

MIT OCW GR PSET 4

1. Connection in Rindler Spacetime; the spacetime for an accelerated observer from pset 2 was:

$$ds^2 = -(1+g\bar{x})^2 d\bar{t}^2 + d\bar{x}^2 + d\bar{y}^2 + d\bar{z}^2$$

compute all non-zero Christoffel's for this spacetime.
Problem 3.3 from pset 3 should help here:

$$\overset{\rightarrow}{[g_{\mu\nu}]} = \begin{bmatrix} - (1+g\bar{x})^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} \bar{t} \\ \bar{x} \\ \bar{y} \\ \bar{z} \end{array}$$

$$\emptyset = \Gamma_{\bar{x}\bar{y}}^{\bar{t}} = \Gamma_{\bar{y}\bar{z}}^{\bar{t}} = \Gamma_{\bar{x}\bar{z}}^{\bar{t}} = \Gamma_{\bar{x}\bar{y}}^{\bar{x}} = \Gamma_{\bar{t}\bar{z}}^{\bar{x}} = \Gamma_{\bar{t}\bar{x}}^{\bar{y}} = \Gamma_{\bar{t}\bar{z}}^{\bar{y}} = \Gamma_{\bar{t}\bar{x}}^{\bar{z}} = \Gamma_{\bar{t}\bar{y}}^{\bar{z}}$$

$$\boxed{\Gamma_{\bar{t}\bar{t}}^{\bar{x}}} = -\frac{1}{2} (g_{\bar{x}\bar{x}})^{-1} \partial_{\bar{x}} g_{\bar{t}\bar{t}} = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \partial_{\bar{x}} (- (1+g\bar{x})^2) \\ = g(1+g\bar{x})$$

$$\boxed{\Gamma_{\bar{t}\bar{t}}^{\bar{y}}} = \boxed{\Gamma_{\bar{t}\bar{t}}^{\bar{z}}} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\Gamma_{\bar{x}\bar{x}}^{\bar{t}}} = \boxed{\Gamma_{\bar{y}\bar{y}}^{\bar{t}}} = \boxed{\Gamma_{\bar{z}\bar{z}}^{\bar{t}}} = 0$$

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$$\Gamma_{\bar{x}\bar{x}}^{\bar{x}} = \partial_{\bar{x}} \ln(\sqrt{|g_{\bar{x}\bar{x}}|}) = \partial_{\bar{x}} \ln(\sqrt{1}) = 0$$

$$\Gamma_{\bar{y}\bar{t}}^{\bar{y}} = \partial_{\bar{t}} \ln(\sqrt{|g_{\bar{y}\bar{y}}|}) = 0$$

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$$= \theta$$

$$\Gamma_{\bar{y}\bar{x}}^{\bar{y}} = \Gamma_{\bar{z}\bar{x}}^{\bar{y}} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\bar{t}\bar{x}}^{\bar{t}} &= \partial_{\bar{x}} \ln(\sqrt{|g_{\bar{t}\bar{t}}|}) \\ &= \partial_{\bar{x}} \ln(1 + g_{\bar{x}}) \end{aligned}$$

• And every other Christoffel equals 0.

$$\Gamma_{\bar{t}\bar{x}}^{\bar{t}} = \frac{g}{1 + g_{\bar{x}}}$$

The only non-zero Γ 's are:

$$\Gamma_{\bar{t}\bar{t}}^{\bar{x}} = g(1 + g_{\bar{x}}) \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_{\bar{t}\bar{x}}^{\bar{t}} = \frac{g}{1 + g_{\bar{x}}}$$

2.1 Starting from the stress energy tensor for a perfect fluid $T^{\alpha\beta} = (\rho + P)U^\alpha U^\beta + P g^{\alpha\beta}$ and using local energy momentum conservation s.t. $\nabla_\alpha T^{\alpha\beta} = 0$; derive the relativistic Euler equation:

$$(\rho + P) \nabla_{\vec{U}} \vec{U} = -\vec{h} \cdot \vec{\nabla} P$$

Given equations:

$$T^{\alpha\beta} = (\rho + P)U^\alpha U^\beta + P g^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\nabla_\alpha T^{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

$$h^{\alpha\beta} = g^{\alpha\beta} + U^\alpha U^\beta = \text{"projection operator"}$$

$$\rightarrow h^{\alpha\beta} U_\beta = h^{\alpha\beta} U_\alpha = h_\beta^\alpha U^\beta = h_\beta^\alpha U_\alpha = 0$$

