

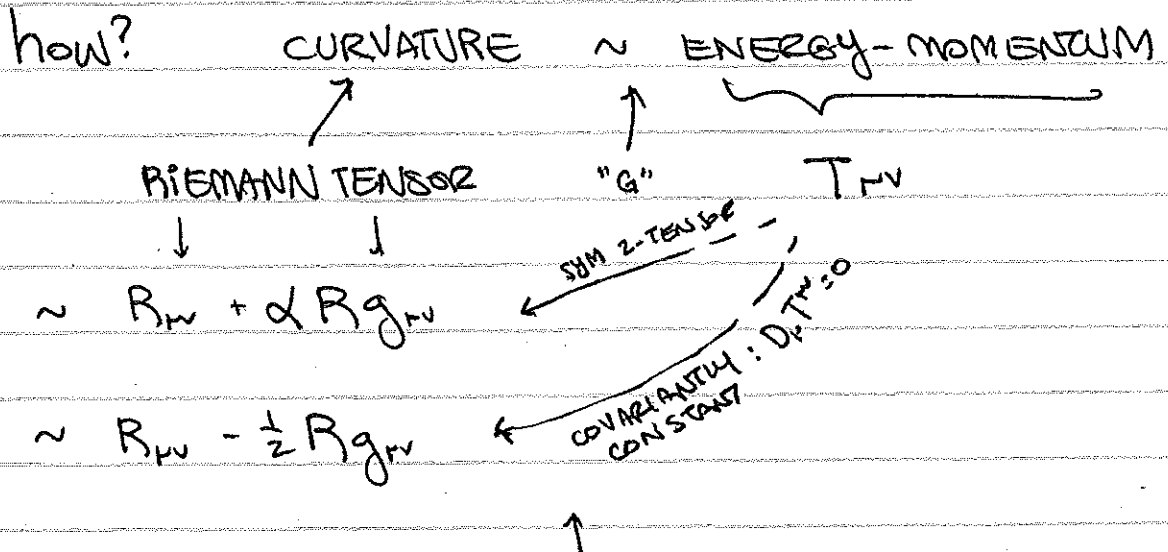
• FROM LAST TIME: why not

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LEC 13: EINSTEIN EQ. / ADVANCED TENSORS

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LAST TIME: $R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$



SO WE HACKED TOGETHER A PLAUSIBLE ^{stuff} EQUATION OF MOTION FOR SPACETIME & MATTER

TODAY: SYSTEMATIC DERIVATION FROM AN ACTION PRINCIPLE

$$S = S_{EH} + S_{STUFF}$$

$$g = |\det g_{\mu\nu}|$$

↑
want to study

↑ ALL OUR USUAL ACTIONS,
BUT:

$$(1) d^4x \rightarrow d^4x \sqrt{g}$$

$$(2) \partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu$$

COUPLES STUFF
TO GRAVITY

$$S_{EH} = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \text{ (?)}$$

(EINSTEIN-HILBERT)

↑
SINGLET, not tensor

THERE'S ONE OBVIOUS CHOICE:

$$\text{(?) = } \beta R \leftarrow \text{RICCI SCALAR}$$

↑
SOME CONSTANT WHICH CONTROLS
S_{EH} SIZE RELATIVE TO S_{STUFF}
(related to coupling)

In fact: $\textcircled{?} \propto R$ is unique term that includes up to 2 derivatives of $g_{\mu\nu}$.

$$R \sim R^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\alpha\beta} \sim \partial\Gamma, \Gamma^2 \sim \partial^2 g, (\partial g)^2$$

DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS

$$[S] = 0 \quad (\text{DIM-LESS})$$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} B R$$

L^4 (under d^4x)
 \uparrow DIM LESS (under \sqrt{g})
 \uparrow L^{-2} from two $\partial/\partial x$'s. (under R)
 $\Rightarrow \textcircled{L^{-2}}$

WE HAVE ONE DIMENSIONFUL PARAMETER: G

$$G \frac{\text{MM}}{r} \sim \sqrt{} \quad \uparrow \sim E \sim M$$

$$\Rightarrow G \sim \frac{L}{M} \sim \frac{\hbar}{M_P^2} \quad \text{USING } \hbar \sim E t$$

\downarrow M_{Pl} \downarrow L^2

so: $\beta \sim G^{-2}$

nb: dividing by a tiny number!

