

Equation (59) of PRA **43** pp. 2649-2654 (1991).

As written: (59)

$$\int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' [\Gamma_0^\eta(t') - \Gamma_0^\eta(t)] \varepsilon^\beta(t') = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \delta^{\eta\beta}\right) [\Gamma_0^\eta(t + \Delta t) - \Gamma_0^\eta(t)] [\Gamma_0^\beta(t + \Delta t) - \Gamma_0^\beta(t)]$$

but it should be

$$\int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' [\Gamma_0^\eta(t') - \Gamma_0^\eta(t)] \varepsilon^\beta(t') = \frac{1}{2} [\Gamma_0^\eta(t + \Delta t) - \Gamma_0^\eta(t)] [\Gamma_0^\beta(t + \Delta t) - \Gamma_0^\beta(t)]$$

The right-hand-side is symmetric in η and β , but the left-hand-side is not. This discrepancy is real only beginning with Δt to the 5/2 power. Thus to second order, the second equation is correct as it stands.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' [\Gamma_0^\eta(t') - \Gamma_0^\eta(t)] \varepsilon^\beta(t') &= \int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' [\Gamma_0^\eta(t') - \Gamma_0^\eta(t)] \frac{d}{dt'} [\Gamma_0^\beta(t') - \Gamma_0^\beta(t)] \\ &= [\Gamma_0^\eta(t + \Delta t) - \Gamma_0^\eta(t)] [\Gamma_0^\beta(t + \Delta t) - \Gamma_0^\beta(t)] - \int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' [\Gamma_0^\beta(t') - \Gamma_0^\beta(t)] \varepsilon^\eta(t') \end{aligned}$$

In addition, a Taylor expansion yields

$$\begin{aligned} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' [\Gamma_0^\eta(t') - \Gamma_0^\eta(t)] \varepsilon^\beta(t') &\cong 0 + \Delta t [\Gamma_0^\eta(t) - \Gamma_0^\eta(t)] \varepsilon^\beta(t) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \Delta t^2 \left[\varepsilon^\eta(t) \varepsilon^\beta(t) + [\Gamma_0^\eta(t) - \Gamma_0^\eta(t)] \frac{d}{dt} \varepsilon^\beta(t) \right] + O(\Delta t^3) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \Delta t^2 \varepsilon^\eta(t) \varepsilon^\beta(t) + O(\Delta t^3) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' [\Gamma_0^\beta(t') - \Gamma_0^\beta(t)] \varepsilon^\eta(t') = \frac{1}{2} \Delta t^2 \varepsilon^\eta(t) \varepsilon^\beta(t) + O(\Delta t^3)$$

too!!

Putting this into the first line of the proof together with the second line justifies the corrected formula. QED