• Begin by taking divergence of \vec{T} :

$$0 = \nabla_\alpha T^{\alpha\beta} = U^\alpha U^\beta \nabla_\alpha (\rho + P) + (\rho + P)(U^\beta \nabla_\alpha U^\alpha + U^\alpha \nabla_\alpha U^\beta)$$

$$+ g^{\alpha\beta} \nabla_\alpha P + P \nabla_\alpha g^{\alpha\beta} \xrightarrow{0}$$

• Now apply h_β^α to both sides:

$$\emptyset = h_\beta^\alpha \nabla_\alpha T^{\alpha\beta} = U^\lambda h_\beta^\alpha U^\beta \overset{\emptyset}{\nabla}_\alpha (\rho + P) + (\rho + P)(h_\beta^\alpha U^\beta \overset{\emptyset}{\nabla}_\alpha U^\lambda + h_\beta^\alpha U^\lambda \overset{\emptyset}{\nabla}_\alpha U^\beta)$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
relabel dummy indices $\alpha \rightarrow \nu$

$$\rightarrow \emptyset = (\rho + P)(h_\beta^\alpha U^\nu \nabla_\nu U^\beta) + \underbrace{h^{\alpha\nu} \nabla_\nu P}_{\bar{h} \cdot \bar{\nabla} P}$$

$$\rightarrow \emptyset = \bar{h} \cdot \bar{\nabla} P + (\rho + P)(g_\beta^\alpha + U^\lambda U_\beta)(U^\nu \nabla_\nu U^\beta)$$

$$\emptyset = \bar{h} \cdot \bar{\nabla} P + (\rho + P) \underbrace{(U^\nu \nabla_\nu U^\lambda + U^\lambda U_\beta U^\nu \nabla_\nu U^\beta)}_{\nabla_{\vec{u}} \vec{u}}$$

$$\rightarrow \emptyset = \bar{h} \cdot \bar{\nabla} P + (\rho + P) \nabla_{\vec{u}} \vec{u} + \star \text{ where}$$

$$\star = U^\lambda U_\beta U^\nu \nabla_\nu U^\beta \quad \sim \sim \sim$$

- As an aside, note that:

$$\nabla_r (U_\beta U^\beta)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= U_\beta \nabla_r U^\beta + U^\beta \nabla_r U_\beta \\
 &= U_\beta \nabla_r U^\beta + U_\beta \nabla_r U^\beta \leftarrow \text{flip indices} \\
 &= 2U_\beta \nabla_r U^\beta \leftarrow \text{which looks like } \textcircled{A}
 \end{aligned}$$

- However, $\nabla_r (U_\beta U^\beta) = \nabla_r (-1) = \emptyset$

$$\rightarrow \textcircled{A} = \frac{U^\alpha U^\Gamma}{2} \nabla_\Gamma (U_\beta U^\beta) = \emptyset$$

$$\rightarrow \text{overall}; \quad \emptyset = \bar{h} \cdot \bar{\nabla} P + (\rho + P) \nabla_{\vec{u}} \vec{u}$$

$$\rightarrow (\rho + P) \nabla_{\vec{u}} \vec{u} = -\bar{h} \cdot \bar{\nabla} P$$

- As we wanted to show ✓

2 b • For a non-relativistic fluid ($\rho \gg p$, $v^t \gg v^i$) and a cartesian basis, show that the relativistic equation reduces to:

$$\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial t} + v_i \partial_i v_j = -\frac{1}{\rho} \partial_i p$$

Given:

($\rho + p$) ($v^\alpha \nabla_\alpha u^\beta$) = $-h^{\alpha\beta} \nabla_\alpha p$

- Cartesian basis $\rightarrow \Pi^i = 0$ and $\nabla_\alpha \rightarrow \partial_\alpha$
- Also apply $\rho \gg p$ to LHS:

$$\rightarrow \rho v^\alpha \partial_\alpha v^\beta \approx -(g^{\alpha\beta} + v^\alpha v^\beta) \partial_\alpha p$$

- Write out the LHS sum explicitly:

$$\text{LHS} = \rho \underbrace{(v^i \partial_i v^t + v^t \partial_t v^t, v^i \partial_i v^j + v^t \partial_t v^j)}_{\text{timelike piece}}$$

- For non-relativistic limit $\gamma \rightarrow 1$

$$\vec{u} = (\gamma, \gamma \vec{v}) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \uparrow v^t \\ \uparrow v^i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS} = \rho \left(\emptyset, u^i \partial_i u^j + \frac{\partial u^i}{\partial t} \right)$$

Now the RHS:

$$\text{RHS} = - (g^{2\beta} + u^2 u^\beta) \partial_\alpha \perp$$

Think of this as a matrix times a vector:

$g^{2\beta} \propto n^{2\beta}$ in flat-spacetime:

$$g^{2\beta} \approx \text{diagonal } (-1, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$u^2 u^\beta = \begin{bmatrix} (u^t)^2 & u^{ti} \\ u^{it} & u^{ii} \end{bmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \text{4x4 matrix}$$

In the limit, $u^i \ll u^t$, implies

$$u^2 u^\beta \approx \text{diagonal } (1, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\rightarrow h^{2\beta} \approx -\text{diagonal } (0, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$\partial_\alpha \perp = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_t \perp \\ \partial_x \perp \\ \partial_y \perp \\ \partial_z \perp \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{RHS} \approx (0, -\partial_i \perp)$$

↑ timelike component
↑ space-like

• So overall;

$$\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial t} + v_i \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_j} \approx - \frac{\partial p}{\rho}$$

✓ as wanted to show..

- [2] C • Apply the relativistic Euler equation to Rindler Spacetime for hydrostatic equilibrium. I.e. the fluid is at rest in the \bar{x} coordinates or $U^{\bar{x}} = 0$. Suppose the EOS is $\dot{E} = w\rho$. Find $p(\bar{x})$ given that $\rho(0) = \rho_0$:

• For Rindler spacetime:

$$[g_{\bar{x}\bar{p}}] = \text{diag}(-(1+g\bar{x})^2, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$[g^{\bar{x}\bar{p}}] = [g_{\bar{x}\bar{p}}]^{-1} = \text{diag}(-(1+g\bar{x})^{-2}, 1, 1, 1)$$

• Relativistic Euler eqn:

$$(p + \dot{E}) U^{\bar{x}} \nabla_{\bar{x}} U^{\bar{p}} = - h^{\bar{x}\bar{p}} \nabla_{\bar{x}} p \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Tensional equation} \\ \text{holds in all} \\ \text{reference frames} \end{array}$$

• Given that $U^{\bar{x}} = U^{\bar{y}} = U^{\bar{z}} = 0$

$$\rightarrow \vec{u} = (U^{\bar{t}}, \vec{\sigma})$$

• Now remember $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = -1$ always

$$\rightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = u_{\bar{x}} u^{\bar{x}} = g_{\bar{x}\bar{x}} u^{\bar{x}} u^{\bar{x}} = -1$$

$$\rightarrow -1 = g_{\bar{x}\bar{x}} (u^{\bar{x}})^2 \leftarrow \text{since } u^{\bar{x}} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow -1 = -(1+g\bar{x})^2 (u^{\bar{x}})^2$$

$$\rightarrow u^{\bar{x}} = 1/(1+g\bar{x}) \leftarrow \text{we will need to use this later}$$

• Now compress down the relativistic Euler equation to just $\bar{P} = \bar{x}$ to get a relation for $\partial P / \partial \bar{x}$:

$$(P + \bar{P}) u^{\bar{x}} \nabla_{\bar{x}} u^{\bar{x}} = -h^{\bar{x}\bar{x}} \nabla_{\bar{x}} \bar{P}$$

$$\text{LHS} = (P + \bar{P}) (u^{\bar{x}} \nabla_{\bar{x}} u^{\bar{x}} + u^{\bar{i}} \nabla_{\bar{i}} u^{\bar{x}})$$

$$\text{LHS} = (P + \bar{P}) (u^{\bar{x}} \nabla_{\bar{x}} u^{\bar{x}}) \quad \rightarrow 0 \text{ since } u^{\bar{x}} = u^{\bar{y}} = u^{\bar{z}} = 0$$

