

Relativity

Special Relativity

Lorentz transform:

$$X'^{\mu} = \Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu} X^{\nu}$$

Where Lorentz Transformation matrix, Λ is:

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma \frac{v}{c} & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma \frac{v}{c} & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Where γ is:

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Recovering Lorentz equations:

$$x' = \gamma(x - v_0 t)$$

$$t' = \gamma \left(t - v_0 \frac{x}{c^2} \right)$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

Proper time, τ :

$$\tau = \frac{t}{\gamma}$$

Spacetime line element $(dS)^2$:

$$(dS)^2 = \eta_{\alpha\beta} dx'^{\alpha} dx'^{\beta}$$

Where Minkowski metric, η is:

$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So for flat space:

$$(dS)^2 = c^2(dt)^2 - (dx)^2 - (dy)^2 - (dz)^2$$

Four vectors:

$$X = (ct, x, y, z), \quad \text{scalar contraction: } (dS)^2$$

$$U = (\gamma c, \gamma \vec{v}), \quad \text{scalar contraction: } c^2$$

$$P = (m\gamma c, m\gamma \vec{v}) = \left(\frac{E}{c}, m\gamma \vec{v} \right), \quad \text{scalar contraction: } m^2 c^2$$

$$F = \left(\frac{\gamma}{c} \vec{f} \cdot \vec{v}, \gamma \vec{f} \right)$$

Derivation of U^α , note proper time in first equation:

$$U^\alpha = \frac{dX^\alpha}{d\tau} = \frac{\gamma dX^\alpha}{dt}$$

$$U^0 = \frac{\gamma c dt}{dt} = c\gamma$$

$$U^1 = \gamma \frac{dx}{dt} = \gamma \vec{v}$$

$$U = (\gamma c, \gamma \vec{v})$$

Scalar contractions are done by:

$$\text{Scalar} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} X^\alpha X^\beta$$

So for U :

$$U^0 U^0 - U^1 U^1 - U^2 U^2 - U^3 U^3 = \gamma^2 c^2 - \gamma^2 v^2 = c^2 \gamma^2 \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) = c^2$$

Derivation of Energy-Momentum relation using scalar contraction of P :

$$\frac{E^2}{c^2} - \vec{p}^2 = m^2 c^2$$

$$E^2 = m^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2$$

General Relativity

An inertial reference frame is a non-accelerating, non-rotating frame, such that Newton's second law is true.

Equivalence Principle: Inertial mass and gravitational mass are equivalent, so motion of a body under gravitational forces cannot be distinguished from a body under appropriate acceleration.

Principle of covariance: Physical laws are the same in every reference frame.

Principle of consistency: Any new theory must also be consistent with the successful results of the previous theory. I.e. General relativity is consistent with special relativity, Newtonian gravity and classical electromagnetism.

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Transformation from local inertial frame x' to accelerated frame X in terms of partial derivatives (used in derivation of metric tensor):

$$x' = \Lambda^\mu_\nu X^\nu = \frac{\partial x'^\mu}{\partial X^\nu} X^\nu$$

Deriving metric tensor $g_{\alpha\beta}$ from $(dS)^2$:

$$(dS)^2 = \eta_{\alpha\beta} dx'^\alpha dx'^\beta$$

$$dx'^\alpha = \frac{\partial x'^\alpha}{\partial X^\mu} dX^\mu$$

$$(dS)^2 = \eta_{\alpha\beta} \left(\frac{\partial x'^\alpha}{\partial X^\mu} dX^\mu \right) \left(\frac{\partial x'^\beta}{\partial X^\nu} dX^\nu \right) = \eta_{\alpha\beta} \left(\frac{\partial x'^\alpha}{\partial X^\mu} \frac{\partial x'^\beta}{\partial X^\nu} \right) dX^\mu dX^\nu = g_{\mu\nu} dX^\mu dX^\nu$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} \left(\frac{\partial x'^\alpha}{\partial X^\mu} \right) \left(\frac{\partial x'^\beta}{\partial X^\nu} \right)$$

Getting diagonal $g_{\alpha\alpha}$ from $(dS)^2$: Take the coefficient to each element, and put it in the diagonal. Remember to take the inverse to get $g^{\alpha\beta}$ for the connection coefficients.

