
Null frame vielbeins aligned with null radial geodesics

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A null geodesic is a geodesic, whose tangent vector is a light-like vector everywhere on the geodesic.

That is $x(\lambda)$ is a geodesic and

$$2 \mathcal{L} = g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} = 0$$

for all λ , where λ is an affine parameter along the curve.

In Minkowski spacetime, the nonholonomically constructed null vectors $\{\ell^a, n^a\}$ respectively match the outgoing and ingoing null radial rays.

As an extension of this idea in generic curved spacetimes, $\{\ell^a, n^a\}$ can still be aligned with the tangent vector field of null radial congruence [see Chandrasekhar, The math theory of blackholes]. However, this type of adaption only works for $\{t, r, \theta, \phi\}$, $\{u, r, \theta, \phi\}$ or $\{v, r, \theta, \phi\}$ coordinates where the radial behaviors can be well described, with u and v denote the outgoing (retarded) and ingoing (advanced) null coordinate, respectively.

Comments on NP formalism for the case of family of shear-free, null geodesic light rays spanning the null tetrad.

We are working with a null congruence which is basically a family of null curves; $\ell^a \ell_a = 0$ means that ℓ^a is a null vector field, that is, at every point of the manifold, ℓ^a is tangent to a generator of the light cone at this point. There is an infinite number of possible null vector fields defining curves on the manifold, but not everyone is a geodesic. In the Newman-Penrose formalism, it is possible, if you already have a null vector field ℓ^a to adapt to it a null tetrad, $\{\ell^a, n^a, m^a, \bar{m}^a\}$. Then, one of the directional NP derivatives of the tetrad would be: $\ell^b \nabla_b \ell^a = (\epsilon + \bar{\epsilon}) \ell^a - \bar{\kappa} m^a - \kappa \bar{m}^a$, where ϵ and κ are spin coefficients (which are part of the full set of the components of the Ricci rotation coefficients). The Goldberg-Sachs theorem states that if you have a congruence of null geodesics which are shear-free (which this is basically a way of saying that the family of null rays, when evolve in time, they don't "distort"), then $\kappa = 0$ (and other spin coefficient also is zero, but it is not here). So, the null geodesic equation can be put as $\ell^b \nabla_b \ell^a = (\epsilon + \bar{\epsilon}) \ell^a$, If besides of this, $\epsilon = 0$, you have a congruence of null geodesics that have an affine parameter.

References: Section 2.1.3 (pp 10-12) in J.B. Griffiths, J. Podolský, *Exact Space-Times in Einstein's General Relativity*, Cambridge University Press, 2009, or Null geodesic congruences in Ezra (Ted) Newman and Roger Penrose (2009) *Spin-coefficient formalism*. Scholarpedia, 4(6):7445.

Definitions

We define the most general form of a null frame vielbein with the associated metric. Here we ignore the spherically symmetric radial part $\{\theta, \phi\}$ for $\dot{\theta} = 0, \dot{r} = 0$.

$$\mathbf{e} = \begin{pmatrix} \ell_u & \ell_r \\ n_u & n_r \end{pmatrix}; \quad \eta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{e}^T \cdot \eta \cdot \mathbf{e};$$

The inverse vielbein (not transposed, thus we have \vec{n} and $\vec{\ell}$ vectors as columns):

$$\mathbf{ie} = \text{Inverse}@\mathbf{e};$$

$$\mathbf{ie} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{n_r}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} & -\frac{\ell_r}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} \\ -\frac{n_u}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} & \frac{\ell_u}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} \end{pmatrix}$$

Utility function to display the uninstantiated geometry ("uninstantiated" = the components are without particular values):

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fullInfo[rules_: {}, simplify_: Simplify] := {
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    {gName /. rules, " = ", (conformalFactor (du/dr)^T . g . (du/dr) /. rules // simplify //
      Collect[#, {du, dr}] &)[[1, 1]]},
  Row@{"det ", gName /. rules, " = ", Det[
    conformalFactor g /. rules // simplify]},
  Row@{gName /. rules, " = ", MatrixForm[
    conformalFactor g /. rules // simplify]},
  Row@{"e = ", MatrixForm[e /. rules // simplify]},
  Row@{"det e = ", Det[e /. rules // simplify]},
  Row@{"~{\ell} = ", MatrixForm[{e[[1]] /. rules // simplify}]},
  Row@{"~{n} = ", MatrixForm[{e[[2]] /. rules // simplify}]},
  Row@{"e^{-1} = ", MatrixForm[ie /. rules // simplify]},
  Row@{"~{\vec{\ell}} = ", MatrixForm[ie[[All, 2]] /. rules // simplify]},
  Row@{"~{\vec{n}} = ", MatrixForm[ie[[All, 1]] /. rules // simplify]}
} /. {gName -> "g", conformalFactor -> 1}

Row@Riffle[fullInfo[], " ", ""]
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$$g = -2 dr^2 \ell_r n_r - 2 du^2 \ell_u n_u - 2 dr du (\ell_u n_r + \ell_r n_u), \quad \det g = -\ell_u^2 n_r^2 + 2 \ell_r \ell_u n_r n_u - \ell_r^2 n_u^2,$$

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \ell_u n_u & -\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u \\ -\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u & -2 \ell_r n_r \end{pmatrix}, \quad e = \begin{pmatrix} \ell_u & \ell_r \\ n_u & n_r \end{pmatrix}, \quad \det e = \ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u, \quad \vec{\ell} = (\ell_u \ \ell_r)$$

$$, \quad \vec{n} = (n_u \ n_r), \quad e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n_r}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} & \frac{\ell_r}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} \\ \frac{n_u}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} & \frac{\ell_u}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\ell_r}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} \\ \frac{\ell_u}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n_r}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} \\ \frac{n_u}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} \end{pmatrix}$$

Geodesic equation

The geodesics are obtained by the variational method from the following Lagrangian, [see section 7.6 (and also sections 16.4, 18.3 for examples) in d'Inverno, *Introducing Einstein's Relativity*, Clarendon Press, 1992]:

$$2 \mathcal{L} = \dot{x}^\mu g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\nu$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{pmatrix} u'[\lambda] \\ r'[\lambda] \end{pmatrix} \right)^T \cdot \mathbf{g} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u'[\lambda] \\ r'[\lambda] \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{[[1, 1]] // Simplify;}$$

For the radial null geodesics we have $\mathcal{L} = 0$, $\dot{\theta} = 0$, $\dot{\phi} = 0$. In the following we also assume that the frame fields are independent on the u coordinate. Then,

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Row@{"L = ", L, " = 0"}
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D[L, u'[λ]] == const (* from D[D[L, u'], λ] - D[L, u] == 0 *)
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$$\mathcal{L} = -(\ell_r r'[\lambda] + \ell_u u'[\lambda]) (n_r r'[\lambda] + n_u u'[\lambda]) = 0$$

$$-n_u (\ell_r r'[\lambda] + \ell_u u'[\lambda]) - \ell_u (n_r r'[\lambda] + n_u u'[\lambda]) == \text{const}$$

This gives the “solution” [actually, the vector fields which will yield the solution]:

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vec$l =
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$$\{u'[\lambda], r'[\lambda]\} /. \text{Solve}[\{D[\mathcal{L}, u'[\lambda]] == -1, \mathcal{L} == 0\}, \{u'[\lambda], r'[\lambda]\}] \quad \text{[[1]] // Simplify}$$

$$\left\{ -\frac{\ell_r}{\ell_u^2 n_r - \ell_r \ell_u n_u}, \frac{1}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} \right\}$$

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vec$n =
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$$\{u'[\lambda], r'[\lambda]\} /. \text{Solve}[\{D[\mathcal{L}, u'[\lambda]] == -1, \mathcal{L} == 0\}, \{u'[\lambda], r'[\lambda]\}] \quad \text{[[2]] // Simplify}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{n_r}{\ell_u n_r n_u - \ell_r n_u^2}, \frac{1}{-\ell_u n_r + \ell_r n_u} \right\}$$

Now, scaling of the vector fields by n_u (or ℓ_u) does not influence the stream flow. [That is since the vector fields are autonomous, i.e., they do not depend on λ (just parameterized by λ) so the scaling just reparameterizes λ .] Moreover, the scaling makes the stream flow regular (in the case if n_u or ℓ_u are zero). As a consequence, we can take the vector fields $\vec{\ell}$ and \vec{n} as generators of the radial null geodesics. Of course, this is the expected fact that the null cone field will generate the null geodesics.

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{ℓu, ℓr} vec$l // Simplify
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Row@{"Equal to  $\vec{\ell}$ ? >>> ", (% == ie[[All, 2]] // Simplify)}
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$$\left\{ \frac{\ell_r}{-\ell_u n_r + \ell_r n_u}, \frac{\ell_u}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u} \right\}$$

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Equal to  $\vec{\ell}$ ? >>> True
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{nu, nr} vec$n // Simplify
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Row@{"Equal to  $\vec{n}$ ? >>> ", (% == ie[[All, 1]] // Simplify)}
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$$\left\{ \frac{n_r}{\ell_u n_r - \ell_r n_u}, \frac{n_u}{-\ell_u n_r + \ell_r n_u} \right\}$$

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Equal to  $\vec{n}$ ? >>> True
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Examples

Null tetrad for Schwarzschild metric in Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates

Ingoing chart (v, r)

The ingoing Eddington–Finkelstein coordinates are obtained by replacing the coordinate t with the new coordinate $v = t + r^*$. The metric in these coordinates can be written:

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right) dv^2 + 2 dv dr + r^2 d\Omega^2.$$

One needs to remember, though, that v (usually called an **advanced time**) is a lightlike coordinate (neither spatial nor temporal). For a second coordinate, we can choose the familiar coordinate r . The congruence of ingoing radial null geodesics is given by $v = \text{constant}$, i.e., coordinate lines of constant v , representing ingoing radial null rays, are plotted on a 45-degree slant, just as they would be in flat spacetime.

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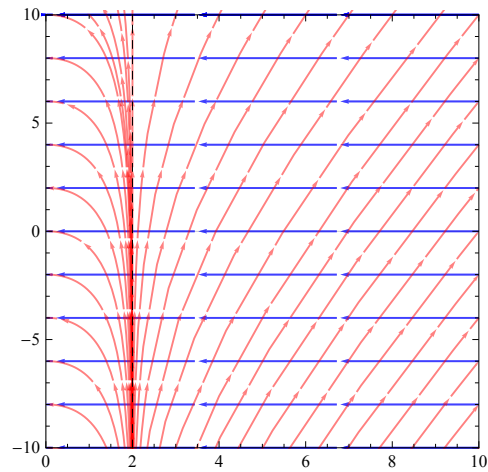
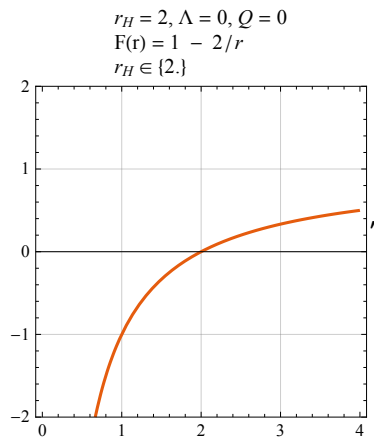
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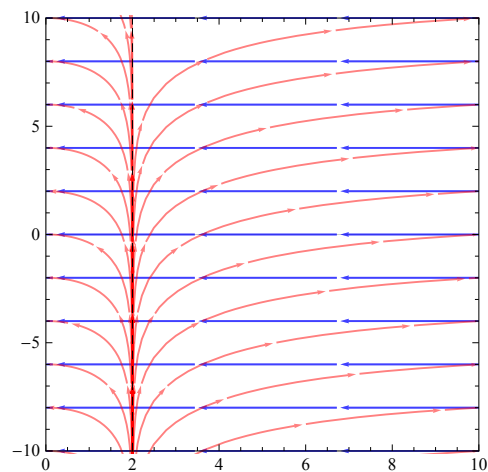
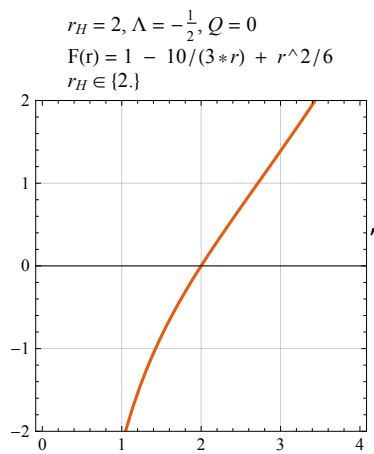
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$$, \quad \tilde{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{F}{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

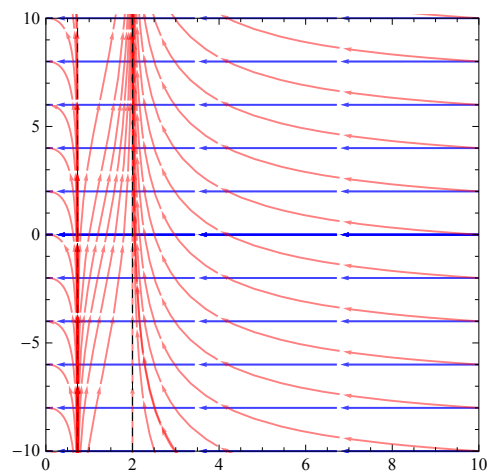
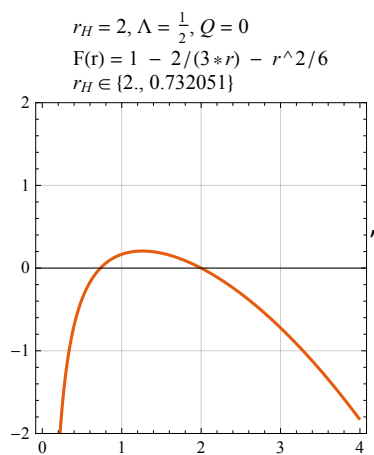
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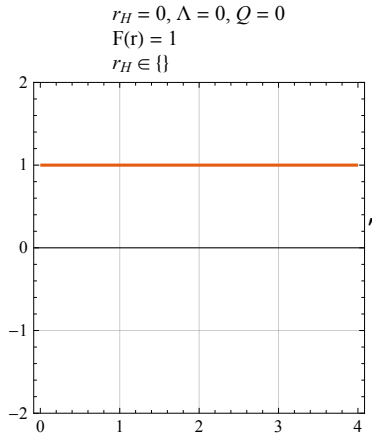


