

Spherical solutions for stars

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Introduction



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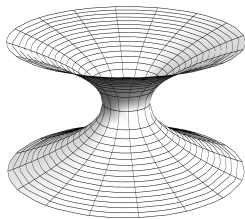
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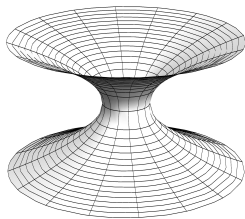
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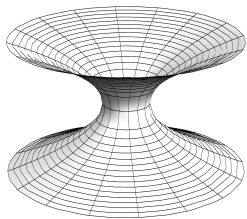
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Static perfect fluid



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Components of $T_{\alpha\beta}$

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$$T_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \text{ for } \alpha \neq \beta; \quad T_{ii} = pg_{ii}$$

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Local thermodynamic equilibrium

$$p = p(\rho, S) \approx p(\rho)$$

- pressure related to energy density and specific entropy
- we often deal with negligibly small entropies

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Interior structure



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