

Hawking Area Theorem Intuition

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Because black holes are so massive, they are extremely, if not actually, perfect spheres. This means we can approximate with very high accuracy $SA = 4\pi r^2$. We also know that $F_g = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$, so we know that the force due to gravity and surface area are related (made obvious by substitution).

If we say $SA \propto G^\alpha M^\beta c^\gamma$, we can use dimensional analysis to arrive at the following

$$m^2 = \left(\frac{m^3}{s^2 * kg}\right)^\alpha (kg)^\beta \left(\frac{m}{s}\right)^\gamma$$

The units of G can be found by $F_g = \frac{GMm}{r^2} = ma$ and solving for G in terms of a, M, r

Rearranging:

$$m^2 = m^{3\alpha+\gamma}$$

$$s^0 = s^{-2\alpha-\gamma}$$

$$kg^0 = kg^{\beta-\alpha}$$

Solving the system gives: $\alpha = 2, \beta = 2, \gamma = -4$, yielding $SA \propto \frac{G^2 M^2}{c^4}$ The

actual formula for surface area is $SA = \frac{16\pi G^2 M^2}{c^4}$

Any increase in mass will result in a greater surface area, thus:

$$\frac{d(SA)}{dt} \geq 0$$