Geodesic equation:

$$\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\lambda^2} + \sum_{\nu, \rho} \Gamma^\mu_{\nu, \rho} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\rho}{d\lambda} = 0$$

Einstein field equation:

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} = -\kappa T_{\mu\nu}$$

where κ is the Einstein constant:

$$\kappa = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}$$

$R_{\mu\nu}$ is the Ricci Tensor. R is the Ricci scalar:

$$R = g^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta}$$

R^l_{ijk} is the Riemann curvature tensor.

The Ricci scalar is obtained by contracting over the Ricci tensor, which is obtained by contracting over the Riemann curvature tensor.

Simplification of Einstein Field equation:

$$R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} R = \frac{-8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\alpha\beta}$$

Contracting with $g^{\alpha\beta}$:

$$g^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} g_{\alpha\beta} R = \frac{-8\pi G}{c^4} g^{\alpha\beta} T_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$R - 2R = \frac{-8\pi G}{c^4} T \quad \therefore \quad R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T$$

Rearranging first equation:

$$R_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{-8\pi G}{c^4} \left(T_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{c^4}{8\pi G} \frac{1}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} R \right)$$

Substituting for R :

$$R_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{-8\pi G}{c^4} \left(T_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} T \right)$$

Schwarzschild Metric

Schwarzschild metric:

$$(dS)^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r} \right) (cdt)^2 - \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}} - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2(\theta) d\phi^2$$

Schwarzschild radius, R_s :

$$R_s = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$$

Proper time:

$$d\tau_{\text{ob}} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r_{\text{ob}}}} dt_{\text{ob}}$$

Recall that: $\tau = \frac{t}{\gamma}$ usually, so one can define an effective new γ :

$$\gamma' = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}}$$

To derive the new lengths, etc.

Derivation of observed frequency from Schwarzschild metric:

$$(dS)^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r} \right) (cdt)^2 - \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}} - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2(\theta) d\phi^2$$

Assume same position for emitter:

$$(dS_{\text{em}})^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r} \right) (cdt_{\text{em}})^2$$

$$d\tau_{\text{em}} = \frac{dS_{\text{em}}}{c} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r_{\text{em}}}} dt_{\text{em}}$$

$$(dS_{\text{ob}})^2 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r_{\text{ob}}}} dt_{\text{ob}} = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r_{\text{ob}}} \right) c^2 (dt_{\text{em}})^2$$

$$d\tau_{\text{ob}} = \frac{d\tau_{\text{em}}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r_{\text{em}}}}} \therefore f_{\text{ob}} = f_{\text{em}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r_{\text{em}}}}$$

Derivation of time for light to travel outward from radius r_1 to r_2 in the vicinity of a black hole:

$$(dS)^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}\right) (cdt)^2 - \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}} - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2(\theta) d\phi^2$$

Assume same radial direction:

$$(dS)^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}\right) (cdt)^2 - \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}}$$

For light: $dS^2 = 0$

$$c^2 dt^2 = \frac{-dr^2}{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}\right)^2} \therefore dt = \pm \frac{dr}{c \left(1 - \frac{R_s}{r}\right)}$$

Take positive root for outward light:

$$\int dt = \int \frac{dr}{c \left(1 - \frac{R_s}{r}\right)}$$

$$t_2 - t_1 = \frac{1}{c} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \left(\frac{dr}{1 - \frac{R_s}{r}} \right) = \frac{1}{c} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \left(\frac{r}{r - R_s} \right) dr = \frac{1}{c} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \left(\frac{r + R_s - R_s}{r - R_s} \right) dr$$

$$t_2 - t_1 = \frac{1}{c} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \left(1 + \frac{R_s}{r - R_s} \right) dr = \frac{1}{c} \left((r_2 - r_1) + R_s \ln \left(\frac{r_2 - R_s}{r_1 - R_s} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{c} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \left(\frac{r + R - R_s}{r - R_s} \right) dr$$

$$t_2 - t_1 = \frac{r_2 - r_1}{c} + \frac{R_s}{c} \ln \left(\frac{r_2 - R_s}{r_1 - R_s} \right)$$

Cosmology

Cosmological Principle: At a sufficiently large scale, the properties of the Universe are the same for all observers - homogenous and isotropic. i.e. we don't have a privileged position.