NOT A BIG DEAL. JUST SHOWS
THAT THERE IS A LARGE HIERARCHY
BETWEEN S_{EH} & S_{stuff}
PREFACTORS

OBSERVE: WE COULD HAVE ESCHEWED
OCCAM'S RAZOR &
PROPOSED, eg

$$S_{EH} = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \beta \partial^2 R^2$$

$\sim G^{-2}$; to
compare size
to S_{EH} .

$$[R^2] = L^{-4}$$

similarly for $\partial^2 R, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow [\beta \partial^2] &= 0 \Rightarrow [\partial^2] = L^2 \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{\partial^2 \sim G} \end{aligned}$$

so: next simplest term is suppressed by G !

SO EINSTEIN'S GRAVITY, WHERE WE USE THE SIMPLEST S_{EH} , IS ROOTED IN THE NOTION OF EFFECTIVE THEORY.

NATURE may have a more complicated gravitational action:

$$S_{EH} + \underbrace{\delta' + S'' + \dots}_{\text{stuff}}$$

BUT ALL THIS ~~stuff~~ IS SUPPRESSED RELATIVE TO S_{EH} BY POWERS OF $G \sim 1/M_{Pl}^2$.

they modify the EOM from the Einstein eq., BUT only with a tiny coefficient.

[ASSUMPTION: DIMENSIONLESS NUMBERS ARE $\mathcal{O}(1) \leftrightarrow$ naturalness]

cf Nathaniel Craig's colloquium two weeks ago.

$$\delta S_{EH} = \int d^4x \left[\sqrt{g} g^{\mu\nu} (\delta R_{\mu\nu})^{(I)} + \sqrt{g} (\delta g^{\mu\nu}) R_{\mu\nu}^{(II)} + (\delta \sqrt{g}) R^{(III)} \right]$$

two pieces in variation of R ... metric matters.

WHAT ARE WE VARYING WITH RESPECT TO? $g_{\mu\nu}(x)$

note: $\delta g_{\mu\nu}$ & $\delta g^{\mu\nu}$ are different:
 \uparrow m (III)

POSTPONE
TO P. 4

$$g^{\mu\lambda} g_{\lambda\nu} = \delta^\mu_\nu \leftarrow \text{CONSTANT}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta g^{\mu\lambda} g_{\lambda\nu} + g^{\mu\lambda} \delta g_{\lambda\nu} = 0$$

mult by: $g^{\nu\rho}$

$$\Rightarrow \delta g^{\mu\lambda} \delta^\rho_\lambda + g^{\mu\lambda} (\delta g_{\lambda\nu}) g^{\nu\rho} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta g^{\mu\rho} = -g^{\mu\lambda} g^{\nu\rho} \delta g_{\lambda\nu}$$

mult by: $g_{\rho\mu}$

$$\Rightarrow g_{\rho\mu} (\delta g)^{\mu\lambda} g_{\lambda\nu} + \delta^\lambda_\rho \delta g_{\lambda\nu} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\delta g_{\rho\nu} = -g_{\rho\mu} g_{\lambda\nu} \delta g^{\mu\lambda}}$$

LET US WRITE
OUR VARIATIONS
W/RT THIS

good exercise in index manipulation

NOW LET'S GET TO WORK

①: $\delta R_{\mu\nu} = \delta R^{\rho}_{\mu\lambda\nu} \delta^{\lambda}_{\rho}$

nb
 $\Gamma^{\sigma}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\sigma\rho} (\partial_{\mu} g_{\nu\rho} + \partial_{\nu} g_{\rho\mu} - \partial_{\rho} g_{\mu\nu})$

