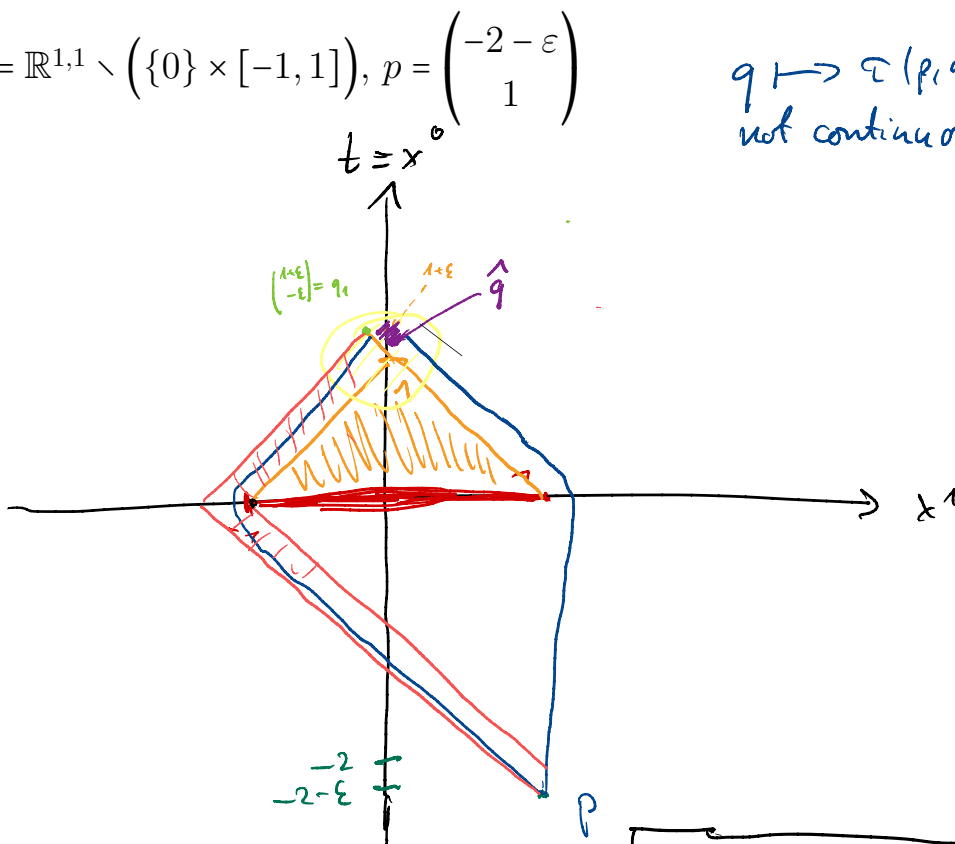
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**Remark.** In general  $\tau : M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is not continuous, as we will see in the following example.

$$M = \mathbb{R}^{1,1} \setminus (\{0\} \times [-1, 1]), p = \begin{pmatrix} -2 - \varepsilon \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$q \mapsto \tau(p, q)$   
not continuous in  $q$



$$\tau(p, q) = \sup_{\tilde{q} \in \dots} \tau(p, \tilde{q}) + \tau(\tilde{q}, q_1) \leq \sqrt{\left| \ll \begin{pmatrix} 2+\varepsilon \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2+\varepsilon \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \gg \right|} + \sqrt{\left| \ll \begin{pmatrix} 1+\varepsilon \\ 1-\varepsilon \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1+\varepsilon \\ 1-\varepsilon \end{pmatrix} \gg \right|} \leq \otimes$$

on the ~~line~~ segment from  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1+\varepsilon \\ -\varepsilon \end{pmatrix}$ .  $\tilde{q}$  any point on the segm. from  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1-\varepsilon \end{pmatrix}$

$$\textcircled{\otimes} \sqrt{|-(2+\varepsilon)^2 + 2|} + \sqrt{|-(1+\varepsilon)^2 + (1-\varepsilon^2)|}$$

$$= \sqrt{4\varepsilon + \varepsilon^2} + \sqrt{4\varepsilon} \leq 5\sqrt{\varepsilon}$$

