

The Newtonian approximation in Causal Dynamical Triangulations

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Abstract

I review how to derive Newton's law from the Weyl strut between two Chazy-Curzon particles. I then apply this approach in Causal Dynamical Triangulations, modifying the algorithm to keep two simplicial complexes with curvature (i.e. mass) a fixed distance within each other (modulo regularized deviations) across all time slices. I then examine the results to determine if CDT produces an equivalent Weyl strut, which can then be used to obtain the Newtonian limit.

1 Introduction

(Why is QG important? Why is QG hard? What is the CDT approach to QG? What are CDTs successes? What are CDT's problems? How does this paper solve one of its problems?)

A major unsolved problem in physics is reconciling the classical approach of general relativity with quantum field theory. In QFT, the fields operate on a fixed background. In GR, the background (spacetime) itself is a dynamical participant.

The usual perturbative approach of QFT fails for a number of reasons: first, gravity is non-renormalizable. Second, the usual methods of converting a non-renormalizable theory to a renormalizable one, either by adding new

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fields (Electroweak) or adding new terms (Quantum Chromodynamics), fail. This does not altogether rule out these approaches, but folks have been trying to do this for a long time and no one has succeeded yet. *(This is another Carlip quote, rework or quantify)*

The current proposals to quantize gravity include string theory, which adds infinitely many degrees of freedom, and loop quantum gravity, which quantizes Hilbert space of states in a non-standard way and defines the holonomies of connections as finite quantum objects. *(Discuss holonomy better, or take out reference if too complicated?)* A third approach, asymptotic safety, assumes that nonrenormalizable quantum gravity is just the infrared end of a renormalization group flow, which in turn originates from a nonperturbative UV fixed point. By adjusting a finite number of coupling constants, the parameter space of the critical surface around the UV fixed point can be reached. *(Better discussion of RNG flow needed or warranted, given the topic?)*

Causal Dynamical Triangulations (CDT) is a lattice field theory which defines a nonperturbative quantum field theory of gravity as a sum over spacetime geometries. The lattice spacing parameter introduces a UV cutoff, which allows a systematic search for a fixed point via adjustment of the bare coupling constants. But even if asymptotic safety proves to be an invalid assumption, a lattice theory of quantum gravity is an effective quantum gravity theory, obtained by integrating out all degrees of freedom except for the spin-2 field.

CDT [1, 2, 3] is a promising approach to the problems of quantum gravity. Since the 1930's [4] attempts have been made to unify quantum mechanics with general relativity.

This is a hard problem, no one agrees on the answers, and perhaps if we knew why it was hard maybe it wouldn't be hard.

–Steve Carlip

The underlying difficulties are that observables in general relativity are necessarily non-local, making it difficult to write down a theory that extracts observable results.

Causal Dynamical Triangulations uses the path integral approach, and has had notable successes [5]. However, a difficulty is taking and extracting data that has physical meaning. *(Explain why one cannot identify points in a*

path integral, nor talk about functions of a point. Explain the field correlator in matter-coupled quantum gravity)

A fundamental question is, does Causal Dynamical Triangulations have physical meaning? Attempts have been made before to relate CDT to the semi-classical limit [6, 7], but not everyone is convinced.

This paper attempts to answer this question by directly finding the Newtonian approximation in Causal Dynamical Triangulations.

2 Newton's Law of Gravitation from General Relativity

What is elementary flatness? What is a conical singularity? What is intrinsic curvature? What is extrinsic curvature? Why does a conical singularity give us Newton's law?

Starting from the cylindrically symmetric (Weyl) vacuum metric [8]

$$ds^2 = e^{2\lambda} dt^2 - e^{2(\nu-\lambda)} (dr^2 + dz^2) - r^2 e^{-2\lambda} d\phi^2 \quad (1)$$

where λ and ν are both functions of r and z we find that

$$\partial_r^2 \lambda + \frac{1}{r} \partial_r \lambda + \partial_z^2 \lambda = \nabla^2 \lambda(r, z) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\nu = \int r [((\partial_r \lambda)^2 - (\partial_z \lambda)^2) dr + (2\partial_r \lambda \partial_z \lambda) dz]. \quad (3)$$

