

Title: Gravitational Physics (Review) - Lecture 8

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Abstract:



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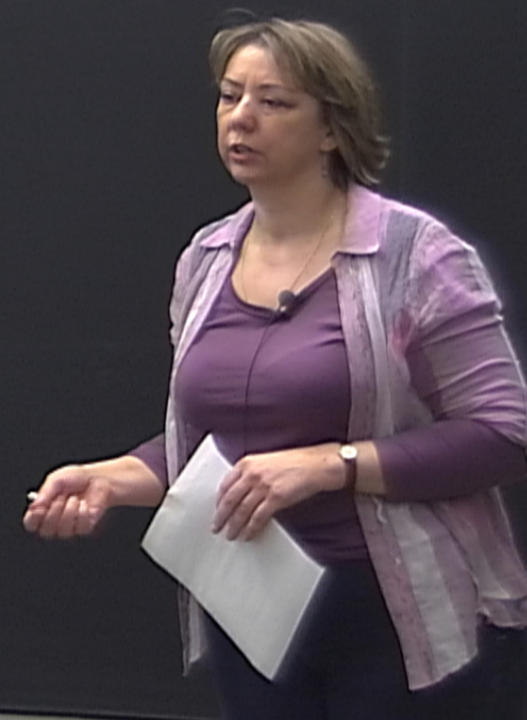


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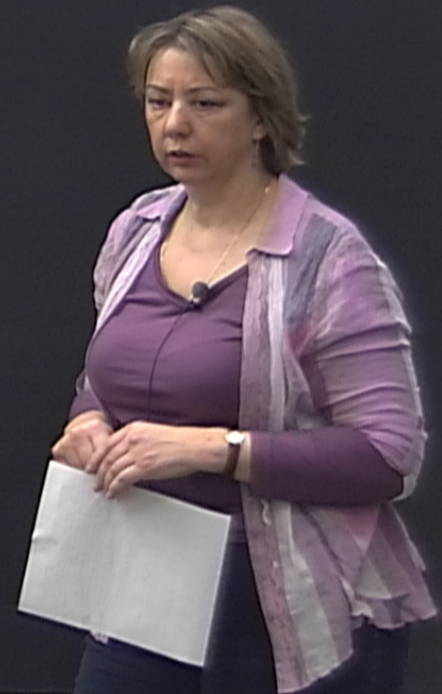
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Allows simple expressions in eqns of motion.

e.g. $\square \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \partial_a (g^{ab} \sqrt{g} \partial_b \phi)$

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Here use

$$\delta(g^{-1}) = -g^{-1} \delta g g^{-1}$$

Keep $\delta \phi|_{\partial \mathcal{V}} = 0$

$$= \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[- \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \partial_a \sqrt{g} \partial^a \phi + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \right) \delta \phi + \delta g^{ab} \left(\frac{1}{2} \phi_{,a} \phi_{,b} - \frac{g_{ab}}{2} \right) \right]$$

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$\delta \phi$

$\partial \phi$

spacetime

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta g^{ab}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\phi_{,a} \phi_{,b} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} \right]$$

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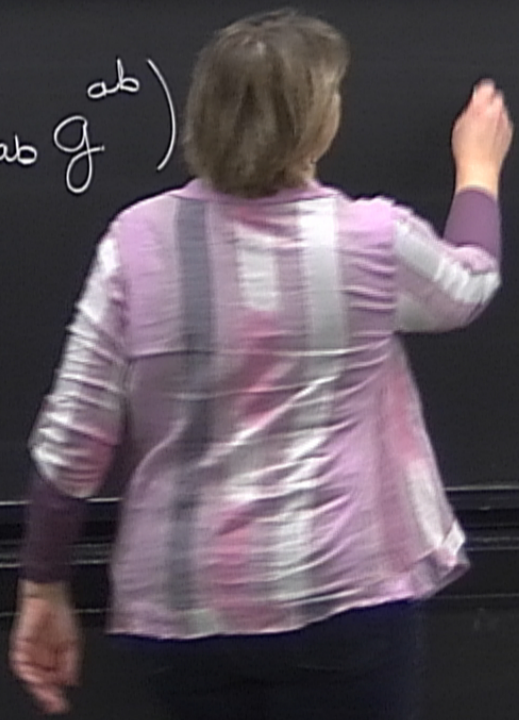
Energy momentum
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δg^{-1} $\left(\int \sqrt{-g} \right) +$ boundary of terms.

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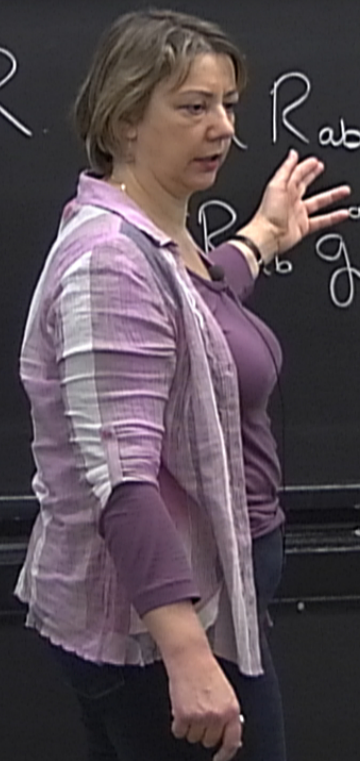
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$$\delta R = R_{ab} \delta g^{ab} + R_{ab} \delta g^{ab}$$

$$R_{ab} = R^c{}_{acb}$$



$$\delta R_{ab} = \nabla_c \delta \Gamma_{ab}^c - \nabla_b \delta \Gamma_{ca}^c \quad (\text{Palatini Lemma})$$

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at P.

$$;c = \frac{1}{2} g^{cd} \nabla_c (\delta g_{bd;a} + \delta g_{ad;b} - \delta g_{ba;d})$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{ab} \delta R_{ab} = -\nabla_a \nabla_b \delta g^{ab} + g^{ab} \square \delta g^{ab}$$

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- ie have to set δg and $\nabla \delta g = 0$ on ∂V ◁

$$\delta\sqrt{-g}R = (R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{ab})\sqrt{-g} \delta g^{ab} + \text{bdry terms}$$

$$\text{Thus } S_{EH} = -\frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} R$$

$g_{\mu\nu}$

δV

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$$S = \int \Phi R$$

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$$(\nabla_a \nabla_b \Phi - g_{ab} \square \Phi)$$

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