

# MIT GR Course Problem Set 2

## Solutions and Explanations

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**Problem1.** Show that the number density of dust measured by an observer whose 4-velocity is  $\vec{U}$  is given by  $n = -\vec{N} \cdot \vec{U}$ , where  $\vec{N}$  is the matter current 4-velocity.

**Solution.** By definition we have the matter current 4-velocity  $N^a = nU^a$ , we have

$$\boxed{-N^a U_a = -nU^a U_a = n} \quad (1)$$

**Problem2.** Take the limit of continuity equation for  $|\mathbf{v}| \ll 1$  to get  $\partial n / \partial t + \partial(nv^i) / \partial x^i = 0$

**Solution.** For  $|\mathbf{v}| \ll 1$ , the Lorentz factor satisfies  $\gamma \approx 1$ . Therefore the 4-velocity can be expressed as  $\vec{U} = (1, \mathbf{v})$ .

According to the continuity equation  $\partial_\alpha N^\alpha = 0$  and  $N^\alpha = nU^\alpha$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\alpha (nU^\alpha) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \partial_t (nU^t) + \partial_i (nU^i) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(nv^i)}{\partial x^i} = 0} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

**Problem3.** In an inertial frame  $\mathcal{O}$ , calculate the components of the stress-energy tensors of the following systems:

(a) A group of particles all moving with the same 3-velocity  $\mathbf{v} = \beta \vec{e}_x$  as seen in  $\mathcal{O}$ . Let the rest-mass density of these particles be  $\rho_0$ , as measured in their own rest frame. Assume a sufficiently high density of particles to enable treating them as a continuum.

(b) A ring of  $N$  similar particles of rest mass  $m$  rotating counter-clockwise in the x-y plane about the origin of  $\mathcal{O}$ , at a radius  $a$  from this point, with an angular velocity  $\omega$ . The ring is a torus of circular cross-section  $\delta a \ll a$ , within which the particles are uniformly distributed with a high enough density for the continuum approximation to apply. Do not include the stress-energy of whatever forces keep them in orbit. Part of this calculation will relate  $\rho_0$  of part (a) to  $N$ ,  $a$ ,  $\delta a$ , and  $\omega$ .

(c) Two such rings of particles, one rotating clockwise and the other counter-clockwise, at the same radius  $a$ . The particles do not collide or otherwise interact in any way.

**Solution.**

(a) First, in the rest frame of the group of these particles, the stress-energy tensor  $T^{\mu\nu}$  assumes the simplified form  $T^{\mu\nu} = \rho_0 U^\mu U^\nu$ , or in matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho_0 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Second, given these particles move in the same 3-velocity  $\mathbf{v} = \beta \vec{e}_x$  as seen in  $\mathcal{O}$ , their 4-velocity in this frame becomes  $\vec{U}' = (\gamma, \gamma\beta, 0, 0)$ . Consequently,

the stress-energy tensor in frame  $\mathcal{O}$  assumes the form:

$$T'^{\mu\nu} = \rho_0 U'^{\mu} U'^{\nu} = \gamma^2 \rho_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \beta & 0 & 0 \\ \beta & \beta^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

(b) First, given the torus volume  $V = 2\pi a \pi (\delta a)^2$ , the rest-mass density  $\rho_0$  is determined as:

$$\rho_0 = \frac{Nm}{2\pi^2 a (\delta a)^2} \quad (4)$$

Next, for particles undergoing counter-clockwise rotation with angular velocity  $\omega$ , the corresponding 4-velocity components at the angle  $\phi$  are derived via Cartesian coordinates:

$$\vec{U} = \gamma(1, -a\omega \sin(\phi), a\omega \cos(\phi), 0), \quad \gamma = (1 - a^2\omega^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad (5)$$

Finally, combining the system's symmetry and the stress-energy tensor definition  $T^{\mu\nu} = \rho_0 U^{\mu} U^{\nu}$ , angular averaging over  $\phi$  yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T^{00} \rangle &= \gamma^2 \rho_0 \\ \langle T^{11} \rangle &= \gamma^2 \rho_0 \cdot \frac{1}{2} a^2 \omega^2 \\ \langle T^{22} \rangle &= \gamma^2 \rho_0 \cdot \frac{1}{2} a^2 \omega^2 \\ \langle T^{12} \rangle &= \langle T^{21} \rangle = \langle \sin \phi \cos \phi \rangle = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Combining Eq.(4), Eq.(5) and Eq.(6) to get the final stress-energy tensor assuming the matrix representation:

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \gamma^2 \rho_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \frac{1}{2} a^2 \omega^2 & & \\ & & \frac{1}{2} a^2 \omega^2 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

(c) Since the two rings are counter-rotating and the constituent particles exhibit no interactions, the stress-energy tensor for each ring independently assumes the form specified in Eq.(7). The composite system's stress-energy tensor is therefore given by linear superposition:

$$T^{\mu\nu} = 2\gamma^2\rho_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \frac{1}{2}a^2\omega^2 & & \\ & & \frac{1}{2}a^2\omega^2 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

### Notes for Problem3.

In problem (a), the stress-energy tensor  $T'^{\mu\nu}$  can be derived via an alternative approach distinct from Eq.(3):

$$T'^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial x'^\mu}{\partial x^\sigma} \frac{\partial x'^\nu}{\partial x^\rho} T^{\sigma\rho} = \frac{\partial x'^\mu}{\partial x^0} \frac{\partial x'^\nu}{\partial x^0} T^{00} \quad (9)$$

Evidently, the application of tensor transformation formula in Eq.(9) yields identical result.

**Problem4.** Use the identity  $\partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$  to prove the following results for a bounded system (i.e., a system for which  $T^{\mu\nu} = 0$  beyond some bounded region of space):

(a)  $\partial_t \int T^{0\alpha} d^3x = 0$ . This expresses conservation of energy and momentum.

(b)  $\partial_t^2 \int T^{00} x^i x^j d^3x = 2 \int T^{ij} d^3x$ . This result is a version of the virial theorem; it will come in quite handy when we derive the quadrupole formula for gravitational radiation.

(c)  $\partial_t^2 \int T^{00} (x^i x_i)^2 d^3x = 4 \int T_i^i x^j x_j d^3x + 8 \int T^{ij} x_i x_j d^3x$ . No pithy wisdom for this one.

**Solution.** Utilizing the identity  $\partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$ , we derive the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t T^{00} + \partial_k T^{0k} = 0, & \mu = 0 \\ \partial_t T^{0i} + \partial_k T^{ik} = 0, & \mu = i \end{cases} \quad (i, j, k = 1, 2, 3) \quad (10)$$

Later we will use Eq.(10) for multiple times, so it's best to put these relations before the steps of the solutions.

(a) For the  $\mu = 0$  component in Eq.(10), integration to get

$$\partial_t \int T^{00} d^3x = - \int \partial_k T^{0k} d^3x \quad (11)$$

Applying Gauss's law we get  $\int \partial_k T^{0k} d^3x = \oint T^{0k} dS_k$ . Given that it is a bounded system,  $T^{0k}$  vanishes at spatial infinity, leading to:

$$\boxed{\partial_t \int T^{00} d^3x = 0 \quad (\text{Conservation of Energy})} \quad (12)$$

Similarly, for  $\mu = i$  we have:

$$\boxed{\partial_t \int T^{0i} d^3x = 0 \quad (\text{Conservation of Momentum})} \quad (13)$$

This completes the proof of  $\partial_t \int T^{0\alpha} d^3x = 0 \quad (\alpha = 0, 1, 2, 3)$ .

(b) According to Eq.(10) we have:

$$\partial_t \int T^{00} x^i x^j d^3x = - \partial_k \int T^{0k} x^i x^j d^3x$$

Applying integration by parts yields:

$$\begin{aligned} - \int \partial_k T^{0k} x^i x^j d^3x &= \int T^{0k} \partial_k (x^i x^j) d^3x - 0 \\ &= \int T^{0k} (x^j \delta_k^i + x^i \delta_k^j) d^3x = \int (T^{0i} x^j + T^{0j} x^i) d^3x \end{aligned}$$

Subsequently taking the time derivative once and combining Eq.(10) when  $\mu = i$  provides:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \int (T^{0i} x^j + T^{0j} x^i) d^3x &= \int (\partial_k T^{ik} x^j + \partial_k T^{jk} x^i) d^3x \\ &= \int (T^{ik} \delta_k^j + T^{jk} \delta_k^i) d^3x = 2 \int T^{ij} d^3x \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we prove the identity  $\boxed{\partial_t^2 \int T^{00} x^i x^j d^3x = 2 \int T^{ij} d^3x}$ .

