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Chapter 14 - Event Horizon

Solution. **BOX 14.1** - Exercise 14.1.1.

Let

$$u = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{r}}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} u^2 &= 1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \\ \frac{2GM}{r} &= 1 - u^2 \\ r &= \frac{2GM}{1 - u^2} \end{aligned}$$

□

Solution. **BOX 14.1** - Exercise 14.1.2.

Let

$$r = \frac{2GM}{1 - u^2}$$

Then

$$\frac{dr}{du} = \frac{4GMu}{(1 - u^2)^2} \quad \text{hence} \quad dr = \frac{4GMu}{(1 - u^2)^2} du$$

Replacing in (14.7) we have that

$$\Delta s = \int \frac{4GMu du}{u(1 - u^2)^2} = 4GM \int \frac{du}{(1 - u^2)^2}$$

Finally, since we want to integrate between $r = 2GM$ and $r = R$ then u at $2GM$ is 0 so we write

$$\Delta s = 4GM \int_0^{u(R)} \frac{du}{(1 - u^2)^2}$$

□

Solution. **BOX 14.1** - Exercise 14.1.3.

Knowing that

$$\int \frac{du}{(1-u^2)^2} = \frac{u}{2(1-u^2)} + \frac{1}{4} \log \left| \frac{1+u}{1-u} \right|$$

and that

$$\tanh^{-1} u = \frac{1}{2} \log \left| \frac{1+u}{1-u} \right|$$

We can solve Δs equation as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta s &= 4GM \int_0^{u(R)} \frac{du}{(1-u^2)^2} \\ &= 4GM \left[\frac{u}{2(1-u^2)} + \frac{\tanh^{-1} u}{2} \right]_0^{u(R)} \\ &= 4GM \left[\frac{u(R)}{2(1-u(R)^2)} + \frac{\tanh^{-1} u(R)}{2} - 0 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we replace back $u(R) = \sqrt{1 - 2GM/R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta s &= 4GM \left[\frac{\sqrt{1 - 2GM/R}}{4GM/R} + \frac{\tanh^{-1} \sqrt{1 - 2GM/R}}{2} \right] \\ &= R\sqrt{1 - 2GM/R} + 2GM \tanh^{-1} \sqrt{1 - 2GM/R} \end{aligned}$$

□

Solution. **BOX 14.1** - Exercise 14.1.4.

Let now $R = 3GM$ then the physical distance from $r = 2GM$ to $R = 3GM$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta s &= 3GM\sqrt{1 - 2/3} + 2GM \tanh^{-1} \sqrt{1 - 2/3} \\ &= 3GM\sqrt{1/3} + 2GM \tanh^{-1} \sqrt{1/3} \\ &= 1.7320 \, GM + 1.3169 \, GM \\ &= 3.048 \, GM \end{aligned}$$

□

Solution. **BOX 14.2** - Exercise 14.2.1.

Let

$$\Delta\tau = 2\sqrt{\frac{R}{2GM}} \int_0^{u_0} \frac{u^2 du}{\sqrt{u_0^2 - u^2}}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\tau &= \sqrt{\frac{R}{2GM}} \left[u_0^2 \arctan\left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{u_0^2 - u^2}}\right) - u\sqrt{u_0^2 - u^2} \right]_0^{u_0} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{R}{2GM}} \left[u_0^2 \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} R \sqrt{\frac{R}{2GM}} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{R^3}{2GM}} \end{aligned}$$

□

Solution. **BOX 14.3** - Exercise 14.3.1.

Let

$$\Delta\tau = \int_0^{2GM} \frac{r^{1/2} dr}{\sqrt{2GM - r}}$$

Then letting $u = \sqrt{r}$ we have that

$$\Delta\tau = 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{2GM}} \frac{u^2 du}{\sqrt{2GM - u^2}}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\tau &= \left[2GM \arctan\left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{2GM - u^2}}\right) - u\sqrt{2GM - u^2} \right]_0^{\sqrt{2GM}} \\ &= \left[2GM \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right] \\ &= \pi GM \end{aligned}$$

□

Solution. P14.1 From BOX 14.2 we know that the proper time (measured by our own watch) we have to live until we reach $r = 0$ when we started from a radially inward fall from $r = R$ is

$$\Delta\tau = \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{R^3}{2GM}}$$

In our current case $R = 10GM$ hence

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\tau &= \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{(10GM)^3}{2GM}} \\ &= 35.124GM \\ &= 35.124 \cdot 1477 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m} \\ &= 51878256788.735 \text{ m} \\ &= 173.042 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

Where we used that $299800 \text{ km} = 1 \text{ s}$.