$R^{\rho}_{\mu\lambda\nu} = \partial_{\lambda} \Gamma^{\rho}_{\nu\mu} - \Gamma^{\rho}_{\lambda\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\nu\mu} - (\lambda \leftrightarrow \nu)$

then the variation of $R^{\rho}_{\mu\lambda\nu}$ is expressed as a variation of $\Gamma^{\rho}_{\mu\lambda\nu}$:

$\delta R^{\rho}_{\mu\lambda\nu} = \partial_{\lambda} \delta \Gamma^{\rho}_{\nu\mu} + \delta \Gamma^{\rho}_{\lambda\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\nu\mu} + \Gamma^{\rho}_{\lambda\sigma} \delta \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\nu\mu} - (\lambda \leftrightarrow \nu)$ (*)

HW
 2/10/22 CSMA

CLAIM: $= D_{\lambda}(\delta \Gamma^{\rho}_{\nu\mu}) - D_{\nu}(\delta \Gamma^{\rho}_{\lambda\mu})$ (**)

BUT WAIT! $\Gamma^{\rho}_{\mu\lambda\nu}$ is not a tensor...
 D is a deriv. that preserves covariance ... does it make sense?

YES, because $\delta \Gamma^{\rho}_{\mu\lambda\nu}$ is a tensor.
 IT'S THE DIFFERENCE OF 2 CONNECTIONS

(3.10) recall: $(\Gamma')^{\nu}_{\mu\lambda} = \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial x'^{\mu}} \frac{\partial x^{\lambda}}{\partial x'^{\lambda}} \frac{\partial x'^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\lambda}$

tensorial part $\left\{ - \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial x'^{\mu}} \frac{\partial x^{\lambda}}{\partial x'^{\lambda}} \frac{\partial^2 x'^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\mu} \partial x^{\lambda}} \right\}$

non tensorial part

INDEX OF CONNECTION

By the rules of covariant differentiation $D_\lambda (\delta \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\rho})$ has 4 terms: " $\partial + \delta \Gamma$ "

$$= \partial_\lambda \delta \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\rho}$$

$$+ \Gamma_{\lambda\sigma}^{\rho} \delta \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\sigma}$$

$$- \Gamma_{\lambda\nu}^{\sigma} \delta \Gamma_{\sigma\mu}^{\rho}$$

$$- \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^{\sigma} \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^{\rho}$$

} minus sign: lower index

then you can check that indeed $\star = \star\star$

Divergence
p.145

THERE IS A SICKER DERIVATION:

Go to FREE FALLING FRAME: $\Gamma = 0$, but derivatives $\neq 0$

$$R_{\mu\lambda\nu}^{\rho} = \partial_\lambda \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\rho} - (\lambda \leftrightarrow \nu)$$

THINK: $\delta \Gamma$...
INDUCES δR ...

$$\delta R_{\mu\lambda\nu}^{\rho} = \partial_\lambda (\delta \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\rho}) - (\lambda \leftrightarrow \nu)$$

$$= D_\lambda (\text{---}) - (\text{---})$$

↑ PROMOTE TO COVARIANT DERIV.

BUT NOW THIS IS A TENSORIAL

EQ., VALID IN ANY FRAME. \square

continuing:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta R_{\mu\nu} &= \delta^\lambda{}_\rho \delta R^\rho{}_{\mu\lambda\nu} \\ &= D_\lambda \delta \Gamma^\lambda{}_{\nu\mu} - D_\nu \delta \Gamma^\lambda{}_{\lambda\mu}\end{aligned}$$

$$\delta S_1 = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} g^{\mu\nu} \delta R_{\mu\nu}$$

$$= \int d^4x \sqrt{g} g^{\mu\nu} (D_\lambda \delta \Gamma^\lambda{}_{\nu\mu} - D_\nu \delta \Gamma^\lambda{}_{\lambda\mu})$$

USING METRIC
COMPATIBILITY

$$= \int d^4x \sqrt{g} D_\sigma (g^{\mu\nu} \delta \Gamma^\sigma{}_{\nu\mu} - g^{\mu\sigma} \delta \Gamma^\lambda{}_{\lambda\mu})$$

↑

but this is just the divergence
of some vector field.

