

MIT OCW GR PSET 6

1. Constraint + evolution equations

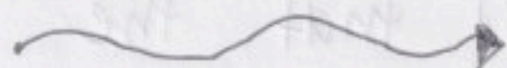
• In $E + M$, Maxwell's equations are:

$$\partial_i E^i = 4\pi\rho, \quad \partial_i B^i = 0; \quad (i)$$

$$\partial_t E^i = \epsilon^{ij}_k \partial_j B^k - 4\pi J^i, \quad \partial_t B^i = -\epsilon^{ij}_k \partial_j E^k \quad (ii)$$

• The first set of equations (i) are static in time + represent "constraints". The 2nd set of equations (ii) show how E^i and B^i "evolve" in time.

• We want to show that a similar decomposition exists for the EFE $G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \dots$

• Show that $G_{0r} = 8\pi G T_{0r}$ has the LHS G_{0r} containing at most 1 ∂_t time derivative + these set of 4 equations represent the constraints whereas the other 6 equations contain up to order ∂_t^2 + therefore represent the evolution of time: 

• Note that the following proof is essentially stolen from Carroll's lecture notes. Check them out on the Arxiv...

• Begin with the Bianchi Identity / Fact that divergence of Einstein tensor is zero:

$$\nabla_\nu G^{\nu\sigma} = 0 \quad \text{Now expand this out...}$$

$$\nabla_0 G^{0\sigma} + \nabla_i G^{i\sigma} = 0, \quad \text{i.e. time + spatial}$$

$$\rightarrow \partial_0 G^{0\sigma} + \partial_i G^{i\sigma} + \underbrace{\Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\sigma G^{\lambda\sigma}}_{\substack{\text{sum over 1} \\ \text{G component +} \\ \text{1 } \Gamma \text{ component}}} + \underbrace{\Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\sigma G^{\nu\lambda}}_{\substack{\text{sum over} \\ \text{the 2 G} \\ \text{components}}} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \partial_t G^{0\sigma} = -\partial_i G^{i\sigma} - \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\sigma G^{\lambda\sigma} - \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\sigma G^{\nu\lambda}$$

assuming a diagonal metric $[g_{\mu\nu}]$ and applying the Carroll Γ identities, you'll find that the Gamma terms are

at most of the order $\partial_t g_{\mu\nu}$ and we
 assume $G^{\lambda\nu}$ is at most of the
 order $\partial_t^2 g_{\mu\nu} \dots$ Therefore, the RHS
 contains terms like $(\partial_t g_{\mu\nu})(\partial_t^2 g_{\mu\nu})$ or
 $(\partial_t^2 g_{\mu\nu})$ or $(\partial_t g_{\mu\nu})$ but no higher
 (≥ 3) time derivatives like $\partial_t^3 g_{\mu\nu} \dots$
 This implies $\partial_t G^{\mu\nu} \leq O(\partial_t^2 g_{\mu\nu})$
 which in turn implies $G^{\mu\nu} \leq O(\partial_t g_{\mu\nu})$

So ~~we~~ we have shown that $G^{\mu\nu}$
 contains at most 1 time derivative of

$[g_{\mu\nu}]$ and these set of 4 equations
 represent the constraint equations for the
 system of Einstein's Field Equations ✓

Q.E.D. ✓

2 Action for a cosmological constant

- Show that varying the action:

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (R + a)$$

where R is the Ricci scalar and " a " is a constant yields the Einstein equation with a cosmological constant. How does " a " relate to the cosmological constant " Λ "?

Givens:

$$R \equiv g^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta}$$

Require that $\delta S = 0$:

$$\rightarrow 0 = \delta S = \int d^4x \frac{\delta}{\delta g^{\alpha\beta}} \left[\sqrt{-g} (g^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta} + a) \right] \delta g^{\alpha\beta}$$

- By Leibniz Rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(\sqrt{-g} (g^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta} + a)) &= (\delta\sqrt{-g})(g^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta} + a) + \\ &\quad \sqrt{-g} R_{\alpha\beta} \delta g^{\alpha\beta} + g^{\alpha\beta} \sqrt{-g} \delta R_{\alpha\beta} \end{aligned}$$