The solutions must satisfy Equations (2) and (3). A particular solution corresponding to two objects (given by Curzon in 1924 [9]) is

$$\lambda_0 = -\frac{\mu_1}{r_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{r_2} \quad (4)$$

$$\nu_0 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_1^2 r^2}{r_1^4} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_2^2 r^2}{r_2^4} + \frac{2\mu_1 \mu_2}{(z_1 - z_2)^2} \left[\frac{r^2 + (z - z_1)(z - z_2)}{r_1 r_2} - 1 \right] \quad (5)$$

where z_1 and z_2 correspond to the positions on the z -axis for the two objects, μ_1 and μ_2 are length parameters, and

$$r_1 = \sqrt{r^2 + (z - z_1)^2} \quad (6)$$

$$r_2 = \sqrt{r^2 + (z - z_2)^2}. \quad (7)$$

Up to this point we have been assuming spacetime is truly flat. We check this assumption via the condition of elementary flatness: the ratio of the circumference to the radius is equal to 2π .

One way to do this we integrate in the $\hat{\phi}$ direction at some r and then divide by r . This gives

$$C = \int ds = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{r^2 e^{-2\lambda} d\phi^2} = 2\pi r e^{-\lambda}. \quad (8)$$

Then the condition that $\frac{C}{r} = 2\pi$ holds provided that

$$\lambda(0, z) \rightarrow 0. \quad (9)$$

But Equation (4) contradicts Equation (9) and $\frac{C}{r}$ is not at all well-defined as $r \rightarrow 0$. Indeed, Einstein and Rosen [10] first noted that the Weyl metric cannot be a purely vacuum solution, and that there must be a strut on the z-axis.

Now to the salient point: we can use this strut to our advantage by obtaining T_{zz} and thence the Newtonian gravitational interaction via

$$F_z = \int T_{zz} d\sigma \quad (10)$$

as was done by Katz in 1967 [11]. We will use a different approach, however, from either Katz or more recent literature [12]. The details are in Appendix

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Taking the parallel transport of a vector around the strut, we obtain

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Using the appropriate connections we obtain

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Now we can just read off the value of G_{zz} and thence T_{zz} to get

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3 Geometry

Discuss dynamical triangulations. Discuss Regge calculus. Discuss getting the Einstein tensor in Regge calculus. Discuss getting mass from CDT insertions. Discuss ergodic moves.

In 1961 Tulio Regge developed a method for doing General Relativity on curved spaces by using simplices, which are higher dimensional versions of triangles. [13]

The essential idea is to define spacetime as a tessellation of simplicial complexes. In so gluing simplices together within the simplicial complex, an exterior calculus can be defined such that: [14]

$$df((p+1)) = \sum_{p\text{-simplices}} f(p\text{-simplex}) \quad (11)$$

where d is the exterior derivation operator which maps p -forms onto $p+1$ -forms with the correct orientation. The usual examples for the exterior derivative hold:

$$\begin{aligned} d^2 &= 0 \\ df(p_1, p_2) &= f(p_2) - f(p_1) \\ df(p_1, p_2, p_3) &= f(p_1, p_2) + f(p_2, p_3) + f(p_3, p_1) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

This allows the usual machinery of p -forms to be defined: 0-form scalar fields, 1-form gauge fields, n -form antisymmetric tensors, and so on.

However, a simplicial complex does not look like a manifold as the following example shows:

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To fix this, we define a simplicial manifold to be

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Thus, in order to translate the concepts of General Relativity to discrete form, a simplicial manifold is used. As implied by their name, simplicial manifolds combine the properties of simplices – a generalization of triangulations – with those of manifolds. We have seen how this allows the useful machinery of differential forms to be carried over to the discrete realm.

The triangulations in Causal Dynamical Triangulations refers to the use of d -simplices to construct a spacetime lattice. In general, a d -dimensional simplex has $d+1$ points, which are also referred to as 0-simplices. For a d -dimensional simplex there are $\binom{d+1}{k+1}$ k -dimensional faces, or sub-simplices.

