

# Introduction to general relativity: the Schwarzschild solution cont.

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## Interior Solutions (static, spherically symmetric)

We look for solutions of Einstein's field equation which are static and spherically with

$$(*) \quad T_{ab} = \rho u_a u_b + p(g_{ab} + u_a u_b)$$

To be compatible with the Schwarzschild solution we choose

$$u^a = -\sqrt{f}(dt)^a$$

where  $f$  appears in the vacuum metric

Apply Einstein's field equations ( $G_{ab} = 8\pi T_{ab}$ ) gives three independent equations (ex):

$$8\pi T_{00} = G_{00} = 8\pi \rho = (rh^2)^{-1} h' + r^{-2}(1-h^{-1}) \quad (1)$$

$$8\pi T_{11} = G_{11} = 8\pi p = (r^2 h)^{-1} f' - r^{-2}(1-h^{-1}) \quad (2)$$

$$8\pi T_{22} = G_{22} = 8\pi p = \frac{1}{2}(rh)^{-1} \frac{d}{dr}[(rh)^{-1} f'] + \frac{1}{2}(r^2 h)^{-1} f' - \frac{1}{2}(rh^2)^{-1} h' \quad (3)$$

where we've defined

$$(e_0)_a = \sqrt{f}(dt)_a$$

$$(e_1)_a = \sqrt{h} (dr)_a$$

$$(e_2)_a = r (d\theta)_a$$

$$(e_3)_a = r \sin\theta (d\phi)_a$$

and

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = g_{ab} (e_a)^a (e_b)^b$$

$$T_{\alpha\beta} = T_{ab} (e_a)^a (e_b)^b$$

(i) involves  $h$  only, and may be written

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} [r(1-h)] = 8\pi \rho$$

So that

$$h(r) = \left[ 1 - \frac{2m(r)}{r} \right]^{-1} \quad (\text{**})$$

where

$$m(r) = 4\pi \int_0^r \rho(r') r'^2 dr' + a^c \quad \text{constant}$$

Smoothness of  $g_{ab}$  as  $r \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow h(r) \rightarrow 1$   
 $\Rightarrow a = 0$ .

Because  $\Sigma$  must be spacelike, necessarily

$h > 0$ , ie

$$r \geq 2m(r)$$

If  $\rho = 0$  for  $r > R$  then solution for  $h$  is continued onto vacuum solution with

$$M = m(R) = 4\pi \int_0^R \rho(r) r^2 dr$$

Write now

$$f = e^{2\phi}$$

Equation (2) becomes

$$\frac{ds}{dr} = \frac{m(r) + 4\pi r^3 P}{r(r - 2m(r))} \quad (\text{Eqn 3})$$

In Newtonian limit  $r^2 P \ll m(r)$  and

$m(r) \ll r$  this reduces to

$$\frac{ds}{dr} \approx \frac{m(r)}{r^2}$$

→ Poisson's equation for gravitational potential

Substituting (Eqn 3) & (Eqn 4) into (3) gives  
(Ex: lots of algebra)

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -(\rho + p) \frac{m(r) + 4\pi r^3 p}{r(r - 2m(r))}$$

Tolman - Oppenheimer - Volkoff equation of hydrostatic equilibrium

Thus the spacetime geometry inside a static spherically symmetric star is

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\phi} dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2m(r)}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

$$\text{where } m(r) = 4\pi \int_0^r \rho(r') r'^2 dr'$$

Geodesics of Schwarzschild Solution

Now we derive the geodesics followed by test bodies and light rays in the exterior region  $r > 2M$

Proposition: Let  $\xi^a$  be a Killing vector field and let  $\gamma$  be a geodesic with tangent  $n^a$ . Then

$\xi^a u_a$  is constant along  $\gamma$ .

Proof. We have

$$u^b \nabla_b (\xi_a u^a) = \underbrace{u^a u^b \nabla_b \xi_a}_\text{red} + \underbrace{\xi_a u^b \nabla_b u^a}_\text{red} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Because  $\nabla_a \xi_b + \nabla_b \xi_a = 0$  geodesic eq<sup>n</sup>

Another Symmetry: is parity reflection  $\theta \mapsto \pi - \theta$ :

If the initial position and tangent vector of a geodesic lie in the equatorial plane  $\theta = \pi/2$ , then the entire geodesic must lie in the plane

Hence via a rotation every geodesic may be brought to an equatorial plane.