□

Solution. **P14.2**

- a.** The time the clock registers between its launch at $r = 16GM$ and when it comes to rest at $r = 32GM$ is the same time it registers between falling from rest from $32GM$ to $r = 16GM$ hence, we can compute this time using the equation from BOX 14.2 as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\tau &= \sqrt{\frac{32GM}{2GM}} \left[32GM \arctan\left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{32GM - u^2}}\right) - u\sqrt{32GM - u^2} \right]_{\sqrt{16GM}}^{\sqrt{32GM}} \\ &= 4 \left[16\pi GM - 8\pi GM + 16GM \right] \\ &= 164.53 \cdot 1477 \cdot 10^6 \\ &= 243010810000.0 \text{ m} = 810.57 \text{ s}\end{aligned}$$

- b.** In the same way, the time the clock registers between being at rest at $r = 32GM$ and falling to $r = 2GM$ (the event horizon) is

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\tau &= \sqrt{\frac{32GM}{2GM}} \left[32GM \arctan\left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{32GM - u^2}}\right) - u\sqrt{32GM - u^2} \right]_{\sqrt{2GM}}^{\sqrt{32GM}} \\ &= 4 \left[16\pi GM - 8.085GM + 7.746GM \right] \\ &= 199.705 \cdot 1477 \cdot 10^6 \\ &= 294964285000.0 \text{ m} = 983.87 \text{ s}\end{aligned}$$

- c.** Finally, to compute the time the clock registers between crossing the event horizon and its destruction at the origin, we need to compute the time it registers from falling at rest from $r = 32GM$ to $r = 0$ and then subtract the time we computed in part **b**.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\tau &= \sqrt{\frac{32GM}{2GM}} \left[32GM \arctan\left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{32GM - u^2}}\right) - u\sqrt{32GM - u^2} \right]_0^{\sqrt{32GM}} \\ &= 4 \left[16\pi GM - 0 \right] \\ &= 201.061 \cdot 1477 \cdot 10^6 \\ &= 296967097000.0 \text{ m} = 990.55 \text{ s}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\Delta\tau = 990.55 \text{ s} - 983.87 \text{ s} = 6.67 \text{ s}$$

□

Solution. P14.3 Let us consider an inward-falling object moving in the equatorial plane with arbitrary e and l , then from Table 14.1 we have that $dt/d\tau$, $dr/d\tau$ and $d\phi/d\tau$ for this object are

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dt}{d\tau} &= e \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \right)^{-1} \\ \frac{dr}{d\tau} &= \sqrt{e^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \right) \left(1 + \frac{l^2}{r^2} \right)} \\ \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} &= \frac{l}{r^2}\end{aligned}$$

So the four-velocity vector of the object at $r = R$ is

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} e \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R} \right)^{-1} \\ \sqrt{e^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R} \right) \left(1 + \frac{l^2}{R^2} \right)} \\ 0 \\ \frac{l}{R^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

On the other hand, from equation (12.10) we know that the basis vectors of an observer at rest at $r = R$ are

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{o}_t)^\mu &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2GM/R}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & (\mathbf{o}_x)^\mu &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{R} \end{bmatrix} \\ (\mathbf{o}_y)^\mu &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{R} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & (\mathbf{o}_z)^\mu &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{1-2GM/R} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Then we can compute the components of the four-velocity in the observer's frame as $u_{obs}^t = -\mathbf{o}_t \cdot \mathbf{u}$ and $u_{obs}^\mu = \mathbf{o}_\mu \cdot \mathbf{u}$ for $\mu \in \{x, y, z\}$ hence

$$\begin{aligned}u_{obs}^t &= -g_{tt}(\mathbf{o}_t)^t \mathbf{u}^t \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R} \right)^{-1/2} e \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R} \right)^{-1} \\ &= e \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R} \right)^{-1/2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}u_{obs}^x &= g_{\phi\phi}(\mathbf{o}_x)^\phi \mathbf{u}^\phi \\ &= R^2 \frac{1}{R} \frac{l}{R^2} \\ &= \frac{l}{R}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u_{obs}^z &= g_{rr}(\mathbf{o}_z)^r \mathbf{u}^r \\
&= \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{-1} \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{R}} \sqrt{e^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right) \left(1 + \frac{l^2}{R^2}\right)} \\
&= \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{-1} e^2 - \left(1 + \frac{l^2}{R^2}\right)}
\end{aligned}$$

