

The Reissner–Nordström Black hole

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Introduction :

A Reissner-Nordström black hole is a theoretical type of black hole characterized by having mass and electric charge, but no spin . It is a static, spherically symmetric solution to the Einstein-Maxwell field equations, describing the gravitational field of a charged, non-rotating body . Discovered between 1916 and 1921, this model differs from a standard Schwarzschild black hole by possessing two horizons when its mass is greater than its charge: an outer event horizon and an inner Cauchy horizon . If the mass and charge are equal, the horizons merge to form an "extremal" black hole . However, if the charge were to exceed the mass, no event horizon could form, which would result in a naked singularity

Electrodynamics in Special Relativity

Maxwell's equations describe the generation and interaction of electric and magnetic fields with each other and by charges and currents. With the electric field \mathbf{E} , magnetic field \mathbf{B} , charge density ρ and current density \mathbf{J} , Maxwell's equations are

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

The Maxwell's equations in covariant form are written as;

$$\begin{aligned}F^{\alpha\beta}_{,\beta} &= -\mu_0 j^\alpha \\ F_{\alpha\beta,\gamma} + F_{\beta\gamma,\alpha} + F_{\gamma\alpha,\beta} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The em stress-energy tensor is given by

$$T^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left(\frac{1}{4} \eta^{\alpha\beta} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} - F^{\alpha\mu} F^\beta{}_\mu \right)$$

The em field tensor is given in the matrix form as:

$$F^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ E_y & B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ E_z & -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Einstein' Field Equation

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

We can write this as also: $R_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}(T_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}Tg_{\alpha\beta})$

Derivation of Reissner-Nordstrom Metric :

In order to derive it, we all use the following assumptions:

1. Static and spherically symmetric body of mass m .
2. The body is charged with charge of Q .
3. There is only an em field only and vacuum outside this mass.
4. The spacetime is asymptotically flat, which means $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} g_{\mu\nu}(r) = \eta_{\mu\nu}$.
5. As $Q \rightarrow 0$, this metric reduces to the Schwarzschild metric.

Let's assume the form of the spacetime metric for the charged blackhole is as follow:

$$ds^2 = A(t, r) c^2 dt^2 - B(t, r) dr^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$$

The corresponding metric tensor $g_{\alpha\beta}$ in coordinates (t, r, θ, ϕ)

$$\text{is: } g_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} A(t, r) c^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -B(t, r) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -r^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Calculation of Christoffel Symbols Components

In order to calculate the Christoffel symbols, we use the following equation:

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}g^{\lambda\mu} (\partial_{\alpha}g_{\beta\mu} + \partial_{\beta}g_{\mu\alpha} - \partial_{\mu}g_{\alpha\beta})$$

To calculate Γ_{00}^0 , we use the general formula for Christoffel symbols:

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}g^{\lambda\rho} (\partial_{\mu}g_{\rho\nu} + \partial_{\nu}g_{\rho\mu} - \partial_{\rho}g_{\mu\nu})$$

Substituting $\lambda = 0, \mu = 0, \nu = 0$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{00}^0 &= \frac{1}{2}g^{0\rho} (\partial_0g_{\rho 0} + \partial_0g_{\rho 0} - \partial_{\rho}g_{00}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}g^{0\rho} (2\partial_0g_{\rho 0} - \partial_{\rho}g_{00})\end{aligned}$$

Assuming a diagonal metric such that $g_{\rho 0} = 0$ for $\rho \neq 0$, and only $g_{00} \neq 0$, we consider only $\rho = 0$ term:

$$\Gamma_{00}^0 = \frac{1}{2}g^{00} (2\partial_0g_{00} - \partial_0g_{00}) = \frac{1}{2}g^{00}\partial_0g_{00}$$

$$\Gamma_{00}^0 = \frac{1}{2}g^{00}\partial_0g_{00} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{A}\frac{1}{c}\partial_t A = \frac{\dot{A}}{2AC}$$

Similarly all other non-zero Christoffel symbols can be calculated and they are written below:

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1. \Gamma_{00}^0 = \frac{\dot{A}}{2AC} & 3. \Gamma_{01}^0 = \Gamma_{10}^0 = \frac{A'}{2A} \\ 2. \Gamma_{01}^1 = \Gamma_{10}^1 = \frac{\dot{B}}{2Bc} & 4. \Gamma_{12}^2 = \Gamma_{21}^2 = \frac{1}{r} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
5. \Gamma_{13}^3 = \Gamma_{31}^3 = \frac{1}{r} & 9. \Gamma_{00}^1 = \frac{A'}{2B} \\
6. \Gamma_{23}^3 = \Gamma_{32}^3 = \cot\theta & 10. \Gamma_{11}^1 = \frac{B'}{2B} \\
7. \Gamma_{33}^2 = -\sin\theta\cos\theta & 11. \Gamma_{22}^1 = \frac{-r}{B} \\
8. \Gamma_{11}^0 = \frac{\dot{B}}{2Ac} & 12. \Gamma_{33}^1 = \frac{-r\sin^2\theta}{B}
\end{array}$$

Please note that prime(') represents derivative w.r.t. r and dot(.) represents derivative w.r.t. time t .

