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LEC 14: UNDERSTANDING EINSTEIN'S EQ.

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EINSTEIN EQ:  $R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$   
GW

$\uparrow$   
the origin of many  
conventions for  
the grav. coupling

motivated by Maxwell's eqs  
more complicated... more indices

ALSO MORE COMPLICATED - NOT LINEAR

↳ sum of solutions is not a solution  
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM NEWTON



$$\phi_{tot} = \phi_1 + \phi_2$$

$$\text{b/c } \vec{g}(x) = -\nabla \phi(x)$$

$\uparrow$   
generally:  $\ominus \phi$

LINEAR  
OPERATOR

POTENTIAL

THIS MAKES FINDING SOLUTIONS HARD.

| e.g. CANNOT SUPERIMPOSE  
SCHWARZSCHILD  
W/ "STUFF IN"  
OTHERWISE THAT'S BAD

MORE INTUITIVELY: EARTH & SUN

separately:  $E_{\odot} = M_{\odot}$      $E_{\oplus} = M_{\oplus}$

together: forms a BOUND STATE: solar system

very separated solar sys:

$$E_{ss} \approx M_{\odot} + M_{\oplus} \quad \leftarrow "M_{ss}"$$

but bring them closer:

$$E_{ss} = M_{\odot} + M_{\oplus} - \Delta E_{\text{binding}} \quad \leftarrow "M_{ss}"$$

EH?! this violates Equivalence Principle <sup>[weak]</sup>

cf STRONG  
EINSTEIN'S  
EQUIV. PRINC.  
WHICH WAS  
ABOUT FREE FALL

RECALL: MASS  $\longrightarrow$  GRAV. CHARGE  $F = m(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2})$   
 $\searrow$   $F = \underline{ma}$

EQUIVALENCE: these are the same

(ie GRAV. ACC. IS INDEP OF TYPE OF MASS)

"CHARGE"

BUT if  $M_{\text{grav}} = M_{\odot} + M_{\oplus}$ ,  $\neq M_{\odot} + M_{\oplus} - \underline{\Delta E_{\text{bind}}}$

SOLUTION: WEIP. HOLDS, BUT ONLY BC GRAVITY  
COUPLES TO GRAVITATIONAL FIELD OF BOUND STATE

↑ grav. self coupling.

contrast to electromagnetism:

sure, changing E field  $\rightarrow$  B field

$\uparrow$  so forth  $\Rightarrow$  EM waves

— something for grav waves...

BUT DIFFERENT FROM <sup>[ENERGY OF]</sup> "GRAV FIELD ALSO SOURCES GRAVITY"

So: it's complicated.

WHAT ABOUT ALL OF THOSE COMPONENTS!!?

$G_{\mu\nu} \sim T_{\mu\nu} \leftarrow 16$  EQUATIONS.

BUT:  $G_{..}$  &  $T_{..}$  are symmetric: only 10 eqns

further: they are covariantly constant

$$\nabla \cdot T^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot G^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

GIVES 4 "CONSTRAINTS"

really: redundancies — the tensors are constructed to be cov. const,

so some of these eqns are redundant. analogous to symmetry — REDUNDANT

so only 6 indep eqs

intuition  $G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$  is a statement  
about physics — INDEPENDENT  
OF COORDINATES

so we have a "change of coordinates"  
redundancy

$x^\mu \rightarrow y(x)^\mu \leftarrow \underline{4 \text{ eqs}}$   
won't change physics

... still a lot of components  
+ still nonlinear — all hard to solve  
... typically

2. "APPEAL TO SYMMETRY

2. WORK IN LINEAR APPROX.

3. NUMERICAL RELATIVITY

↑

eg. one of the dudes  
that wrote  
Numerical Recipes

BUT WE CAN REDUCE FURTHER IF WE ONLY ASK SPECIFIC, ILLUMINATING QUESTIONS.

RECALL old HW:

EQUIV PRINCIPLE: CAN SET  $g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu}$  @ one point  
"no gravity" @ that point

BUT: feel gravity when you look away from that one point.