Then the speed components of the object are

$$v_{obs,x} = \frac{u_{obs}^x}{u_{obs}^t} = \frac{l}{eR} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{1/2}$$

And

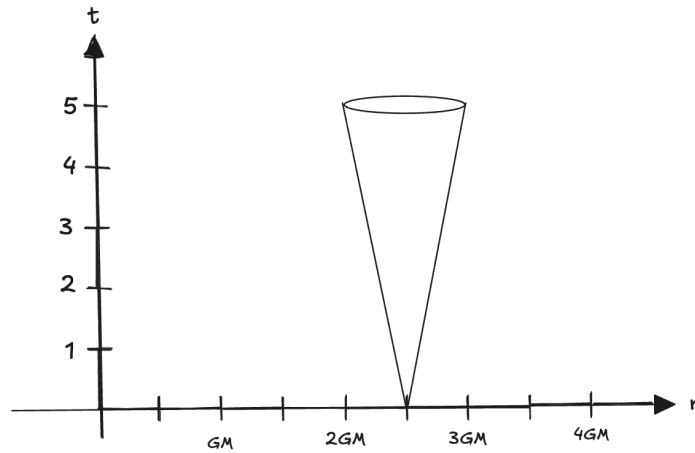
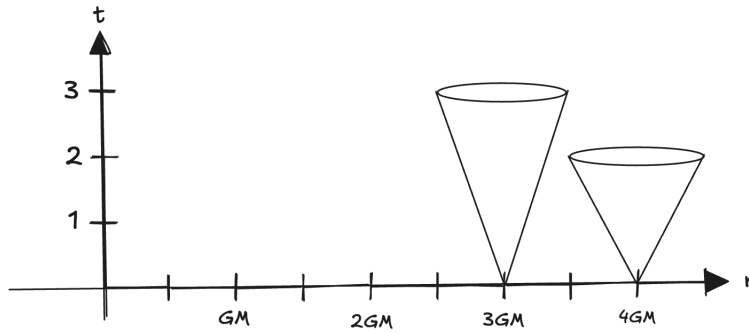
$$\begin{aligned}
v_{obs,z} &= \frac{u_{obs}^z}{u_{obs}^t} = \frac{\sqrt{e^2 \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{-1} - \left(1 + \frac{l^2}{R^2}\right)}}{e \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{-1}}} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{e^2 \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{-1} - \left(1 + \frac{l^2}{R^2}\right)}{e^2 \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{-1}}} \\
&= \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{e^2} \left(1 + \frac{l^2}{R^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the squared speed of the object as measured by an observer at rest at $r = R$ is

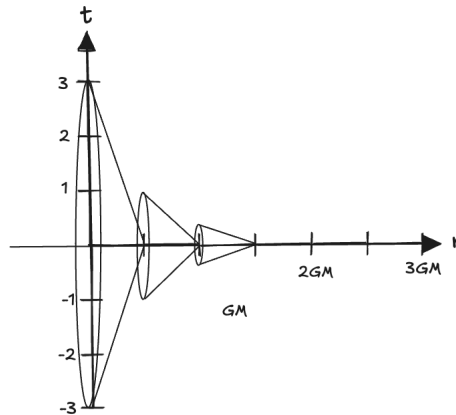
$$\begin{aligned}
v_{obs}^2 &= v_{obs,x}^2 + v_{obs,z}^2 \\
&= \frac{l^2}{e^2 R^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right) + 1 - \frac{1}{e^2} \left(1 + \frac{l^2}{R^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right) \\
&= \frac{l^2}{e^2 R^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right) + 1 - \frac{1}{e^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right) - \frac{l^2}{e^2 R^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right) \\
&= 1 - \frac{1}{e^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

□

Solution. P14.4 Following the same analysis we see that for $r = 3GM$ the slope must be $dt/dr > \pm 3$ and for $r = \frac{5}{2}GM$ we get that $dt/dr > \pm 5$ so we get the following drawings



Now for $r = \frac{3}{2}GM, GM, \frac{1}{2}GM$ doing the same analysis and considering that forward in proper time corresponds to $dr < 0$ we get that



We see that the light cones in both cases narrow as they approach $r = 2GM$. □

Solution. P14.5 Let an observer at $R > 2GM$ launch an object with nonzero mass radially outward with initial velocity v_0 as measured by the observer. Given that an object at infinity falling from rest radially has $e = 1$ then the same is true for an object moving radially from a radius R to rest at infinity, then from equations on Table 14.1 the particle's four velocity vector is

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dt}{d\tau} \\ \frac{dr}{d\tau} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{-1} \\ \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where we used that for an object travelling radially $l = 0$.

On the other hand, from equation (12.10) we know that the basis vectors of an observer at rest at $r = R$ are

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{o}_t)^\mu &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2GM/R}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & (\mathbf{o}_x)^\mu &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{R} \end{bmatrix} \\ (\mathbf{o}_y)^\mu &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{R} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & (\mathbf{o}_z)^\mu &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{1-2GM/R} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then we can compute the components of the four-velocity in the observer's frame as $u_{obs}^t = -\mathbf{o}_t \cdot \mathbf{u}$ and $u_{obs}^\mu = \mathbf{o}_\mu \cdot \mathbf{u}$ for $\mu \in \{x, y, z\}$ hence

$$\begin{aligned} u_{obs}^t &= -g_{tt}(\mathbf{o}_t)^t \mathbf{u}^t \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{-1/2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{R}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{obs}^z &= g_{rr}(\mathbf{o}_z)^r \mathbf{u}^r \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{-1} \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{R}} \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}} \\ &= \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{-2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)} \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\frac{2GM}{R}}{1 - \frac{2GM}{R}}} \end{aligned}$$

Also, $u_{obs}^x = u_{obs}^y = 0$ because the \mathbf{u} components for these velocities are 0. Then the speed of the object as measured by an observer at rest at $r = R$ is

$$v_{obs} = \frac{u_{obs}^z}{u_{obs}^t} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\frac{2GM}{R}}{1 - \frac{2GM}{R}}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{R}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$$

But we said that the object has an initial velocity of v_0 as measured by the observer then must be that

$$v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$$

Therefore the escape speed as measured by this observer is the same as in Newtonian mechanics. Also, if we let $R \rightarrow 2GM$ then $v_0 = 1$ i.e. the speed of light. \square

Solution. **P14.6** From problem P12.7 we know that basis vector \mathbf{o}_t is

$$(\mathbf{o}_t)^\mu = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - 2GM/r)^{-1} \\ -\sqrt{2GM/r} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Also, from the equations 12.12a and 12.12b (the four-momentum of a photon) we can compute $E_{obs} = -\mathbf{o}_t \cdot \mathbf{p}$ using the metric given by equation 14.16 as follows

$$\begin{aligned} E_{obs} &= -\mathbf{o}_t \cdot \mathbf{p} \\ &= g_{tt}(\mathbf{o}_t)^t p^t - g_{rr}(\mathbf{o}_t)^r p^r \\ &= -\left(\frac{2GM}{r} - 1\right) \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} E \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{2GM}{r} - 1\right)^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} E \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)} \\ &= E \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)}\right) \end{aligned}$$

But since it's falling radially then $b = 0$ so

$$E_{obs} = E \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}\right)$$

Finally, the fractional change in wavelength is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{h/\lambda_E}{h/\lambda_R} &= \frac{E/\sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{r_E}}}{E \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r_R}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r_R}}\right)} \\ \frac{\lambda_R}{\lambda_E} &= \frac{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r_R}\right)}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{r_E}} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r_R}}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

But since $r_E = \infty$ i.e. the signal is coming from infinity we can write that

$$\frac{\lambda_R}{\lambda_E} = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r_R}\right)}{\left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r_R}}\right)} = 1 + \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r_R}}$$

Therefore the expression is correct for $r < 2GM$ as well. \square

Solution. **P14.7**

- a.** We want to show that curves of constant R are hyperbolas so let us compute $t^2 - r^2$, assuming $R > 1/2$ then

$$\begin{aligned} t^2 - r^2 &= b^2(2R - 1) \sinh^2 T - b^2(2R - 1) \cosh^2 T \\ &= b^2(1 - 2R)[\cosh^2 T - \sinh^2 T] \\ &= b^2(1 - 2R) \end{aligned}$$

Where we used that $\cosh^2 q - \sinh^2 q = 1$ for all q .

Therefore $t^2 - r^2 = \text{constant}$ and since $b^2(1 - 2R) < 0$ for $R > 1/2$ then we can write that $r^2 - t^2 = |b^2(1 - 2R)|$ which implies that the hyperbolas face rightward or leftward.

