

Title: A note on dual gravitational charges

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Abstract: Dual gravitational charges (DGCs) have been originally computed in the first-order formalism by means of covariant phase space methods using tetrad variables. I show i) why DGCs do not arise using the metric variables and ii) how they can be set to zero by exploiting the freedom to add exact 3-forms to the symplectic potential.

Without exploiting that freedom, DGCs can be understood as Hamiltonian charges associated to the Kosmann variation. I then discuss the implications of this observation for asymptotic symmetries and comment about subleading contributions thereof.

Finally, I also show that DGCs can be equally derived by means of cohomological methods. In this case, DGCs depends on the order of the Lagrangian: they exist only in the first-order formalism.

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see also arXiv:2007:07144 [hep-th] and arXiv:2007.01267 [hep-th] by H. Godazgar, M. Godazgar, M. Perry



Introduction

- Dual supertranslation charges introduced “dualising” supertranslation charges at future null infinity

[Godazgar et al. - 1812.01641], [Kol&Porrati - 1907.00990]

$$\oint Q_\xi = \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int_{S_\infty} \star \mathbf{k}_\xi, \quad (\text{electric})$$

$$\oint \tilde{Q}_\xi = \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int_{S_\infty} \mathbf{k}_\xi, \quad (\text{magnetic})$$

where \mathbf{k}_ξ is the Barnich-Brandt charge density.

- Hamiltonian derivation of the dual supertranslation charge $\oint \tilde{Q}_\xi$ provided in [Godazgar et al. - 2007.01257 & 2007.07144]

More precisely, they computed $\oint \tilde{Q}_\xi$

- in the first-order formalism (Palatini-Holst action)
- using tetrad variables
- by means of covariant phase-space methods (à la Iyer-Wald)

Motivation

In this talk, I will show

- + why dual charges do not arise using metric variables
- + how they can be set to zero by exploiting the freedom to add exact 3-forms to the pre-symplectic potential
- + how they can be understood from Hamiltonian charges associated to the Kosmann variation
- + how they can be computed by means of cohomological methods (à la Barnich-Brandt)

Outline

1. Covariant phase-space methods - basics
2. "Dressing" the pre-symplectic potential
3. Dual charges from Hamiltonian charges associated to the Kosmann variation
4. Dual charges from cohomological methods
5. Conclusions

Lagrangian and pre-symplectic potential

We adopt the first-order formalism: independent variables (e, ω) and (g, Γ)

$$L^{(e, \gamma)} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{IJKL} \Sigma^{IJ} \wedge F^{KL}(\omega) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \Sigma_{IJ} \wedge F^{IJ}(\omega), \quad \Sigma^{IJ} = e^I \wedge e^J$$

$$L^{(g, \gamma)} = \left(g^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma) - \frac{1}{2\gamma} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\Gamma) \right) \epsilon.$$

Taking arbitrary variations of the Lagrangian $\delta L[\phi] = E[\phi] \delta\phi + d\theta[\phi, \delta\phi]$, where

$$\theta^{(e, \gamma)\mu}(\delta) = 2e_I^{[\mu} e_J^{\nu]} \delta\omega_{\nu}^{IJ} - \frac{1}{\gamma} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} e_{\nu I} e_{\rho J} \delta\omega_{\sigma}^{IJ},$$

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[De Paoli&Speziale - 1804.09685]

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Notice that $\Sigma_{IJ} \wedge F^{IJ} = T^I \wedge T_I - d(e_I \wedge T^I)$ vanishes for $T^I = 0$, but the corresponding θ -contribution $\Sigma_{IJ} \wedge \delta \omega^{IJ} = -d(e_I \wedge \delta e^I)$ does not.

Hamiltonian charges: tetrad & metric variables

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(without torsion, recall $1/\gamma \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} g_{\rho\lambda} \delta\Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^{\lambda} = 0$)

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where $\kappa_{\xi} = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \nabla^{\rho} \xi^{\sigma} dx^{\mu} \wedge dx^{\nu}$ is the Komar 2-form.