A simplicial complex T has two defining properties [15]:

1. Any face of a simplex in T is a simplex in T
2. Two simplices in T are either disjoint or share a common face

Name	Dim	0-faces	1-faces	2-faces	3-faces	4-faces	Causal Structure
Vertex	0	1					
Edge	1	2	1				$\{1,1\}$
Triangle	2	3	3	1			$\{2,1\} \{1,2\}$
Tetrahedron	3	4	6	4	1		$\{3,1\} \{2,2\} \{1,3\}$
Pentatope	4	5	10	10	5	1	$\{4,1\} \{3,2\} \{2,3\} \{1,4\}$

Table 1: Types and causal structures of simplices

Causal refers to the fact that the triangulations generally span two adjacent timeslices (some simplices – referred to as spacelike – do not span timeslices). Using a notation $\{k, n\}$ where k is the number of points on the higher timelike slice and n is the number of points in the lower timelike slice, we summarize simplex geometry in Table 1. This will be useful in the discussion of ergodic moves in Section 3.2.

The general idea behind Causal Dynamical Triangulations ‘is to perform a path integral over equivalence classes of metrics:

$$Z[\Lambda, G, \Sigma_k, h] = \sum_{Top(M)} \int_{Riem(M)/Diff(M)} \mathcal{D}[g(M)] e^{-S_g[\Lambda, G, \Sigma]} \quad (13)$$

weighted with the Einstein-Hilbert action associated with the Riemannian manifold (M, g) :

$$S_g[\Lambda, G, \Sigma] = \Lambda \int_M d^n \xi \sqrt{g} R + \text{boundary terms} \quad (14)$$

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To do this, we start from the results of Regge Calculus [13]

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3.1 Mass and the Einstein tensor

Using Barrett [16], we can derive the Einstein tensor in Regge Calculus as follows

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In order to introduce mass, we

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3.2 Ergodic moves

What is an ergodic move?

3.3 Newtonian gravity in CDT

4 Notes on Implementation

Discuss Computational Geometry. Discuss the CDT algorithm. Discuss the algorithm for getting mass. Discuss algorithm for getting stress-energy. Discuss other geometrical algorithms.

These ideas are implemented using CGAL [17], a time-tested library of geometric algorithms in continuous development since 1995.

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5 Results

Discuss any preliminary results.

6 Conclusion

Discuss further work. Thank colleagues.

Appendices

A Vacuum solution to the Weyl metric

The cylindrically symmetric (Weyl) vacuum metric [8]:

$$ds^2 = e^{2\lambda} dt^2 - e^{2(\nu-\lambda)} (dr^2 + dz^2) - r^2 e^{-2\lambda} d\phi^2 \quad (15)$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2\lambda} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -e^{2(\nu-\lambda)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -e^{2(\nu-\lambda)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -r^2 e^{-2\lambda} \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

In this coordinate basis, the definition of the Christoffel connection is:
[18]

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}g^{\lambda\sigma}(\partial_{\mu}g_{\nu\sigma} + \partial_{\nu}g_{\sigma\mu} - \partial_{\sigma}g_{\mu\nu}) \quad (17)$$

The non-zero Christoffel connections are:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{tr}^t &= \partial_r \lambda \\ \Gamma_{tz}^t &= \partial_z \lambda \\ \Gamma_{tt}^r &= e^{4\lambda-2\nu} \partial_r \lambda \\ \Gamma_{rr}^r &= \partial_r \nu - \partial_r \lambda \\ \Gamma_{rz}^r &= \partial_z \nu - \partial_z \lambda \\ \Gamma_{zz}^r &= \partial_r \lambda - \partial_r \nu \\ \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^r &= r e^{-2\nu} (r \partial_r \lambda - 1) \\ \Gamma_{tt}^z &= e^{4\lambda-2\nu} \partial_z \lambda \\ \Gamma_{rr}^z &= \partial_z \lambda - \partial_z \nu \\ \Gamma_{rz}^z &= \partial_r \nu - \partial_r \lambda \\ \Gamma_{zz}^z &= \partial_z \nu - \partial_z \lambda \\ \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^z &= r^2 e^{-2\nu} \partial_z \lambda \\ \Gamma_{r\phi}^{\phi} &= \frac{1}{r} - \partial_r \lambda \\ \Gamma_{z\phi}^{\phi} &= -\partial_z \lambda \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