• Remember, we aren't working in a flat spacetime necessarily so $\nabla_{\bar{x}} \neq \partial_{\bar{x}}$

$$\nabla_{\bar{x}} u^{\bar{x}} = \partial_{\bar{x}} u^{\bar{x}} + \Gamma_{\bar{x}\bar{r}}^{\bar{x}} u^{\bar{r}} \leftarrow \text{only } \Gamma_{\bar{x}\bar{x}}^{\bar{x}} u^{\bar{x}} \text{ is } \neq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \nabla_{\bar{x}} u^{\bar{x}} = g(1+g\bar{x})(1+g\bar{x})^{-1} = g$$

$$\rightarrow LHS = +(\rho + P) v^{\bar{x}} \nabla_{\bar{E}} v^{\bar{x}}$$

$$= + \frac{(\rho + P) g}{(1 + g \bar{x})} . \text{ And now use EOS } P = w \rho$$

$$\rightarrow LHS = + \frac{\rho g (1 + w)}{(1 + g \bar{x})}$$

Now evaluate the RHS:

$$RHS = - h^{\bar{x} \bar{x}} \nabla_{\bar{x}} P = - h^{\bar{x} \bar{x}} \partial_{\bar{x}} P$$

$$= - (g^{\bar{x} \bar{x}} + v^{\bar{x}} v^{\bar{x}}) (\partial_{\bar{x}} P)$$

$$= - g^{\bar{x} \bar{x}} \partial_{\bar{x}} P = - \partial_{\bar{x}} P = -w \frac{\partial P}{\partial \bar{x}}$$

since $LHS = RHS$, implies:

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \bar{x}} = \frac{\rho g (1 + w)}{w (1 + g \bar{x})} \equiv \frac{K}{1 + g \bar{x}}$$

$$\cdot \text{ Let } \bar{y} = 1 + g \bar{x} \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}} = \frac{1}{g} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}}$$

$$\rightarrow g \frac{\partial P}{\partial \bar{y}} = \frac{K}{\bar{y}} \rightarrow \partial_{\bar{y}} P(\bar{y}) = \frac{K}{g} \left(\frac{P}{\bar{y}} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{dP}{P} = -\frac{\kappa}{g} \int \frac{d\bar{y}}{\bar{y}}$$

$$\rightarrow e^{-\frac{K}{g} \ln(\bar{y})}$$

$$\rightarrow P = \bar{y}^{-k/g} = (1+g\bar{x})^{-(1+w)/w}$$

• But we want the I.C. $\rho(\bar{x} = 0) = \rho_0$:

$$\rightarrow P(\bar{x}) = P_0 (1 + g \bar{x})^{\hat{w}} \left\{ -(\omega+1)/\omega \right\} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{exponent, no} \\ \text{"e" term...} \end{matrix}$$

Suppose now that $w = w_0 / (1 + g\bar{x})$. Show that $V(\bar{x}) = V_0 \exp\{-\bar{x}/L\}$. Find L in terms of the system parameters:

$$LHS = \frac{dP}{dX} = \frac{d}{dX}(wP) = \frac{d}{dX} \left(\frac{\rho w_0}{1 + g\bar{x}} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\omega_0}{1 + g \bar{x}} \right) \frac{d\varphi}{dx} + - \frac{g \omega_0 \varphi}{(1 + g \bar{x})^2}$$

$$RHS = - \frac{\wp g \left(1 + \frac{\omega_0}{1+g\bar{x}}\right)}{(1+g\bar{x})}$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{\omega_0}{1+g\bar{x}}\right) \partial_x \wp = -\frac{\wp g}{1+g\bar{x}} - \frac{\omega_0 g \cancel{\wp}}{(1+g\bar{x})^2} + \frac{\omega_0 g \cancel{\wp}}{(1+g\bar{x})^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d\wp}{dx} = -\frac{g}{\omega_0} \wp \rightarrow \int \frac{d\wp}{\wp} = \int -\frac{g}{\omega_0} dx$$

$$\rightarrow e^{in(\wp)} = e^{-gx/\omega_0} \rightarrow \wp = \exp\{-gx/\omega_0\}$$

• Apply I.C: $\wp(0) = \wp_0$

$$\rightarrow \wp(\bar{x}) = \wp_0 \exp\{-gx/\omega_0\}$$

• Now add back in the c's (speed of light)

$$[g] = m/s^2$$

$$[\underline{\Gamma}] = [\omega] [\wp] \rightarrow \frac{N}{m^2} = [\omega] \frac{kg \cdot c^2}{m^3} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{energy} \\ \text{density} \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{kg \cdot m}{s^2} = [\omega] \frac{kg \cdot c^2}{m} \rightarrow [\omega] = \frac{m^2/s^2}{c^2}$$

$$\left[\frac{g}{\omega_0}\right] = \frac{1}{m} = \left[\frac{1}{c}\right] = \frac{m/s^2}{m^2/s^2} = \frac{c^2}{m} \text{ so we need}$$

$$\text{that } \frac{g}{\omega_0} \rightarrow \frac{g}{\omega_0 c^2}$$



$$P(x) = P_0 \exp \left\{ -gx / w_0 c^2 \right\}$$

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$$= P_0 \exp \left\{ -x / L \right\}$$