(c) According to Eq.(10) we have:

$$\partial_t \int T^{00} (x^i x_i)^2 d^3x = -\partial_k \int T^{0k} (x^i x_i)^2 d^3x$$

Applying integration by parts yields:

$$\begin{aligned} -\partial_k \int T^{0k} (x^i x_i)^2 d^3x &= \int T^{0k} \partial_k (x^i x_i)^2 d^3x \\ &= \int T^{0k} \cdot 2(x^i x_i)(x^i \delta_{ik} + x_i \delta_K^i) d^3x = \int T^{0k} \cdot 2(x^i x_i) \cdot 2x_k d^3x \\ &= 4 \int T^{0k} (x^i x_i) x_k d^3x \end{aligned}$$

Subsequently taking the time derivative once and combining Eq.(10) when  $\mu = i$  provides:

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \int \partial_t T^{0k} (x^i x_i) x_k d^3x &= -4 \int \partial_j T^{jk} x_k (x^i x_i) d^3x \\ &= 4 \int T^{jk} \partial_j [x_k (x^i x_i)] d^3x \\ &= 4 \int T^{jk} x^i x_i \delta_{jk} d^3x + 8 \int T^{jk} x_k x_j d^3x \\ &= 4 \int T_j^j x^i x_i d^3x + 8 \int T^{jk} x_j x_k d^3x \end{aligned}$$

Regroup the index to get the identity  $\partial_t^2 \int T^{00} (x^i x_i)^2 d^3x = 4 \int T_i^i x^j x_j d^3x + 8 \int T^{ij} x_i x_j d^3x$ .

### Problem5.

The vector potential  $\vec{A} \doteq (A^0, \mathbf{A})$  generates the electromagnetic field tensor via

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

(a) Show that the electric and magnetic fields in a special Lorentz frame

are given by

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} - \nabla A^0.$$

(b) Show that the Maxwell's equations hold if and only if

$$\partial_\mu \partial^\mu A^\alpha - \partial^\alpha \partial_\mu A^\mu = -4\pi J^\alpha$$

(c) Show that a gauge transformation of the form

$$A_\mu^{\text{new}} = A_\mu^{\text{old}} + \partial_\mu \phi$$

leaves the field tensor unchanged.

(d) Show that one can adjust the gauge so that

$$\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$$

Show that Maxwell's equations take on a particularly simple form with this gauge choice. Use the operator  $\square \equiv \partial_\mu \partial^\mu$  to simplify your result.

**Solution.** The components of electromagnetic field tensor in a particular reference frame assume the matrix form:

$$(F_{\mu\nu}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -E_1 & -E_2 & -E_3 \\ E_1 & 0 & B_3 & -B_2 \\ E_2 & -B_3 & 0 & B_1 \\ E_3 & B_2 & -B_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

(a) By utilizing the Levi-Civita symbol  $\epsilon_{ijk}$ , the curl of the vector  $\mathbf{A}$  can be reformulated in the following tensorial notation:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_i A_j$$

By definition, the electric and magnetic field vectors can be expressed by  $F_{\mu\nu}$ :

$$E_\mu = F_{\mu 0} \quad (15)$$

$$B_\mu = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{0\mu\nu\sigma} F^{\nu\sigma} \quad (16)$$

where  $\mu, \nu, \sigma = 1, 2, 3$ . Since  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$  and  $F^{ij} = F_{ij}$ , combining Eq.(15) and Eq.(16) yields:

$$E_\mu = \partial_\mu A_0 - \partial_0 A_\mu \quad (17)$$

$$B_\mu = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{0\mu\nu\sigma} (\partial_\nu A_\sigma - \partial_\sigma A_\nu) = \epsilon_{0\mu\nu\sigma} \partial_{[\nu} A_{\sigma]} = \epsilon_{0\mu\nu\sigma} \partial_\nu A_\sigma \quad (18)$$

Because of  $A_0 = -A^0$ , the electric and magnetic field vectors assume the more familiar form:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} E_\mu &= -\partial_\mu A^0 - \partial_0 A_\mu \doteq -\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} - \nabla A^0 \\ B_\mu &= \epsilon_{0\mu\nu\sigma} \partial_\nu A_\sigma \doteq \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \end{aligned}} \quad (19)$$

(b) Starting from the 4-dimensional Maxwell's equations

$$\partial^\mu F_{\mu\nu} = -4\pi J_\nu$$

we raise indices via the Minkowski metric tensor  $\eta^{\mu\nu}$  to obtain the contravariant form:

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = -4\pi J^\nu$$

Substituting the field tensor definition  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$  yields:

$$\partial_\mu (\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) = -4\pi J^\nu$$

Performing the index substitution  $\nu \rightarrow \alpha$ , we arrive at the final form:

$$\boxed{\partial_\mu \partial^\mu A^\alpha - \partial^\alpha \partial_\mu A^\mu = 4\pi J^\alpha} \quad (20)$$



(c) We can easily prove this gauge transformation formula by substitution:

$$\boxed{F_{\mu\nu}^{\text{new}} = \partial_\mu A_\nu^{\text{new}} - \partial_\nu A_\mu^{\text{new}}} = \partial_\mu (A_\nu^{\text{old}} + \partial_\nu \phi) - \partial_\nu (A_\mu^{\text{old}} + \partial_\mu \phi) \quad (21)$$

$$\partial_\mu A_\nu^{\text{old}} + \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \phi - \partial_\nu A_\mu^{\text{old}} + \partial_\nu \partial_\mu \phi = \boxed{\partial_\mu A_\nu^{\text{old}} - \partial_\nu A_\mu^{\text{old}} = F_{\mu\nu}^{\text{old}}}$$

(d) Under the gauge transformation  $A^\mu = A'^\mu + \partial^\mu \phi$ , the divergence of the 4-potential transforms as:

$$\partial_\mu A^\mu = \partial_\mu A'^\mu + \partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi$$

Employing the Lorentz gauge condition  $\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$ , we obtain a wave equation for the gauge function  $\phi$ :

$$\partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi = -\partial_\mu A'^\mu$$

Provided  $A'$  satisfies the integrability condition  $\partial_\nu (\partial_\mu A'^\mu) = \partial_\mu (\partial_\nu A'^\mu)$ , there always exists a non-trivial solution  $\phi$  for given initial and boundary conditions. This guarantees the existence of a gauge function  $\phi$  that enforces  $\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$ . Consequently, Eq.(20) simplifies to the form:

$$\boxed{\square A^\alpha = -4\pi J^\alpha \quad \text{with} \quad \square \equiv \partial_\mu \partial^\mu} \quad (22)$$

**Problem6.** An astronaut has acceleration  $g$  in the  $x$  direction (in other words, the magnitude of his 4-acceleration,  $\sqrt{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}}$  is  $g$ ). This astronaut assigns coordinates  $(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$  to spacetime as follows:

First, the astronaut defines spatial coordinates to be  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$ , and sets the time coordinates  $\bar{t}$  to be his own proper time.

Second, at  $\bar{t} = 0$ , the astronaut assigns  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$  to coincide with the Euclidean coordinates  $(x, y, z)$  of inertial reference frame that momentarily coincides with his motion. (In other words, though the astronaut is not inertial — he is accelerating — there is an inertial frame that, at  $\bar{t} = 0$ , is

momentarily at rest with respect to him. This is the frame used to assign  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$  at  $\bar{t} = 0$ ) Observers who remain at fixed values of the spatial coordinates  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$  are called coordinate-stationary observers (CSOs). Note that proper time for these observers is not necessarily  $\bar{t}$ ! — we cannot assume that the CSOs' clocks remain synchronized with the clocks of the astronaut. Assume that some function  $A$  converts between coordinate time  $\bar{t}$  and proper time at the location of CSO:

$$A = \frac{d\bar{t}}{d\tau}$$

The function  $A$  is evaluated at a CSO's location and thus can in principle depend on all four coordinates  $\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$ .

Finally, the astronaut requires that the worldlines of CSOs must be orthogonal to the hypersurface  $\bar{t} = \text{constant}$ , and that for each  $\bar{t}$  there exists an inertial frame, momentarily at rest with respect to the astronaut, in which all events with  $\bar{t} = \text{constant}$  are simultaneous.

It is easy to see that  $\bar{y} = y$  and  $\bar{z} = z$ ; henceforth we drop this coordinates from the problem.

(a) What is the 4-velocity of the astronaut, as a function of  $\bar{t}$ , in the initial inertial frame [the frame that uses coordinates  $(t, x, y, z)$ ]? (Hint: by considering the conditions on  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}$ ,  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{a}$ , and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}$ , you should be able to find simple forms for  $u^t$  and  $u^x$ .)

(b) Imagine that each coordinate-stationary observer carries a clock. What is the 4-velocity of each clock in the initial inertial frame?