Robertson-Walker metric:

$$(dS)^2 = c^2 dt^2 - R^2(t) \left[\frac{(dr)^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 (d\theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2(\theta) (d\phi)^2 \right]$$

Friedmann equations:

Curvature:

$$\left[\frac{1}{R} \frac{dR}{dt} \right]^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \left[\rho_m \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^3 + \rho_r \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^4 + \rho_\Lambda \right] - \frac{kc^2}{R^2}$$

Acceleration:

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{d^2 R}{dt^2} = \frac{-4\pi G}{3} \left[\rho_m \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^3 + 2\rho_r \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^4 - 2\rho_\Lambda \right]$$

Derivation of Friedmann equations:

Fluid equation:

$$d(\Delta E) = -pd(\Delta V)$$

Total energy density is ρc^2 . $\rho c^2 \Delta V$ is energy density in element of volume.

$$\Delta E = \rho c^2 \Delta V, \quad \Delta V = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3(t) \quad \therefore \Delta E = c^2 \rho(t) \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(c^2 \rho(t) \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3(t) \right) = -p \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3(t) \right)$$

$$c^2 \frac{d}{dt} (\rho(t) R^3(t)) = -p \frac{d}{dt} (R^3(t))$$

$$c^2 \frac{d\rho}{dt} R^3(t) + c^2 \rho(t) 3R^2 \frac{dR}{dt} = -3p R^2 \frac{dR}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \frac{-3}{R} \frac{dR}{dt} \left(\rho + \frac{p}{c^2} \right)$$

Energy equation:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{R}^2, \quad M = \frac{4}{3} \pi \rho R^3, \quad V = \frac{-GM}{R} = -G \frac{4}{3} \pi \rho \frac{R^3}{R}$$

Let $m=1$, unit mass.

$$T + V = \frac{1}{2} \dot{R}^2 - \frac{4}{3} \pi \rho G R^2 = \text{const.}$$

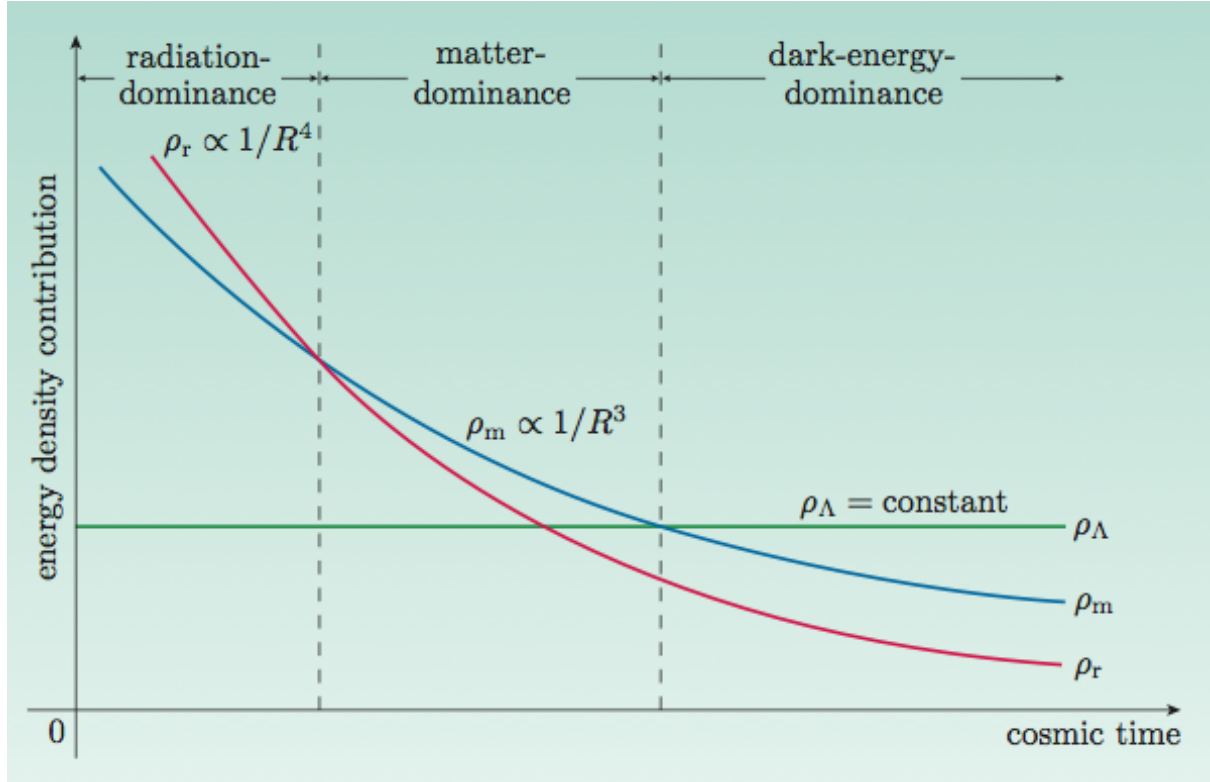
Let constant be $\frac{-kc^2}{2}$:

$$\frac{1}{2} \dot{R}^2 - \frac{4}{3} \pi \rho G R^2 = \frac{-kc^2}{2} \quad \therefore \quad \dot{R}^2 - \frac{8}{3} \pi \rho G R^2 = -kc^2$$

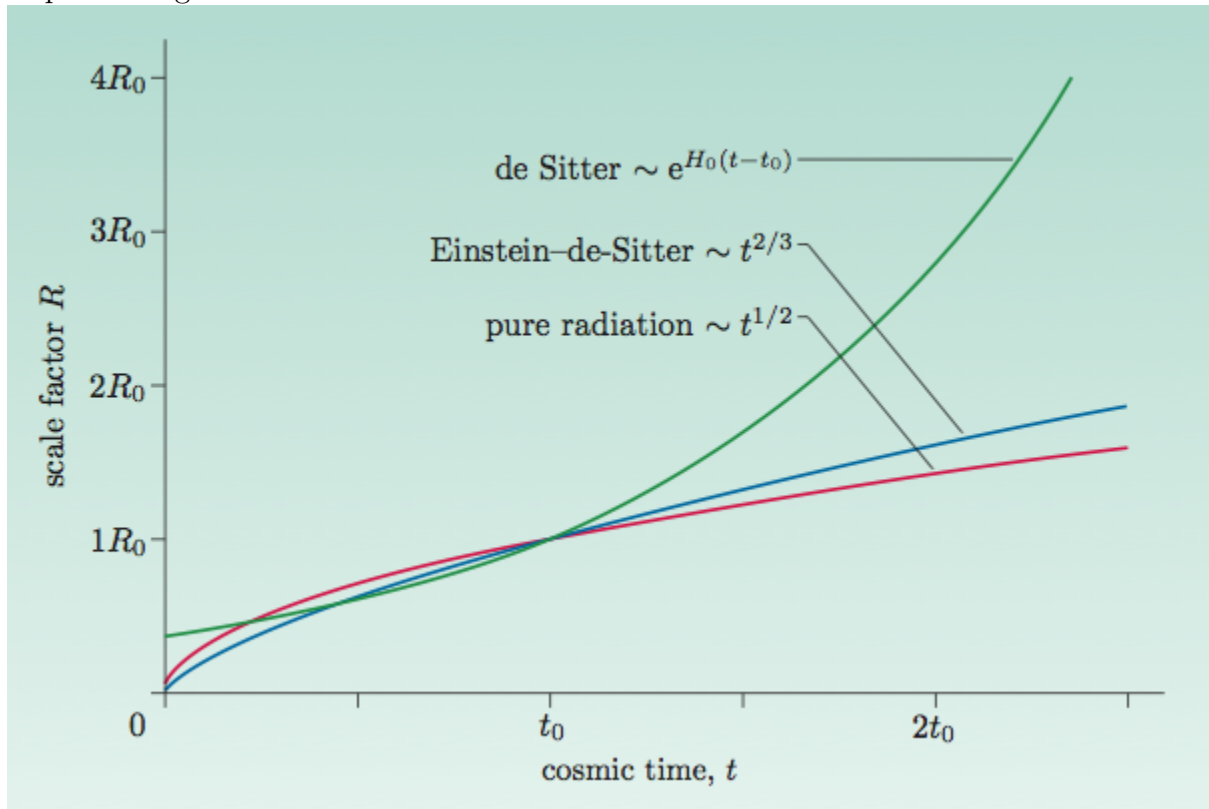
$$\left[\frac{1}{R} \frac{dR}{dt} \right]^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho - \frac{kc^2}{R^2}$$

Diagrams:

Dominance against time:



Expansion against time:



Different model behaviours:

