PhysRevD.62.044034 equation (14)

The advice given by Miguel Alcubierre, Bernd Brugmann et al (Phys Rev D (67) 084023, 2nd-3rd paragraph on pg. 084023-4)

... if one wants to achieve numerical stability. In the computer code we do not use the numerically evolved $\bar{\Gamma}^i$ in all places, but we follow this rule:

Partial derivatives $\partial_j \bar{\Gamma}^i$ are computed as finite differences of the independent variables $\bar{\Gamma}^i$ that are evolved using ...

The Einstein Toolkit code uses the same rule – the only place where the evolved $\bar{\Gamma}^i$ are used is in computing the $\partial_j \bar{\Gamma}^i$ terms in the equation for \bar{R}_{ij} , that is equation (18) of the Phys Rev D (62) 044034 paper.

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from shared import *
     import cdblib
     jsonfile = 'bssn-eqtns-14.json'
     cdblib.create (jsonfile)
     Rphi := -2 DBar_{a b}{\phi} - 2 gBar_{a b} gBar^{c d} DBar_{c d}{\phi}
             +4 DBar_{a}{\phi} DBar_{b}{\phi} - 4 gBar_{a b} gBar_{c d} DBar_{c}{\phi}.
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11
                                                               # cdb(eq15.prd,Rphi)
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     RBar := - (1/2) gBar^{1 m} \partial_{1 m}{gBar_{a b}}
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             + (1/2) gBar_{k a} \partial_{b}{GammaBar^{k}}
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             + (1/2) gBar_{k b} \partial_{a}{GammaBar^{k}}
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             + (1/2) GammaBar^{k} GammaBar_{a b k}
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             + (1/2) GammaBar^{k} GammaBar_{b a k}
18
             + gBar^{l m} gBar^{k e} ( GammaBar_{e l a} GammaBar_{b k m}
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                                       + GammaBar_{e l b} GammaBar_{a k m}
20
                                       + GammaBar_{k a m} GammaBar_{e l b}).
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22
                                                               # cdb(eq18.prd,RBar)
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24
     defRab := R_{a b} -> Q(Rphi) + Q(RBar).
25
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     Rab := RBar_{a b} + Rphi_{a b}.
                                                               # cdb(eq14.01, Rab)
27
     Rab := R_{ab}.
                                                               # cdb(eq14.00, Rab)
28
29
     substitute (Rab, defRab)
                                                               # cdb(eq14.02, Rab)
     substitute (Rab, defDBar1)
                                                               # cdb(eq14.03, Rab)
31
     substitute (Rab, defDBar2)
                                                               # cdb(eq14.04, Rab)
32
     substitute (Rab, defGamma2GammaBar)
                                                               # cdb(eq14.05, Rab)
33
                                                               # cdb(eq14.06, Rab)
     distribute (Rab)
34
     eliminate_kronecker (Rab)
                                                               # cdb(eq14.07, Rab)
35
36
     Rab = product_sort (Rab)
                                                               # cdb(eq14.08, Rab)
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rename_dummies (Rab)
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.09, Rab)
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.10, Rab)
     canonicalise
                      (Rab)
41
     foo := GammaBar^{a} GammaBar_{b c a} -> gBar^{d e} GammaBar^{a}_{d e} GammaBar_{b c a}.
42
43
     substitute (Rab, foo)
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.11, Rab)
44
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.12, Rab)
     substitute (Rab, defGBarSq)
     substitute (Rab, defGammaBarD)
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.13, Rab)
     substitute (Rab, defGammaBarU)
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.14, Rab)
     distribute (Rab)
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.15, Rab)
48
49
     foo := \frac{a}{gBar_{b c}} gBar_{b c} -> 0. # follows from det(g) = 1
50
51
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.16, Rab)
     substitute (Rab,foo)
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.17, Rab)
     canonicalise (Rab)
54
     foo := gBar^{b e} gBar^{c f} \operatorname{partial}_{a}{gBar_{b c}} -> - \operatorname{partial}_{a}{gBar^{e f}}.
55
     bah := gBar^{e b} gBar^{f c} \operatorname{partial}_{a}{gBar_{b c}} -> - \operatorname{partial}_{a}{gBar^{e f}}.
     moo := gBar^{e b} gBar^{c f} \operatorname{partial}_{a}{gBar_{b c}} \rightarrow - \operatorname{partial}_{a}{gBar^{e f}}.
     substitute (Rab,foo)
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.18, Rab)
59
     substitute (Rab,bah)
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.19, Rab)
60
     substitute (Rab,moo)
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.20, Rab)
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     Rab = product_sort (Rab)
                                                                   # cdb(eq14.21, Rab)
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                                                                   # cdb(eq14.99, Rab)
64
65
     defRab := R_{a b} -> @(Rab). # used later in bssn-ricci-scalar.tex
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67
     cdblib.put ('Rab',Rab,jsonfile)
68
     cdblib.put ('defRab',defRab,jsonfile)
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$$\begin{split} R_{ab} &= \bar{R}_{ab} + R^b_{ab} &= (\text{eq}14.01) \\ &= -2D_{ab}\phi - 2g_{ab}g^{cd}D_{cd}\phi + 4D_{c}\phi D_{b}\phi - 4g_{ab}g^{cd}D_{c}\phi D_{d}\phi - \frac{1}{2}g^{lm}\partial_{lm}g_{ab} + \frac{1}{2}g_{kd}\partial_{b}\Gamma^{k} + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma^{k}\Gamma_{abk} + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma^{k}\Gamma_{bak} \\ &+ j^{lm}g^{kn} \left(\Gamma_{cla}\Gamma_{kkm} + \Gamma_{cb}\Gamma_{akm} + \Gamma_{kam}\Gamma_{clb}\right) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} R_{ab} &= -2\partial_{ab}\phi + 2\Gamma^{a}{}_{ab}\partial_{c}\phi + 12\partial_{a}\phi\partial_{b}\phi - 2\bar{g}_{ab}g^{ad}\partial_{cd}\phi + 2\bar{g}_{ab}g^{ad}\Gamma^{c}{}_{cd}\partial_{c}\phi - 4\bar{g}_{ab}g^{ad}g^{cd}g^{cd}g^{cd}g^{cd}g^{cd}g^{cd}\partial_{cd}g_{ab} + \frac{1}{2}\bar{g}_{ac}\partial_{b}\Gamma^{c} + \frac{1}{2}\bar{g}_{bc}\partial_{b}\Gamma^{c} + \frac{1}{2}\bar{g}^{bc}\Gamma^{c}{}_{cb}\Gamma_{baf} + g^{cd}g^{cd}\Gamma_{bac}\Gamma_{baf} + g^{cd}g^{cd}\Gamma_{bac}\Gamma_{ba}\Gamma_{ba} + g^{cd}g^{cd}\Gamma_{bac}\Gamma_{ba}\Gamma_{ba} + g^{cd}g^{cd}\Gamma_{bac}\Gamma_{ba}\Gamma_{ba} + g^{cd}g^{cd}\Gamma_{bac}\Gamma_{ba}\Gamma_{ba} + g^{cd}g^{cd}\Gamma_{bac}\Gamma_{ba}\Gamma_{ba} + g^{cd}g^{cd}\Gamma_{bac}\Gamma_{ba}\Gamma_{ba} + g^{cd}g^{cd}\Gamma_{bac}\Gamma_{b$$

$$\begin{split} R_{ab} &= -2\partial_{ab}\phi + \bar{g}^{cc}\partial_{a}\bar{g}_{bc}\partial_{c}\phi + \bar{g}^{cc}\partial_{\bar{g}_{ac}}\partial_{c}\phi - \bar{g}^{cc}\partial_{\bar{c}}\bar{g}_{b}\partial_{c}\phi + 12\partial_{a}\phi\partial_{b}\phi - 2\bar{g}_{ab}\bar{g}^{cd}\partial_{cd}\phi + \bar{g}_{ab}\bar{g}^{cd}\bar{g}^{cf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bf}\partial_{c}\partial_{c}\phi - 12\bar{g}_{ab}\bar{g}^{cf}\partial_{c}\partial_{b}\phi - 2\bar{g}_{ab}\bar{g}^{cd}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb} + \bar{g}^{cf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb} + \bar{g}^{cf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb} + \bar{g}^{cf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb} + \bar{g}^{cf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb} + \bar{g}^{cf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb}\partial_{a}\bar{g}_{bf} + \bar{g}^{cf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb}\partial_{a}\bar{g}_{bf} + \bar{g}^{cf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb}\partial_{a}\bar{g}_{bf} + \bar{g}^{cf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb} + \bar{g}^{cf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}_{bb}\partial_{a}\bar{g}_{bf} + \bar{g}^{cf}\partial_{c}\bar{g}$$

There is a single term in this final expression that appears to be neither symmetric in ab nor part of a symmetric pair, namely

$$\partial_b \bar{g}_{cd} \partial_a \bar{g}^{cd}$$

It is, however, easy to show that this term is symmetric in ab. Start by noting that, for any \bar{g}_{ab} ,

$$\partial_a \bar{g}^{cd} = -\bar{g}^{ce} \bar{g}^{df} \partial_a \bar{g}_{ef}$$

Now contract both sides with $\partial_b \bar{g}_{cd}$ to obtain

$$\partial_a \bar{g}^{cd} \partial_b \bar{g}_{cd} = -\bar{g}^{ce} \bar{g}^{df} \partial_a \bar{g}_{ef} \partial_b \bar{g}_{cd}$$

The right hand side is clearly symmetric in *ab* and thus the left hand must also be symmetric in *ab*.