- From lecture we were given that:

$$\delta\sqrt{-g} = -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-g} g_{\alpha\beta} \delta g^{\alpha\beta}$$

• And $g^{\alpha\beta} \delta R_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \nabla_\alpha V^\alpha$

$$\rightarrow 0 = \delta S = \int d^4x \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} g_{\alpha\beta} (g^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta} + a) \delta g^{\alpha\beta} \right. \\ \left. + \sqrt{-g} R_{\alpha\beta} \delta g^{\alpha\beta} + \sqrt{-g} \nabla_\alpha V^\alpha \right]$$

0 by div. Thrm.
@ infinity...

$$\rightarrow 0 = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} R + R_{\alpha\beta}}_{\equiv G_{\alpha\beta}} - \frac{a}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} \right] \delta g^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\rightarrow G_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{a}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{G_{\alpha\beta} + \Lambda g_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \text{ where } \Lambda \equiv -\frac{a}{2}}$$

3 Nordström's Gravity Theory

- A metric theory devised in 1913 relates $g_{\mu\nu}$ + $T_{\mu\nu}$ by:

$$C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = 0 \quad ; \quad R = K g_{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu} \equiv K T$$

\uparrow "Weyl Tensor"

- This system is conformally flat meaning the metric is given by:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\phi} \eta_{\mu\nu}$$

where $\phi = \phi(x^\mu)$ is a function of the spacetime coordinates.

- a. show that for $\phi^2 \ll 1$ and $|\partial_t \phi| \ll |\partial_i \phi|$ the geodesic equation for a slowly moving test body ($v^i \ll 1$) in this spacetime reproduces the kinematics of Newtonian Gravity:

$$\rightarrow \vec{u} \approx (1, \vec{0})$$

$$\frac{du^\lambda}{d\tau} + \Gamma_{\tau\tau}^\lambda u^\tau u^\tau = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{du^\lambda}{d\tau} = - \Gamma_{\tau\tau}^\lambda$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 x^t}{d\tau^2} = -\Gamma_{tt}^t = \frac{1}{2} (g_{tt})^{-1} \partial_t g_{tt}$$

• So for spatial coords:

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{d\tau^2} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-2\phi} \partial_i (-e^{2\phi})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} e^{-2\phi} (2 \partial_i \phi) e^{2\phi} = -\partial_i \phi$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d^2 x^i}{d\tau^2} = -\partial_i \phi \quad \text{i.e.} \quad a \sim -\vec{\nabla} V(x) \quad \text{Newtonian Limit}}$$

[b]. Show that in this Newtonian limit, the Ricci Scalar is just a 2nd order Diff. Eq. acting on ϕ :

$$R \equiv g^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}$$

$$= g^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\lambda \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda - \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\lambda + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\sigma \Gamma_{\lambda\sigma}^\lambda - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\sigma \Gamma_{\sigma\lambda}^\lambda)$$

• The $\Gamma\Gamma$ terms (if you compute them $\ddot{}$) are proportional to $(\partial_i \phi)^2$ but let these go to zero in this limit since we care about $\partial_i^2 \phi$ type terms to recover a 2nd order differential operator \rightsquigarrow

$$\rightarrow R \approx g^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\lambda \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda - \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\lambda)$$

$g^{\mu\nu} = e^{-2\phi} \eta^{\mu\nu}$ which is diagonal. Therefore, by the Carroll identities:

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

$$\Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\lambda = \partial_\mu \ln(\sqrt{|g_{\lambda\lambda}|})$$