(c) Explain why  $A(\bar{x}, \bar{t})$  cannot depend on time. In other words, why can we put  $A(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) = A(\bar{x})$ ? (Hint: consider the coordinate system that a different CSO may set up.)

(d) Find an explicit solution for the coordinate transformation  $x(\bar{t}, \bar{x})$

and  $t(\bar{t}, \bar{x})$ .

(e) Show that the line element  $ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 = -(1 + g\bar{x})^2 d\bar{t}^2 + d\bar{x}^2$ .

**Solution.** (a) Since the astronaut's 4-velocity possesses only a spatial component along x direction, we may model their motion in a 1+1-dimensional spacetime. Let the 4-velocity be  $\vec{U} = (u_t, u_x)$ . The normalization condition of 4-velocity gives:

$$U^\alpha U_\alpha = -u_t^2 + u_x^2 = -1 \quad (23)$$

Give the astronaut's 4-acceleration magnitude  $g$ , the 4-acceleration satisfies:

$$A^\alpha A_\alpha = -a_t^2 + a_x^2 = g^2 \quad (24)$$

Orthogonality between 4-velocity and 4-acceleration requires:

$$A^\alpha U_\alpha = -a_t u_t + a_x u_x = 0 \quad (25)$$

**Boundary Condition:**

- At  $\bar{t} = 0$ :  $u_t = 0$ ,  $u_x = 0$ ;
- For  $\bar{t} > 0$ :  $u_x > 0$

Combining the Boundary Condition and Eq.(23) - Eq.(25) we get the solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{U} &= (\cosh(g\bar{t}), \sinh(g\bar{t})) \\ \vec{A} &= (g \sinh(g\bar{t}), g \cosh(g\bar{t})) \end{aligned}$$

(26)

Problems (b)-(e) fundamentally constitute different facets of a unified physical scenario. The subsequent analysis will synthesize these components through an integrated treatment, deliberately omitting distinct problem identifiers to emphasize their intrinsic coherence.

First, let's explain the reason why  $A(\bar{x}, \bar{t})$  cannot depend on time, as to say  $A(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) = A(\bar{x})$ .

1. **Coordinate Consistency:** If  $A$  depends on  $\bar{t}$ , coordinate-stationary observers (CSOs) at different times would establish divergent time synchronization standards, thereby precluding the construction of a globally consistent coordinate system.
2. **Symmetry Consideration:** While the astronaut's fixed acceleration direction preserves spatial translational symmetry, explicit time dependence in the metric components breaks this symmetry.
3. **Orthogonality Constraints:** The requirement that the CSOs' world-lines remain orthogonal to constant- $\bar{t}$  hypersurfaces enforces  $A$  to depend exclusively on spatial coordinates.

Second, integrate Eq.(26) to get astronaut's equations of motion:

$$t = \frac{1}{g} \sinh(g\bar{t}) \quad (27)$$

$$x = \frac{1}{g} \cosh(g\bar{t}) - \frac{1}{g} \quad (28)$$

Assuming that CSOs' equations of motion are similar to Eq.(27) and Eq.(28), but are parameterized by  $\bar{x}$  in the following way:

$$t = T(\bar{x}) \sinh(g\bar{t}) \quad (29)$$

$$x = X(\bar{x}) \cosh(g\bar{t}) + Y(\bar{x}) \quad (30)$$

Obviously, CSOs' 4-velocity components assume the form:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= gAT \cosh(g\bar{t}) \\ u_x &= gAX \sinh(g\bar{t}) \end{aligned} \quad \text{with} \quad A = \frac{d\bar{t}}{d\tau} \quad (31)$$

According to Eq.(23), we obtain:

$$g^2 A^2 (T^2 \cosh^2(g\bar{t}) - X^2 \sinh^2(g\bar{t})) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{cases} T = & X \\ X = & \frac{1}{gA} \end{cases}} \quad (32)$$

The reason why Eq.(32) can be solved like this is that  $A$ ,  $T$ ,  $X$  are all independent to  $\bar{t}$ . Now, let's what will happen when we try to obtain the expression of the line element.

