# General Relativity

## Class 31

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# Black Holes: Conformal Diagrams and Causality

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A black hole is set of events (an event defined as a point in the spacetime manifold) that can never communicate with asymptotic infinity. This means that regions in the manifold cannot communicate with regions that are arbitrarily far away. Communication is done by sending a causal cure, timelike or null, out to infinity. The event horizon is the boundary of the black hole

## 1    Conformal Transformations

A metric is conformally related to another metric if

$$\widetilde{g_{uv}} = \omega(x^u)^2 g_(uv)  \tag{1.1}$$

Where $\omega$ is a function of spacetime. $\omega$ is essentially re-scaling the proper times and proper distances in the spacetime in a position dependent manner. The resulting $\widetilde{g_{uv}}$ is a conformal transform of guv. $\widetilde{g_{uv}}$ is oft4en viewed as unphysical, since guv solves Einstein's field equations for some sources, but $\widetilde{g_{uv}}$ will not solves Einstein's field equations with those sources. $\widetilde{g_{uv}}$ is not a physical metric, simply a tool that can be used to understand spacetime. For example, the Weyl tensor can be calculated with guv or $\widetilde{g_{uv}}$, while both options are equal, they are noted by

$$\widetilde{C^u_{v\rho\sigma}} = C^u_{v\rho\sigma}  \tag{1.2}$$

Where the following is not equal to each other

$$\widetilde{C_{uv\rho\sigma}} \neq C_{uv\rho\sigma}  \tag{1.3}$$

This is because the index is lowered using the $\widetilde{g_{uv}}$ and guv respectively. In other words,

$$\widetilde{g_{u\alpha}}\widetilde{C^\alpha_{v\rho\sigma}} \neq g_{u\alpha}C^\alpha_{v\rho\sigma}  \tag{1.4}$$

Another fact that makes conformal transformations useful in understanding a metric that is physical is, given a null vector $k^u$ (where $k^u k^v \widetilde{g_{uv}} = 0$) Then $k^u$ is null with respect to $\widetilde{g_{uv}}$:

$$k^u k^v \widetilde{g_{uv}} = \omega(k^u k^v g_{ev})^2 = 0  \tag{1.5}$$

Conformal transformations preserve the light cone structure. If two events are related by a null trajectory in $g_{uv}$, then they are also connected by a null trajectory in $\widetilde{g_{uv}}$.

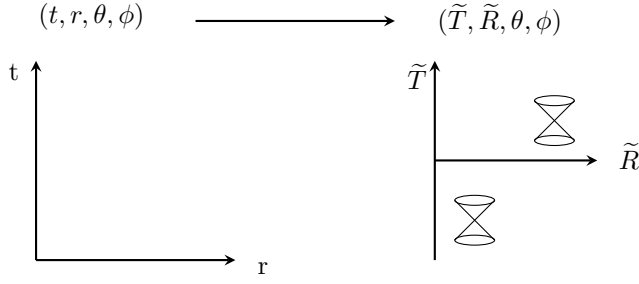## 2    Conformal Diagrams

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**Figure 1**. Showing what a conformal diagram will do for our coordinates

The goal is to draw a spacetime diagram of all the spacetime, plus infinity. This is done by making a spacetime diagram of Equation 1.1 Example: Minkowski Spacetime

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2 \qquad (2.1)$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{(cos-\tilde{T} + cos\tilde{R})^2}(d\tilde{T} + d\tilde{R} + sin(\tilde{R})^2 d\omega^2) \qquad (2.2)$$

This is a conformal factor multiplied by a simple metric, so if the first term were to instead be written as $\omega$, a conformal factor, then

$$\widetilde{ds}^2 = \omega^2 ds^2 = (-d\tilde{T}^2 + d\tilde{R}^2 + sin(\tilde{R})^2 d\omega^2) \qquad (2.3)$$

The metric $\widetilde{ds}$ is a simpler metric that can now be drawn with a conformal diagram, with the restricted ranges of $|\tilde{T}| + \tilde{R} < \pi$. EXPLAIN T AND R CONSTANT SURFACES
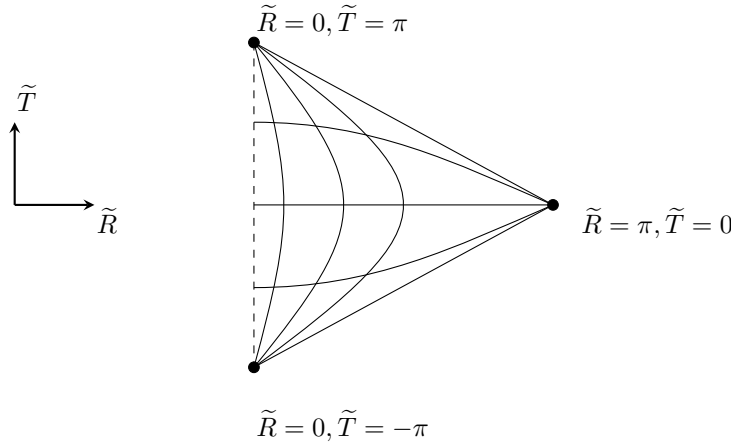