• only $g^{tt}, g^{xx}, g^{yy}, g^{zz} \neq 0$

$$g^{tt} = e^{-2\phi} \eta^{tt} = -e^{-2\phi} \eta^{ii}$$

• Break it down term by term:

$$g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\lambda \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = g^{tt} \partial_\lambda \Gamma_{tt}^\lambda + g^{ii} \partial_\lambda \Gamma_{ii}^\lambda$$

$$= g^{tt} \cancel{\partial_t \Gamma_{tt}^t} + g^{tt} \partial_i \Gamma_{tt}^i + g^{ii} \cancel{\partial_t \Gamma_{ii}^t} + g^{ii} \partial_j \Gamma_{ii}^j$$

since $|\partial_t \phi| \ll |\partial_i \phi| \dots$

$$\approx g^{tt} \partial_i \Gamma_{tt}^i + g^{ii} \partial_j \Gamma_{ii}^j$$

$$\Gamma_{tt}^i = -\frac{1}{2} (g_{ii})^{-1} \partial_i g_{tt} \quad \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\Gamma_{tt}^i = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(e^{-2\phi}) \partial_i (-e^{2\phi}) = \partial_i \phi$$

$$\Gamma_{ii}^j = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(e^{-2\phi}) \partial_j (e^{2\phi}) = -\partial_j \phi$$

$$\rightarrow g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\lambda \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda \approx (e^{-2\phi}) \left(\cancel{\partial_i^2 \phi} - 3 \partial_i^2 \phi \right) \eta^{ii}$$

flip sign as well to flip $tt \rightarrow ii$ 3 since sum over spatial components...

$$\rightarrow g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\lambda \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda \approx -2e^{-2\phi} \square \phi$$

• Now $-g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\lambda$

$$= -g^{tt} \cancel{\partial_t} \Gamma_{\lambda t}^\lambda - g^{ii} \partial_i \Gamma_{\lambda i}^\lambda$$

$$= -g^{ii} \partial_i \Gamma_{ti}^t - g^{ii} \partial_i \Gamma_{ji}^j$$

$$\Gamma_{ti}^t = \partial_i \ln(\sqrt{|g_{tt}|}) = \partial_i (\ln(\sqrt{e^{2\phi}})) = \partial_i \phi$$

$$\Gamma_{ji}^j = \Gamma_{ti}^t = \partial_i \phi$$

$$\rightarrow -g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\lambda = (-e^{-2\phi}) (\partial_i^2 \phi + 3 \partial_i^2 \phi) \eta^{ii} - 4e^{-2\phi} \square \phi$$

$$\rightarrow R = g^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\lambda \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda - \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\lambda)$$

$$= (-e^{-2\phi})(2\Box\phi + 4\Box\phi)$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{R = -6e^{-2\phi}\Box\phi - \nabla^2\phi}$$

where $\nabla^2 = -6e^{-2\phi}\Box$

[c] • Show that Nordström's field equation reduces to Newtonian gravitation in the proper limits:

• Nordström's equations:

$$R = K g^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu} = -6e^{-2\phi}\Box\phi$$

$$e^{-2\phi} \approx 1 - 2\phi \rightarrow 0 \approx 1$$

$$\rightarrow \Box\phi \approx -\frac{K}{6} g^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu} \leftarrow T_{\mu\nu} \approx \begin{pmatrix} \rho & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \Box\phi = -\frac{K}{6} g^{tt} T_{tt} = -\frac{K}{6} (-e^{-2\phi}) \rho \approx \frac{K\rho}{6}$$

• Compare this to $\nabla^2\phi = 4\pi G\rho$
for Newton \rightsquigarrow

$$\begin{aligned}\square &\equiv \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \approx \eta^{ii} \partial_i \partial_i = \\ &= \eta^{ii} \partial_i^2 \quad \text{since } |\partial_i \phi| \gg |\partial_t \phi| \\ &= e^{-2\phi} \partial_i^2 \approx \partial_i^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \partial_i^2 \phi \approx 4\pi G \rho \quad \text{as long as } K = 24\pi G$$

$$\rightarrow R = 24\pi G T$$

[d]. Is this theory consistent with the Pound-Rebka gravitational redshift experiment?

