

Exercise 3.5.1

Given

$$R^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g^{\mu\nu} = \kappa T^{\mu\nu} \quad (3.38)$$

Show

$$R^{\mu\nu} = \kappa \left(T^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} T g^{\mu\nu} \right) \quad (3.39)$$

where $T = T^\mu_\mu$.

Solution

$$\text{Recall } R = R^\mu_\mu \quad (3.22)$$

$$R^\mu_\nu - \frac{1}{2} R \delta^\mu_\nu = g_{\nu\sigma} \left(R^{\mu\sigma} - \frac{1}{2} R g^{\mu\sigma} \right) \stackrel{(3.38)}{=} g_{\nu\sigma} \kappa T^{\mu\sigma} = \kappa T^\mu_\nu \quad (a)$$

$$\delta^\mu_\mu = 4 \quad (b)$$

$$-R = R - 2R \stackrel{(3.22)}{=} R^\mu_\mu - \frac{1}{2} R (4) \stackrel{(b)}{=} R^\mu_\mu - \frac{1}{2} R \delta^\mu_\mu \stackrel{(a)}{=} \kappa T^\mu_\mu = \kappa T \quad (c)$$

$$R^{\mu\nu} \stackrel{(3.38)}{=} \kappa T^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} R g^{\mu\nu} \stackrel{(c)}{=} \kappa T^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \kappa T g^{\mu\nu} = \kappa \left(T^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} T g^{\mu\nu} \right) \quad \blacksquare$$