• where

$$L \equiv w_0 c^2 / g$$



- c) • Compare your solution to the density profile of a non-relativistic, plane-parallel, isothermal atmosphere for which $\rho = \rho kT / n$ in a constant gravity field. Use the nonrelativistic Euler equation with a term $-\partial_i \Phi = g_i$ added to the RHS where Φ is Newtonian gravitational potential + $g_i \approx 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$.

$$\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial t} + v_k \partial_k v_i = -\frac{1}{\rho} \partial_i P + \partial_i \Phi$$

• Assume $v_i = 0$ (Hydrostatic equilibrium)

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\rho} \partial_i P = \partial_i \Phi = -g_i$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \partial_i P \right) \left(\frac{kT}{n} \right) = -g_i \rightarrow \partial_i P = -\frac{n g_i}{kT} \rho$$



$$P(z) = P_0 \exp \left\{ -n g_z z / kT \right\}$$

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• Question: Why ~~does~~ Hydrostatic equilibrium in Rindler spacetime - where there is no gravity - give such similar results to hydrostatic equilibrium in a gravitational field?

Answer:

This is ultimately due to the Weak Equivalence principle. I.e., one cannot discern the difference between the effects of gravity & a uniformly accelerated system.

3. Spherical Hydrostatic equilibrium:

- The line element for a spherically symmetric static spacetime is:

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

where $\phi(r) + M(r)$ are functions of "r". In hydrostatic equilibrium, ~~$U^r = U^\theta = U^\phi = 0$~~ .

- Use the relativistic Euler equation to derive the diff eqn for pressure:

Given $(\rho + P) U^\lambda \nabla_\lambda U^\beta = -h^{\lambda\beta} \nabla_\lambda P$

$$[g_{\alpha\beta}] = \begin{bmatrix} -e^{2\phi} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (1 - 2GM/r)^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & r^2 \sin^2\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

is our metric for this spacetime...

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

$$\rightarrow \vec{u} = (e^{-\phi(r)}, \vec{0}) \text{ which is important to know...}$$

- Now look at the following component of the relativistic Euler equation \rightsquigarrow

$$(\rho + P) u^2 \nabla_2 u^r = - h^{dr} \partial_2 P$$

$$\rightarrow + (\rho + P) u^t \nabla_t u^r = - (g^{dr} + u^2 u^r) \partial_2 P$$

$$\rightarrow + (\rho + P) u^t (\partial_t u^r + \Gamma_{tr}^r u^r) = - g^{rr} \partial_r P$$

$$\rightarrow + (\rho + P) u^t \Gamma_{tt}^r u^t = \left(\frac{2GM}{r} - 1 \right) \frac{\partial P}{\partial r}$$

Aside

$$\Gamma_{tt}^r \equiv \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) g^{rr} \partial_r g_{tt}$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \right) \partial_r (-e^{+2\phi(r)})$$

$$= \left(+\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(+2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} e^{+2\phi(r)} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \right)$$

$$= - \left(\frac{2GM}{r} - 1 \right) e^{+2\phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}$$

$$\rightarrow - (\rho + P) \left(\frac{2GM}{r} - 1 \right) e^{+2\phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} e^{-2\phi} = \left(\frac{2GM}{r} - 1 \right) \frac{dP}{dr}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dP}{dr} = - (\rho + P) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}}$$

$\partial_\theta P = \partial_\varphi P = 0$ due
to spherical symmetry ✓

4. Converting from non-affine to affine parameterization

- Suppose $V^\lambda = \frac{dx^\lambda}{d\lambda^*}$ obeys the geodesic equation in the form $\frac{DV^\lambda}{d\lambda^*} = k(\lambda^*) V^\lambda$ s.t. clearly λ^* is not an affine parameter. Show that $U^\lambda = \frac{dx^\lambda}{d\lambda}$ obeys the geodesic equation in the form $\frac{DU^\lambda}{d\lambda} = 0$ as long as:
- $$\frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*} = \exp \left\{ \int k(\lambda^*) d\lambda^* \right\}$$
- Begin: $V^\lambda = \frac{dx^\lambda}{d\lambda} \cdot \frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*} = U^\lambda \frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*}$
 - Plug back into relation for V^λ :

$$\frac{DV^\lambda}{d\lambda^*} = V^\beta \nabla_\beta V^\lambda = \cancel{\frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*}} U^\beta \nabla_\beta \left(U^\lambda \frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*} \right) = k(\lambda^*) \cancel{\frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*}} U^\lambda$$

$$\rightarrow \left(U^\beta \nabla_\beta U^\lambda \right) \left(\frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*} \right) + U^\lambda U^\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\beta} \left(\frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*} \right) = k(\lambda^*) U^\lambda$$

