

Review

Special Relativity:

- $c = \text{const} \Rightarrow$ Lorentz transform $\begin{pmatrix} t \\ x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \gamma v \\ \gamma v & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t' \\ x' \end{pmatrix}$
- Special Relativity in uniformly accelerated frame

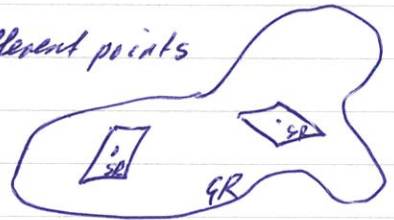
$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}$$

\Rightarrow space-time interval:

$$-\Delta\tau^2 = -(1 + a\bar{x})^2 dt^2 + dx^2 \quad \Rightarrow g_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} -(1+a\bar{x})^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

General Relativity:

- locally: special Relativity
- tidal forces relate different points
- \Rightarrow Gravity is geometry



• geodesic equation:

$$\nabla_j \dot{x}^\mu = 0 \Leftrightarrow \ddot{x}^\mu + \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu \dot{x}^\alpha \dot{x}^\beta = 0$$

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

• Parallel transport $\Leftrightarrow \nabla_j v^\mu = 0 \Leftrightarrow \dot{x}^\mu + \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu \dot{x}^\alpha v^\beta = 0$
 Notation: $v^\mu; \nu \dot{x}^\nu = 0$

• in 2D: Gauss curvature \Leftrightarrow Parallel transport along closed curve γ

in 3D: Riemann curvature: just pick 2-D sub-plane!

$$R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} = \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} - \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}} \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$$

$$\Rightarrow R^\alpha_{\mu\nu\rho} = \Gamma_{\nu\beta,\mu}^\alpha - \Gamma_{\mu\beta,\nu}^\alpha + \Gamma_{\mu\alpha}^\nu \Gamma_{\nu\beta}^\alpha - \Gamma_{\nu\alpha}^\mu \Gamma_{\mu\beta}^\alpha$$

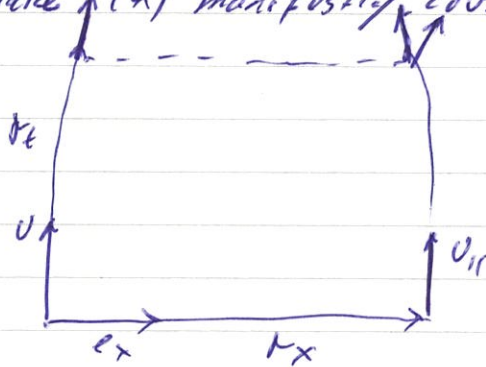
Einstein equation

• We start in a regime where Newton is valid: $\Delta\phi = 4\pi G\rho$ (*)

$$a = -\nabla\phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho = 0, v \ll c, \phi \ll c^2$$

We want to make (*) manifestly covariant:



• start with 4-velocity; at rest w.r.t. to the surrounding dust ($\rho, p=0$)

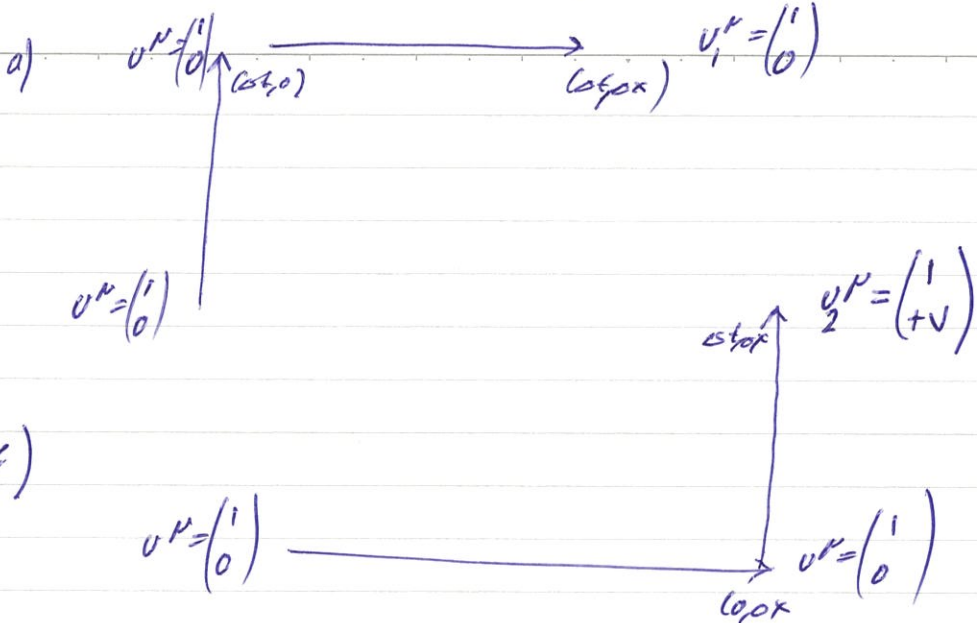
Compare: (spatial transport $\parallel e_x$ after time evolution)

(time evolution after spatial transport)

$$\Rightarrow \Delta U^\mu = -\Delta x \cdot \Delta t \cdot R^\mu_{010}$$

$$= R^\mu_{001} \Delta x \Delta t$$

Now we do the same thing with Newton:



where $v^i = a^i \cdot \Delta t = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \phi \cdot \Delta t \cdot \Delta x^1$

$\rightarrow \Delta u^\mu = u_1^\mu - u_2^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -v^i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta t \Delta x^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \phi \end{pmatrix}$

\Rightarrow We conclude: $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \phi = R^i_{\ j}$

i.e. the Riemann curvature exactly encodes the physical aspect of the gravitational field; tidal effects!