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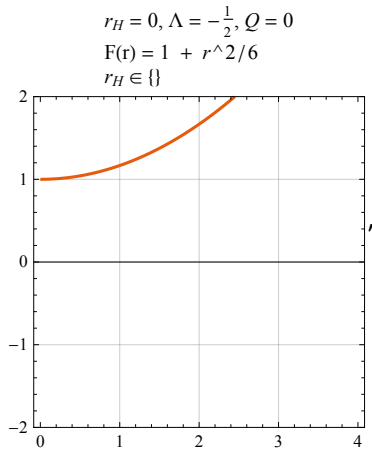
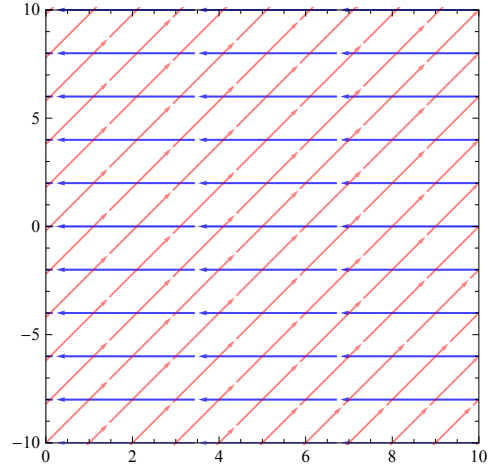


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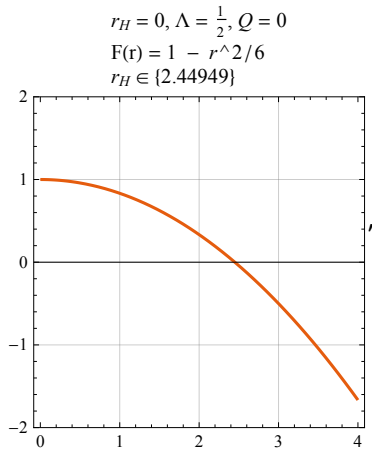
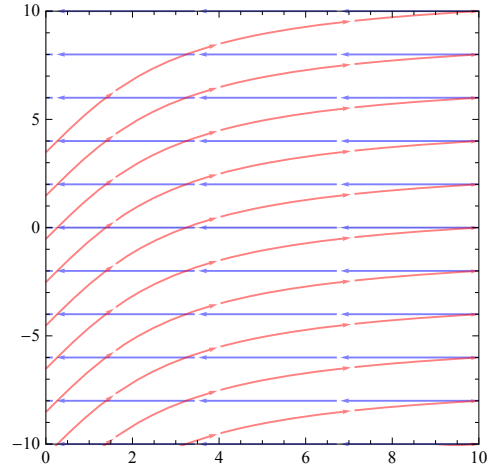




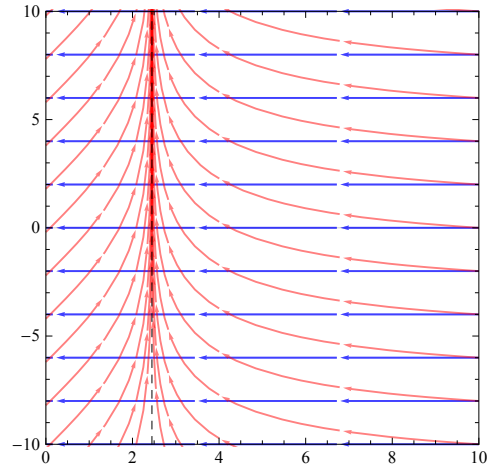
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Outgoing chart (u, r)

Another type of the Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates are (u, r) , where $u = t - r^*$ is the **retarded time**. The congruence of outgoing radial null geodesics is given by $u = \text{constant}$.

The outgoing Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates are obtained by replacing t with the null coordinate $u = t - r^*$. The metric is then given by,

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right) du^2 - 2 du dr + r^2 d\Omega^2.$$

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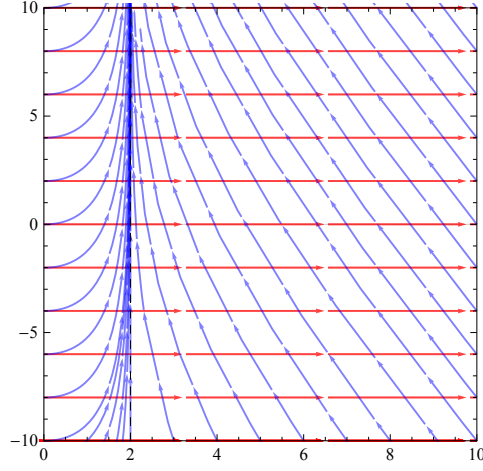
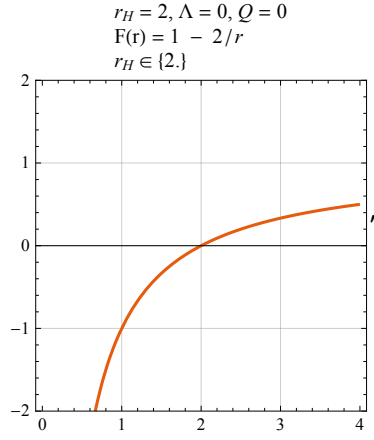
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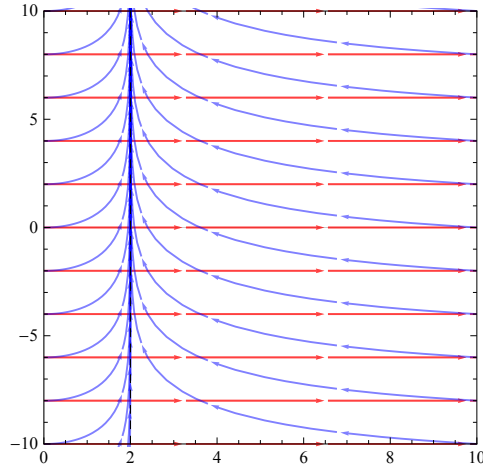
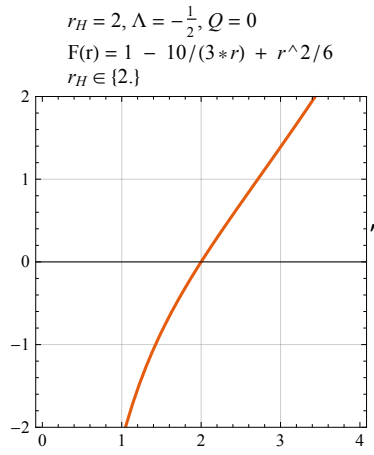
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$$, \tilde{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{F}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

