

SpecialOrbits subpackage of KerrGeodesics

Define usage for public functions

```
BeginPackage["KerrGeodesics`SpecialOrbits`",
  {"KerrGeodesics`ConstantsOfMotion`"}];

KerrGeoPhotonSphereRadius::usage = "KerrGeoPhotonSphereRadius[a,x] returns the radius of the photon sphere for a Kerr black hole with mass M and angular momentum J=aM. The radius is given in units of M."

KerrGeoISCO::usage = "KerrGeoISCO[a,x] returns the location of the innermost stable circular orbit (ISCO) for a Kerr black hole with mass M and angular momentum J=aM. The radius is given in units of M."
KerrGeoISSO::usage = "KerrGeoISSO[a,x] returns the location of the innermost stable spherical orbit (ISSO) for a Kerr black hole with mass M and angular momentum J=aM. The radius is given in units of M."
KerrGeoIBSO::usage = "KerrGeoIBSO[a,x] returns the location of the innermost bound spherical orbit (IBSO) for a Kerr black hole with mass M and angular momentum J=aM. The radius is given in units of M."

KerrGeoSeparatrix::usage = "KerrGeoSeparatrix[a,e,x] returns the value of p at the separatrix for a Kerr black hole with mass M and angular momentum J=aM. The value is given in units of M."
KerrGeoBoundOrbitQ::usage = "KerrGeoBoundOrbitQ[a,p,e,x] tests if the orbital parameters (a,p,e,x) correspond to a bound orbit for a Kerr black hole with mass M and angular momentum J=aM."

Begin["`Private`"];
```

Special orbits (separatrix, ISCO, ISSO etc...)

Innermost stable circular orbit (ISCO)

Schwarzschild ISCO is at $r=6M$

```
KerrGeoISCO[(0|0.),x_]:=6
```

Kerr inner-most circular orbit ISCO from Bardeen, Press, Teukolsky ApJ, 178, p347 (1972), Eq. 2.21

```
KerrGeoISCO[a_,x_;/;x^2==1]:=Module[{M=1,Z1,Z2},
  Z1=1+(1-a^2/M^2)^(1/3) ((1+a/M)^(1/3)+(1-a/M)^(1/3));
  Z2=(3a^2/M^2 + Z1^2)^(1/2);
  M(3+Z2-x ((3-Z1)(3+Z1+2Z2)/x^2)^(1/2))
];
```

Photon Sphere

The photon sphere is at $3M$ for all radii in Schwarzschild

```
KerrGeoPhotonSphereRadius[ {0|0.}, x_] := 3
```

Radius of photon sphere for equatorial orbits from Bardeen, Press, Teukolsky ApJ, 178, p347 (1972), Eq. 2.18

```
KerrGeoPhotonSphereRadius[a_, 1] := 2 (1 + Cos[2/3 ArcCos[-a]])
KerrGeoPhotonSphereRadius[a_, -1] := 2 (1 + Cos[2/3 ArcCos[a]])
```

For polar orbits the radius was given by E. Teo, General Relativity and Gravitation, v. 35, Issue 11, p. 1909-1926 (2003), Eq. (14)

```
KerrGeoPhotonSphereRadius[a_, {0|0.}] := 1 + 2 Sqrt[1 - 1/3 a^2] Cos[1/3 ArcCos[(1 - a^2) / (1 -
```

In the extremal limit we can find the photon sphere radius exactly

```
KerrGeoPhotonSphereRadius[1, x_] := If[x < Sqrt[3] - 1, 1 + Sqrt[2] Sqrt[1 - x] - x, 1];
```

For all other inclinations we have to numerically find the photon sphere radius

```
KerrGeoPhotonSphereRadius[a1_?NumericQ, x0_?NumericQ; Abs[x0] <= 1] /; Precision[{a1, x0}] > prec = Precision[{a1, x0}];
req = KerrGeoPhotonSphereRadius[a, Sign[x0]];
rpolar = KerrGeoPhotonSphereRadius[a, 0];

ϕ = -((r^3 - 3M r^2 + a^2 r + a^2 M) / (a(r - M)));
Q = -((r^3 - (r^3 - 6M r^2 + 9M^2 r - 4a^2 M) / (a^2 (r - M)^2)));

u0Sq = ((a^2 - Q - ϕ^2) + Sqrt[(a^2 - Q - ϕ^2)^2 + 4a^2 Q]) / (2a^2);

r /. FindRoot[1 - u0Sq - x0^2, Flatten[{r, (req + rpolar) / 2, Sort[{req, rpolar}]}], WorkingPrecision -> prec,
(*The final Quiet[] is there to stop FindRoot complaining about the precision of the result.
This seems to be fine near the equatorial plane but might not be ideal for inclinations close to 90 degrees.
*)
]
```