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with $q_{\xi}^{(e,\gamma)} = P_{IJKL} i_{\xi} \omega^{IJ} \Sigma^{KL}$, $q_{\lambda}^{(e,\gamma)} = P_{IJKL} \lambda^{IJ} \Sigma^{KL}$, $P_{IJKL} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{IJKL} + \frac{1}{\gamma} \eta_{I[K} \eta_{L]J}$

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In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \delta H_{\xi}^e &= \int_S \delta q_{\xi}^e - i_{\xi} \theta^e(\delta) = \int_S \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{IJKL} (i_{\xi} \omega^{IJ} \delta \Sigma^{KL} - i_{\xi} \Sigma^{IJ} \wedge \delta \omega^{KL}) \neq \delta H_{\xi}^g \\ \cdot \delta \tilde{H}_{\xi}^e &= \int_S 2 \mathcal{L}_{\xi} e_I \wedge \delta e^I \quad \text{see also [Corichi et al., - 1312.7828]} \\ \cdot \delta H_{\lambda}^e + \frac{1}{\gamma} \delta \tilde{H}_{\lambda}^e &= - \int_S P_{IJKL} \lambda^{IJ} \delta \Sigma^{KL} \end{aligned}$$

This difference in the charges from different Lagrangians is also studied in

[Freidel&Geiller&Pranzetti - 2006.12527 & 2007.03563]

What is next?

We have three question to address

1. We can use the ambiguity of the pre-symplectic potential

(recall, $\delta L[\phi] = E[\phi]\delta\phi + d\theta[\phi, \delta\phi]$)

$$\theta(\delta) \rightarrow \theta(\delta) + d\alpha(\delta)$$

$$\Omega(\delta_1, \delta_2) \rightarrow \Omega(\delta_1, \delta_2) + \Omega^\alpha(\delta_1, \delta_2)$$

Can α set to zero dual and internal Lorentz charges simultaneously?

Alternative: add a boundary Lagrangian \rightarrow boundary dof \rightarrow edge modes

[Freidel et al - 2006.12527 & 2007.03563], [Wieland - 1905.06357]

2. If we stay with $\theta(\delta)$, can we at least recover matching charges in the case of isometries? Recall that $\delta H_\xi^e \neq \delta H_\xi^g$.

We introduce a notion of isometry for tetrads, $\mathcal{K}_\xi e^I = 0$ if ξ is Killing.

Recall that $\mathcal{L}_\xi e^I = \lambda_\xi^I{}_J e^J \neq 0$ if ξ is Killing, in contrast with $\mathcal{L}_\xi g_{\mu\nu} = 0$.

What is $\Omega(\delta, \mathcal{K}_\xi)$?

3. We can compute the surface charges by means of cohomological methods. Ambiguity-free methods.

Do Barnich-Brandt charges “see” the dual charges?

“Dressing” the pre-symplectic potential

The variation of the Lagrangian defines $\theta(\delta)$ up to an exact form!

One is allowed to choose a new representative for $\theta^{(e,\gamma)}(\delta)$, say,

$$\theta'^{(e,\gamma)}(\delta) = \theta^{(e,\gamma)}(\delta) + d\alpha(\delta) = \theta^{(g,\gamma)}(\delta)$$

to set to zero dual and internal Lorentz charges and recover the metric charges.

