MATH 460 Sections 500

Consider the 2-dimensional manifold with Lorentz signature metric

 $ds^2 = -dt^2 + (1+t)^n dx^2$ 

Use Latin indices  $i, j, \ldots$  to denote 0 = t and 1 = x.

1. Write out the components of the metric, its inverse and its determinant.

**2**. Compute the connection coefficients:

$$\Gamma^{i}_{\ jk} = \frac{1}{2} g^{il} (g_{lj,k} + g_{lk,j} - g_{jk,l})$$

. Compute the Riemann curvature:

$$R^{i}_{\ jkl} = \partial_k \Gamma^{i}_{\ jl} - \partial_l \Gamma^{i}_{\ jk} + \Gamma^{i}_{\ mk} \Gamma^{m}_{\ jl} - \Gamma^{i}_{\ ml} \Gamma^{m}_{\ jk}$$

4. Compute the Ricci curvature:

$$R_{ij} = R^k_{ikj}$$

**5**. Compute the Scalar curvature:

$$R = R^{i}_{i}$$

6. For which values of n is the scalar curvature zero, positive and negative?

7. Find the area of the region  $0 \le t \le T$  and  $0 \le x \le X$ .