↓  
GEODESIC DEVIATION: free fall for nearby particles

$$\frac{D^2}{d\tau^2} \delta x^\lambda = R^\lambda{}_{\nu\mu\rho} \delta x^\mu \dot{x}^\nu \dot{x}^\rho$$

like a relative acceleration

↑  
COVARIANT DERIV. ALONG  $x(\tau)$

↑  
Riemann tensor

rel. displacement of two test particles

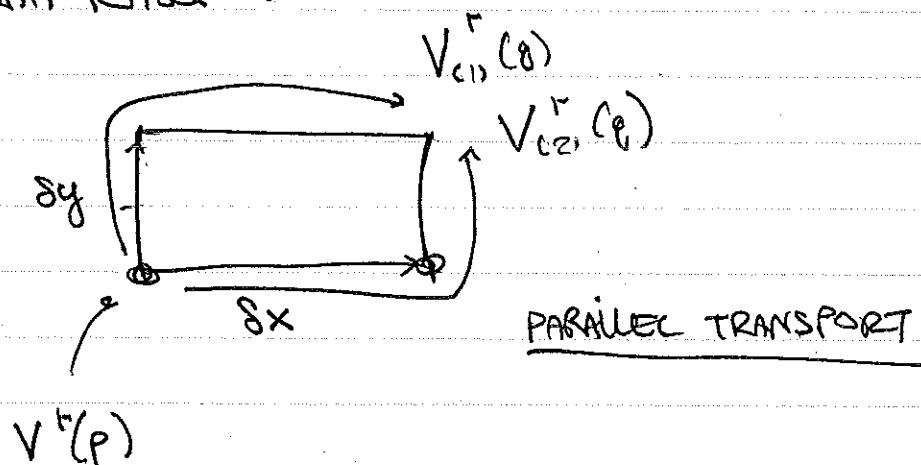
this is the "more useful concept"

↑  
TIDAL FORCES THAT YOU FEEL AS YOU FREE FALL.

AKA: WHY EQUIV. PRINCIPLE WON'T SAVE YOU AS YOU FALL INTO BLACK HOLE

RECALL HOW THIS WORKED:

Riemann Tensor:



HOW ARE  $V_{(1)}$  &  $V_{(2)}$  RELATED?

$$\text{if } \delta x = \epsilon W$$

$$\delta y = \epsilon U$$

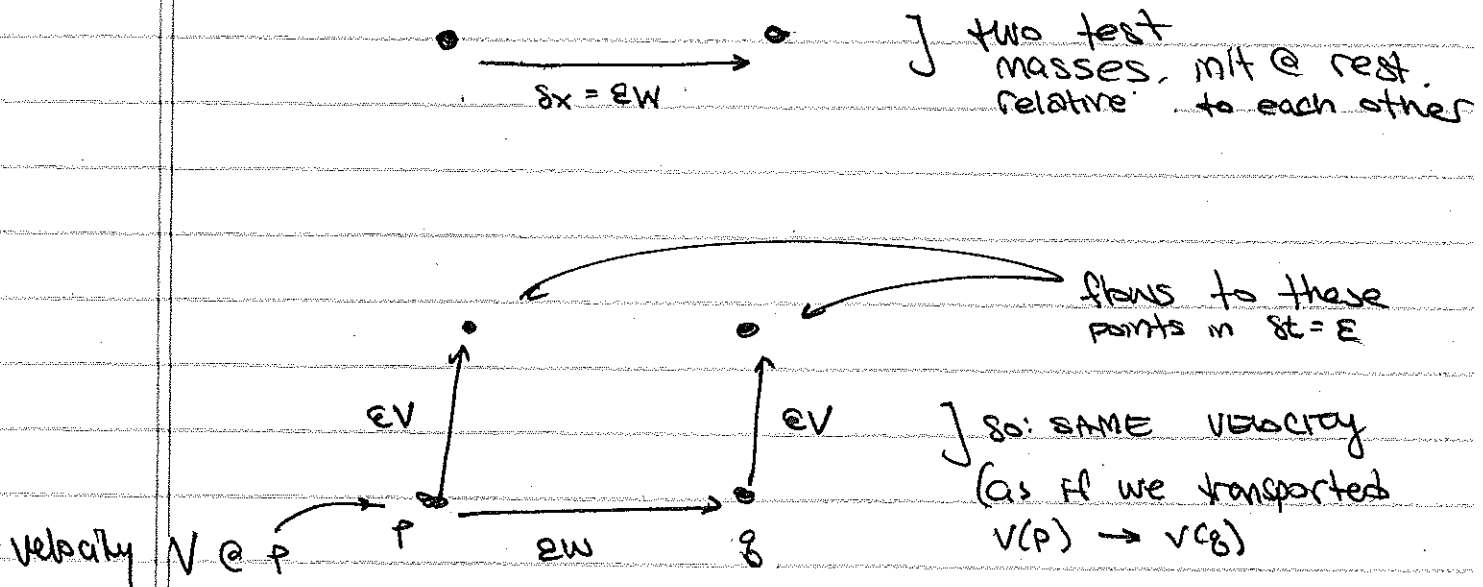
then: AS  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$V_{(2)}^\mu - V_{(1)}^\mu = \epsilon^2 \underbrace{R^\mu{}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} W^\alpha U^\beta}_{R(W,U)^\mu{}_\gamma} V^\gamma$$