$$\begin{aligned} -dt^2 + dx^2 &= -g^2 T^2 \cosh^2(g\bar{t}) d\bar{t}^2 - \left(\frac{dT}{d\bar{x}}\right)^2 \sinh^2(g\bar{t}) d\bar{x}^2 \\ &\quad - 2gT \frac{dT}{d\bar{x}} \cosh(g\bar{t}) \sinh(g\bar{t}) d\bar{t} d\bar{x} + g^2 X^2 \sinh^2(g\bar{t}) d\bar{t}^2 \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{dX}{d\bar{x}}\right)^2 \cosh^2(g\bar{t}) d\bar{x}^2 + \left(\frac{dY}{d\bar{x}}\right)^2 d\bar{x}^2 + 2\frac{dX}{d\bar{x}} \frac{dY}{d\bar{x}} \cosh(g\bar{t}) d\bar{x}^2 \\ &= 2gX \frac{dX}{d\bar{x}} \cosh(g\bar{t}) \sinh(g\bar{t}) d\bar{t} d\bar{x} + 2gX \frac{dY}{d\bar{x}} \sinh(g\bar{t}) d\bar{t} d\bar{x} \\ &= -(g^2 T^2 \cosh^2(g\bar{t}) - g^2 X^2 \sinh^2(g\bar{t})) d\bar{t}^2 - \left(\frac{dT}{d\bar{x}}\right)^2 \sinh^2(g\bar{t}) d\bar{x}^2 \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{dX}{d\bar{x}}\right)^2 \cosh^2(g\bar{t}) d\bar{x}^2 + \left(\frac{dY}{d\bar{x}}\right)^2 d\bar{x}^2 + 2\frac{dX}{d\bar{x}} \frac{dY}{d\bar{x}} \cosh(g\bar{t}) d\bar{x}^2 \\ &\quad + 2gX \frac{dX}{d\bar{x}} \cosh(g\bar{t}) \sinh(g\bar{t}) d\bar{t} d\bar{x} + 2gX \frac{dY}{d\bar{x}} \sinh(g\bar{t}) d\bar{t} d\bar{x} \\ &\quad - 2gT \frac{dT}{d\bar{x}} \cosh(g\bar{t}) \sinh(g\bar{t}) d\bar{t} d\bar{x} \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Combining Eq.(32) and according to the **Symmetry Consideration** part, the metric tensor exhibits no explicit dependence on the coordinate  $\bar{t}$  and contains no temporal-spatial cross terms, which means:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{X}{\cosh(g\bar{t})} \frac{dY}{d\bar{x}} = 0 \\ -dt^2 + dx^2 = -g^2 X^2 d\bar{t}^2 + \left(\frac{dX}{d\bar{x}}\right)^2 d\bar{x}^2 \end{cases} \quad (34)$$

It therefore follows that  $Y$  must be a constant. To determine its explicit form, considering the following boundary conditions:

- **Initial Inertial Frame Alignment:** At  $\bar{t} = 0$ , the CSOs' coordinates coincide with the initial inertial coordinate  $\bar{x}$  yielding:

$$X + Y = \bar{x} \quad (35)$$

- **Observer Self-Consistency Condition:** When  $\bar{x} = 0$  (the astronaut serves as his own CSO), the coordinate must reduce to the astronaut's known equations of motion:

$$-Y \cosh(g\bar{t}) + Y = \frac{1}{g} \cosh(g\bar{t}) - \frac{1}{g} \quad (36)$$

Combining Eq.(35) and Eq.(36) to obtain:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} X &= \bar{x} + \frac{1}{g} \\ Y &= -\frac{1}{g} \end{aligned}} \quad (37)$$

By Eq.(32) we obtain:

$$\boxed{A = \frac{1}{1 + g\bar{x}}} \quad (38)$$

Now we can write the completed version of CSOs equations of motion:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} t &= \left( \bar{x} + \frac{1}{g} \right) \sinh(g\bar{t}) \\ x &= \left( \bar{x} + \frac{1}{g} \right) \cosh(g\bar{t}) - \frac{1}{g} \\ u_t &= g \left( \bar{x} + \frac{1}{g} \right) \frac{1}{1 + g\bar{x}} \cosh(g\bar{t}) = \cosh(g\bar{t}) \\ u_x &= g \left( \bar{x} + \frac{1}{g} \right) \frac{1}{1 + g\bar{x}} \sinh(g\bar{t}) = \sinh(g\bar{t}) \end{aligned}} \quad (39)$$

Henceforth, the line element assumes the simplified form:

$$\boxed{ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 = -(1 + g^2\bar{x})^2 d\bar{t}^2 + d\bar{x}^2} \quad (40)$$

This spacetime is called the Rindler spacetime and the metric is called Rindler metric.