

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 symmetric

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

To be compatible with the Schwarzschild solution we choose

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

where f appears in the vacuum metric.

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

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

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

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

where we've defined

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

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

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

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

and

$$G_{\alpha\beta} \equiv G_{ab} (e_a)^\alpha (e_b)^\beta$$

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

(1) involves h only, and may be written

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

So that

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

where

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

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

Because Σ must be spacelike, necessarily

$h \geq 0$, i.e.

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

If $p=0$ 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

$$\frac{d\phi}{dr} = \frac{m(r) + 4\pi r^3 P}{r(r - 2m(r))} \quad (4k)$$

In Newtonian limit $r^3 P \ll m(r)$ and $m(r) \ll r$ this reduces to

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

→ Poisson's equation for gravitational potential

Substituting (4k) & (4k*) into (3) gives
(ex: lots of algebra)

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

Tolman - Oppenheimer - Volkoff equation of hydrostatic equilibrium

Thus the spacetime geometry inside a static spherically symmetric star is

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

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 ξ^a be a Killing vector field and let γ be a geodesic with tangent u^a . Then

$\xi^a u_a$ is constant along γ .

Proof. We have

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

\Rightarrow Because $\nabla_a \xi_b + \nabla_b \xi_a = 0$ geodesic eqⁿ

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.