• My attempt at a logical confirmation:

• We are given $g_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\phi(x^\mu)} \eta_{\mu\nu}$

and know that $g_{\mu\nu} u^\mu u^\nu = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = -1$ for a massive observer with 4-velocity \vec{u}

• Let's assume stationary observers:

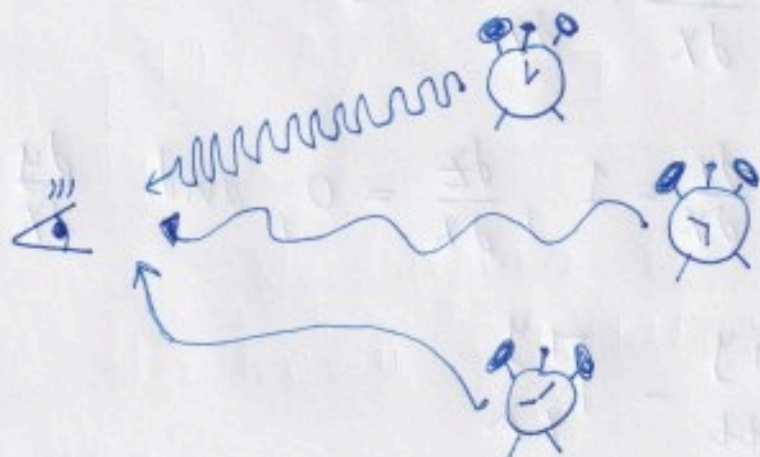
$\vec{u} = (u^t, \vec{0})$ with no assumption on spatial position (x, y, z)

$$\rightarrow g_{tt} u^t u^t = -1$$

$$\rightarrow -e^{2\phi} \left(\frac{dt}{d\tau} \right)^2 = -1 \rightarrow \frac{dt}{d\tau} = e^{-\phi}$$

$$\rightarrow d\tau = e^{\phi} dt$$

and since $\phi = \phi(x^\mu)$ is a function of the coords, implies clocks at different positions in this spacetime tick at different rates for a CSO:



- Different tick rates imply different perceived frequencies for the same laser pointers...

• So qualitatively we can expect that the relativistic effects of this spacetime can indeed cause frequency shifts of light \checkmark

[e]. Show that there is no deflection of light by the sun in this theory of gravity:

- We will use the same prescription for solving the angle of deflection as in the last PSET:



• Start with the Geodesic equation:

$$\frac{d^2 x^\lambda}{d\lambda^2} + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\lambda \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\sigma}{d\lambda} = 0$$

• Use $\lambda = y$ + choose $\lambda = x$:

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^y \frac{dx^\nu}{dx} \frac{dx^\sigma}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{c} = 1, \quad \frac{dx}{dx} = 1, \quad \frac{dz}{dx} = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} \approx 0$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\Gamma_{tt}^y - \Gamma_{xx}^y$$

$$\Gamma_{tt}^y = \partial_y \phi \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_{xx}^y = -\partial_y \phi$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 0 \quad \text{now integrate}$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta \phi \equiv \frac{dy}{dx} = \int 0 dx = 0$$

$\rightarrow \Delta \phi = 0$ which is inconsistent with experiment \checkmark

[4] • An object of mass "m" is at rest on a bathroom scale in a weak gravitational field. The object has fixed (x, y, z) and the metric is given by $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + 2\phi \cdot \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, 1)$. We take $\phi^2 \ll 1$, $\partial_z \phi = -g$ and $\partial_\nu \phi = 0$ for $\nu \neq z$. Neglect ϕ^2 + $g\phi$.

In this problem we will show that if one wants to interpret gravity as a force rather than as the effects of spacetime curvature, then it must be a velocity dependent force.

[a] • What force does the bathroom scale apply on the body?

• The EOM for the body is:

$$m \frac{D^2 x^\alpha}{d\tau^2} = m u^\beta \nabla_\beta u^\alpha = F^\alpha$$

$$\rightarrow F^\alpha = m u^\beta (\partial_\beta u^\alpha + \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^\alpha u^\gamma)$$

$$u^{x,y,z} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow F^\alpha = m \Gamma_{tt}^\alpha (u^t)^2$$

$$\Gamma_{tt}^\alpha = -\frac{1}{2} (g^{\alpha\alpha})^{-1} \partial_\alpha g_{tt} \rightarrow \Gamma_{tt}^x = \Gamma_{tt}^y = \Gamma_{tt}^z = 0$$

$$\rightarrow F^z = \left(-\frac{m}{z}\right)(1+2\phi)^{-1} (\partial_z (2\phi-1)) (u^t)^2$$