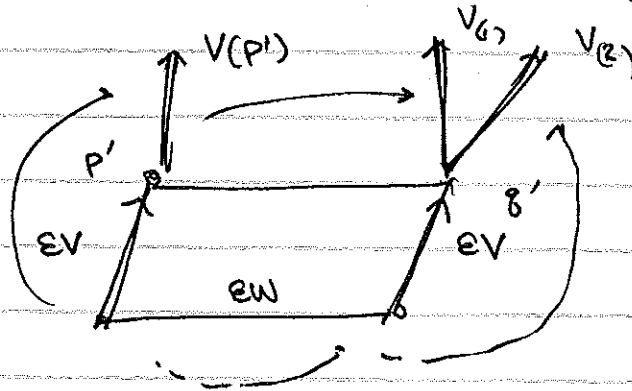
ORIGINAL  
VEC.  
↓

Use this machinery for relative acceleration  
(WE'RE BASICALLY THERE)

a very similar picture



WHAT IS THE RELATIVE VELOCITY AFTER  $\Delta t = \epsilon$ ?



then: 
$$\frac{V(\epsilon) - V(P)}{\epsilon^2} = R(W, v) V$$

$$\frac{\Delta V / \Delta t}{\epsilon} = \boxed{\frac{a}{\epsilon}} \quad \text{REL. ACCELERATION}$$

SLIGHTLY MORE CONVENIENT TO WRITE  
 $R(W, U)V = -R(U, W)V$

$$\text{so: } \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} a^\mu = -R^\mu{}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} V^\alpha W^\beta V^\gamma$$

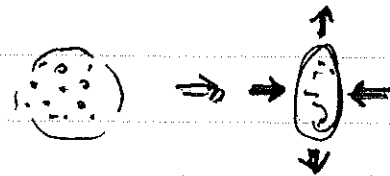
$\uparrow$   
 $\sim$  displacement in space

WE CAN USE THIS TO ASK <sup>A</sup> QUESTION  
 THAT DISTILLS THE KEY INFO OF EINSTEIN'S EQ.

CONSIDER A ~~SCALAR~~ BALL OF TEST PARTICLES  
 W/ VOLUME  $V(t)$ .


$\hookrightarrow$  start @ relative rest

RECALL: TIDAL FORCE:  
 (@ 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1<sup>st</sup> time)



align axes along ellipsoid axes.



$r^j(t)$   

 $r^i(t) = r_0^i + \frac{1}{2} a^i t^2 + \mathcal{O}(t^3)$   
 $\uparrow$   $r_0^i = \epsilon$ , INIT RADIUS

no rel. vel. @  $t=0$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ddot{r}^j}{r^j} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^j}{\epsilon} = -R^j_{\alpha\beta\gamma} V^\alpha V^\beta V^\gamma$$

DISPLACEMENT IN  $j$  DIR

$$= -R^j_{\alpha\beta\gamma} V^\alpha V^\beta V^\gamma = \boxed{-R^j_{tit}}$$

RELATIVE @ REST,

so 4-velocity is  $V^\alpha = \delta^\alpha_t$   
 (UNIT 4-VEL IN TIME DIRECTION)

VOLUME OF ELLIPSOID  $\propto r^1 r^2 r^3$

$$\frac{\ddot{V}}{V} = \sum_i \frac{\ddot{r}_i}{r_i} + 2 \sum_{i,j} \frac{\dot{r}_i \dot{r}_j}{r_i r_j}$$

$= 0$  bc  $V=0$  initially

then:  $\frac{\ddot{V}}{V} = \sum_i \frac{\ddot{r}_i}{r_i} \xrightarrow[\text{aka } V \rightarrow 0]{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} -R^i_{tjt}$

$$= -R^{\alpha}_{t\alpha t}$$

↑  
because  $R^t_{ttt} = 0$   
by symmetry properties

this is simply  $(-R_{tt})$  ← ah, now we're getting close to Einstein eq!

RECALL ALTERNATE FORM OF ~~EINSTEIN~~ EINSTEIN EQ:

$$(R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}) g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$(R - 2R = 8\pi G \underbrace{T^{\mu}_{\mu}}_{\equiv T, \text{ trace of } T})$$

$$R = -8\pi G T$$

$$\boxed{R_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G (T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}T)}$$

then we can pore down the PHYSICS  
of Einstein's eq to:

<sup>small</sup>  
WHAT HAPPENS TO A BALL OF TEST PARTICLES  
IN THE PRESENCE OF gravity + stuff?