The components of the Riemann tensor are given by:

$$R_{\sigma\mu\nu}^{\rho} = \partial_{\mu}\Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^{\rho} - \partial_{\nu}\Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^{\rho} + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\rho}\Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^{\lambda} - \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^{\rho}\Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^{\lambda} \quad (19)$$

Using the properties of the Riemann tensor:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu} &= -R_{\rho\sigma\nu\mu} \\ R_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu} &= -R_{\sigma\rho\mu\nu} \\ R_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu} &= R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \\ R_{\rho[\sigma\mu\nu]} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

The non-zero components of the Riemann tensor are:

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{rtr}^t &= -\partial_r^2 \lambda + (\partial_z \lambda)^2 - 2(\partial_r \lambda)^2 + \partial_r \lambda \partial_r \nu - \partial_z \lambda \partial_z \nu \\
R_{rtz}^t &= -\partial_r \partial_z \lambda - 3\partial_r \lambda \partial_z \lambda + \partial_r \lambda \partial_z \nu + \partial_r \nu \partial_z \lambda \\
R_{ztz}^t &= -\partial_z^2 \lambda - 2(\partial_z \lambda)^2 + (\partial_r \lambda)^2 - \partial_r \lambda \partial_r \nu + \partial_z \lambda \partial_z \nu \\
R_{\phi t \phi}^t &= r e^{-2\nu} (r(\partial_r \lambda)^2 - \partial_r \lambda + r(\partial_z \lambda)^2) \\
R_{zrz}^r &= \partial_r^2 \lambda - \partial_r^2 \nu + \partial_z^2 \lambda - \partial_z^2 \nu \\
R_{\phi z \phi}^z &= r e^{-2\nu} (r \partial_z^2 \lambda - r \partial_z \lambda \partial_z \nu + r \partial_r \lambda \partial_r \nu - r(\partial_r \lambda)^2 + \partial_r \lambda - \partial_r \nu) \\
R_{\phi \phi r}^z &= r e^{-2\nu} (-r \partial_r \partial_z \lambda + r \partial_r \nu \partial_z \lambda - r \partial_r \lambda \partial_z \lambda + r \partial_r \lambda \partial_z \nu - \partial_z \nu) \\
R_{r \phi r}^\phi &= \partial_r^2 \lambda + \frac{1}{r} \partial_r \nu - \partial_r \lambda \partial_r \nu - (\partial_z \lambda)^2 + \partial_z \lambda \partial_z \nu + \frac{1}{r} \partial_r \lambda
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

The Ricci tensor is given by:

$$R_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\lambda\nu}^\lambda \tag{22}$$

The non-zero components of the Ricci tensor are:

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{tt} &= \frac{e^{4\lambda-2\nu}}{r} (r \partial_r^2 \lambda + r \partial_z^2 \lambda + \partial_r \lambda) \\
R_{rr} &= \partial_r^2 \lambda - \partial_r^2 \nu + \partial_z^2 \lambda - \partial_z^2 \nu - 2(\partial_r \lambda)^2 + \frac{1}{r} \partial_r \lambda + \frac{1}{r} \partial_r \nu \\
R_{rz} &= \frac{1}{r} \partial_z \nu - 2\partial_r \lambda \partial_z \lambda \\
R_{zz} &= \partial_r^2 \lambda - \partial_r^2 \nu + \partial_z^2 \lambda - \partial_z^2 \nu - 2(\partial_z \lambda)^2 + \frac{1}{r} \partial_r \lambda - \frac{1}{r} \partial_r \nu \\
R_{\phi\phi} &= r e^{-2\nu} (r \partial_r^2 \lambda + r \partial_z^2 \lambda + \partial_r \lambda)
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

The Ricci scalar is defined as:

$$R = R_\mu^\mu = g^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} \tag{24}$$

Which is:

$$R = 2e^{2(\lambda-\nu)} \left(\partial_r^2 \nu + \partial_z^2 \nu - \partial_r^2 \lambda - \partial_z^2 \lambda + (\partial_r \lambda)^2 + (\partial_z \lambda)^2 - \frac{1}{r} \partial_r \lambda \right) \tag{25}$$

Einstein's equation in a vacuum is:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (26)$$

Whence Einstein's equation:

$$G_{\mu\nu} \equiv R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu} \quad (27)$$

However, we can take a shortcut by using:

$$R_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (28)$$

Since the trace of a zero-valued matrix is identically zero, and thus Equation (28) automatically satisfies Equation (26).