$$F^z = \frac{mg(u^t)^2}{1+2\phi}$$

• Now calculate u^t :

$$-1 = g_{\alpha\beta} u^\alpha u^\beta = g_{tt} (u^t)^2 = (2\phi-1)(u^t)^2$$

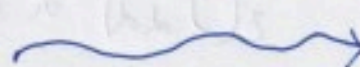
$$\rightarrow (u^t)^2 = \frac{1}{1-2\phi}$$

$$\rightarrow F^z = \frac{mg}{(1+2\phi)(1-2\phi)} = \frac{mg}{1-4\phi^2} \approx mg$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\vec{F} \approx (0, 0, 0, mg)} \quad \text{as one would expect...}$$

[6] • Now suppose the object moves with constant 3-velocity $V = dx/dt = (dx/d\tau)(dt/d\tau)^{-1}$ in the x-direction:

$$V^x = V V^t; \quad V^y = V^z = 0$$

• What is V^t ? While the mass is on the bathroom scale, what force does the scale apply to the mass? 

$$\vec{V} = V^t(1, v, 0, 0)$$

$$\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V} = -1 = g_{\alpha\beta} V^\alpha V^\beta$$

$$\rightarrow -1 = g_{tt}(V^t)^2 + g_{xx} v^2 (V^t)^2$$

$$\rightarrow -1 = ((2\phi - 1) + (1 + 2\phi)v^2)(V^t)^2$$

$$\rightarrow V^t = \left((1 - 2\phi) - (1 + 2\phi)v^2 \right)^{-1/2}$$

$$F^\alpha = m u^\beta \nabla_\beta u^\alpha$$

$$= m v^x (\partial_x u^\alpha + \Gamma_{x\nu}^\alpha u^\nu) + m v^t (\partial_t u^\alpha + \Gamma_{t\nu}^\alpha u^\nu)$$

$$= (m v^t) (v \partial_x u^\alpha + v \Gamma_{x\nu}^\alpha u^\nu + \partial_t u^\alpha + \Gamma_{t\nu}^\alpha u^\nu)$$

So now let's compute F^α component by component

$$F^t = (m v^t) \left(\cancel{v \partial_x V^t} + \cancel{\partial_t V^t} + v \Gamma_{xx}^t v^x + v \Gamma_{tx}^t v^t + \Gamma_{tx}^t v^x + \Gamma_{tt}^t v^t \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{tx}^t = \Gamma_{xx}^t = \Gamma_{tt}^t = 0 \text{ since } \partial_x \phi = \partial_t \phi = 0$$

$$\rightarrow F^t = 0$$

$$F^x = (mv^t) \left(v \partial_x v^x + v \Gamma_{xx}^x v^x + v \Gamma_{xt}^x v^t + \partial_t v^x + \Gamma_{tt}^x v^t + \Gamma_{xt}^x v^x \right) = 0$$

and $F^y = 0$ similarly ...

So now we are left with only the z-component:

$$F^z = (mv^t) \left(\cancel{v \partial_x v^z} + v \Gamma_{xx}^z v^x + \cancel{v \Gamma_{tx}^z v^t} + \cancel{\partial_t v^z} + \Gamma_{tt}^z v^t + \cancel{\Gamma_{tx}^z v^x} \right)$$

$$F^z = (mv^t) \left(v^2 v^t \Gamma_{xx}^z + v^t \Gamma_{tt}^z \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{tt}^z = \Gamma_{xx}^z = \frac{g}{1+2\phi}$$

$$\rightarrow F^z = \frac{mg(v^t)^2(1+v^2)}{1+2\phi}$$

$$= \frac{(mg)(1+v^2)}{(1+2\phi)(1-2\phi-(1+2\phi)v^2)} = \frac{(mg)(1+v^2)}{1-(1+4\phi)v^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{F} = \left(0, 0, 0, \frac{mg(1+v^2)}{1 - (1+4\phi)v^2} \right)$$

• Which indeed is velocity dependent...

[c] • Now transform coordinates by applying a naive Lorentz transformation along the x-axis. Evaluate the metric $g_{\bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}}$ in these new coords. To 1st order in ϕ , what are the force components in this new basis?

$$g_{\bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}} = \Lambda_{\bar{\mu}}^{\alpha} \Lambda_{\bar{\nu}}^{\beta} g_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma v & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma v & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^2 \begin{pmatrix} 2\phi - 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + 2\phi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 + 2\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 + 2\phi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^2 + \gamma^2 v^2 & -2\gamma^2 v & 0 & 0 \\ -2\gamma^2 v & \gamma^2 + \gamma^2 v^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2\phi - 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\phi + 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2\phi + 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2\phi + 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\rightarrow [\partial_{\bar{\mu}} \bar{V}] = \gamma^2 \begin{pmatrix} (2\phi-1)(1+v^2) & -2V(1+2\phi) & 0 & 0 \\ 2V(1-2\phi) & (2\phi+1)(1+v^2) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2\phi+1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2\phi+1 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Now how does F^{α} transform under Λ^{α}_{β} ?

$$F^{\bar{\beta}} = \frac{\partial x^{\bar{\beta}}}{\partial x^{\beta}} F^{\beta} = \Lambda^{\bar{\beta}}_{\alpha} F^{\alpha}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma V & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma V & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ F^z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ F^z \end{pmatrix}$$

$\rightarrow F^{\bar{\beta}} = F^{\alpha}$ i.e. the Lorentz transform in the x -direction leaves the \vec{F} components unchanged since only $F^z \neq 0$

[d]. Show that the barred coordinate basis can be transformed to an orthonormal basis

$\vec{e}_{\hat{\mu}} = E_{\hat{\mu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \vec{e}_{\bar{\nu}}$ with a tetrad matrix:

$$E_{\hat{\mu}}^{\bar{\nu}} = \delta_{\hat{\mu}}^{\bar{\nu}} + \phi A_{\hat{\mu}}^{\bar{\nu}}$$

• Find $A_{\hat{\mu}}^{\bar{\nu}}$ and $F^{\hat{\mu}}$ to 1st order in ϕ :

• This problem took a while but I think one of the main things to beware of is that in GR an orthonormal basis satisfies

$$\vec{e}_{\hat{\mu}} \cdot \vec{e}_{\hat{\nu}} = \eta_{\hat{\mu}\hat{\nu}} \text{ rather than } \delta_{\hat{\mu}\hat{\nu}}$$

• so let's begin with that postulate:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\hat{\mu}\hat{\nu}} &= \vec{e}_{\hat{\mu}} \cdot \vec{e}_{\hat{\nu}} = E_{\hat{\mu}}^{\bar{\mu}} E_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \vec{e}_{\bar{\mu}} \cdot \vec{e}_{\bar{\nu}} \\ &= E_{\hat{\mu}}^{\bar{\mu}} E_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} g_{\bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}} \end{aligned}$$

• The matrix form of $[g_{\bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}}]$ was found in the last problem. It technically is not diagonal, but I will assume ν & χ are sufficiently

Small such that $g_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}} \approx n_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}} + 2\phi \delta_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}}$

• plugging this into our equality we get that:

$$\begin{aligned} n_{\hat{\nu}\hat{\nu}} &= (E_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} E_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}}) (n_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}} + 2\phi \delta_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}}) \\ &= (\delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} + \phi A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}}) (\delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} + \phi A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}}) (n_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}} + 2\phi \delta_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}}) \\ &= \left[\delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} + \phi (A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} + A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}}) + O(\phi^2) \right] \\ &\quad \cdot [n_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}} + 2\phi \delta_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\approx \delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} n_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}} + \phi (A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} + A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}}) n_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}} \\ &\quad + 2\phi \delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \delta_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= n_{\hat{\nu}\hat{\nu}} + 2\phi \delta_{\hat{\nu}\hat{\nu}} + \phi (A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} n_{\bar{\nu}\hat{\nu}} + A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} n_{\hat{\nu}\bar{\nu}})$$

$$\rightarrow -2\delta_{\hat{\nu}\hat{\nu}} = A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} n_{\bar{\nu}\hat{\nu}} + A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} n_{\hat{\nu}\bar{\nu}}$$