USE: Stokes' theorem

DIVERG → SURFACE TERM

... but no surface!

→ vanishes.

$$\boxed{\delta S_1 = 0}$$

a lot of work for zero.

(II)

$$\mathcal{L}_{II} = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} (S g^{\mu\nu}) R_{\mu\nu}$$

↑
already in the form
we want.

→ look: we have the
first term in the Einstein
tensor.

(III)

for \mathcal{L}_{III} : $\int \sqrt{|\det g|}$

A USEFUL MATRIX IDENTITY:

$$\ln \det M = \text{tr} \ln M$$

sketch pf. for sym. M (what we have),

$$M = R^{-1} \hat{M} R$$

↑
DIAGONAL

$$\det M = \det R^{-1} \det \hat{M} \det R$$

then: write $\hat{M} = (e^{m_1}, e^{m_2}, \dots)$

$$\det \hat{M} = \exp(\sum m_i)$$

cyclicity

RHS: DIAGONALIZE: $\ln M = S^{-1} (\ln \hat{M}) S$

$$\text{tr} \ln M = \text{tr} [S S^{-1} (\ln \hat{M})]$$

$$= \sum (\ln \hat{M})_{ii}$$

then: values of $(\ln \hat{M})_{ii}$ are precisely m_i

$$\delta \ln \det M = \delta \text{Tr} \ln M$$

$$\frac{1}{\det M} \delta \det M = \text{Tr} (M^{-1} \delta M)$$

$$\delta \text{Tr} A = \delta A_{11} + \delta A_{22} = \text{Tr} \delta A$$

THERE'S AN AMBIGUITY:

$$\delta \ln M \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{cases} (M^{-1})_{ab} \delta M_{bc} \\ \delta M_{ab} (M^{-1})_{bc} \end{cases}$$

BUT TRACE MAKES THIS IRREL.

$$\Rightarrow \delta \det M = \det M \text{Tr} (M^{-1} \delta M)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \det g_{..} = (\det g) \underbrace{g^{\mu\nu}}_{(g_{..})^{-1}} \delta g_{\nu\mu} = - \overset{\det g}{\downarrow} g_{\mu\nu} \delta g^{\mu\nu}$$

From P.6

then: $\delta \sqrt{g} = \delta \sqrt{-\det g}$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \delta g$$

$$= +\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{g}{\sqrt{g}} \right) g_{..} \delta g^{..}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-\det g} g_{..} \delta g^{..} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g} g_{..} \delta g^{..}}$$

I SHOULD PESS UP.
PREVIOUSLY WROTE
 $\sqrt{|\det g|}$... but
now it's important
that $\det g$ is neg.

really: $\frac{\det g}{\sqrt{-\det g}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta S_{\text{EH}} &= \int d^4x \, \cancel{\sqrt{g}} \, \cancel{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} \, (\delta \sqrt{g}) R \\
 &= \int d^4x \, \sqrt{g} \, (-\tfrac{1}{2}) R g_{\mu\nu} \delta g^{\mu\nu}
 \end{aligned}$$

PUGGING IN :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta S_{\text{EH}} &= \cancel{\delta S_1} + \delta S_{\text{II}} + \delta S_{\text{III}} \\
 &= \int d^4x \, \sqrt{g} \, [R_{\mu\nu} - \tfrac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu}] \delta g^{\mu\nu}
 \end{aligned}$$

↑
LHS of EINSTEIN'S EQ!