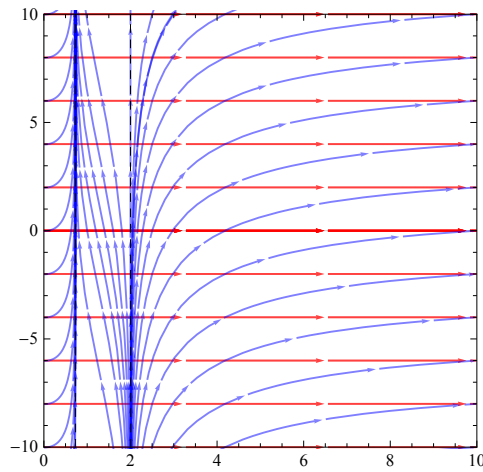
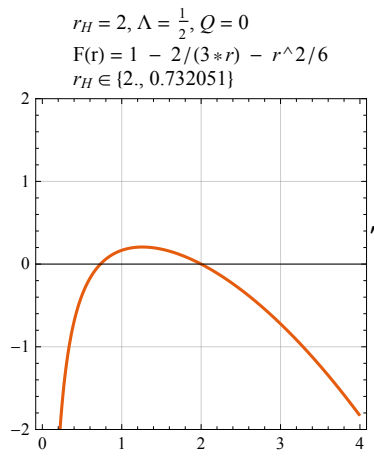
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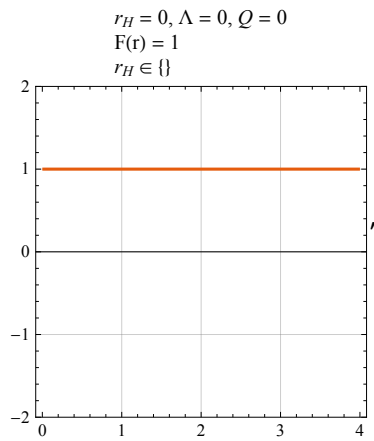


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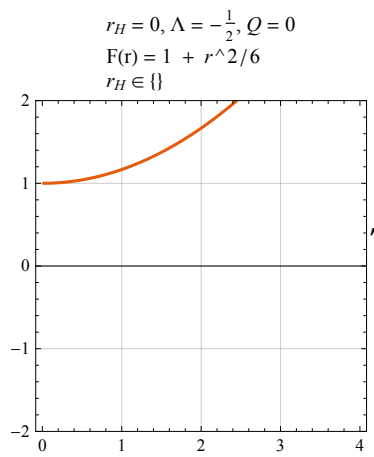
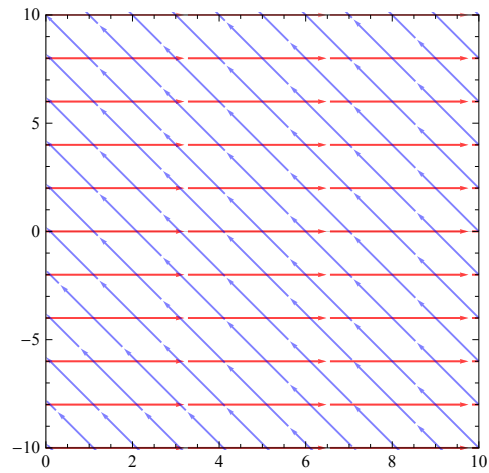


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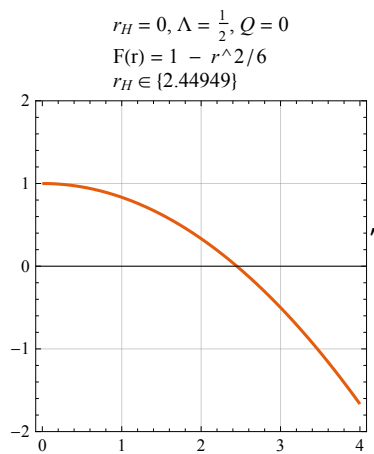
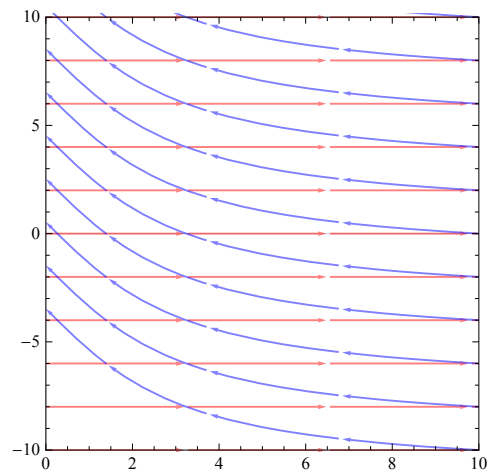




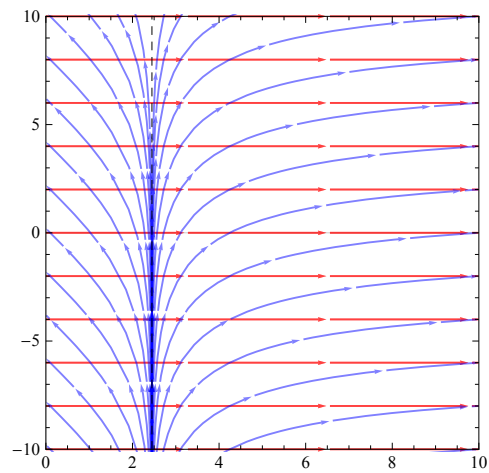
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Bim BH metric g in the ingoing chart (v, r)

`fullInfo@{n_r → 0, n_u → - (e^{q/2}), l_r → - (1), l_u → \frac{1}{2} e^{q/2} F} /.`

`{dr → dr, du → dv} // Simplify`

$$\{g = 2 dr dv e^{q/2} - dv^2 e^q F, \det g = -e^q, g = \begin{pmatrix} -e^q F & e^{q/2} \\ e^{q/2} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{q/2} F & -1 \\ e^{q/2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \det e = e^{q/2}, \tilde{l} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{q/2} F & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\tilde{n} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{q/2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-q/2} \\ -1 & \frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{l} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-q/2} \\ \frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \}$$

`% /. {q → 0} // Simplify`

$$\{g = dv (2 dr - dv F), \det g = -1, g = \begin{pmatrix} -F & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{F}{2} & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \det e = 1,$$

$$\tilde{l} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{F}{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{l} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \}$$

Bim BH metric f in the ingoing chart (v, r)

`fullInfo@{gName → "f", n_r → e^{q/2} \Sigma \tau e^{-q/2} \frac{\Sigma - \tau}{F \Sigma \tau}, n_u → -e^{q/2} \Sigma \tau \left(-\frac{1}{\Sigma} \right),`

`l_r → -e^{q/2} \Sigma \tau \left(e^{-q/2} \frac{\Sigma + \tau}{2 \Sigma \tau} \right), l_u → e^{q/2} \Sigma \tau \frac{1}{2 \Sigma} F} /. {dr → dr, du → dv} // Simplify`

$$\{f = 2 dr dv e^{q/2} \tau^2 - dv^2 e^q F \tau^2 + \frac{dr^2 (\Sigma^2 - \tau^2)}{F}, \det f = -e^q \Sigma^2 \tau^2,$$

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} -e^q F \tau^2 & e^{q/2} \tau^2 \\ e^{q/2} \tau^2 & \frac{(\Sigma - \tau)(\Sigma + \tau)}{F} \end{pmatrix}, e = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{q/2} F \tau & \frac{1}{2} (-\Sigma - \tau) \\ e^{q/2} \tau & \frac{\Sigma - \tau}{F} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\det e = e^{q/2} \Sigma \tau, \tilde{l} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{q/2} F \tau & \frac{1}{2} (-\Sigma - \tau) \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{n} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{q/2} \tau & \frac{\Sigma - \tau}{F} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-q/2} (\Sigma - \tau)}{F \Sigma \tau} & \frac{e^{-q/2} (\Sigma + \tau)}{2 \Sigma \tau} \\ -\frac{1}{\Sigma} & \frac{F}{2 \Sigma} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{l} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-q/2} (\Sigma + \tau)}{2 \Sigma \tau} \\ \frac{F}{2 \Sigma} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-q/2} (\Sigma - \tau)}{F \Sigma \tau} \\ -\frac{1}{\Sigma} \end{pmatrix} \}$$

`% /. {q → 0, \Sigma → 1, \tau → 1, R → 1} // Simplify`

$$\{f = dv (2 dr - dv F), \det f = -1, f = \begin{pmatrix} -F & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{F}{2} & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \det e = 1,$$

$$\tilde{l} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{F}{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{l} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \}$$

Bim BH metric g in the outgoing chart (u, r)

`fullInfo@{n_r → 0, n_u → -(-e^{q/2}), l_r → +(1), l_u → \frac{1}{2} e^{q/2} F} /.`

`{dr → dr, du → du} // Simplify`

$$\{g = -2 dr du e^{q/2} - du^2 e^q F, \det g = -e^q, g = \begin{pmatrix} -e^q F & -e^{q/2} \\ -e^{q/2} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{q/2} F & 1 \\ e^{q/2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \det e = -e^{q/2}, \tilde{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{q/2} F & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\tilde{n} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{q/2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-q/2} \\ 1 & -\frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-q/2} \\ -\frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \}$$

`% /. {q → 0} // Simplify`

$$\{g = -du (2 dr + du F), \det g = -1, g = \begin{pmatrix} -F & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{F}{2} & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\det e = -1, \tilde{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{F}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \}$$

Bim BH metric f in the outgoing chart (u, r)

`fullInfo@{gName → "f", n_r → -e^{q/2} \Sigma \tau e^{-q/2} \frac{\Sigma - \tau}{F \Sigma \tau}, n_u → -e^{q/2} \Sigma \tau \left(-\frac{1}{\Sigma} \right),`

`l_r → e^{q/2} \Sigma \tau \left(e^{-q/2} \frac{\Sigma + \tau}{2 \Sigma \tau} \right), l_u → e^{q/2} \Sigma \tau \frac{1}{2 \Sigma} F} /. {dr → dr, du → du} // Simplify`

$$\{f = -2 dr du e^{q/2} \tau^2 - du^2 e^q F \tau^2 + \frac{dr^2 (\Sigma^2 - \tau^2)}{F},$$

$$\det f = -e^q \Sigma^2 \tau^2, f = \begin{pmatrix} -e^q F \tau^2 & -e^{q/2} \tau^2 \\ -e^{q/2} \tau^2 & \frac{(\Sigma - \tau)(\Sigma + \tau)}{F} \end{pmatrix}, e = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{q/2} F \tau & \frac{\Sigma + \tau}{2} \\ e^{q/2} \tau & \frac{-\Sigma + \tau}{F} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\det e = -e^{q/2} \Sigma \tau, \tilde{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{q/2} F \tau & \frac{\Sigma + \tau}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{n} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{q/2} \tau & \frac{-\Sigma + \tau}{F} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-q/2} (\Sigma - \tau)}{F \Sigma \tau} & \frac{e^{-q/2} (\Sigma + \tau)}{2 \Sigma \tau} \\ \frac{1}{\Sigma} & -\frac{F}{2 \Sigma} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-q/2} (\Sigma + \tau)}{2 \Sigma \tau} \\ -\frac{F}{2 \Sigma} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-q/2} (\Sigma - \tau)}{F \Sigma \tau} \\ \frac{1}{\Sigma} \end{pmatrix} \}$$

`% /. {q → 0, \Sigma → 1, \tau → 1, R → 1} // Simplify`

$$\{f = -du (2 dr + du F), \det f = -1, f = \begin{pmatrix} -F & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{F}{2} & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\det e = -1, \tilde{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{F}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{F}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \}$$

Part 2: pp-Wave

The Schwarzschild metric in the chart $\{u, r, \theta, \phi\}$ with $F = F(r)$ has the similar structure as the pp-wave metric in $\{u, v, x, y\}$ with $F = F(u, x, y)$ (especially if we put x, y on a cylinder).

Let us introduce the light-cone coordinate system (u, v, \vec{r}) , where $u = t - z$, $v = t + z$ and $\vec{r} = (x, y)$. Here, v is an advanced while u is a retarded coordinate.

$$u = t - z, v = t + z \implies t = (u + v)/2, z = (v - u)/2,$$

$$u\text{-axis: } v = \text{const} = 0, u = p \in \mathbb{R} \implies t = p/2, z = -p/2,$$

$$v\text{-axis: } u = \text{const} = 0, v = p \in \mathbb{R} \implies t = p/2, z = p/2.$$

In these coordinates, a generic pp-wave spacetime has the following metric:

$$ds^2 = -du dv + F(u, r) du^2 + dr^2.$$

This geometry enjoys the null Killing vector ∂_v .

The following profile of a **sandwich wave** solves the MGr EoM (see X.O. Camanho, G.L. Gómez, R. Rahman, *Causality Constraints on Massive Gravity*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1610.02033>):

$$F = A(u)K_0(m|\vec{x}|)$$

$$A(u) = \begin{cases} a \exp\left[-\frac{\lambda^2 u^2}{(u^2 - \lambda^2)^2}\right] & \text{if } u \in [-\lambda, \lambda], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

The sandwich wave moves at the speed of light in the v -direction (i.e., in the z -direction since: $v = t + z$). Its amplitude and width are defined by a and λ respectively.

Remark. We choose the amplitude a such that the integral of $\int_{-\lambda}^{\lambda} A(u) du$ is λ . This amounts to the choice $a \approx 0.933$. We also choose the width λ to be larger than the resolution length of the effective field theory: $\lambda > 1/\Lambda$. The latter choice is possible for a very large energy of the source: $E \gg \Lambda$. This situation is completely acceptable and does not at all invalidate the effective field theory description. (The situation is analogous to having a macroscopic (super-Planckian) black hole in General Relativity.)

$$\text{Fg}[u_, r_, a_, \lambda_, m_] := \text{A}[u, a, \lambda] \begin{cases} \text{BesselK}[0, m \text{Abs}[r]] & m \text{Abs}[r] \geq 10^{-30} \\ 70 & \text{True} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{A}[u_, a_, \lambda_] := \begin{cases} a \text{Exp}\left[-\frac{\lambda^2 u^2}{(u^2 - \lambda^2)^2}\right] & -\lambda < u < \lambda \\ 0 & \text{True} \end{cases}$$

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If[False, Manipulate[
  SliceDensityPlot3D[
    Fg[(u*)t - z, (r*)(x^2 + y^2)^1/2, 0.93, 1, 1],
    Thread[(-z) == Subdivide[-3, 3, 10]],
    {z, -3, 3}, {x, -2, 2}, {y, -2, 2}, AxesLabel -> {z, x, y}, BoxRatios -> {2, 1, 1},
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      (Directive[Blue, Opacity@Rescale[#, {0.1, 1}, {0.15, 0.8}]] &),
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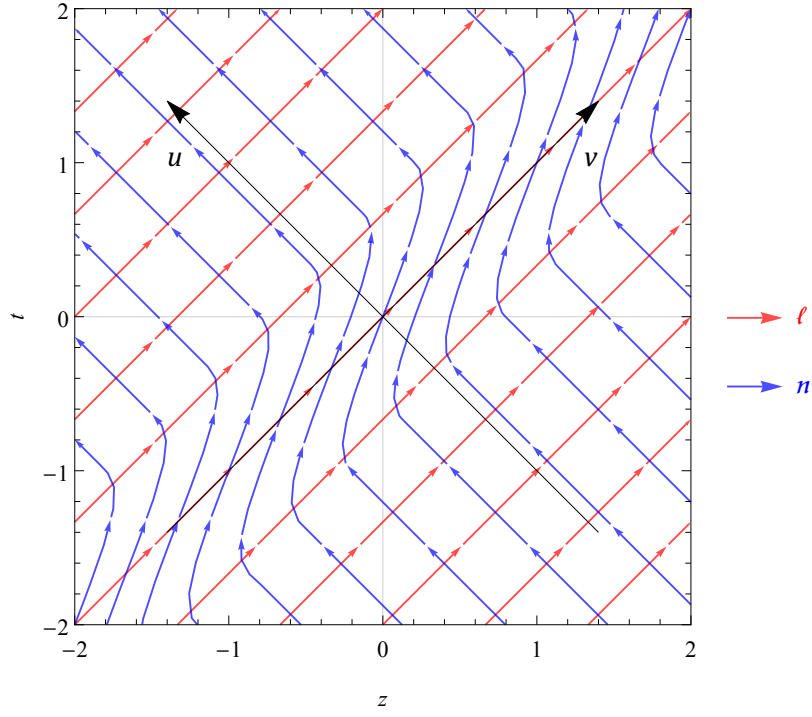
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Block[
  {F, v$, v$, plot, r = 0.1, range = 1},
  F = Fg[N@u, N@r, 0.93, 1., 1.];
  (* t = ( v - u ) / 2, z = ( u + v ) / 2 *)
  v$[z_, t_] = {#[[2]] - #[[1]], #[[1]] + #[[2]]} / 2 &@({0, 21/2} /. {u → t - z, v → t + z});
  v$[z_, t_] = {#[[2]] - #[[1]], #[[1]] + #[[2]]} / 2 &@({21/2, 21/2 F} /. {u → t - z, v → t + z});
  plot = Show[
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      {z, -2 range, 2 range}, {t, -2 range, 2 range}, FrameLabel → {z, t},
      PlotTheme → "Scientific",
      PlotRange → {{-2, 2}, {-2, 2}} range,
      StreamStyle → {Opacity[0.7], Red},
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      PlotLegends → Placed[{Style[ℓ, 14, Red]}, Right],
      WorkingPrecision → 30, BaseStyle → {FontFamily → "Cambria", 12}
    ],
    StreamPlot[v$[z, t],
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    ],
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      Arrow[1.4 {{-1, -1}, {1, 1}}], Text[Style[v, 15], 1.5 {0.9, 0.7}],
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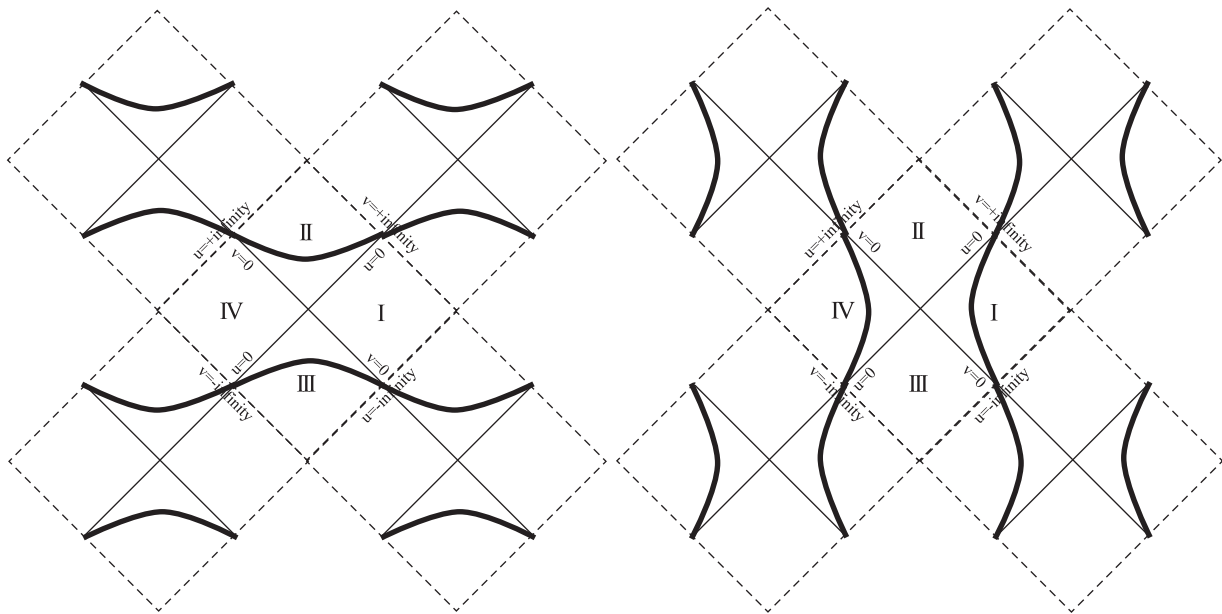
$$\left\{ g = -du dv + du^2 F, \det g = -\frac{1}{4}, g = \begin{pmatrix} F & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{F}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \det e = \frac{1}{2}, \right.$$

$$\left. \tilde{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{F}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ \sqrt{2} F & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} F \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

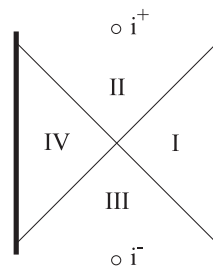
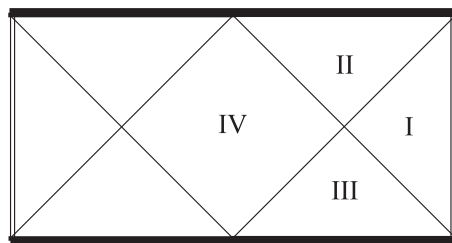


de Sitter & anti de Sitter Penrose-Carter diagrams

The Penrose-Carter diagrams for the de Sitter spacetime (left below) and the anti-de Sitter spacetime (right below). The same copies of the basic portion are attached at the dashed lines. Thick curves correspond to the (A)dS infinity. Observe that the AdS infinity is *timelike*.



Each diagram below is obtained from one maximally extended portion in the corresponding upper diagram. The double lines in the lower left diagram are identified. The isolated points i^+ and i^- in the lower right diagram are future and past timelike infinities, respectively. (See: G.W. Gibbons, S.W. Hawking, *Cosmological event horizons, thermodynamics, and particle creation*, Physical Review D. 15 (1977) 2738–2751.)



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Schwarzschild

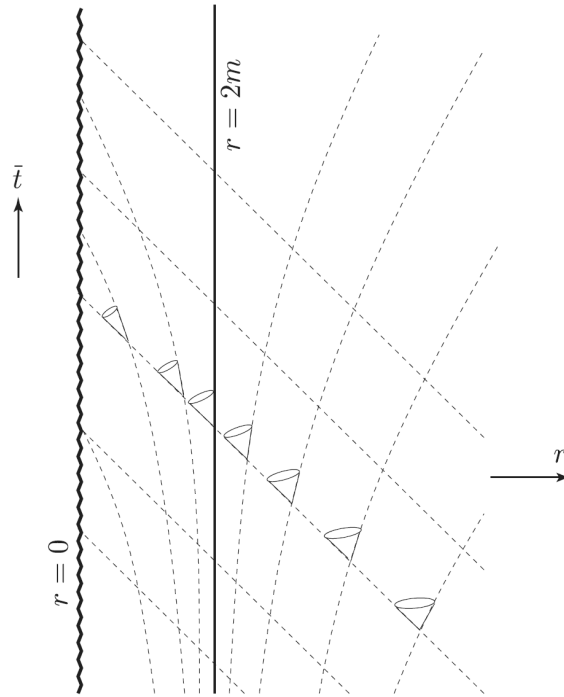


Fig. 8.1 Radial null geodesics in Eddington–Finkelstein coordinates with θ and ϕ constant. Ingoing null geodesics are represented by lines on which $\bar{t} + r = \text{const.}$, while null geodesics propagating in the opposite direction have increasing values of r for $r > 2m$, but decreasing values for $r < 2m$. Some future light cones are also indicated.

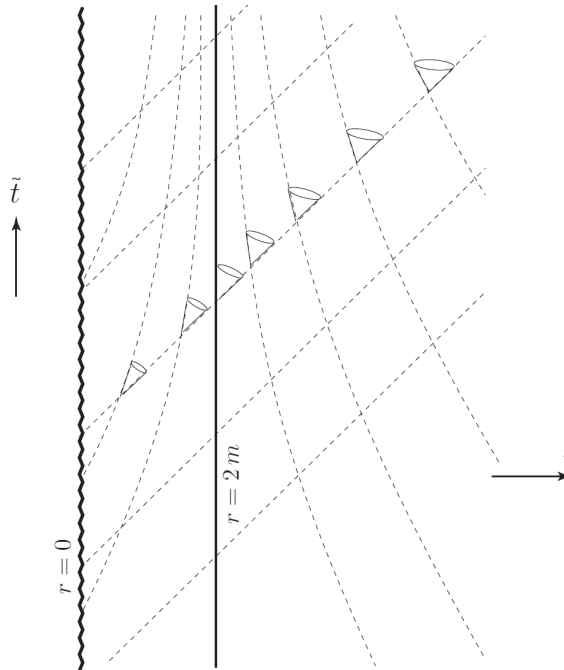


Fig. 8.3 Radial null geodesics in Eddington–Finkelstein-like coordinates with θ and ϕ constant for the Schwarzschild space-time interpreted as a white hole. Some outgoing and ingoing null geodesics and some future light cones are indicated.

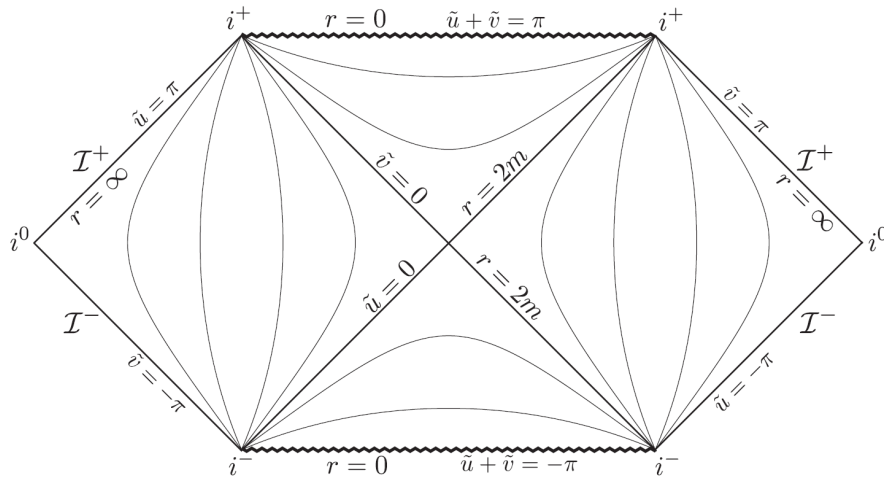


Fig. 8.5 Penrose diagram for the complete Schwarzschild space-time. The θ and ϕ coordinates are suppressed so that each point represents a 2-sphere of radius r . All lines shown are hypersurfaces on which r is a constant.

Schwarzschild when $m < 0$

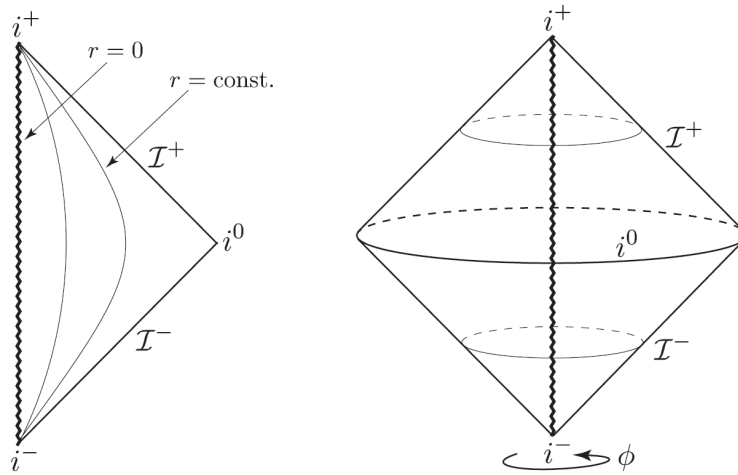


Fig. 8.8 Penrose and conformal diagrams for the Schwarzschild space-time when $m < 0$. In this case, there is a globally naked timelike singularity at $r = 0$.

de Sitter

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{\Lambda}{3}R^2\right)dT^2 + \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda}{3}R^2\right)^{-1}dR^2 + R^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2). \quad (4.9)$$

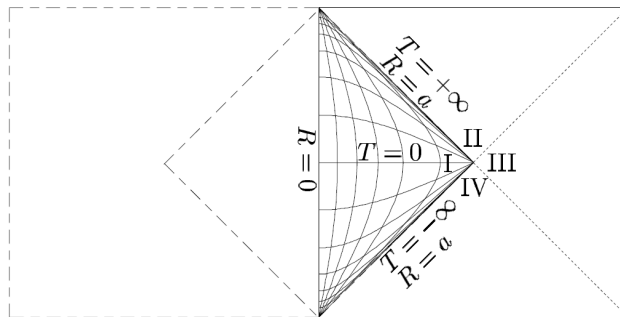


Fig. 4.5 The Penrose diagram of de Sitter space-time with static spherically symmetric coordinates. Each point represents a 2-sphere spanned by θ, ϕ .