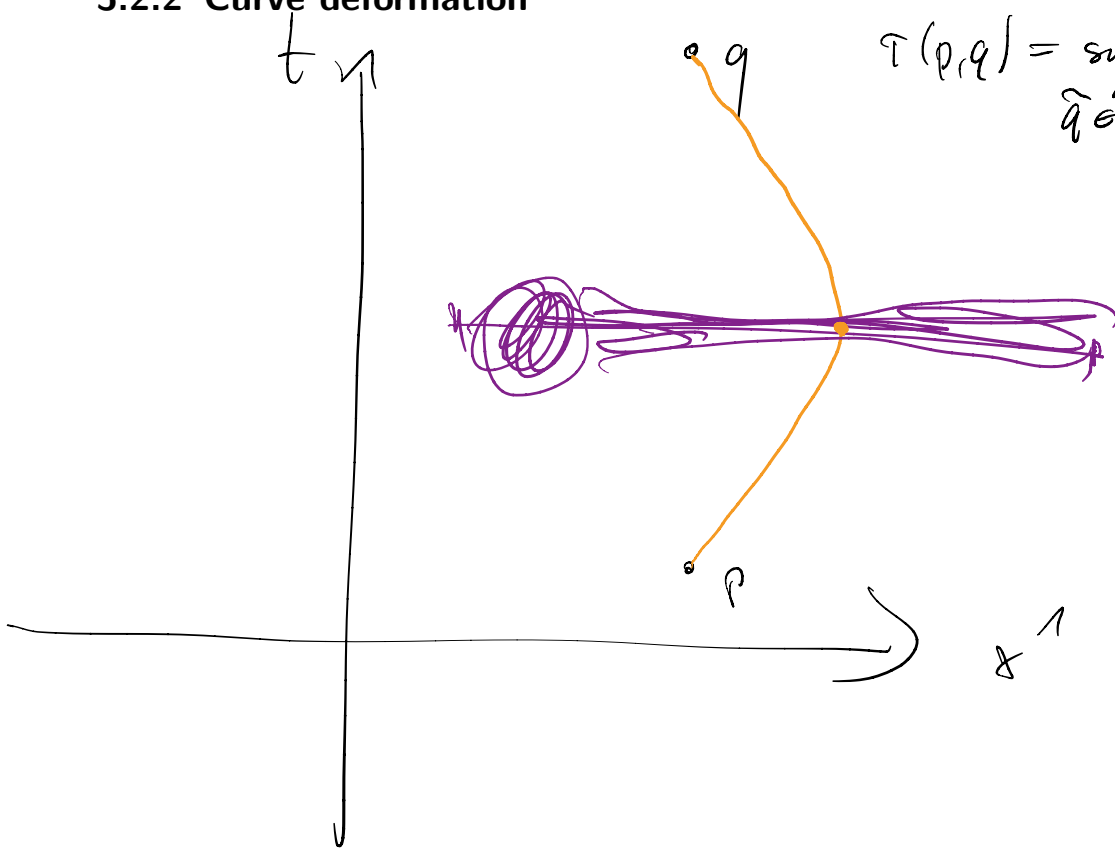
As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  this goes to 0

For any point  $\hat{q}$  in the violet  
 region there is a causal curve  
f.d.  
 $c$  from  $p$  to  $\hat{q}$  such  $L[c] \geq 1 - \varepsilon$ .

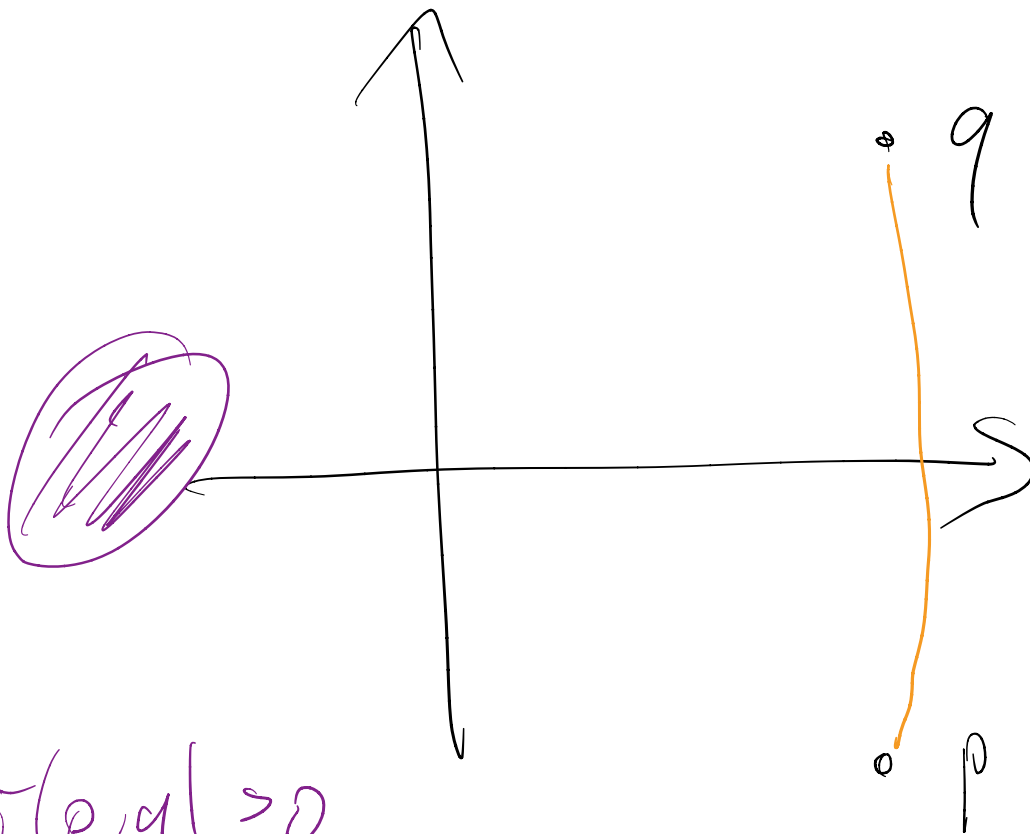
$$\tau(p, \hat{q}) \geq 1 - \varepsilon.$$

Discontinuity at segment from  
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1+\varepsilon \\ -\varepsilon \end{pmatrix}$ .

3.2.2 Curve deformation



$$\tau(p, q) = \sup_{\tilde{q} \in \mathcal{C}} [\tau(p, \tilde{q}) + \tau(\tilde{q}, q)]$$



$$\tau(p, q) > 0$$

$$\tau(p, \tilde{q}) = 0 \quad \tau(\tilde{q}, q) = 0$$