

# Lecture 10

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## 3+1 decomposition

- solving Einstein equations is analogous to classical IVP.

- there, specify  $\vec{x} \oplus \vec{v}$  of stuff then use to integrate forward in time

- in GR, must specify  $g_{ab} \oplus g_{ab,t}$  on some hypersurface of constant  $x^0 = t$ .

- then compute  $g_{ab,tt}$  to integrate forward to a new hypersurface at  $t + \delta t$

- finding  $g_{ab,tt}$  is not easy, however

- need 10 second derivatives and there are 10 field equations  $G_{ab} = 8\pi T_{ab}$

But Bianchi identities  $\nabla_b G^{ab} = 0$

$$\rightarrow \partial_t G^{a0} = -\partial_i G^{ai} - G^{bc} \Gamma^a_{bc} - G^{ab} \Gamma^c_{bc}$$

• ... term on r.h.s contains Christoffel terms

- no more or less v.g.s. means we have derivatives,  $G^{a0}$  cannot contain second time derivatives.

- $G^{a0} = 8\pi T^{a0}$  cannot provide any second time derivatives we need

- instead, these are constraints between  $G_{ab}$  &  $\partial_t G_{ab}$  on hypersurface  $x^0 = t$
- only dynamical equations (that can be used)

$$G^{ij} = 8\pi T^{ij} \quad \dots \quad 6 \text{ equations}$$

[• recall symmetry of tensors involved:

$$G_{ab} = G_{ba} \quad \& \quad T_{ab} = T_{ba}]$$

- the appearance of this ambiguity [10 vs 6] is to be expected since we have complete freedom to choose our (4D) coordinate system. Thus 4 d.o.f. must be non-physical.

- if the constraints,  $G^{a0} = 8\pi T^{a0}$ , are satisfied initially (at  $x^0 = t = 0$ ), then it is satisfied at all later times. I.e.,  

$$(G^{a0} - 8\pi T^{a0})_{,t} = 0$$

• "3+1" decomposition:

- more natural way to solve Cauchy problem
- 4 constraints w/ no time derivatives that must be satisfied on every time slice
- 12 evolution eqns. (coupled, 1<sup>st</sup> order, ODEs)
- 4 freely specifiable functions that result from freedom to choose coords.

Maxwell's Eqs. in Minkowski

$$C_E \equiv \Delta_i E^i - 4\pi \rho = 0$$

$$C_B \equiv \Delta_i B^i = 0$$

where,

$\rho$ : charge density

$E^i$ : electric field

$B^i$ : magnetic field

$\Delta_i$ : spatial covariant derivative  
(gradient in  $x^i$ )

→ these are constraint eqns. (contain no time derivatives)

• Evolution eqns.:

$$\partial_t E_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \Delta^j B^k - 4\pi j_i$$

$$\partial_t B_i = -\epsilon_{ijk} \partial^j E^k$$

where,  $j^i$  : charge 3-current

$$\Delta_i \partial_t E^i = \Delta_i \epsilon^{ijk} \cancel{\partial_j B_k} - \Delta_i 4\pi j^i$$

$$\partial_t \Delta_i E^i = \partial_t (4\pi \rho) = -4\pi \Delta_i j^i$$

$$\rightarrow \partial_t \rho + \Delta_i j^i = 0 \quad \text{--- Continuity eqn.}$$

- can recast eqns. into "3+1" like form
- introduce vector potential  $A^a = (\Phi, A^i)$

then,  $B_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \partial^j A^k$

(automatically obeys  $\Delta_i B^i = 0$ )

- now, evolution eqns:

$$\partial_t A_i = -E_i - \Delta_i \Phi$$

$$\partial_t E_i = \Delta_i \partial^j A_j - \partial^j \Delta_j A_i - 4\pi j_i$$

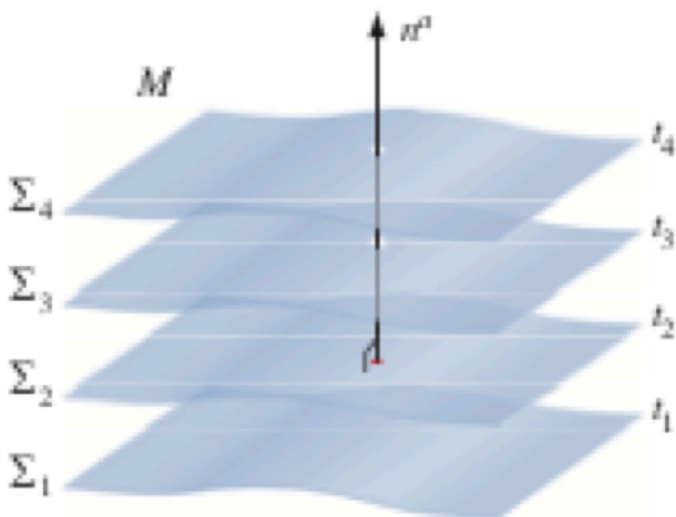
$\rightarrow$  still satisfies constraint:

$$C_E \equiv \Delta_i E^i - 4\pi \rho = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t C_E &= \partial_t \Delta_i E^i - 4\pi \partial_t \rho \\ &= \Delta_i (\partial^j \Delta_j A_i - \Delta_i \partial^j A_j - 4\pi j^i) \\ &\quad + 4\pi \Delta_i j^i \\ &= \Delta_i \partial^j \Delta_j A_i - \Delta_i \partial^j \Delta_j A_i - 4\pi \Delta_i j^i + 4\pi \Delta_i j^i \end{aligned}$$

$$= \cancel{\partial_i \partial_j \pi_j} - \cancel{\partial_i \partial_j \pi_j} - 4\pi \cancel{\partial_i j^i} + 4\pi \cancel{\partial_i j^i} = 0 \text{ g.e.d.}$$

- use of vector potential form introduces **Gauge freedom**: can freely specify  $\Phi$
- solving EM equations then involves specifying IC's  $[A_i, E_i, P, j^i]$  that obey constraints, then using vector potential evolution equations to integrate forward in time.
- This is analogous to 3+1 eqns.



## Foliations of spacetime

- will **foliate** the spacetime manifold  $M$ , described by metric  $g_{\alpha\beta}$ , into family of

non-intersecting spacelike 3-surfaces  $\Sigma$  which are level functions of scalar function  $t$  (a pseudo global time).

- can define 1-form

$$\Omega_a = \nabla_a t$$

which is closed by

$$\nabla_{[a} \Omega_{b]} = \nabla_{[a} \nabla_{b]} t = 0$$

[recall notation of symmetric & anti-symmetric tensors:

$$T_{(ab)} \equiv \frac{1}{2} (T_{ab} + T_{ba}), \quad T_{[ab]} \equiv \frac{1}{2} (T_{ab} - T_{ba})]$$

- use the metric to compute norm of

$$\Omega_a : \quad \|\Omega\|^2 = g_{ab} \nabla_a t \nabla_b t \equiv -\frac{1}{\alpha^2}$$

- $\alpha$  measures lapses in proper time between neighbouring time slices along normal vector  $\Omega^a$ , called the **lapse**
  - will assume  $\alpha > 0 \rightarrow \Omega^a$  is timelike, making  $\Sigma$  spacelike
- the normalized 1-form  $\omega_a \equiv \alpha \Omega_a$  is rotation free,  $\omega_{[a} \nabla_b \omega_{c]} = 0$

$$\omega_{[a} \nabla_b \omega_{c]} = \alpha \Omega_{[a} \nabla_b \alpha \Omega_{c]}$$

- unit normal to "time" slices,

$$n^a \equiv -g^{ab} \omega_b$$

→ points in direction of increasing time

- normalized & timelike,

$$n^a n_a = g^{ab} \omega_a \omega_b = -1$$

↳ like a 4-velocity of a "normal" observer  
w/ world line always normal to  $\Sigma$

- now construct purely spatial metric,

$$\gamma_{ab} = g_{ab} + n_a n_b$$

- a projection tensor that projects out all geometric objects lying along  $n^a$

- computes distances on  $\Sigma$

- now,

$$n^a \gamma_{ab} = n^a g_{ab} + n^a n_a n_b = n_b - n_b = 0$$

∴  $\gamma_{ab}$  is purely spatial & resides entirely in  $\Sigma$

- inverse spatial metric,

$$\gamma^{ab} = g^{ac} g^{bd} \gamma_{cd} = g^{ab} + n^a n^b$$

- need to break up 4D tensors into purely spatial & purely temporal parts. first

needed projection operator:

$$\gamma^a_b = g^a_b + n^a n_b = \delta^a_b + n^a n_b$$

→ projects 4D tensors into spatial slice

Ex. 2.6 for arbitrary spacetime vector  $v^a$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} n^c g_{ac} \gamma^a_b v^b &= n^c g_{ac} (\delta^a_b v^b + n^a n_b v^b) \\ &= n^c g_{ac} \delta^a_b v^b + g_{ac} n^c n^a n_b v^b \\ &= n_c v_a + n_c n_a n_b v^b \\ &= n_c v_a - n_c v_a = 0 \quad ? \end{aligned}$$

∴  $\gamma^a_b v^b$  is purely spatial.