**Figure 2**. Conformal Diagram of Minkowski Space: Restricted by $|\tilde{T}| + \tilde{R} < \pi$

Steps to derive conformal diagram for Minkowski (Can be found in Appedix H of Carroll)

1. use null coordinates

$$u = t - r \qquad v = t + r$$
$$t = \frac{v+u}{2} \qquad r = \frac{v-u}{2}$$
$$-\infty > u > \infty \quad -\infty > v > \infty$$
$$v \geq u$$

$$(2.4)$$

Where the $v \geq u$ condition comes from the fact that r must be positive. In these

coordinates, the metric can be written as

$$ds^2 = \frac{-1}{2}(dudv + dvdu)^2 + r^2\Omega^2 \tag{2.5}$$

Remembering that $dudv + dvdu = 2dudv$

2. Compactify coordinates

$$u = tan(\widetilde{U}) \qquad v = tan(\widetilde{V})$$
$$-\frac{\pi}{2} < tan(\widetilde{U}) < \frac{\pi}{2} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < tan(\widetilde{V}) < \frac{\pi}{2} \tag{2.6}$$

Now the coordinate system is such that whole metric can be written in a finite range of coordinates.

$$du = sec^2(\widetilde{U}d\widetilde{U}) \quad dv = sec^2(\widetilde{V}d\widetilde{V}) \tag{2.7}$$

$$r^2 = (\frac{sin(\widetilde{V} - \widetilde{U}}{2cos(\widetilde{V}cos(\widetilde{U}))})^2 \tag{2.8}$$

Now

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{4cos^2\widetilde{U}cos^2\widetilde{V}}(-4d\widetilde{U}d\widetilde{V} + sin^2(\widetilde{V} - \widetilde{U})d\Omega^2) \tag{2.9}$$

3. define $(\widetilde{T}, \widetilde{R})$, $\widetilde{R} = \widetilde{v} - \widetilde{R}$, and $\widetilde{R} = \widetilde{V} + \widetilde{U}$ Resulting in

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{(4cos\widetilde{U}cos\widetilde{V})^2} \quad (-d\widetilde{T}^2 + d\widetilde{R}^2 + sin^2\widetilde{R}d\Omega^2) \tag{2.10}$$

$$0 \le \widetilde{R} < \pi \qquad\qquad |\widetilde{T}| + \widetilde{R} < \pi$$

4. Consider the conformally rescaled metric, then draw the spacetime diagrams

$$d\widetilde{S}^2 = \omega^2 ds^2 \quad \omega = cos\widetilde{T} + cos\widetilde{R} \tag{2.11}$$

$$d\widetilde{S} = -d\widetilde{T}^2 + d\widetilde{R}^2 + sin^2(\widetilde{R})d\Omega^2 \tag{2.12}$$

We can now draw the allowed portions such a spacetime, remembering the constraint $|\widetilde{T}| + \widetilde{R} < \pi$, which confines the diagram to the non shaded region in the diagram. This cylinder can be 'unrolled' , with only the allowed portions for Minkowski Space, resulting in the conformal diagram from Figure 3. In these conformal diagrams, it is important to remember that the boundaries of the diagram and the points are not included in the space.
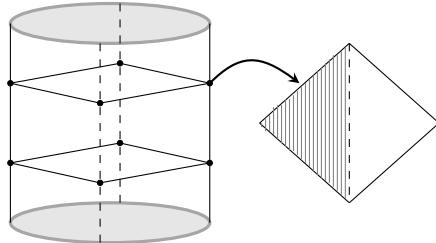


**Figure 3**. Conformal Diagram Creation: from $S^3$ to $S^2$ space

# 3   Conformal Diagrams and Infinities

Light cones are 45 degrees on thi8s diagram, at the expense of other coordinates being bent in an odd way. This spacetime diagram is drawn on the conformally transformed metric, and the three points on the diagram are not points of the Minkowski Metric, rather they are different aspects of infinity. These points are placed on the diagram so that it becomes a manifold with boundary. This boundary contains five separate components, as labelled in figure X.
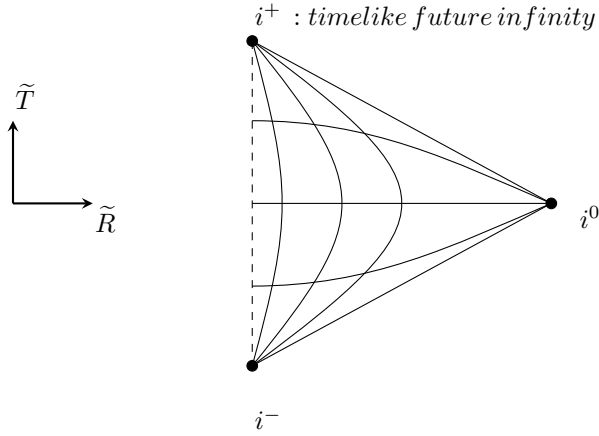


**Figure 4**. Conformal Diagram of Minkowski Space: Restricted by $|\widetilde{T}| + \widetilde{R} < \pi$

Explain the components more.

Lets look at another conformal diagram, the one for the Schwartschild Black Hole. In a previous class, the cruscal the convieniently had light rays at 45 degrees
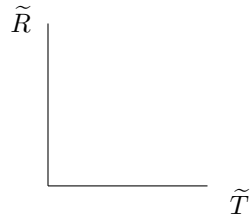


**Figure 5**. SBH digram in cruzcal coords

However, these cruzcal coordinates still need some changes to create the conformal diagram. These coordinates need to be compactified. U and V are rescalings of u and v coordinates

$$u = t - r_* \qquad v = t + r_*$$
$$T = \frac{V + U}{2} \quad R = \frac{V - U}{2} \tag{3.1}$$
$$U = -e^{\frac{-u}{4m}} \qquad V = e^{\frac{v}{4m}}$$

Define compactified coordinates

$$V = tan\widetilde{V} \quad U = tan\widetilde{U} \tag{3.2}$$

The same steps can be taken to transform the metric, identify a confromal factor, multiplying $d\widetilde{V}d\widetilde{U}$, then finally define new coordinates,

$$\widetilde{T} = \widetilde{V} + \widetilde{U} \qquad \widetilde{R} = \widetilde{V} - \widetilde{U} \tag{3.3}$$

then get rid of conformal factor, to look at the conformally related metric.

$$d\widetilde{s}^2 = -d\widetilde{T}^2 + (function of \widetilde{T}, \widetilde{R})d\Omega^2 \tag{3.4}$$
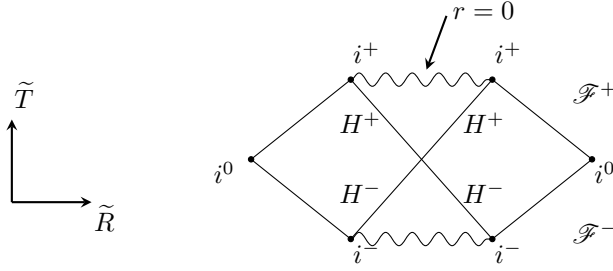
**Figure 6**. Weird geometric diagram...

The conformal diagram for a spherically symmetric star is
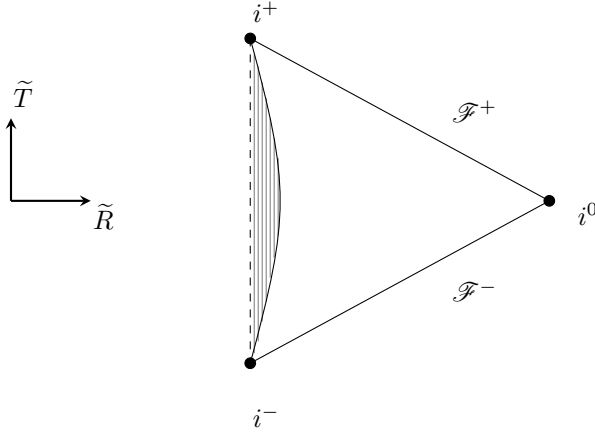Looking at X of the digram, it looks like region I of thhe Schwatzchile Black hole.

**Figure 7**. What a conformal diagram will look like for our coordinates

If a star were to collapse to form a black hole,the following conformal diagram could describe the space, with the shaded region being the stellar interior.
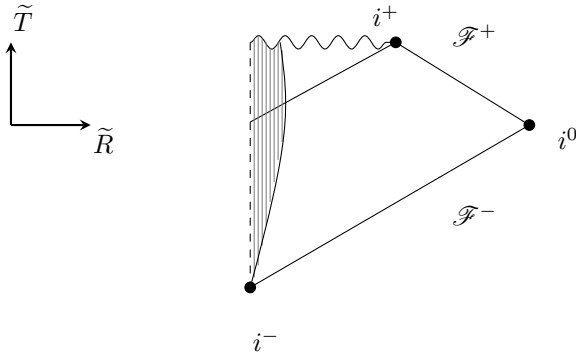
**Figure 8**. Conformal Diagram of Star Collapsing to Form Black Hole