Anti de Sitter

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 + \frac{R^2}{a^2}\right) dT^2 + \left(1 + \frac{R^2}{a^2}\right)^{-1} dR^2 + R^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2), \quad (5.6)$$

$$ds^2 = -dt_{-1}^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \frac{t_{-1}}{a} (d\rho^2 + \sinh^2 \rho (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)). \quad (5.18)$$

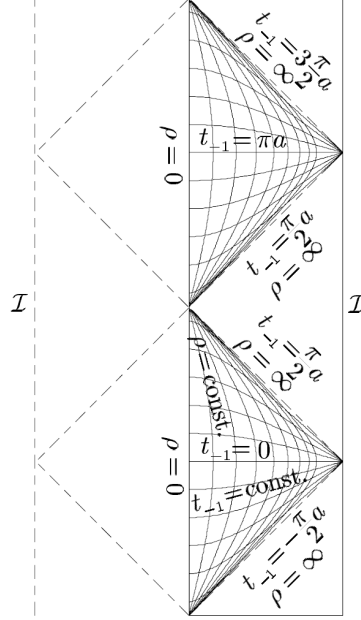


Fig. 5.8 The Penrose diagram of the part of anti-de Sitter space-time covered by the coordinates $(t_{-1}, \rho, \theta, \phi)$. Each point represents a 2-sphere spanned by θ, ϕ .

Schwarzschild - de Sitter

Now consider the generalisation of the Schwarzschild solution which, in addition to mass parameter m , includes an arbitrary cosmological constant Λ . The metric for this case was discovered by Kottler (1918), Weyl (1919b) and Trefftz (1922), and can be written in the form

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2m}{r} - \frac{\Lambda}{3}r^2\right) dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2m}{r} - \frac{\Lambda}{3}r^2\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2), \quad (9.26)$$

where, $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$, $r \in (0, \infty)$, $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ and $\phi \in [0, 2\pi)$. This clearly reduces to the Schwarzschild metric (8.1) when $\Lambda = 0$, and to the de Sitter or anti-de Sitter metrics in their spherically symmetric forms (4.9) or (5.6) when $m = 0$. When $m \neq 0$, it has a curvature singularity at $r = 0$.

$$g_{tt}(r) = \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\Lambda}{3} r^3 - r + 2m \right), \quad (9.27)$$

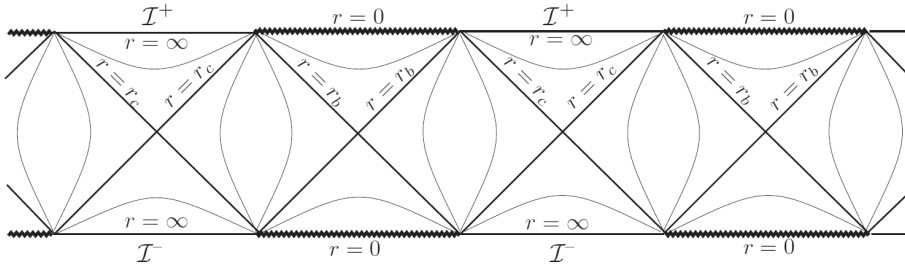


Fig. 9.11 A schematic Penrose diagram for the Schwarzschild–de Sitter space-time when $0 < 9\Lambda m^2 < 1$. This contains an infinite sequence of Schwarzschild-like and de Sitter-like regions. All lines shown have constant values of r .

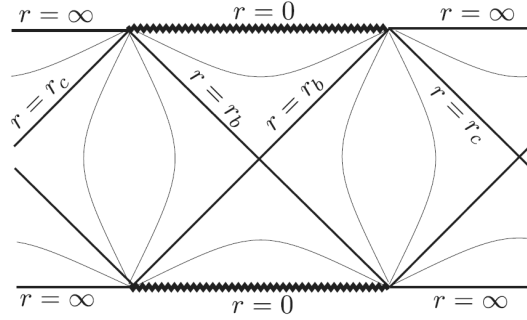


Fig. 9.12 A schematic Penrose diagram for the Schwarzschild–de Sitter space-time in which the spatial edges are identified. This would represent a single Schwarzschild-like black/white hole in a single de Sitter-like universe.

Schwarzschild - Anti de Sitter

For the case when $\Lambda < 0$, it can be seen that the metric function (9.27) must have just a single positive root. This follows from the fact that the sum of the roots must be zero, and that $\frac{\Lambda}{3}r^3 - r + 2m$ is positive when $r = 0$. (We are assuming here that $0 < r < \infty$, and that $m > 0$, so that the space-time has a traditional Schwarzschild limit as $\Lambda \rightarrow 0$.) This single root r_b corresponds to a Schwarzschild-like black/white hole horizon.

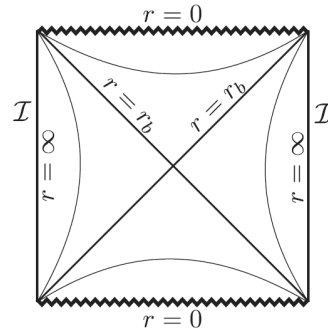


Fig. 9.14 A schematic Penrose diagram for the Schwarzschild–anti-de Sitter space-time. In this case, conformal infinity is timelike.

pp-wave

The family of *pp*-wave space-times was first discussed by Brinkmann (1925), and interpreted in terms of gravitational waves by Peres (1959). Using a coordinate u to label the null wave surfaces such that $k_\mu = -u_{,\mu}$, and an affine parameter r defined such that $\mathbf{k} = \partial_r$, the metric for any vacuum, aligned null electromagnetic or pure radiation *pp*-wave space-time can be written in the Brinkmann form

$$ds^2 = -2 du dr - 2H(\zeta, \bar{\zeta}, u) du^2 + 2 d\zeta d\bar{\zeta}, \quad (17.1)$$

where the complex coordinate ζ spans the wave surfaces, and $H(\zeta, \bar{\zeta}, u)$ is an arbitrary real function.¹ With the additional null vectors $\mathbf{l} = \partial_u - H\partial_r$ and $\mathbf{m} = \partial_{\bar{\zeta}}$, the only non-zero components of the curvature tensor are

$$\Psi_4 = H_{,\zeta\zeta}, \quad \Phi_{22} = H_{,\zeta\bar{\zeta}}. \quad (17.2)$$

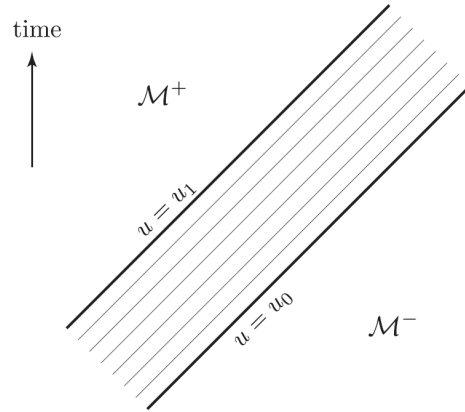


Fig. 17.2 A sandwich wave in which the function $H(\zeta, \bar{\zeta}, u)$ is non-trivial only for $u_0 \leq u \leq u_1$ is joined before and after to two different regions of Minkowski space.