• Projecting higher rank tensors spatially,

$$\perp T_{ab} = \gamma_a^c \gamma_b^d T_{cd}$$

• normal projection,

$$N^a_b \equiv -n^a n_b = \delta^a_b - \gamma^a_b$$

• any vector in terms of its spatial + temporal parts:

$$v^a = \delta^a_b v^b = (\gamma^a_b + N^a_b) v^b = \perp v^a - n^a n_b v^b$$

• Example: Schwarzschild metric in isotropic spherical coordinates,

$$ds^2 = - \left( \frac{1 - M/(2r)}{1 + M/(2r)} \right)^2 dt^2 + \left( 1 + \frac{M}{2r} \right)^4 (dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

- for spatial slices  $\Sigma$  at constant  $t$ , then



components of 1-form  $\Omega_a = (1, 0, 0, 0)$

- recall  $\|\Omega\|^2 = g^{ab} \nabla_a t \nabla_b t \equiv -\alpha^{-2}$

$$\hookrightarrow \alpha = \frac{1 - M/(2r)}{1 + M/(2r)} \quad \dots \text{the lapse}$$

$$\rightarrow n_a = -g^{ab} \omega_b = \frac{1 + M/(2r)}{1 - M/(2r)} (1, 0, 0, 0)$$

..... normal vector

spatial metric:

$$\gamma_{ab} = \left(1 + \frac{M}{2r}\right)^4 \text{diag}(0, 1, r^2, r^2 \sin^2 \theta)$$

$\rightarrow$  no time components

• covariant derivative in 3+1:

- project 4D gradient onto  $\Sigma$ ,

$$\Delta_a f \equiv \gamma_a^b \nabla_b f$$

... for scalar field  $f$

and

$$\Delta_a T_c^b \equiv \gamma_a^d \gamma_c^e \gamma_b^f \nabla_d T_e^f$$

... for mixed-rank-2 tensor  $T_c^b$

• w/ this definition,  $\Delta_a \gamma_{bc} = 0$

• 3D connection coeffs. in coord. basis:

$$\Gamma_{bc}^a = \frac{1}{2} \gamma^{ad} (\partial_c \gamma_{db} + \partial_b \gamma_{dc} - \partial_d \gamma_{bc})$$

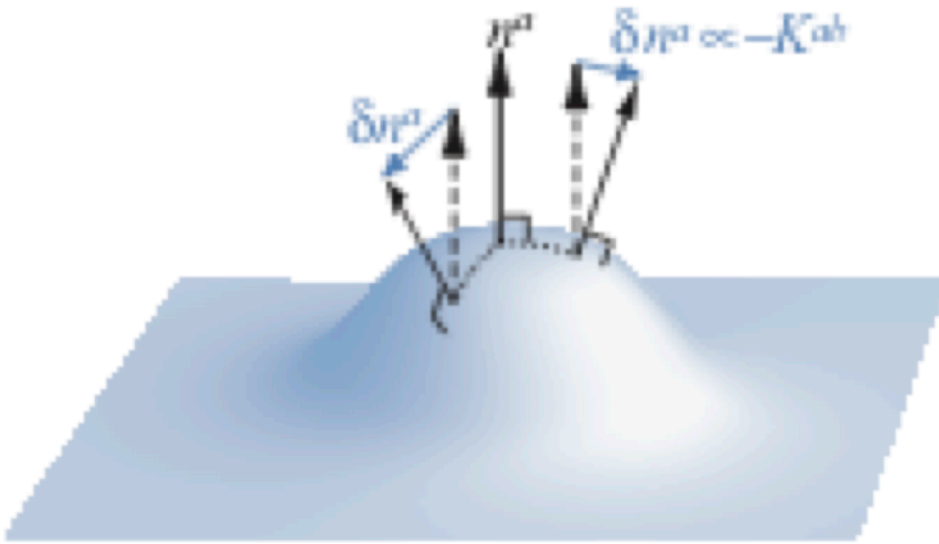
• then the 3D Riemann tensor is,

$$R_{abc}{}^d = \partial_b \Gamma_{ac}^d - \partial_a \Gamma_{bc}^d + \Gamma_{ac}^e \Gamma_{eb}^d - \Gamma_{bc}^e \Gamma_{ea}^d$$

obeys  $2\Delta_{[a}\Delta_{b]}W_c = R^d{}_{cba}W_d$

$$R^d{}_{cba}n_d = 0$$

- $R_{abc}{}^d$  is a 3D, purely spatial object
  - lacks some information in  ${}^{(4)}R_{abc}{}^d$
  - has information only about curvature *intrinsic* to  $\Sigma$
  - to get at shape of  $\Sigma$  in  $M$ , need another tensor: extrinsic curvature