Applying Equation (28) to Equation (23) gives the following:

$$\partial_r^2 \lambda + \frac{1}{r} \partial_r \lambda + \partial_z^2 \lambda = 0 \quad (29)$$

$$\partial_r \nu = r (\partial_r^2 \nu + \partial_z^2 \nu + 2 (\partial_r \lambda)^2) \quad (30)$$

$$\partial_z \nu = 2r \partial_r \lambda \partial_z \lambda \quad (31)$$

$$\partial_r^2 \nu + \partial_z^2 \nu + (\partial_r \lambda)^2 + (\partial_z \lambda)^2 = 0 \quad (32)$$

Equation (29) is the two-dimensional Laplace equation in cylindrical coordinates. That is:

$$\nabla^2 \lambda(r, z) = 0 \quad (33)$$

Plugging Equation (32) into Equation (30) gives:

$$\partial_r \nu = r ((\partial_r \lambda)^2 - (\partial_z \lambda)^2) \quad (34)$$

Using Equations (31) and (34) we find solutions for ν are given by:

$$\nu = \int r [((\partial_r \lambda)^2 - (\partial_z \lambda)^2) dr + (2 \partial_r \lambda \partial_z \lambda) dz] \quad (35)$$

The solutions must satisfy Equations (2) and (3). A particular solution corresponding to two objects (given by Curzon in 1924 [9]) is:

$$\lambda_0(r, z) = -\frac{\mu_1}{r_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{r_2} \quad (36)$$

$$\nu_0(r, z) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_1^2 r^2}{r_1^4} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_2^2 r^2}{r_2^4} + \frac{2\mu_1\mu_2}{(z_1 - z_2)^2} \left[\frac{r^2 + (z - z_1)(z - z_2)}{r_1 r_2} - 1 \right] \quad (37)$$

Where z_1 and z_2 correspond to the positions on the z -axis for the two objects, μ_1 and μ_2 are length parameters, and:

$$r_1 = \sqrt{r^2 + (z - z_1)^2} \quad (38)$$

$$r_2 = \sqrt{r^2 + (z - z_2)^2} \quad (39)$$

Just as a final check, plugging Equations (29) and (32) into Equation (25) gives $R = 0$, which shows that our solutions are consistent with our assumptions.

By construction, these solutions only apply to empty space, and so must exclude the two objects at z_1 and z_2 . In addition, as noted by Synge [8], the z axis between the two objects must also be excluded due to violation of elementary flatness. We will examine this in the next section.

B Curvature from Parallel Transport

Consider parallel transport of a vector V about the z -axis in the $\hat{\phi}$ direction. The equation for parallel transport is generally given by:

$$\frac{D}{d\lambda} = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda} \nabla_\mu = 0 \quad \text{along } x^\mu(\lambda) \quad (40)$$

That is, the directional covariant derivative is equal to zero along the curve x^μ parameterized by λ . For a vector this can be simply written as:

$$\nabla_\mu V^\nu = \partial_\mu V^\nu + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\nu V^\lambda = 0 \quad (41)$$

Starting with parallel transport along \hat{e}_ϕ , Equation (41) along with the relevant Christoffel symbols $\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^r$, $\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^z$, $\Gamma_{\phi r}^\phi$, and $\Gamma_{\phi z}^\phi$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\phi V^r + \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^r V^\phi &= 0 \\ \partial_\phi V^z + \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^z V^\phi &= 0 \\ \partial_\phi V^\phi + \Gamma_{\phi r}^\phi V^r + \Gamma_{\phi z}^\phi V^z &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Plugging in the values from Equation (18), our equations are:

$$\partial_\phi V^r + (re^{-2\nu} (r\partial_r\lambda - 1)) V^\phi = 0 \quad (43)$$

$$\partial_\phi V^z + (r^2e^{-2\nu}\partial_z\lambda) V^\phi = 0 \quad (44)$$

$$\partial_\phi V^\phi + \left(\frac{1}{r} - \partial_r\lambda\right) V^r - \partial_z\lambda V^z = 0 \quad (45)$$