The first term on the left $\rightarrow 0$ since $\frac{DU^2}{d\lambda} = 0$

So then we have:

$$U^\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\beta} \left(\frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*} \right) = k(\lambda^*) \quad \text{and} \quad U^\beta = \frac{\partial x^\beta}{\partial \lambda}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*} \right) = k(\lambda^*)$$

$$\rightarrow \partial \left(\frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*} \right) = k(\lambda^*) \partial \lambda = k(\lambda^*) \frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*} \partial \lambda^*$$

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{\partial (d\lambda / d\lambda^*)}{d\lambda / d\lambda^*} = \int k(\lambda^*) \partial \lambda^*$$

$$\rightarrow \ln(d\lambda / d\lambda^*) = \int k(\lambda^*) d\lambda^*$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d\lambda}{d\lambda^*} = \exp \left\{ \int k(\lambda^*) d\lambda^* \right\}} \quad \text{W Q.E.D.}$$

5. A particle with conserved charge "e" moves with 4-velocity U^α in a spacetime with metric $g_{\alpha\beta}$ in the presence of a vector potential A_ν . The EOM for this particle is:

$$U^\beta \nabla_\beta U_\alpha = e F_{\alpha\beta}^\bullet U^\beta$$

$$\text{where } F_{\alpha\beta} = \nabla_\alpha A_\beta - \nabla_\beta A_\alpha$$

- The spacetime emits a killing vector field ξ^α such that:

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi g_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}_\xi A_\alpha = 0$$

- Show that the quantity $(U_\alpha + e A_\alpha) \xi^\alpha$ is a constant along the worldline of the particle:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D}{d\tau} (\xi^\alpha (U_\alpha + e A_\alpha)) &= U^\beta \nabla_\beta (\xi^\alpha (U_\alpha + e A_\alpha)) \\ &= U_\alpha U^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi^\alpha + \underbrace{\xi^\alpha U^\beta \nabla_\beta U_\alpha + e A_\alpha U^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi^\alpha}_{e \xi^\alpha F_{\alpha\beta}^\bullet U^\beta} \\ &\quad + e \cancel{\xi^\alpha} U^\beta \nabla_\beta A_\alpha \\ &\quad \xrightarrow{\text{cancel}} e \xi^\alpha F_{\alpha\beta}^\bullet U^\beta \\ &\quad \boxed{e (\xi^\alpha \nabla_\alpha A_\beta - \xi^\alpha \nabla_\beta A_\alpha) U^\beta} \end{aligned}$$

$$= U_2 U^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi^2 + e A_2 U^\beta \cancel{\nabla_\beta \xi^2} + e \xi^2 (\nabla_\beta A_\beta) U^\beta$$

• Use the fact $\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}} A_\beta = 0$

$$\hookrightarrow \xi^2 \nabla_\beta A_\beta + A_2 \nabla_\beta \xi^2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \xi^2 \nabla_\beta A_\beta = -A_2 \nabla_\beta \xi^2$$

• So the last two terms cancel ✓

$$\rightarrow \frac{D}{dt} (\xi^2 (U_2 + e A_2)) = U_2 \underbrace{U^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi^2}_{\text{plus } \Delta^2 \text{'s}}$$

$$= U^2 U^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi_2$$

$$= U^2 U^\beta (\nabla_\beta \xi_2 + \nabla_2 \xi_\beta + \underbrace{\nabla_\beta \xi_2 - \nabla_2 \xi_\beta}_{(\frac{1}{2})})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} U^2 U^\beta (\nabla_\beta \xi_2 + \nabla_2 \xi_\beta) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{anti-sym under } \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \\ (\text{so goes to } 0) \end{matrix}$$

Sym. under
 $\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$

Killing's equation via

the fact that $\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}} g_{\alpha\beta} = 0$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\frac{D}{dt} (\xi^2 (U_2 + e A_2)) = 0 \text{ so it is a constant of motion} \quad \text{QED}}$$