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ddot{\mathbf{V}}}{V} \Big|_{t=0} = -R_{tt} = 8\pi G \left( T_{tt} - \frac{1}{2} g_{tt} I \right)$$

EQUIVALENCE PRINCIPLE

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} \text{ @ A POINT}$$

$$\text{st } g_{tt} = 1$$

$$R_{tt} = -8\pi G \left( T_{tt} - \frac{1}{2} (T_{tt} + T_{xx} + T_{yy} + T_{zz}) \right)$$

$$= -4\pi G (T_{tt} + T_{xx} + T_{yy} + T_{zz})$$

$$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{"} P + P_x + P_y + P_z \text{"}}$$

FANCY pf: Raychaudhuri eq. (APPENDIX OF CARROLL)

one equation?!

doesn't even use off-diagonal parts of  $T_{\mu\nu}$ ??

I thought EINSTEIN EQ has 6 eqns inside?!

OUR INIT ASSUMPTION: BALL OF TEST PARTICLES  
AT REST

all "6 eqns" come from considering  
all possible initial velocities

↑  
~ # generators of Lorentz trans

ANALOG:  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} \sim \rho$  &  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$   
ELECTRO/MAGNETO STATICS

if you boost in diff dir, these  
"transform into" full Maxwell's eq.

↑  
yield same info.

## SOME OBSERVATIONS

### SOURCES OF GRAV. COLLAPSE

$$\frac{\ddot{V}}{V} = -4\pi G (P + 3\rho)$$

assume isotropic

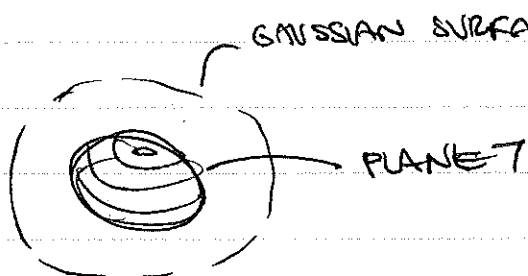
wait: isn't pressure supposed  
to push OUTWARD?

yes. & it does. eg  
in a neutron star, degeneracy  
pressure resists grav. collapse  
to a black hole.

BUT THE ENERGY OF THE PRESSURE  
ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO THE GRAVITY.

in a neutron star,  $P \sim \rho$ ,  
MASS & PRESSURE CONTRIBUTE ON THE  
SAME & MAGNITUDE!

# NEWTONIAN LIMIT (weak field, low pressure)

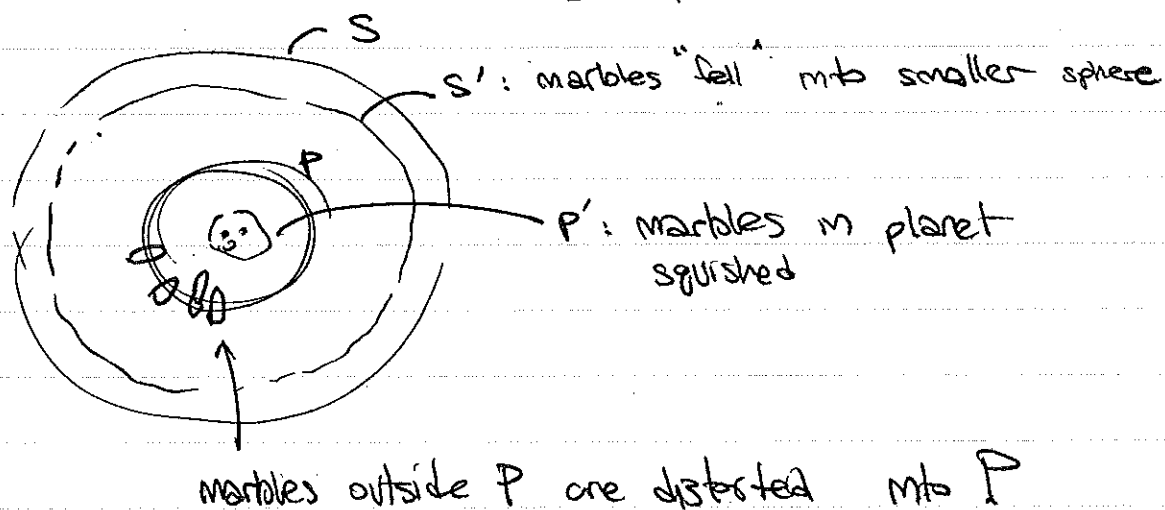


fill the gaussian surface w/ imaginary marbles (TEST VOLUMES)