In the same way, for $R < 1/2$ we have that

$$\begin{aligned} t^2 - r^2 &= b^2(1 - 2R) \cosh^2 T - b^2(1 - 2R) \sinh^2 T \\ &= b^2(1 - 2R)[\cosh^2 T - \sinh^2 T] \\ &= b^2(1 - 2R) \end{aligned}$$

But, in this case $b^2(1 - 2R) > 0$ for $R < 1/2$ so the hyperbolas face up and down.

- b.** We want to show that curves of constant T are straight lines with constant slope, so let us compute t/x for $R > 1/2$ then

$$\frac{t}{x} = \frac{b\sqrt{2R-1} \sinh T}{b\sqrt{2R-1} \cosh T} = \frac{\sinh T}{\cosh T} = \frac{e^T - e^{-T}}{e^T + e^{-T}} = \frac{1 - e^{-2T}}{1 + e^{-2T}}$$

We see that $0 < e^{-2T} \leq 1$ for $T \geq 0$ so the denominator is bigger than the numerator so the slope of the line is less than 1.

In the same way, for $R < 1/2$ we have that

$$\frac{t}{x} = \frac{b\sqrt{1-2R} \cosh T}{b\sqrt{1-2R} \sinh T} = \frac{\cosh T}{\sinh T} = \frac{e^T + e^{-T}}{e^T - e^{-T}} = \frac{1 + e^{-2T}}{1 - e^{-2T}}$$

Therefore in this case the slope of the line is greater than 1.

- c.** Let the metric for this coordinate system be

$$ds^2 = -(2R - 1)b^2 dT^2 + \frac{b^2 dR^2}{2R - 1} + dy^2 + dz^2$$

We see that the coordinate R is defined for $R < 1/2$ and $R > 1/2$ and there the metric is well-defined so the metric is well-defined everywhere.

- d. We see that the g_{TT} component of the metric is negative and g_{RR} is positive when $R > 1/2$ so R is a spatial coordinate and T is a time coordinate in this case.

But when $R < 1/2$ we have that g_{TT} is positive and g_{RR} is negative so the situation is reversed and R is a time coordinate and T is a spatial coordinate. Then when $R < 1/2$ the future happens as $R \rightarrow 0$.

- e. Particles can cross from larger R s to smaller R s but they cannot go in reverse because when $R < 1/2$ we know that R is a time coordinate so as soon as we cross $R = 1/2$ we cannot reverse cause that would imply going backwards in time.

We consider the line where $R = 1/2$ and $T = \infty$ to be an event horizon in T, R coordinates because the behaviour of coordinates change depending if we are on one side or the other but this doesn't happen in t, x coordinates.

- f. Let us consider a photon at $R = 1/2$, we know that for a photon the metric equation looks as follows

$$0 = -(2R - 1)b^2 dT^2 + \frac{b^2 dR^2}{2R - 1} + dy^2 + dz^2$$

Where we used that for photons $ds^2 = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{b^2 dR^2}{2R - 1} &= (2R - 1)b^2 dT^2 - dy^2 - dz^2 \\ \frac{dR^2}{dT^2} &= (2R - 1)^2 - \frac{(2R - 1)}{b^2} \frac{dy^2}{dT^2} - \frac{(2R - 1)}{b^2} \frac{dz^2}{dT^2} \end{aligned}$$

So we see that when $R = 1/2$ we get that $dR/dT = 0$ therefore the photon must be at rest at $R = 1/2$.

On the other hand, since $ds^2 \neq 0$ for a particle of nonzero rest mass then the particle cannot be at rest at $R = 1/2$.

g. The geodesic equation for the T component is

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{d\tau}\left(g_{T\beta}\frac{dx^\beta}{d\tau}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\partial_T g_{\mu\nu}\frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau}\frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} &= 0 \\ \frac{d}{d\tau}\left(g_{TT}\frac{dT}{d\tau}\right) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Then $g_{TT}\frac{dT}{d\tau}$ is equal to a constant, hence

$$\begin{aligned}g_{TT}\frac{dT}{d\tau} &= -e \\ -(2R-1)b^2\frac{dT}{d\tau} &= -e \\ \frac{dT}{d\tau} &= \frac{e}{(2R-1)b^2}\end{aligned}$$

Where we named the constant $-e$.

Now, let us consider the metric equation for a particle with no y, z velocity, then

$$\begin{aligned}-1 &= -(2R-1)b^2\left(\frac{dT}{d\tau}\right)^2 + \frac{b^2}{2R-1}\left(\frac{dR}{d\tau}\right)^2 \\ \frac{b^2}{2R-1}\left(\frac{dR}{d\tau}\right)^2 &= (2R-1)b^2\left(\frac{dT}{d\tau}\right)^2 - 1 \\ \left(\frac{dR}{d\tau}\right)^2 &= (2R-1)^2\left(\frac{dT}{d\tau}\right)^2 - \frac{2R-1}{b^2} \\ \frac{dR}{d\tau} &= \sqrt{\frac{e^2}{b^4} - \frac{2R-1}{b^2}}\end{aligned}$$

We combine this result with $dT/d\tau$ to obtain dR/dT as follows

$$\frac{dR}{d\tau}\frac{d\tau}{dT} = \frac{(2R-1)b^2}{e}\sqrt{\frac{e^2}{b^4} - \frac{2R-1}{b^2}}$$

Hence

$$\frac{dR}{dT} = \frac{(2R-1)}{e}\sqrt{e^2 - b^2(2R-1)}$$

Let us consider now a particle released from rest at $R = 1$ and $T = 0$ then we have that

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \frac{2-1}{e}\sqrt{e^2 - b^2(2-1)} \\ e &= b\end{aligned}$$

So integrating dR/dT we get that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^T dT &= \int_1^{1/2} \frac{b}{(2R-1)b\sqrt{1-(2R-1)}} \frac{dR}{b\sqrt{1-(2R-1)}} \\ T &= \left[-\operatorname{arctanh}(\sqrt{2(1-R)}) \right]_1^{1/2} \\ T &= \left[-\operatorname{arctanh}(\sqrt{1}) + \operatorname{arctanh}(0) \right] \rightarrow \infty\end{aligned}$$

But integrating $dR/d\tau$ we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\tau d\tau &= \int_1^{1/2} \frac{dR}{b\sqrt{1-(2R-1)}} \\ \tau &= \frac{1}{b} \left[-\sqrt{2(1-R)} \right]_1^{1/2} \\ \tau &= -\frac{1}{b}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore this trip requires infinite time T but finite time τ .

□

Solution. **P14.8**

a. We know that $u = 1 - \sqrt{2GM/r}$ then

$$\frac{du}{dr} = \frac{1}{2r} \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$$

From Table 14.1, we have that

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \right) \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{e^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \right) \left(1 + \frac{l^2}{r^2} \right)}$$

We took the negative sign because the laser is going to the blackhole. But since the laser is falling radially from rest we have that $l = 0$ and $e = 1$, hence

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \right) \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dr}{dt} \frac{du}{dr} &= - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \right) \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} \frac{du}{dr} \\ \frac{du}{dt} &= - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \right) \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} \frac{1}{2r} \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} \\ \frac{du}{dt} &= - \frac{GM}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \right) \end{aligned}$$

b. Using that

$$1 - \frac{2GM}{r} = \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} \right) \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} \right)$$

We can write that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{dt} &= - \frac{GM}{r^2} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} \right) \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} \right) \\ \frac{du}{dt} &= -u \frac{GM}{r^2} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Then if $r \rightarrow 2GM$ we see that

$$\left. \frac{du}{dt} \right|_{r \rightarrow 2GM} = -u \frac{GM}{4(GM)^2} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{2GM}} \right) = -\frac{u}{2GM}$$

- c. The outgoing photon's energy an observer on the laser's frame measures is

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{obs} &= -\mathbf{o}_t \cdot \mathbf{p} \\
&= E \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} + \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} E \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)} \\
&= E \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

Where we used the positive sign for p^r since the photon is outgoing. But since it's falling radially then $b = 0$ so

$$E_{obs} = E \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}\right)$$

Finally, the fractional change in wavelength is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{h/\lambda_R}{h/\lambda_E} &= \frac{E/\sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{r_R}}}{E \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r_E}\right)^{-1} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r_E}}\right)} \\
\frac{\lambda_E}{\lambda_R} &= \frac{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r_E}\right)}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{r_R}} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r_E}}\right)}
\end{aligned}$$

But since $r_R \rightarrow \infty$ i.e. the signal is received at infinity we can write that

$$\frac{\lambda_R}{\lambda_E} = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r_R}\right)}{\left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r_R}}\right)} = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$$

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