Innermost bound spherical orbits (IBSO)

```
KerrGeoIBSO[0, x_] := 4
```

Equatorial IBSO results from Bardeen, Press, Teukolsky 1972

```
KerrGeoIBSO[a_,1] := 2-a+2 (1-a)^(1/2)
KerrGeoIBSO[a_,-1] := 2+a+2 (1+a)^(1/2)
```

At the IBSO $E=1$. Solve[KerrGeo[a,p,0,0]==1,p] to get the formula for the IBSO for polar orbits

```
KerrGeoIBSO[a_,0] := Module[{δ},
  δ = 27 a^4 - 8 a^6 + 3 Sqrt[3] Sqrt[27 a^8 - 16 a^10];
  1 + Sqrt[12 - 4 a^2 - (6 Sqrt[6] (-2 + a^2)) / Sqrt[6 - 2 a^2 + (4 a^4) / δ^(1/3) + δ^(1/3)]] - (4
]
```

```
KerrGeoIBSO[1, (0|0.)] := 1/3 (3 + (54 - 6 Sqrt[33])^(1/3) + (6 (9 + Sqrt[33]))^(1/3))
```

```
KerrGeoIBSO[a1_?NumericQ, x1_?NumericQ /; Abs[x1] <= 1] /; Precision[{a1, x1}] != ∞ := Block[
  prec = Precision[{a1, x}];
  rph = KerrGeoPhotonSphereRadius[a, x];

  E0 = KerrGeoEnergy[a, ru, 0, x];

  While[(E0 /. ru -> rph + 10^-n) < 1, n++];
  ru /. FindRoot[E0 == 1, {ru, rph + 10^-n, 10}, WorkingPrecision -> Max[MachinePrecision, prec]]
]
```

Separatrix

Schwarzschild

```
KerrGeoSeparatrix[0, e_, x_] := 6 + 2e;
```

From Glampedakis and Kennefick arXiv:gr-qc/0203086, for $a=M$ we have $\text{Subscript}[p, s]=1+e$

```
KerrGeoSeparatrix[1, e_, 1] := 1 + e
```

Separatrix for equatorial Kerr from Levin and Periz-Giz arXiv:1108.1819

```
KerrGeoSeparatrix[a1_, e_, x_ /; Abs[x] == 1] := Module[{ru, a = a1},
  If[x == -1, a = -a];
  ru = ru /. Solve[e == (-ru^2 + 6 ru - 8a ru^(1/2) + 3a^2) / (ru^2 - 2ru + a^2), ru][[-1]];
  (4 ru (ru^(1/2) - a)^2) / (ru^2 - 2ru + a^2)
]
```

Polar ISSO in extremal case found from playing around with the equations

```
KerrGeoSeparatrix[1, 0, 0] := 1 + Sqrt[3] + Sqrt[3 + 2 Sqrt[3]]
```

For $e=1$ the $\text{Subscript}[p, s]$ is at 2 $\text{Subscript}[r, \text{ibso}]$

```
KerrGeoSeparatrix[a_, 1, x_] := 2KerrGeoIBSO[a, x]
```

This method is an extension of the method in arXiv:1108.1819. See N. Warburton's notes for details. The results of the KerrGeoSeparatrix function have also been tested against the recent analytic results in arXiv:1901.02730 (which also extends the method in arXiv:1108.1819) -- see Eqs. (26a-d) in that paper.

```
KerrGeoSeparatrix[a1_?NumericQ,e1_?NumericQ,x1_?NumericQ;/;Abs[x1]<=1]/;Precision[
{E0,L0,Q0}=Values[KerrGeoConstantsOfMotion[a,ru,0,x]];
β=(-1+E0^2);

ra2=2 (-a E0+L0)^2+2 Q0+ru^2 (-1-ru β+Sqrt[1+β (L0^2+Q0-a^2 β-2 ru (1+ru β))]);

β2=ru (2+ru β-2 Sqrt[1+L0^2 β+Q0 β-2 ru β-a^2 β^2-2 ru^2 β^2]);

e2=(ra2-ru β2)/(ra2+ru β2);

prec=Precision[{a,e1,x}];
r1=KerrGeoIBSO[a,x];
ru0=ru/.FindRoot[e2==e1,{ru,(r1+10)/2,r1,10},WorkingPrecision->Max[MachinePrecision,prec]];

p=(2ra2-ru)/(ra2+ru β2)/.ru->ru0
]

KerrGeoBoundOrbitQ[a_?NumericQ,p_?NumericQ,e_?NumericQ,x_?NumericQ]:=Module[{ps},
ps = KerrGeoSeparatrix[a,e,x];
If[p >= ps, True, False]
]
```

Innermost stable spherical orbit (ISSO)

```
KerrGeoISSO[a_,x_/;Abs[x]==1]:=KerrGeoISCO[a,x]
```

```
KerrGeoISSO[a_,x_]:=KerrGeoSeparatrix[a,0,x]
```

Close the package

```
End[];
```

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EndPackage[];
```