

Master class General Relativity Theory

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Class Fri 15:20, room 301 (from 2nd class on)

Problem session run by Brice Loustau

Tue 15:20, room 301, starting on April 30

Class revising Riemannian geometry

April 23, Tue 15:20, room 301



Contents

- ▶ Special relativity and setup for general relativity.
- ▶ Einstein equation
- ▶ Special solutions and black holes: Schwarzschild, Kerr, etc.
- ▶ Further topics, e.g., cosmology, gravitational waves, ...

Prerequisites from Riemannian Geometry

- ▶ differentiable manifolds
- ▶ semi-Riemannian metrics
- ▶ Levi-Civita connection/covariant differentiation
- ▶ geodesics and exponential map
- ▶ curvature (Riemann, Ricci, scalar) and Jacobi fields



Oral exams for Mathematicians

- ▶ in Ergänzungsbereich with 6 points
- ▶ as part of a Vertiefungsprüfung (18 points)
e.g.: Riemannian geom. + manifolds or Riemann surfaces + GRT

Physicists?



Textbook: O'Neill: Semi-Riemannian Geometry (Academic Press)

Books, physics:

- ▶ Straumann
- ▶ d'Inverno, Ray

Classical physics texts:

- ▶ Misner, Thorpe, Wheeler
- ▶ Hawking, Ellis

Books, mathematics:

- ▶ Kühnel: Differentialgeometrie, Kap.
- ▶ Besse: Einstein manifolds, Ch. 3