DO WE CAN SEE WHAT WE NEED:

$$\delta S_{\text{stuff}} \propto \int d^4x \, \sqrt{g} \, (\underbrace{T_{\mu\nu}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{stress energy tensor}}}) \delta g^{\mu\nu}$$

we haven't
pinned down
relative constants

So:

$$\frac{\delta S_{\text{stuff}}}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \sim T_{\mu\nu}$$

in FLAT SPACE

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LAST TIME: WE DERIVED for ensemble of particles

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{1}{a} \int d\tau_a \quad m_a \dot{q}_a^\mu \dot{q}_a^\nu \quad \delta^{(4)}(x - q_a(\tau_a))$$

↑
@ POINT x: 1/a
particle @ x

then the 4-momentum current

IS:

$$\dot{q}_a^\mu (m_a \dot{q}_a^\nu)$$

↑
4 velocity
along geodesic

↗
 P_a^ν

see p. 226

this came from # density current

$$n^\mu(x) = \frac{1}{a} \int d\tau_a \dot{q}_a^\mu \delta^{(4)}(x - q_a(\tau_a))$$

eg if all particles @ rest, just gives

$$n^\mu = (\# \text{ particles @ } x, \mathbf{0})$$

BUT for such an ensemble, we also know the action: $S = \sum_a S_a$

$$S_{\text{stuff}} = + \sum_a M_a \int d\tau_a \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu}(x_a)} \dot{x}_a^\mu \dot{x}_a^\nu$$

for mostly minus metric

dimensionless action, $\int m ds^2$

$$\frac{\delta S_{\text{stuff}}}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} = + \sum_a M_a \int d\tau_a \frac{1/2}{\sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}_a^\mu \dot{x}_a^\nu}} \dot{x}_a^\mu \dot{x}_a^\nu \delta^{(4)}(x - x_a(\tau))$$

SPACETIME POINT

SPACETIME POSITION OF A PARTICLE

where'd this come from?

$$\frac{\delta S_{\text{stuff}}}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}(x)}$$

↑ @ some point x

action only has support where there are particles

$$\sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu} = 1 \quad \text{for proper time}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \sum_a M_a \int d\tau \dot{x}_a^\mu \dot{x}_a^\nu \delta^{(4)}(x - x_a(\tau)) \quad \checkmark$$

I MAY BE CHEATING w/ UPPER v. LOWER INDICES
SEE ZEE P. 380

WE MATCH in flat space case!

WHAT WE'VE DEMONSTRATED:

$$2 \frac{\delta S_{\text{stuff}}}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} = T^{\mu\nu}$$

b/c $\delta \sqrt{g}$
gave us
an unwanted
 $1/2$

to compensate
the \sqrt{g} in
curved space

REMARK WE VARIED $\delta / \delta g_{\mu\nu}$ to get $T^{\mu\nu}$

recall $\delta g_{\mu\nu} = -g_{\mu\alpha} g_{\nu\beta} \delta g^{\alpha\beta}$

so

$$T_{\mu\nu} = -2 \frac{\delta S_{\text{stuff}}}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}}$$

↑ see Zee p. 386

$$\text{or: } \delta S_{\text{stuff}} = - \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \frac{1}{2} T_{\mu\nu} \delta g^{\mu\nu}(x)$$

WHERE WE ARE

$$\textcircled{A} \int \mathcal{L}_{EH} + \int \mathcal{L}_{MATTER} = 0$$

some rel.
prefactor

$$\int d^4x \sqrt{g} \underbrace{\left[R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} \right]}_{G_{\mu\nu}} g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\cancel{\int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) T_{\mu\nu} g^{\mu\nu}} \quad \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) T_{\mu\nu} g^{\mu\nu}$$

EOM :

$$A G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} T_{\mu\nu}$$

if $A = \frac{1}{16\pi G}$, then we get

EINSTEIN'S EQ : $G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$