Moreover: $\Delta \phi = \sum_{i=1,2,3} R^i_{\ 0\ i\ 0} \equiv R^\mu_{\ 0\ \rho\ 0}$

$\equiv R_{00}$ (Rici curvature, trace of Riemann curvature)

$\Rightarrow R^\mu_{\ 0\ \rho\ 0} = 4\pi G \rho$
 $\rho = \rho, \rho_{cc}, \rho_{cc}$

Ricci Curvature

We can sum over a pair of indices (or contract) the Riemann Curvature

Ricci $R_{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} = R^{\alpha}{}_{\mu\alpha\nu}$ (just as we did before)

Note: $R^{\alpha}{}_{\beta\gamma\nu}$ has a number of symmetries, As a result the Ricci curvature is the only non-trivial contraction of the Riemann tensor (up to a sign).

Ricci-scalar: trace of Ricci-curvature: $R = R^{\mu}{}_{\mu} = R^{\alpha\mu}{}_{\alpha\mu}$

\Rightarrow We thus have for $\rho=0, v \ll c, \phi \ll 1$: $R_{00} = 4\pi G T_{00}$
 \uparrow
 \int Energy-momentum tensor

\Rightarrow 1st guess: $R_{\mu\nu} = 4\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \quad \forall \mu, \nu!$

Problem: Energy-momentum conservation: $T^{\mu\nu}{}_{;\nu} = 0$

$\Rightarrow R^{\mu\nu}{}_{;\nu} = 0$

identity that is always true

\rightarrow

$\frac{1}{2} R_{;\mu} = 0 \Rightarrow T_{;\mu} = 0$

(recall E.M. $\nabla_{\mu} j^{\mu} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ charge conserv.)

\Rightarrow The trace of $T^{\mu\nu}$ is constant over space & time!

$\Rightarrow \rho - 3p = \text{const}$

obviously wrong...

Solution: Einstein-curvature

$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu}$

\Rightarrow
normalize with Newton

$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$

Einstein equation

Note: Non-linear \Leftrightarrow self-gravitates!

The meaning of Einstein's eqs.

We saw $R_{00} = 4\pi G (\rho)$ for $p=0$

now $\Rightarrow R_{00} = 4\pi G (\rho + 3p)$ for $p \neq 0$

Why? $\because \Gamma_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$

\Rightarrow trace: $-\frac{2}{2} R = 8\pi G T$

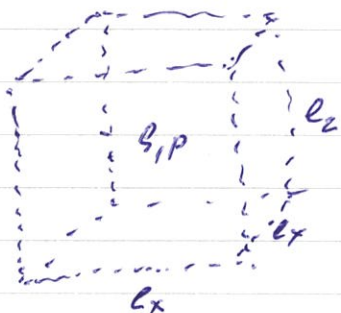
$\Rightarrow R_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G [T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} T g_{\mu\nu}]$

$\Rightarrow R_{00} = 4\pi G [\rho + 3p]$; $T = \rho + 3p$

\Rightarrow a) Pressure also acts as a source for gravity!

Example

- Imagine a box, with its surface traced out by test particles, all initially at rest & freely floating:



$$V = l_x \cdot l_y \cdot l_z$$

$$\text{initial conditions: } \begin{aligned} \dot{l}_x &= 0 \\ \dot{l}_y &= 0 \\ \dot{l}_z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- There might be some matter with ρ & p in that box.

$$\text{Tidal forces: } \begin{aligned} \ddot{l}_x &= -R^1_{010} l_x \\ \ddot{l}_y &= -R^2_{020} l_y \\ \ddot{l}_z &= -R^3_{030} l_z \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V} = \dot{l}_x l_y l_z + l_x \dot{l}_y l_z + l_x l_y \dot{l}_z \quad \overset{\text{initially}}{=} 0$$

$$\ddot{V} \Big|_{t=0} = \ddot{l}_x l_y l_z + l_x \ddot{l}_y l_z + l_x l_y \ddot{l}_z$$

$$= l_x l_y l_z \left(\frac{\ddot{l}_x}{l_x} + \frac{\ddot{l}_y}{l_y} + \frac{\ddot{l}_z}{l_z} \right) = -V (R^1_{010} + R^2_{020} + R^3_{030})$$

$$= -V R_{00}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\ddot{V}}{V} = -4\pi G(\rho + 3p)} \quad = -4\pi G(\rho + 3p) V$$

true for any such box! } equivalent to Einstein equation!

- \Rightarrow 6) "The expansion of the volume of any set of particles initially at rest is proportional to $-(\rho + 3p)$ "

Electro-Magnetism

vs

General Relativity

EM

GR

Local symmetry:

Phase rotations (charge)

Lorentz boosts (^{Boost} ~~displacement~~ & rotation)

$$\psi_i \rightarrow e^{iq_i \varphi(x)} \psi_i$$

$$V^\mu \rightarrow \Lambda^\mu_{\nu}(x) V^\nu$$

local! i.e. $\varphi(x)$

local! i.e. $\Lambda^\mu_{\nu}(x)$

Covariant derivative

to compare different locations ∂

gauge-covariant derivative

(Levi-Civita) covariant derivative

$$D_\mu \psi_i \equiv (\partial_\mu - iq_i A_\mu) \psi_i$$

$$\nabla_\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} = \Gamma^\lambda_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\lambda}$$

$$\nabla_\mu V^\nu = \partial_\mu V^\nu + \Gamma^\nu_{\mu\lambda} V^\lambda$$

Physical field (gauge field)

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] \psi_i = -iq_i [\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu] \psi_i$$

$$= -iq_i F_{\mu\nu} \psi_i$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & E_x & E_y & E_z \\ & 0 & B_z - B_y & \\ & & 0 & B_x \\ \text{A.S.} & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\nabla_\mu, \nabla_\nu] \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} = R^\beta_{\alpha\mu\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\beta}$$

↑
tidal gravity terms!

Gravitational Waves in

Linearized Gravity

• We want to know what type of wave solutions General Relativity supports. In other words, we are looking for solutions to Einstein's equation in the form:

• $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$; with $|h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1$ (Linearized Gravity)

• $h_{\mu\nu} = A_{\mu\nu} e^{i(-\omega t + \vec{k}\cdot\vec{x})} = A_{\mu\nu} e^{ik_{\rho}\lambda^{\rho}}$; $k^{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$; $k_{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} -\omega \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$

i.e. we pick a plane wave moving in +z direction

Christoffel symbol:

$$\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\lambda} (g_{\lambda\mu,\nu} + g_{\lambda\nu,\mu} - g_{\mu\nu,\lambda})$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \eta^{\alpha\lambda} (h_{\lambda\mu,\nu} + h_{\lambda\nu,\mu} - h_{\mu\nu,\lambda})$$

only 0th order needed ← is already 1st order in h

⇒ $\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu}$ 1st order in h

Riemann Curvature

$$R^{\alpha}_{\beta\mu\nu} = \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\nu\beta,\mu} - \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\beta,\nu} + \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\gamma}\Gamma^{\gamma}_{\nu\beta} - \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\nu\gamma}\Gamma^{\gamma}_{\mu\beta}$$

2nd order in h!

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\begin{matrix} h^{\alpha}_{\nu\beta,\mu} - h^{\alpha}_{\mu\beta,\nu} \\ - h^{\alpha}_{\mu\gamma,\nu} + h^{\alpha}_{\nu\gamma,\mu} \end{matrix} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\begin{matrix} h^{\alpha}_{\nu\beta,\mu} - h^{\alpha}_{\nu\beta,\mu} \\ - h^{\alpha}_{\mu\gamma,\nu} + h^{\alpha}_{\nu\gamma,\mu} \end{matrix} \right]$$

finally, the Ricci Curvature

$$R_{\mu\nu} = R^{\alpha}{}_{\mu\alpha\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (h_{\nu}{}^{\alpha}{}_{,\mu;\alpha} + h^{\alpha}{}_{\mu,\alpha;\nu} - R_{,\mu;\nu} - \square h_{\mu\nu})$$

and for completeness:

$$R \equiv R^{\mu}{}_{\mu} = h^{\mu\nu}{}_{,\mu;\nu} - \square R$$

↓ trace, $R^{\mu}{}_{\mu}$

⇒ Einstein curvature

$$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (h_{\nu}{}^{\alpha}{}_{,\mu;\alpha} + h^{\alpha}{}_{\mu,\alpha;\nu} - R_{,\mu;\nu} - \square h_{\mu\nu} - g_{\mu\nu} h^{\alpha\beta}{}_{,\alpha;\beta} + g_{\mu\nu} \square h)$$

Why is this still so complicated?

- Wave eqn.
- ensure that $G_{\mu\nu}{}^{;\nu} = 0$
- Remaining freedom to pick coordinates, gauge symmetry etc.

Linear Gravity and Gauge Symmetry

Recall: We are allowed to choose a new set of coordinates \tilde{y}^α .

The metric will change as $\tilde{g}_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial \tilde{y}^\alpha} g_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial \tilde{y}^\beta}$

• This is also true for Linear Gravity - as long as we do not violate $|\tilde{h}_{\alpha\beta}| \ll 1$.

• Define $\xi^\mu(x^\mu) \stackrel{\circ}{=} [\tilde{y}^\mu(x^\mu) - x^\mu] \Rightarrow x^\mu = \tilde{y}^\mu + \xi^\mu(\tilde{y}^\mu)$

\uparrow new coordinates \uparrow old coordinates

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial \tilde{y}^\alpha} = \frac{\partial (\tilde{y}^\mu + \xi^\mu)}{\partial \tilde{y}^\alpha} = \delta_\alpha^\mu + \xi_{,\alpha}^\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Demand that } |\xi_{,\alpha}^\mu| \ll 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{g}_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + \tilde{h}_{\alpha\beta} = (\delta_\alpha^\mu + \xi_{,\alpha}^\mu) (g_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}) (\delta_\beta^\nu + \xi_{,\beta}^\nu)$$

$$= \eta_{\alpha\beta} + \underbrace{h_{\alpha\beta} + \xi_{,\alpha,\beta}^\mu + \xi_{,\beta,\alpha}^\mu}_{1st\ order} + \text{higher order}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu} + \xi_{,\mu,\nu} + \xi_{,\nu,\mu}$$

Linearized coordinate change
 $\hat{=} \text{symmetry!}$

How do $\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu}$, $R^{\alpha}_{\beta\mu\nu}$, $R_{\mu\nu}$, R , $g_{\mu\nu}$ change under this transformation

$$\delta \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{\Gamma}^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\xi^{\alpha}_{,\mu} + \xi^{\alpha}_{,\nu} + \xi^{\alpha}_{,\mu\nu} + \xi^{\alpha}_{,\nu\mu} - \xi_{\mu,\nu} - \xi_{\nu,\mu} \right]$$

$$= \xi^{\alpha}_{,\mu\nu}$$

$$\delta R^{\alpha}_{\beta\mu\nu} = \delta \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\nu\beta,\mu} - \delta \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\beta,\nu}$$

$$= \xi^{\alpha}_{,\nu\beta,\mu} - \xi^{\alpha}_{,\mu\beta,\nu} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \delta R_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\delta R = 0$$

$$\delta g_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

\Rightarrow Compare to Electro-Magnetism:

EM

A_{μ}

\vec{E}, \vec{B} (or $F_{\mu\nu}$)

GR

$\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow$ gauge-dependent

$R^{\alpha}_{\beta\mu\nu} \Rightarrow$ physical quantities independent of gauge

Plane Gravitational Waves

We are looking for a vacuum solution ($R_{\mu\nu} = 0$) of the form

$$h_{\mu\nu} = H_{\mu\nu} e^{ik_\alpha x^\alpha} \quad k^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \omega \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{\mu\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{2} (H_{\nu\alpha} k_\mu k_\alpha + H_{\mu\alpha} k_\nu k_\alpha - H_{\alpha\mu} k_\nu k_\alpha - H_{\alpha\nu} k_\mu k_\alpha - \square^2 H_{\mu\nu})$$

What constraints are there for $H_{\mu\nu}, k^\mu$?

a) Use our gauge freedom! $R_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow h_{\mu\nu} + \xi_{\mu,\nu} + \xi_{\nu,\mu}$

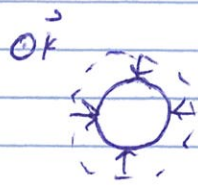
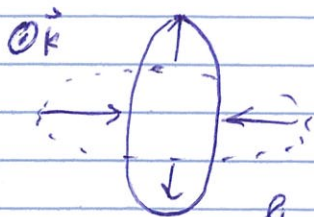
i) $h_{00} \rightarrow h_{00} + 2i\xi_0 k_0 \Rightarrow \xi_0 = \frac{-h_{00}}{2ik_0} \Rightarrow \tilde{h}_{00} = 0$

ii) $h_{0i} \rightarrow h_{0i} + i\xi_0 k_i + i\xi_i k_0 \Rightarrow \xi_i = \frac{-(h_{0i} + i\xi_0 k_i)}{ik_0} \Rightarrow \tilde{h}_{0i} = 0$

b) Possible modes in a metric theory:

\Rightarrow synchronous gauge

$$H_{\mu\nu} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ R_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -R_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & R_x & 0 & 0 \\ R_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ R_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & R_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -R_e & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_x & 0 \\ 0 & R_x & 0 & 0 \\ h_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & R_y & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



scalar transverse

longitudinal

x & y

i)
 exist in scalar-tensor theories (massless)

Note: trace $H_{\mu\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow$ traceless

$H_{\mu\nu} k^\nu = 0 \Rightarrow$ transverse

$H_{0\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow$ synchronous

\Rightarrow transverse-traceless gauge

i) $R_{\mu\nu}$ becomes R_p : $R_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ (\vec{k}^2 - \omega^2) & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & -(\vec{k}^2 - \omega^2) & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} h_+$ h_x : $\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \vec{k}^2 - \omega^2 & \dots & \dots \\ \vec{k}^2 - \omega^2 & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} h_x$

e.g. h_+ : $R_{11} = -\frac{1}{2} [\cancel{0} + 0 + 0 - k^2 H_{11}] = \frac{k^2}{2} h_+ = \frac{\vec{k}^2 - \omega^2}{2} h_+$

ii) e.g. $R_{00} = -\frac{1}{2} [\overset{0+0+}{-2h_s \omega^2} - \cancel{\omega^2 + k^2} 0] = \omega^2 h_s \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ no wave solution

$R_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega^2 & 0 & 0 & -k\omega \\ 0 & (\vec{k}^2 - \omega^2)/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (\vec{k}^2 - \omega^2)/2 & 0 \\ -k\omega & 0 & 0 & k^2 \end{pmatrix} h_s$

similar: iii) $R_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \omega^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\omega^2 \end{pmatrix} h_c \quad \omega = 0 \Rightarrow$ no wave solution

iv) e.g. for h_x : $R_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & k\omega & 0 & 0 \\ k\omega & 0 & 0 & -\omega^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\omega^2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} h_x \Rightarrow \omega = 0 \Rightarrow$ no wave solution

Effect of Gravitational Waves on test particles

We first calculate in the transverse-traceless gauge.

Setup: $h_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_+ & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -h_+ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{i(kz - \omega t)} = H_{\mu\nu} e^{ik_\alpha x^\alpha}$ $k_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} -\omega \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$

a) effect on single test particle: geodesic motion!

$$\ddot{x}^\mu + \Gamma^\mu_{\alpha\beta} \dot{x}^\alpha \dot{x}^\beta = 0$$

assume the particle is initially at rest, i.e. $\dot{x}^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ at $t=0$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{x}^\mu = \Gamma^\mu_{00}$$

$$\ddot{x}^i = \Gamma^i_{00} = \cancel{\frac{1}{2} (h_{i0,0} + h_{0i,0} - h_{00,i})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (h_{i0,0} + h_{0i,0} - h_{00,i}) = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x}^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ always!}$$

i.e. test particles do not interact with Grav. Wave!

b) Light travel time
OK



- along x-arm:

$$-d\tau^2 = 0 = \underset{-1}{g_{00}} dt^2 + \underset{1+h_+}{g_{11}} dx^2$$

\Rightarrow

$$dt^2 = (1+h_+) dx^2$$

$$\underline{dt = (1 + \frac{h_+}{2}) dx} \quad \& \text{ y-arm: } dt = (1 - \frac{h_+}{2}) dy$$

~~assuming~~ $\omega \ll \frac{2\pi}{\tau_{\text{light}}} \Rightarrow \Delta t_x = \frac{h_+}{2} L \quad \& \quad \Delta t_y = -\frac{h_+}{2} L$

difference $\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\Delta t = \Delta t_x - \Delta t_y = h_+ L}}$

Note: While both calculations a) & b) were gauge-dependent,
the result is not: The separation between inertial test
particles is affected by the gravitational
wave!

Example: Choose a different gauge:

Set $x^{\text{new}} = x^{\text{old}} \left(1 - \frac{R_+ x}{2}\right)$
 $y^{\text{new}} = y^{\text{old}} \left(1 + \frac{R_+ x}{2}\right)$ \Rightarrow pick: $\xi^\mu = \frac{R_+}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -x \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$; where $h_+ = H_+ e^{ik_+ x}$

$\Rightarrow \xi^{\mu,0} = \xi^\mu$ $\Rightarrow \xi_{\mu,\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i\omega h_+ x & -\frac{R_+}{2} & 0 & -\frac{ik_+ x}{2} \\ -i\omega h_+ y & 0 & \frac{R_+}{2} & \frac{ik_+ y}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\Rightarrow h_{+10} = ik_+ R_+ = -i\omega h_+$
 $R_{+3} = ik_3 h_+ = ik_+ h_+$
 $R_{+1} = h_{+2} = 0$

$\Rightarrow h_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu}^{\text{old}} + \xi_{\mu,\nu} + \xi_{\nu,\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega x & -\omega y & 0 \\ \omega x & 0 & 0 & -kx \\ -\omega y & 0 & 0 & ky \\ 0 & -kx & ky & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{ih_+}{2}$

i.e.: $g_{00} = -1$ & $g_{11} = g_{22} = g_{33} = 1 \Rightarrow$ light travel time:

$$0 = g_{00} dt^2 + g_{11} dx^2 \Rightarrow dt = dx$$

\Rightarrow unchanged!

But: Single particle motion:

$$\ddot{x}^i = -\Gamma^i_{00} = -\frac{1}{2} (h_{0i,0} + h_{i0,0} - h_{00,i}) = -h_{0i,0}$$

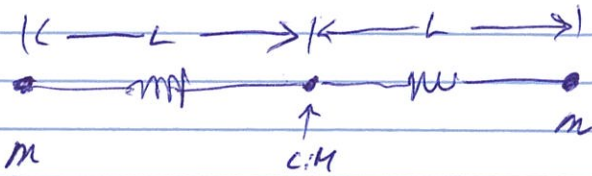
$$\Rightarrow \ddot{x}^1 = -\left[\frac{ik_+}{2} \omega x (-i\omega)\right] = -\frac{\omega^2 h_+ x}{2}$$

$$x' = \int dt \dot{x}^1 = \frac{h_+ x}{2}$$

similar $y = -\frac{h_+ y}{2} \Rightarrow x-y = R_+ L$

\Rightarrow In words: The light travel
time to the coordinates $x=L$
is unchanged, but the
test particle now feels a x -dependent
force.

This gauge is particularly useful for calculating a bar detector response:



equation of motion:

$$m \ddot{x} = -kx - \gamma \dot{x} + F_{ext}$$

or with $\omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m}$, $\gamma = \frac{\omega_0}{Q}$, $a_{ext} = \frac{F_{ext}}{m}$

$$\ddot{x} = -\omega_0^2 x - \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \dot{x} + a_{ext}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\omega^2 x = -\omega_0^2 x + \frac{i\omega_0 \omega}{Q} x + a_{ext}$$

$$x = \frac{a_{ext}}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - \frac{i\omega_0 \omega}{Q}}$$

where $a_{ext} = -\frac{\omega_y^2 h_t^0}{2} L e^{-i\omega_y t}$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-\frac{\omega_y^2 h_t^0}{2} L}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - \frac{i\omega_0 \omega}{Q}} e^{-i\omega_y t}$$

e.g. for $\omega = \omega_y = \omega_0$:

$$x = -i \frac{h_t L}{2} Q e^{-i\omega_y t}$$

\Rightarrow high mechanical Q (low mechanical loss)

needed!

Is there a formulation that never uses gauge-dependent quantities?

Sure! Recall Electromagnetism: Just work with \vec{E} & \vec{B} instead of \vec{A} & V !

\Rightarrow in G.R. just work with the Riemann curvature!

$$\text{recall: } \Delta v^i = -R^i{}_{010} \cdot \Delta x \cdot \Delta t$$

$$\Delta x = R^i{}_{001} \Delta x \cdot \Delta t$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x = R^i{}_{001} \cdot \Delta x$$

What is $R^{\alpha}{}_{\beta\gamma\delta}$?

$$R^i{}_{001} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\overbrace{R^i{}_{10,0}} - \overbrace{R^i{}_{10,0}} - \underbrace{R^i{}_{0,0,1}}_0 + \underbrace{R^i{}_{0,0,1}}_0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (-\omega^2) R_+$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -\frac{\omega^2}{2} R_+ \cdot \Delta x$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \ddot{x} \Rightarrow \Delta x = \frac{R_+}{2} \Delta x = \frac{R_+}{2} \cdot L$$

Aside: There are other non-zero terms for an h_+ wave:

Some calculations show:

$$\underbrace{R_{0101}} = R_{0113} = R_{0220} = R_{0232} = R_{1313} = R_{2332} = \frac{\omega^2}{2} h_+$$

We generally
measure this
term.

(additional components
are connected to the above via
asymmetry, or are = 0)

for example this one

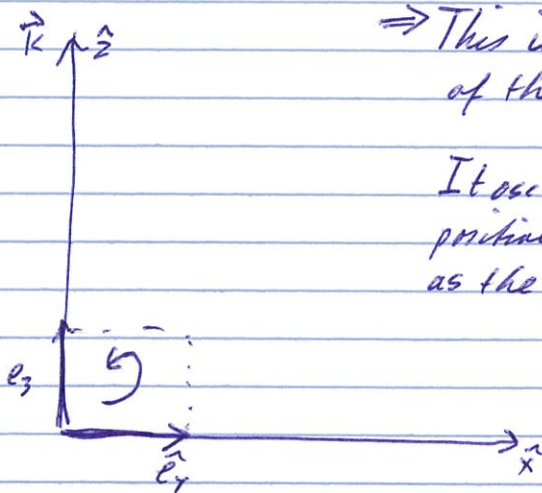
$$R'_{313} = \frac{\omega^2}{2} h_+$$

pick 1-3 subplane

parallel transport 3-vector (parallel to \vec{k})

⇒ This is the Gauss-curvature
of the 1-3 subplane!

It oscillates, fluctuating between
positive & negative curvature
as the gravitational wave passes!



Gauge choices

• We have the choice of using any 4-vector field ξ^μ

\Rightarrow the metric will change as $\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu} + \xi_{\mu,\nu} + \xi_{\nu,\mu}$

• In Vacuum: We saw the transverse-traceless gauge

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= h_{\mu\nu}{}^{;\nu} \quad \downarrow \\ &\text{or} \quad 0 = h_{\mu\nu;k}{}^k \quad \downarrow \\ R &= R^\mu{}_\mu = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which was also synchronous ($h_{0\nu} = 0$)

in general (i.e. when matter is present) we cannot get all of the above simultaneously.

Common choices are:

A) transverse gauge: $\sum_{i=1,2,3} R^{0i}{}_{;i} = 0$

$$s^{ij}{}_{;j} = 0 \quad \text{where } s_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(h_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \delta^{ke} h_{ke} \delta_{ij} \right) \quad i,j \in \{1,2,3\}$$

is the traceless part of the (3x3) spatial part of h_{ij}

Analog to Coulomb gauge in Electromagnetism! $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$

B) Synchronous gauge: $h_{0\nu} = 0, \nu \in \{0,1,2,3\} \Rightarrow d\tau^2 = -dt^2 + (s_{ij} + h_{ij}) dx^i dx^j$

(That's what we explicitly enforced for plane waves.)

c) Lorenz or harmonic gauge

• choose $R^{\mu\nu}{}_{;\mu} - \frac{1}{2} R^{;\mu}{}_{;\mu} = 0$ (also 4 equations)

with this the linearized Einstein curvature is

$$G_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} \square (h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu} h)$$

⇒ introduce the trace-reversed strain

$$\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu} h$$

⇒ Lorenz gauge: $\tilde{h}^{\mu\nu}{}_{;\mu} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow G_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} \square \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu}$$

compare to Electromagnetism: $A^{\mu}{}_{;\mu} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \square \tilde{h}^{\mu\nu} = -16\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

(in vacuum: $\square \tilde{h}^{\mu\nu} = 0$)



in vacuum the transverse-traceless gauge is often used: h^{TT}

$$\Rightarrow \square h^{\text{TT}} = 0 \quad \text{vacuum only!}$$

h^{TT} is different from h^{L}

⇒ We will use Lorenz gauge for wave generation, but transverse-traceless gauge for detection. How do they relate to each other?

Detecting Gravitational Waves

Problem 1

Linearized Gravity: transverse-traceless and Lorenz gauge

We linearize gravity by assuming that the metric perturbations are small

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu} \quad |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1. \quad (1)$$

In class we derived the Riemann curvature, Ricci curvature and Ricci scalar up to 1st order:

$$\begin{aligned} R^\alpha{}_{\mu\beta\nu} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[h_{\nu}{}^{\alpha}{}_{,\mu,\beta} - h_{\beta}{}^{\alpha}{}_{,\mu,\nu} + h_{\beta\mu}{}^{\alpha}{}_{,\nu} - h_{\nu\mu}{}^{\alpha}{}_{,\beta} \right] \\ R_{\mu\nu} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[h_{\nu}{}^{\alpha}{}_{,\mu,\alpha} + h_{\mu}{}^{\alpha}{}_{,\nu,\alpha} - h_{,\mu,\nu} - \square h_{\mu\nu} \right] \\ R &= +h^{\mu\nu}{}_{,\mu,\nu} - \square h. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The Einstein curvature, as always, is given by

$$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\mu\nu}R. \quad (3)$$

Gauge transform

We have also seen that the Riemann curvature is invariant under gauge transforms

$$\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu} + \xi_{\mu,\nu} + \xi_{\nu,\mu}, \quad (4)$$

i.e. the Riemann curvature has a direct (measurable) physical meaning. The invariance of the Riemann curvature of course also implies the invariance of the Ricci curvature, Ricci scalar and Einstein curvature.

1 Lorenz gauge or harmonic gauge

The Lorenz gauge is defined by

$$h^L{}_{\mu}{}^{\nu}{}_{,\nu} = \frac{1}{2}h^L{}_{,\mu}. \quad (5)$$

Show that this results in the Einstein equation

$$\square \left(h^L{}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\mu\nu}h^L \right) = -16\pi GT_{\mu\nu}. \quad (6)$$

In vacuum, any solution can be written as superposition of plane waves

$$h^L{}_{\mu\nu} = h^L{}_{0\mu\nu} e^{ik_\lambda x^\lambda} \quad (7)$$

with $k^\lambda = (\omega, \omega\vec{n})$. We can always pick $\vec{n} = \hat{e}_3$. Show that for such a plane wave solution the four Lorenz gauge constraints (equation 5) imply

$$\begin{aligned} h^L{}_{03} &= -\frac{1}{2}(h^L{}_{00} + h^L{}_{33}) \\ h^L{}_{01} &= -h^L{}_{31} \\ h^L{}_{02} &= -h^L{}_{32} \\ h^L{}_{11} &= -h^L{}_{22}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

2 Trace-reversed Lorenz gauge

Repeat the previous problem with the trace-reversed strain in Lorenz gauge, $\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^L$:

$$\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^L = h_{\mu\nu}^L - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\mu\nu}h^L, \quad (9)$$

The Lorenz gauge condition and Einstein equation become

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{h}^{L\mu\nu}{}_{,\nu} &= 0 \\ \square \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^L &= -16\pi GT_{\mu\nu}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Again looking at a plain wave in 3-direction in vacuum, show that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{h}_{03}^L &= -\frac{1}{2}(\bar{h}_{00}^L + \bar{h}_{33}^L) \\ \bar{h}_{01}^L &= -\bar{h}_{31}^L \\ \bar{h}_{02}^L &= -\bar{h}_{32}^L \\ \bar{h}_{33}^L &= +\bar{h}_{00}^L. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

3 Transverse-traceless gauge

In vacuum the transverse-traceless gauge is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} h^{TT\mu\nu}{}_{,\nu} &= 0, & \text{transverse} \\ h^{TT\mu}{}_{\mu} &= 0, & \text{traceless} \\ h^{TT}{}_{0\nu} &= 0, & \text{time components are zero} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Show that the corresponding Einstein equation in vacuum is

$$\square h^{TT}{}_{\mu\nu} = 0. \quad (13)$$

The gauge transform from Lorenz to TT gauge is given by

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{TT} = h_{\mu\nu}^L + \zeta_{\mu,\nu} + \zeta_{\nu,\mu}. \quad (14)$$

In vacuum, any solution can again be written as superposition of plane waves

$$h^{TT}{}_{\mu\nu} = h_0^{TT}{}_{\mu\nu} e^{ik_\lambda x^\lambda} \quad (15)$$

with $k^\lambda = (\omega, \omega\vec{n})$. Show that for a plane wave solution with frequency ω traveling in $\vec{n} = \hat{e}_3$ direction, the vector ζ^μ is given by

$$\zeta^\mu = \frac{1}{2i\omega} \left(-h_{00}^L, 2h_{01}^L, 2h_{02}^L, -h_{33}^L \right), \quad (16)$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} h_{11}^{TT} &= h_{11}^L \\ h_{12}^{TT} &= h_{12}^L \\ h_{22}^{TT} &= h_{22}^L \\ h_{0\nu}^{TT} &= 0, \quad \nu = (0, 1, 2, 3) \\ h_{3\nu}^{TT} &= 0, \quad \nu = (0, 1, 2, 3). \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

4 From Lorenz to transverse-traceless gauge ($h_{\mu\nu}^L \rightarrow h_{\mu\nu}^{TT}$)

Show that for a plane wave solution traveling in an arbitrary direction \vec{n} , this result (equation 17) for the spatial components can be written as

$$h_{ij}^{TT} = \left(P_i^k P_j^l - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij} P^{kl} \right) h_{kl}^L \equiv \left[\bar{h}_{ij}^L \right]^{TT}, \quad (18)$$

where the projection operator P^{ij} is given by

$$P^{ij} = \delta^{ij} - n^i n^j. \quad (19)$$

5 From trace-reversed Lorenz to transverse-traceless gauge ($\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^L \rightarrow h_{\mu\nu}^{TT}$)

For plane-wave solutions in arbitrary direction \vec{n} , show that the following also is true

$$h_{ij}^{TT} = \left(P_i^k P_j^l - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij} P^{kl} \right) \bar{h}_{kl}^L \equiv \left[\bar{h}_{ij}^L \right]^{TT}. \quad (20)$$

Again specializing to $\vec{n} = \hat{e}_3$, show that this implies

$$\begin{aligned} h_{11}^{TT} &= \frac{1}{2} (\bar{h}_{11}^L - \bar{h}_{22}^L) \\ h_{12}^{TT} &= \bar{h}_{12}^L \\ h_{22}^{TT} &= \frac{1}{2} (\bar{h}_{22}^L - \bar{h}_{11}^L) \\ h_{0\nu}^{TT} &= 0, \quad \nu = (0, 1, 2, 3) \\ h_{3\nu}^{TT} &= 0, \quad \nu = (0, 1, 2, 3), \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

which is worth remembering.

PS1

$$1) \quad \partial_\mu h^\nu{}_\nu = \frac{1}{2} h_{,\mu} \quad \text{Lorentz gauge}$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \left[h_{\nu\lambda}{}_{,\mu}{}^\lambda + h_{\mu\lambda}{}_{,\nu}{}^\lambda - h_{,\mu}{}^\lambda{}_{,\nu}{}^\lambda - \square h_{\mu\nu} \right]$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} h_{,\nu}{}^\lambda{}_{,\mu}{}^\lambda + \frac{1}{2} h_{,\mu}{}^\lambda{}_{,\nu}{}^\lambda}_0$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \square h_{\mu\nu}$$

\Rightarrow trace-reverse operation to go to $G_{\mu\nu}$:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} \square \left(h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu} h \right) = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

b) explicit constraints: $\eta_\mu \leftrightarrow \eta^\mu$ $k_\mu = \omega \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$; $k^\mu = \omega \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$R = R^\mu{}_\mu = -h_{00} + h_{11} + h_{22} + h_{33}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 0 = h_{0\nu} k^\nu - \frac{1}{2} h k_0 & \quad \text{i) } h_{00} + h_{03} + \frac{1}{2} (h) = 0 \\ 0 = h_{3\nu} k^\nu - \frac{1}{2} h k_3 & \quad \text{ii) } h_{30} + h_{33} - \frac{1}{2} (h) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{(i+ii)} \\ \underline{2h_{03} = -(h_{00} + h_{33})} \end{array}$$

$$\text{i) - ii) } h_{00} - h_{33} + (-h_{00} + h_{11} + h_{22} + h_{33}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \underline{h_{11} = -h_{22}}$$

$$0 = \frac{h_{1\nu} k^\nu}{2} - \frac{h k_1}{2} \quad h_{10} + h_{13} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{h_{10} = -h_{13}}$$

$$\underline{h_{20} = -h_{23}}$$

2 a) Time-reversed! $\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \square \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi k T_{\mu\nu}$

b)

$$h_{00} + h_{33} = 0 \Rightarrow h_{03} = h_{00} = h_{33}$$

$$h_{30} + h_{33} = 0$$

$$h_{10} + h_{13} = 0$$

$$h_{20} + h_{23} = 0$$

3) Transverse-traceless in vacuum:

$$R_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \left[h_{\nu}^{\lambda}{}_{,\mu;\lambda} + h_{\mu}^{\lambda}{}_{,\nu;\lambda} - h_{,\mu\nu} - \square h_{\mu\nu} \right]$$

\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow
 0 0 0

$\& g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$!

ξ^{μ} given! (We could get it by enforcing the synchronous condition, as we did before...)

$$\xi_{\mu} = \frac{1}{2i\omega} \begin{pmatrix} h_{00}^L \\ 2h_{01}^L \\ 2h_{02}^L \\ -h_{33}^L \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \xi_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -h_{00} & 0 & 0 & h_{00} \\ -2h_{01} & 0 & 0 & 2h_{01} \\ -2h_{02} & 0 & 0 & 2h_{02} \\ +h_{33} & 0 & 0 & -h_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_{\mu\nu} + \xi_{\nu\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} -h_{00} & -h_{01} & -h_{02} & -h_{03} \\ -h_{01} & 0 & 0 & -h_{31} \\ -h_{02} & 0 & 0 & -h_{32} \\ -h_{03} & -h_{31} & -h_{32} & -h_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{\mu\nu}^{TT} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_{11}^L & h_{12}^L & 0 \\ 0 & h_{21}^L & h_{22}^L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{\mu\nu}^{TT} k^{\nu} = 0 \checkmark$$

$$h_{0\nu}^{TT} = 0 \checkmark$$

$$R = h_{11}^L + h_{22}^L = 0 \checkmark$$

↑
for plane waves

4) Note: $h_{\mu\nu}^L \Rightarrow h_{\mu\nu}^{TT}$ is a projection operation

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{TT} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (h_{\mu\nu}^L) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

spatial part:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \delta_{ij} - n_i n_j =: P_{ij}$$

where $n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $n \parallel k$

& trace $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} h_{11} & * \\ * & h_{22} \\ & & * \end{pmatrix}$

\Rightarrow equation 18!

$= h_{11} + h_{22} = 0$

Note:

$$\left(P_i^k P_j^l - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij} P^{kl} \right) h_{kl}$$

guarantees that the result is trace-free

$$\sum_{ij} \left(P_i^k P_j^l - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij} P^{kl} \right) = 0$$

and rejects any trace of h_{kl} :
 $\left(P_i^k P_j^l - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij} P^{kl} \right) \delta_{kl} = P_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij} = 0$

5) Since the result of the projection is trace-free, it is also valid for the trace-reversed gauge: $\left(P_i^k P_j^l - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij} P^{kl} \right) \tilde{h}_{kl} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow h_{ij}^{TT} = \left(P_i^k P_j^l - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij} P^{kl} \right) \tilde{h}_{kl} = 0 [h_{\mu\nu}^L]^{TT}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{ij}^{TT} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{h}_{11}^L & \tilde{h}_{12}^L & 0 \\ \tilde{h}_{21}^L & \tilde{h}_{22}^L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ - & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (\tilde{h}_{11}^L + \tilde{h}_{22}^L)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_{11}^{TT} &= \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{h}_{11}^L - \tilde{h}_{22}^L) \\ h_{22}^{TT} &= \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{h}_{22}^L - \tilde{h}_{11}^L) \\ h_{12}^{TT} &= \tilde{h}_{12}^L \end{aligned}$$

Generation of Gravitational waves

• We stay with linearized gravity: $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$
trace-reversed

• & work in the Lorenz gauge: $\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\mu\nu} h$; $\tilde{h}_{\mu}{}^{\nu}{}_{;\nu} = 0$


$$\Rightarrow \square \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = -16\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

\Rightarrow Simple wave equation for each component.

• Components do not mix!

\Rightarrow Standard Green's function approach works:

$$\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu}(t, \underline{x}) = 4G \int d^3x' \frac{T_{\mu\nu}(x', t' = t - |\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|)}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|}$$

Radiation in the far field: 

• We now make 2 assumptions:

i) $L \ll \lambda$ (Source \ll Wavelength)

$$\Rightarrow \int T_{\mu\nu} d^3x \rightarrow \left[\int T_{\mu\nu} d^3x \right]_{ret}$$

ii) $\lambda \ll r$ (Wavelength \ll distance)

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{T_{\mu\nu} d^3x'}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|} \rightarrow \frac{1}{r} \int T_{\mu\nu} d^3x'$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu}^L(t, \underline{x}) = \frac{4G}{r} \left[\int T_{\mu\nu} d^3x \right]_{ret} \equiv \frac{4G}{r} \left[\int T_{\mu\nu} d^3x \right]_{(t-r, \odot)}$$

Now: energy conservation: $T^{00}_{,0} = -T^{0j}_{,j}$

& momentum conservation: $T^{j0}_{,0} = -T^{jk}_{,k}$

$$\Rightarrow T^{00}_{,0} = -T^{0j}_{,j} = T^{jk}_{,jk}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow T^{00}_{,0} x^j x^k &= T^{lm}_{,lm} x^j x^k \\ &= (T^{lm}_{,l} x^j x^k)_{,m} - T^{lm}_{,l} \delta^j_m x^k - T^{lm}_{,l} x^j \delta^k_m \\ &= (\quad)_{,m} - T^{ej}_{,e} x^k - T^{ek}_{,e} x^j \\ &= (\quad)_{,m} - (T^{ej} x^k)_{,e} - (T^{ek} x^j)_{,e} \\ &\quad + T^{kj} \quad + T^{jk} \end{aligned}$$

But $T^{em} = 0$ outside source region

\Rightarrow total derivatives disappear in integration!

$$\Rightarrow \int T^{00}_{,0} x^j x^k d^3x = 2 \int T^{jk} d^3x \quad \underbrace{+ \text{surface term}}_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int T^{jk} d^3x &= \frac{1}{2} \int T^{00}_{,0} d^3x \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} I^{jk} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } I^{jk} = \int \underset{T^{00}}{\rho} x^j x^k d^3x$$

Thus we find:

$$\tilde{h}_{ij}^L = \frac{4G}{r} \left[\int T_{ij} d^3x \right]_{ret}$$

$$= \frac{2G}{r} \left[\int T_{00} x^i x^j d^3x \right]_{ret}$$

$$\tilde{h}_{ij}^L = \frac{2G}{r} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} I_{ij}^{ret}$$

⇒ now project to transverse-traceless gauge:

$$h_{ij}^{TT} = \frac{2G}{r} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} [I_{ij}^{ret}]^{TT}$$

see Problems 1

Note: Define mass quadrupole moment as trace-free:

$$I_{ij}^0 = \int T^{00} \left(x^i x^j - \frac{1}{3} r^2 \delta_{ij} \right) d^3x$$

$$\Rightarrow [I_{ij}^0]^{TT} = [I_{ij}^0]^{TT} \quad \text{since } \left(P_i^k P_j^l - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij} P^{kl} \right) \delta_{ij} = 0$$

Quadrupole formula:

$$h_{ij}^{TT} = \frac{2G}{r} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} [I_{ij}^{ret}]^{TT}$$

Notes: • we used $\ll \lambda \ll r$

• we linearized gravity ⇒ we neglected self-gravity, which has $T_{self}^{\mu\nu} = O(h^2)$

• Both "monopole radiation" $\tilde{h}_{00} = \frac{4G}{r} \int T_{00} d^3x$

& "dipole radiation" $\tilde{h}_{0j} = \frac{4G}{r} \frac{d}{dt} \int T_{00} x^j d^3x$

are pure gauge modes, thanks to Energy & Momentum conservation.

(Compare Electromagnetism: $A^0 \propto \frac{1}{r} \int \rho d^3x$ is gauge mode - thanks to charge conservation)