INSIDE PLANET:  $\ddot{V}/V = -\frac{1}{2}\rho$  ← volume of marbles shrink

OUTSIDE ← :  $\ddot{V}/V = 0$  ← no vol. change (BUT TIDAL DISTORTION OF SHAPE)

in time  $\delta t$ , the imaginary marbles reconfigure



$$\frac{\delta V}{V} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V}}{V} (\delta t)^2 = - \frac{2\pi G}{c^2} \rho (\delta t)^2$$

VOLUME "LOST",  $\delta V_s = \delta V_p$

$$\delta V_s = - \frac{2\pi G}{c^2} \rho \left( \frac{\delta V}{V} \right) V$$

$$= - \frac{2\pi G}{c^2} \underbrace{\rho (\delta t)^2 V}_M = - \frac{2\pi G}{c^2} M \delta t^2$$

$$\approx 4\pi r^2 \delta r$$

$$\delta r = - \frac{G}{2} M \frac{1}{r^2} \delta t^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} a \delta t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a = -GM/r^2} \quad \checkmark$$

## EARLY UNIVERSE MODELS

↑ expanding universe:  $ds^2 = dt^2 - a(t)^2 dx^2$

seems easy to test: BALL OF TEST PARTICLES...

BALL B

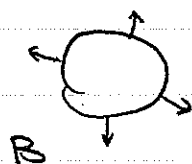
JUST SEE WHAT HAPPENS → direct probe of "expansion of space"

BUT: we always had "ball of test particles @ rest" @  $t=0$

(this is not the case for the expanding universe)

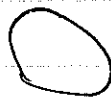
BALL B'

NEED SECOND BALL OF TEST PARTICLES THAT ARE AT REST w/r to each other.



B

$R(0)$



B'

$r(0)$

=

$$\dot{R}(0) \neq 0$$

$$\text{but } \dot{r}(0) = 0$$

$$\ddot{R}(0)$$

=

$$\ddot{r}(0)$$



✓ of  $R'$

$$V \sim r^3$$

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$$\frac{\ddot{V}}{V} = \frac{3\ddot{r}}{r} = -4\pi G(\rho + 3P)$$

↑

$$\frac{3\ddot{R}}{R}$$

✓ indep of  $r$  deriv.  
(so it didn't end up  
mattering!)

turns out: true  $\forall$  size BALL  
(assuming homog. exp. UNIV.)

nothing special about  $t=0$ ; true  $\forall t$ .

IN CASE OF PRESSURELESS MATTER (DM) <sup>(or gal.)</sup>

(conservation of gal/DM:  $\rho R^3 = \text{const}$ )

$$\frac{3\ddot{R}}{R} = -4\pi G \left( \frac{\text{const}}{R^3} \right)$$

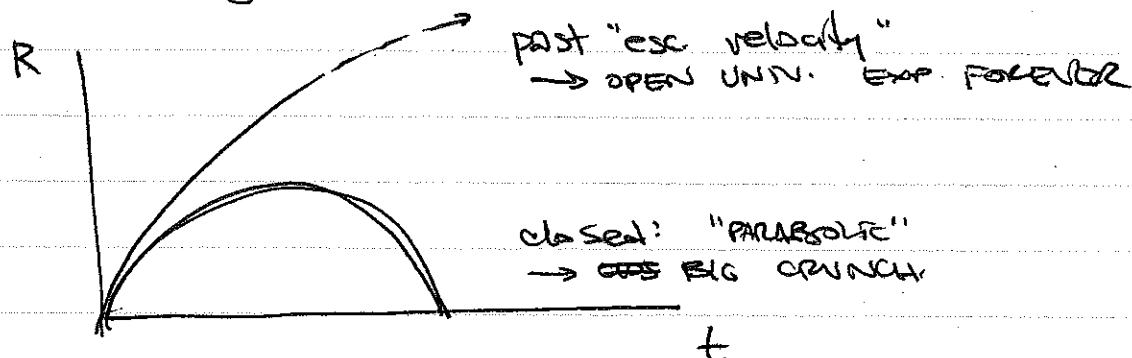
$$\ddot{R} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \frac{\text{const}}{R^2}$$

↑

as if we are in

some Newtonian pot!!

SO DYNAMICS of an exp. UNIV  
w/ only "DM" :



stuff + DE:  $T_{DE} = \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

in mertrial frame

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{R} = -\frac{4\pi}{3}G \left( \frac{\text{const}}{R^2} + \Lambda R \right)$$

if this gets  
smaller than  
 $\sim \Lambda R$ , then this takes  
over exponential expansion  
(ASSUMING  $\Lambda > 0$ )