1 Calculation of Ricci tensor components

The Ricci Tensor is given by:

$$R_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\mu \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu - \partial_\beta \Gamma_{\alpha\mu}^\mu + \Gamma_{\nu\beta}^\mu \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\nu - \Gamma_{\nu\beta}^\mu \Gamma_{\alpha\mu}^\nu$$

To Calculate R_{01} ,

$$R_{01} = \partial_\mu \Gamma_{01}^\mu - \partial_1 \Gamma_{0\mu}^\mu + \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\mu \Gamma_{01}^\nu - \Gamma_{\nu 1}^\mu \Gamma_{0\mu}^\nu$$

Using non-zero values of Christoffel symbols, we get

$$R_{01} = \frac{\dot{B}}{Brc}$$

similarly we get all the non-zero components of the Ricci Tensor:

$$R_{00} = -\frac{A'}{4B} \left(\frac{A'}{A} + \frac{B'}{B} \right) + \frac{A''}{2B} + \frac{A''}{Br} - \frac{\ddot{B}}{4Bc^2} + \frac{\dot{B}}{4Bc^2} \left(\frac{\dot{A}}{A} - \frac{\dot{B}}{B} \right)$$

$$R_{11} = \frac{A'}{4A} \left(\frac{A'}{a} + \frac{B'}{B} \right) - \frac{A''}{2A} + \frac{B'}{Br} - \frac{\ddot{B}}{2Ac^2} - \frac{\dot{B}}{4Ac^2} \left(\frac{\dot{A}}{A} - \frac{\dot{B}}{B} \right)$$

$$R_{22} = -\frac{r}{2B} \left(\frac{A'}{A} - \frac{B'}{B} \right) - \frac{1}{B} + 1$$

$$R_{33} = R_{22} \sin^2 \theta$$

$$R_{01} = R_{10} = \frac{\dot{B}}{Brc}$$

Due to spherical symmetry, the electric field should have only radial component and so

$$E_r = E_1 = E_1(t, r) = cF_{01} = -cF_{10}$$

All other components are zero since there are no currents or magnetic monopoles. Therefore, we have

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{E_r}{c} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{E_r}{c} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We know that

$$T_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left(\frac{1}{4} g_{\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - g_{\beta\nu} F_{\alpha\mu} F^{\nu\mu} \right)$$

Now we evaluate the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{4}g_{\alpha\beta}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} \\
&= \frac{1}{4}g_{\alpha\beta}(F_{\mu 0}F^{\mu 0} + F_{\mu 1}F^{\mu 1}) \\
&= \frac{1}{4}g_{\alpha\beta}(F_{10}F^{10} + F_{01}F^{01}) = \frac{1}{4}g_{\alpha\beta}(2F_{01}F^{01}) = \frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}F_{01}F^{01}
\end{aligned}$$

and also

$$g_{\beta\nu}F_{\alpha\mu}F^{\nu\mu} = g_{\beta\alpha}F_{\mu 0}F^{\mu 0} + g_{\beta 0}F_{\alpha 1}F^{01}$$

Now we evaluate the corresponding non-zero components of energy-momentum tensor:

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{1}{\mu_0}(\frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}F_{01}F^{01} - g_{\beta 1}F_{\alpha 0}F^{10} - g_{\beta 0}F_{\alpha 1}F^{01}) \\
T_{00} &= -\frac{1}{2\mu_0}AF_{01}F^{01} \\
T_{11} &= \frac{1}{2\mu_0}BF_{01}F^{01} \\
T_{22} &= -\frac{1}{2\mu_0}r^2F_{01}F^{01} \\
T_{33} &= T_{22}\sin^2\theta
\end{aligned}$$

Since $T_{01} = 0$, $R_{01} = R_{10} = 0$

and using a value of R_{10} , we have $\frac{\dot{B}}{Brc} = 0 \Rightarrow B = \text{constant}$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Also, } \frac{T_{00}}{A} + \frac{T_{11}}{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{R_{00}}{A} + \frac{R_{11}}{B} = 0 = \frac{1}{rB}(\frac{A'}{A} + \frac{B'}{B}) \Rightarrow \\
& \frac{A'}{A} + \frac{B'}{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \ln(AB) = 0 \Rightarrow AB = \text{const.} = f(t)
\end{aligned}$$

