

General Relativity HW 7 Quiz

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You know the drill!

1. A 2D surface is embedded into Minkowski space with metric $ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$ by the following embedding function: $\{t, x, y, z\} = \{\sinh(u), \sin(v), \cosh(u), \cos(v)\}$. Calculate the Riemann tensor for this 2D space in the $\{u, v\}$ coordinate system. You should be able to do all parts of this by hand!

$$dt = \cosh(u) du$$

$$dx = \cos(v) dv$$

$$dy = \sinh(u) du$$

$$dz = -\sin(v) dv$$

$$\begin{aligned} -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 &= -\cosh^2(u) du^2 + \cos^2(v) dv^2 \\ &\quad + \sinh^2(u) du^2 + \sin^2(v) dv^2 \\ &= -du^2 + dv^2 \Rightarrow g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Since this space is truly flat (globally constant metric) then $R^{\mu}_{\nu\rho\sigma} = 0$.

2. Given:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} -1+r^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{1-r^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & r^2 \sin^2(\theta) \end{pmatrix}, R_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 3(-1+r^2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{1-r^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3r^2 \sin^2(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

find the form of $T_{\mu\nu}$ that would be the source for this geometry.

First note that $R_{\mu\nu} = 3g_{\mu\nu}$, then consider Einstein's Equation:

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

$$\text{Since } R = g^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta} \text{ and } R_{\alpha\beta} = 3g_{\alpha\beta} \text{ then } R = g^{\alpha\beta} 3g_{\alpha\beta} = 12$$

So we have:

$$3g_{\mu\nu} - 6g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow \boxed{T_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{3}{8\pi G} g_{\mu\nu}}$$