Differentiating Equation (45) with respect to ϕ and plugging it into Equation (43) gives:

$$\partial_\phi^2 V^\phi - \partial_z\lambda\partial_\phi V^z + r^2e^{-2\nu} \left(\partial_r\lambda - \frac{1}{r}\right)^2 V^\phi = 0 \quad (46)$$

Plugging in the expression for $\partial_\phi V^z$ from Equation (44) and letting

$$\chi = re^{-\nu} \sqrt{(\partial_z\lambda)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{r} - \partial_r\lambda\right)^2} \quad (47)$$

We have the simple differential equation:

$$\partial_\phi^2 V^\phi + \chi^2 V^\phi = 0 \quad (48)$$

For which the solution is:

$$V^\phi = A \sin \chi\phi + B \cos \chi\phi \quad (49)$$

Therefore, integrating Equation (43) with respect to ϕ we get:

$$V^r = \frac{r^2e^{-2\nu}(\partial_r\lambda - \frac{1}{r})}{\chi} (A \cos \chi\phi - B \sin \chi\phi) \quad (50)$$

And from Equation (44):

$$V^z = \frac{r^2e^{-2\nu}\partial_z\lambda}{\chi} (A \cos \chi\phi - B \sin \chi\phi) \quad (51)$$

So our general vector is then:

$$\begin{aligned}
V = & \frac{r^2 e^{-2\nu} (\partial_r \lambda - \frac{1}{r})}{\chi} (A \cos \chi \phi - B \sin \chi \phi) \hat{e}_r \\
& + \frac{r^2 e^{-2\nu} \partial_z \lambda}{\chi} (A \cos \chi \phi - B \sin \chi \phi) \hat{e}_z \\
& + (A \sin \chi \phi + B \cos \chi \phi) \hat{e}_\phi
\end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

Normalizing $V(\phi = 0)$:

$$g_{\mu\nu} V^\mu V^\nu = 1 \tag{53}$$

We obtain the condition that:

$$A^2 + B^2 = r^{-2} e^{2\lambda} \tag{54}$$

For simplicity, we choose $A^2 = r^{-2} e^{2\lambda}$ and $B^2 = 0$.

Now, when we parallel transport V around to $\phi = 2\pi$ there will be an angle between $V(\phi = 0)$ and $V(\phi = 2\pi)$ given by the definition of the scalar product:

$$\cos(\beta) = \frac{g_{\mu\nu} V^\mu(0) V^\nu(2\pi)}{g_{\mu\nu} V^\mu(0) V^\nu(0)} \tag{55}$$

Since we have normalized our vectors, the denominator is equal to 1, and we get the expression that:

$$\cos \beta = \cos(2\pi \chi) \tag{56}$$

Where χ is given by Equation (47). Hence $\beta = 2\pi \chi$. We can now use the definition of the deficit angle:

$$\Delta = 2\pi - \beta = 2\pi(1 - \chi) \tag{57}$$

To get the curvature \mathcal{R} via:

$$\mathcal{R} = \lim_{A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta}{A} \tag{58}$$

The area A is defined on the reduced metric:

$$ds^2 = e^{2(\nu-\lambda)} dr^2 + r^2 e^{-2\lambda} d\phi^2 \tag{59}$$

Via:

$$A = \int \sqrt{|g|} d^n x = \int_{\phi=0}^{\phi=2\pi} \int_{r=0}^{r=R} \sqrt{r^2 e^{2\nu-4\lambda}} dr d\phi = 2\pi \int_{r=0}^{r=R} r e^{\nu-2\lambda} dr \quad (60)$$

Plugging Equations (4) and (5) into Equation (60) gives:

$$A = \quad (61)$$

And thus the curvature is:

$$\mathcal{R} = \quad (62)$$

From the definition of the curvature in Equation (25) we can obtain the Ricci tensor, and hence the Einstein tensor. Then reading off the value of G_{zz} we obtain the desired T_{zz} .

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