We have that $A=g_{00}$ and $B = -g_{00} \Rightarrow g_{00} = -\frac{f}{g_{11}}$

Since $F_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\alpha}g_{\nu\beta}F^{\alpha\beta}$

we have : $F_{01} = g_{00}g_{11}F^{01} = -f(t)F^{01}$

We know that : $F_{\alpha\beta;\gamma} + F_{\beta\gamma;\alpha} + F_{\gamma\alpha;\beta} = 0 \Rightarrow F_{01;0} + F_{10;0} + F_{00;1} = 0 \Rightarrow F_{01;0} + F_{10;0} = 0$

We also know that $F^{\alpha\beta}{}_{;\beta} = 0$ and $T^{\alpha\beta}{}_{;r} = \partial_r T^{\alpha\beta} + \Gamma_{\mu\gamma}^{\alpha} T^{\mu\beta} + \Gamma_{\mu\beta}^{\beta} T^{\alpha\mu}$ for $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 0$, we have :
 $0 = \partial_0 F^{10} + C F^{\mu 0} + \Gamma_{\mu 0}^0 F^{1\mu}$

the second and the third terms vanish so that

$$\partial_0 F^{10} = 0 \Rightarrow -\partial_0\left(\frac{E_r}{c}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow E = E(r)$$

therefore, the electric field is time independent

For $\alpha = 0$ and $\beta = 1$, we have : $\partial_1 F^{01} + \Gamma_{\mu\beta}^0 F^{\mu\beta} + \Gamma_{\mu\beta}^{\beta} F^{0\mu} = 0$ -

$$\Gamma_{\mu\beta}^{\beta} F^{0\mu} = \Gamma_{1\beta}^{\beta} F^{01} = F^{01}(\Gamma_{10}^0 + \Gamma_{11}^1 + \Gamma_{12}^2 + \Gamma_{13}^3) = F^{01}\left(\frac{A'}{2A} + \frac{B'}{2B} + \frac{2}{r}\right) = \frac{2}{r} F^{01}$$

and since

$$\frac{A'}{2A} + \frac{B'}{2B} = 0$$

using this in equation (1) we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} F^{01} = -\frac{2}{r} F^{01} \Rightarrow F^{01} = \frac{E_r}{c} = \frac{C}{r^2}, \text{ where } C \text{ is constant of integration}$$

$$\text{By Gauss' law, } E_r = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}, \text{ therefore, } C = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

hence, $E_r = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$ Now since $T=0$, we have : $R_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\alpha\beta}$ using values of R_{22} and T_{22} , and solving for A , we get :
 $A = f(t) + \frac{GQ^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^4 r^2} + \frac{C(t)}{r}$
 when $Q = 0$, the metric should reduce to the Schwarzschild metric
 $1 - \frac{2GM}{rc^2} = f(t) + 0 + \frac{C(t)}{r} \Rightarrow f(t) = 1$ and $C(t) = -\frac{2GM}{c^2} = -r_s$
 So now we have;

$A = 1 - \frac{r_s}{r} + \frac{(r_Q)^2}{r^2}$ and since $AB=f(t)=1$, we have the obtained the **Reissner-Nordstrom metric**:

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{r_s}{r} + \frac{(r_Q)^2}{r^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(1 - \frac{r_s}{r} + \frac{(r_Q)^2}{r^2})^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -r^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

2 Applications of Reissner-Nordstrom Metric :

1. Gravitaional Time Dialation

Consider some fixed point in space. With constant r, θ and ϕ , we have that $dr, d\theta$ and $d\phi$ is zero and the metric becomes

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r} + \frac{r_Q^2}{r^2}\right) c^2 dt^2.$$

Using that $ds^2 = c^2 d\tau^2$, we obtain

$$d\tau = dt \sqrt{1 - \frac{r_s}{r} + \frac{r_Q^2}{r^2}}$$

dt can be interpreted as an infinitesimal time interval measured by an observer that is infinitely far away from a gravitational body, while $d\tau$ is the interval measured by an observer at a distance r from the center of the body.

We then have that $d\tau < dt$. This means that the far-away observer will measure the clock that is closer to the body run slower by a factor of

$$\sqrt{1 - r_s/r + r_Q^2/r^2}.$$

2. Naked Singularity

Consider now the situation when $r_s < 2r_Q$. In this case there are no singularities when $r > 0$, and therefore no event horizons. The singularity at $r = 0$ does still exist, which means that there is no event horizon preventing someone far away from directly observing this singularity. A singularity with this property (i.e., no event horizon “hiding” it) is called a naked singularity. It is widely believed, but not proven, that no naked singularity (except maybe the one occurring in the Big Bang model) exists in the universe.