$$\underbrace{A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \delta_{\bar{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\hat{\nu}} n_{\hat{\nu}\bar{\nu}}}_{A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} n_{\bar{\nu}\hat{\nu}}}$$

$$\rightarrow -2\delta_{\hat{\nu}\hat{\nu}} = 2A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} n_{\bar{\nu}\hat{\nu}}$$

$$\rightarrow -\delta_{\hat{\nu}\hat{\nu}} = A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \delta_{\bar{\nu}}^{\hat{\nu}} n_{\hat{\nu}\hat{\nu}}$$

$$\rightarrow A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} = -\delta_{\hat{\nu}\hat{\nu}} n_{\hat{\nu}\hat{\nu}} \delta_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} = -n_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{A_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}} \approx -n_{\hat{\nu}}^{\bar{\nu}}}$$

• Now find $F^{\hat{\nu}}$:

$$F^{\hat{\nu}} = E_{\bar{\nu}}^{\hat{\nu}} F^{\bar{\nu}} =$$

$$= (\delta_{\bar{\nu}}^{\hat{\nu}} + \phi A_{\bar{\nu}}^{\hat{\nu}}) F^{\bar{\nu}}$$

$$= (\delta_{\bar{\nu}}^{\hat{\nu}} - \phi n_{\bar{\nu}}^{\hat{\nu}}) F^{\bar{\nu}} \quad \text{now in matrix form}$$

$$= \text{diag}\{1+\phi, 1-\phi, 1-\phi, 1-\phi\} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ F^{\bar{z}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{\vec{F}} = (0, 0, 0, (1-\phi) F \bar{z})$$

• So compared to the barred coordinate basis, the $t, x, + y$ components are unchanged but $F \hat{z}$ is $(1-\phi) F \bar{z}$ ✓

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5 "Geometrized units"

"Mass of ~~Earth~~ ^{Sun}" $\equiv M_{\odot} = 1.99 \times 10^{33} \text{ gm}$

"Newton constant" $\equiv G = 6.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ gm}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-2}$

"Speed of light" $\equiv c = 3.00 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm/sec}$

Do the following conversions:

a. Mass of the Earth in cm:

$$M_{\oplus} \equiv \text{"Mass of Earth"} = 5.98 \times 10^{27} \text{ gm}$$

$$M_{\oplus}^{\text{Geom}} \text{ in cm} = M_{\oplus} G / c^2 \approx 4.43 \times 10^{-1} \text{ cm}$$

b. Density of neutron stars in cm^{-2} :

$$\bar{\rho} = 10^{15} \text{ gm/cm}^3$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{\rho}^{\text{Geom}} \text{ in cm}^{-2} = \frac{\bar{\rho} G}{c^2} \approx 0.74 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

c. Pressure at core of a neutron star in cm^{-2} :

$$P = 10^{34} \text{ gm} \cdot \text{sec}^{-2} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$\rightarrow P^{\text{Geom}} = \frac{P G}{c^4} \approx 8.23 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

d. Acceleration due to gravity at the surface of Earth $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ in sec^{-1} and years^{-1}

$$g_{\text{geom}} = \frac{10g}{c} \approx 3.27 \times 10^{-8} \text{ sec}^{-1} \\ \approx 0.1 \text{ year}^{-1}$$

e. The typical luminosity of a gamma ray burst $L = 10^{53} \text{ erg/sec}$ ($1 \text{ erg} = 1 \text{ gm} \cdot \text{cm}^2 / \text{sec}^2$).
(In seconds I'm assuming? ...)

$$L_{\text{geom}} = \frac{GL}{c^5} \approx 2.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ sec}$$

f. The planck length² i.e. \hbar in cm^2 :

$$\sqrt{\hbar}_{\text{geom}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}} \approx 1.61 \times 10^{-33} \text{ cm} \equiv l_p$$

g. Convert l_p to a mass + then an energy in eV

$$m_p = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}} = \frac{l_p c^2}{G}$$

$$\rightarrow E_p = m_p c^2 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c^5}{G}}$$

$$\approx 1.22 \times 10^{16} \text{ TeV.}$$

The LHC is of the order TeV so this energy is above our current capabilities.