

Solving problem in Carroll's Spacetime

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I. GENERAL RELATIVITY PROBLEM

A. Problem statement

Prove that:

$$t_{\mu\nu} = \langle (\partial_\mu h_{\rho\sigma}) (\partial_\nu h^{\rho\sigma}) - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h) (\partial_\nu h) - (\partial_\rho h^{\rho\sigma}) (\partial_\mu h_{\nu\sigma}) - (\partial_\rho h^{\rho\sigma}) (\partial_\nu h_{\mu\sigma}) \rangle \quad (1)$$

is invariant under gauge transformation:

$$\delta h_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \xi_\nu + \partial_\nu \xi_\mu. \quad (2)$$

The “ \langle ”, “ \rangle ” brackets mean time averaging and allow moving partial derivatives around:

$$\langle A \partial_\mu B \rangle = -\langle (\partial_\mu A) B \rangle. \quad (3)$$

B. First Attempt

The variation of h is:

$$\delta h = \partial^{\mu\nu} \delta h_{\mu\nu} = 2\partial^\lambda \xi_\lambda. \quad (4)$$

Let's simplify it term by term:

$$(\partial_\mu h_{\rho\sigma}) (\partial_\nu h^{\rho\sigma}) \quad (5)$$

$$= (\partial_\mu \partial_\rho \xi_\sigma + \partial_\mu \partial_\sigma \xi_\rho) (\partial_\nu h^{\rho\sigma}) + (\partial_\mu h_{\rho\sigma}) (\partial_\nu \partial^\rho \xi^\sigma + \partial_\nu \partial^\sigma \xi^\rho) \quad (6)$$

$$= -2h^{\rho\sigma} (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \partial_\rho \xi_\sigma + \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \partial_\sigma \xi_\rho), \quad (7)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h) (\partial_\nu h) = -(\partial_\mu \partial^\lambda \xi_\lambda) (\partial_\nu h) - (\partial_\mu h) (\partial_\nu \partial^\lambda \xi_\lambda) \quad (8)$$

$$= 2h^{\rho\sigma} (\eta_{\rho\sigma} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \partial^\lambda \xi_\lambda), \quad (9)$$

$$-(\partial_\rho h^{\rho\sigma}) (\partial_\mu h_{\nu\sigma}) = -(\partial_\rho \partial^\rho \xi^\sigma + \partial_\rho \partial^\sigma \xi^\rho) (\partial_\mu h_{\nu\sigma}) - (\partial_\rho h^{\rho\sigma}) (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \xi_\sigma + \partial_\mu \partial_\sigma \xi_\nu) \quad (10)$$

$$= h^{\rho\sigma} [\eta_{\rho\nu} (\partial_\mu \square \xi_\sigma + \partial_\mu \partial_\sigma \partial^\lambda \xi_\lambda) + \partial_\rho \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \xi_\sigma + \partial_\rho \partial_\mu \partial_\sigma \xi_\nu], \quad (11)$$

and similarly:

$$-(\partial_\rho h^{\rho\sigma}) (\partial_\nu h_{\mu\sigma}) = h^{\rho\sigma} [\eta_{\rho\mu} (\partial_\nu \square \xi_\sigma + \partial_\nu \partial_\sigma \partial^\lambda \xi_\lambda) + \partial_\rho \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \xi_\sigma + \partial_\rho \partial_\mu \partial_\sigma \xi_\mu]. \quad (12)$$

Combining (7), (9), (11), and (12) together we gett:

$$\begin{aligned}
& h^{\rho\sigma} \left[-2 (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \partial_\rho \xi_\sigma + \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \partial_\sigma \xi_\rho) + 2 \eta_{\rho\sigma} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \partial^\lambda \xi_\lambda \right. \\
& + \eta_{\rho\nu} (\partial_\mu \square \xi_\sigma + \partial_\mu \partial_\sigma \partial^\lambda \xi_\lambda) + \partial_\rho \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \xi_\sigma + \partial_\rho \partial_\mu \partial_\sigma \xi_\nu \\
& \left. + \eta_{\rho\mu} (\partial_\nu \square \xi_\sigma + \partial_\nu \partial_\sigma \partial^\lambda \xi_\lambda) + \partial_\rho \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \xi_\sigma + \partial_\rho \partial_\nu \partial_\sigma \xi_\mu \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$