## Extrinsic Curvature

- $K_{ab}$ : from projection of gradients of normal vector onto  $\Sigma$ ; also, first time derivative



of  $\gamma_{ab}$

- together  $(\gamma_{ab}, K_{ab})$  are analogous to position & velocity in classical mechanics but for gravitational field

- projection of gradient of normal vector:  
 $\gamma_a^c \gamma_b^d \nabla_c n_d$

- split into symmetric part, *expansion tensor*,

$$\Theta_{ab} = \gamma_a^c \gamma_b^d \nabla_{(c} n_{d)}$$

and antisymmetric *twist*,

$$\omega_{ab} = \gamma_a^c \gamma_b^d \nabla_{[c} n_{d]}$$

- the twist must vanish since the normal vector is rotation free:

∴ extrinsic curvature is

$$K_{ab} \equiv -\gamma_a^c \gamma_b^d \nabla_{(c} n_{d)} = -\gamma_a^c \gamma_b^d \nabla_c n_d$$

... since  $\nabla_c n_d$  is symmetric

→  $K_{ab} = K_{ba}$  & is purely spatial

- $n^a$  are normalized & vary only in direction  
so  $K_{ab}$  says how much the direction changes between different points in  $\Sigma$

→ how much  $\Sigma$  deforms as it is carried forward along  $n^a$

- Can also express  $K_{ab}$  in terms of acceleration of the normal vector:

$$a_a \equiv n^b \nabla_b n_a$$

↳

$$\begin{aligned} K_{ab} &= -\gamma_a^c \gamma_b^d \nabla_c n_d \\ &= -(\delta_a^c + n_a n^c)(\delta_b^d + n_b n^d) \nabla_c n_d \\ &= -(\delta_a^c + n_a n^c) \delta_b^d \nabla_c n_d \\ &= -\nabla_a n_b - n_a a_b \end{aligned}$$

- can also write in terms of the **Lie derivative**  $\mathcal{L}_{\vec{n}}$  along  $n^a$

$$K_{ab} = -\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}_{\vec{n}} \gamma_{ab}$$

- for scalar  $f$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{X}} f = X^b \nabla_b f = X^b \partial_b f \quad \dots \text{partial}$$

- for vector  $v^a$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{X}} v^a = X^b \partial_b v^a - v^b \partial_b X^a = [X, v]^a$$

... commutator

- 1-form:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{X}} \omega_a = X^b \partial_b \omega_a + \omega_b \partial_a X^b$$

- tensor :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{X}} T^a_b = X^c \partial_c T^a_b - T^c_b \partial_c X^a + T^a_c \partial_b X^c$$

→ measures change of tensor along a vector relative to a simple coordinate transform

- if two hypersurfaces differed by only a coordinate transform (steady-state),

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{n}} \gamma_{ab} = 0$$

- thus, this definition of  $K_{ab}$  makes apparent its connection to a time derivative of  $\gamma_{ab}$  (since  $n^a$  is timelike)

↳ time derivative of  $\gamma_{ab}$  is proportional to  $K_{ab}$

- derive it : write  $\gamma_{ab}$  in terms of  $g_{ab}$  &  $n_a$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\vec{n}} \gamma_{ab} &= \mathcal{L}_{\vec{n}} (g_{ab} + n_a n_b) \\ &= 2 \nabla_{(a} n_{b)} + n_a \mathcal{L}_{\vec{n}} n_b + n_b \mathcal{L}_{\vec{n}} n_a \\ &= 2 (\nabla_{(a} n_{b)} + n_{(a} a_{b)}) = -2 K_{ab} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_{\vec{X}} g_{ab} = \nabla_a X_b + \nabla_b X_a$

... symmetries of metric

• trace of extrinsic curvature is **mean curvature**,

$$\begin{aligned} K &= g^{ab} K_{ab} = \gamma^{ab} K_{ab} \dots \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{purely} \\ \text{spatial} \end{array} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \gamma^{ab} \mathcal{L}_{\vec{n}} \gamma_{ab} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\gamma} \mathcal{L}_{\vec{n}} \gamma = -\frac{1}{\gamma^{1/2}} \mathcal{L}_{\vec{n}} \gamma^{1/2} \quad (\text{chain rule}) \\ &= -\mathcal{L}_{\vec{n}} \ln \gamma^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

→  $\gamma^{1/2} d^3x$  is the proper volume element in  $\Sigma_t$ , so  $-K$  measures change in 3-volume element along  $n^a$