Schetch of the proof. From

$$\alpha(\delta) = \star(e_l \wedge \delta e^l) + \frac{1}{\gamma} e_l \wedge \delta e^l = \alpha_\star(\delta) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \alpha_\gamma(\delta)$$

compute

$$\Omega^\alpha(\delta, \underline{\delta}_\lambda + \delta_\xi) = \int_S \delta(\kappa_\xi - q_\xi^e) - i_\xi d\alpha_\star(\delta) - \underline{\delta H}_\lambda^e - \frac{1}{\gamma} \left(\delta \tilde{H}_\xi^e + \delta \tilde{H}_\lambda^e \right)$$

and add it to $\delta H_{(\lambda,\xi)}^{(e,\gamma)} = \delta H_\xi^e + \delta H_\lambda^e + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left(\delta \tilde{H}_\xi^e + \delta \tilde{H}_\lambda^e \right)$ to get

$$\delta H_\xi^{e'} = \delta H_\xi^e + \int_S \delta(\kappa_\xi - q_\xi^e) - i_\xi d\alpha_\star(\delta) = \int_S \delta \kappa_\xi - i_\xi \theta^g(\delta) = \delta H_\xi^g$$

Dual charges from Hamiltonian charges associated to the Kosmann variation



The Kosmann derivative and dual charges

The notion of isometry for tetrads is given by the Kosmann derivative \mathcal{K}_ξ
 [Jacobson&Mohd - 1507.01054], [Prabhu - 1511.00388]

$$\mathcal{K}_\xi := \mathcal{L}_\xi + \delta_{\bar{\lambda}}, \quad \bar{\lambda}^{IJ} := D^{[I} \xi^{J]} + i_\xi \omega^{IJ}$$

It obeys $\mathcal{K}_\xi e^I = 0$ if ξ is Killing.

Thanks to this definition, the Noether charges are recovered exactly for any ξ .
 For Hamiltonian charges, they are recovered for Killing but not in general.

- Noether charges: same result with tetrad and metric variables for any ξ

In fact, $\theta^{(e,\gamma)}(\delta_{\bar{\lambda}}) = d\alpha(\mathcal{L}_\xi)$ and $\theta^{(e,\gamma)}(\delta) + d\alpha(\delta) = \theta^{(g,\gamma)}(\delta)$ imply

$$j_{\xi}^{(e,\gamma)}(\mathcal{K}_\xi) = \theta^{(e,\gamma)}(\mathcal{L}_\xi) + \theta^{(e,\gamma)}(\delta_{\bar{\lambda}}) - i_\xi L^{(e,\gamma)} = \theta^{(g,\gamma)}(\mathcal{L}_\xi) - i_\xi L^{(g,\gamma)} = j^{(g,\gamma)}(\mathcal{L}_\xi)$$

- Hamiltonian charges:

$$\Omega^{(e,\gamma)}(\delta, \mathcal{K}_\xi) = \Omega^{(e,\gamma)}(\delta, \mathcal{L}_\xi) + \Omega^{(e,\gamma)}(\delta, \delta_{\bar{\lambda}}) = \delta H_\xi^g + \int_S \mathcal{A}_\xi(\delta)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\xi(\delta) := \left[\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} (e'_\alpha \mathcal{L}_\xi g^{\alpha\rho} + \nabla_\alpha \xi^\alpha e'_\nu) - \frac{1}{\gamma} \mathcal{L}_\xi g_{\mu\sigma} e'_\nu \right] \delta e'_\sigma dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu$$

Isometries and asymptotic symmetries at spatial infinity

Hamiltonian charges associated to the Kosmann variation

$$[\text{Recall } \Omega^{(e,\gamma)}(\delta, \mathcal{L}_\xi) = \delta H_\xi^{(e,\gamma)} = \delta H_\xi^e + \frac{1}{\gamma} \delta \tilde{H}_\xi^e]$$

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- Isometries. Trivial, $\mathcal{A}_\xi(\delta) = 0$. We recover the metric charges: $\delta H_\xi^e = \delta H_\xi^g$
Or, mutual cancellation between dual and internal Lorentz charges:

$$\delta \tilde{H}_\xi^e = \int_S 2\mathcal{L}_\xi e^I \wedge \delta e_I = - \int_S 2\bar{\lambda}^{IJ} e_J \wedge \delta e_I = -\Omega^{(e,\gamma)}(\delta, \delta_{\bar{\lambda}})$$

- Asymptotic symmetries at spatial infinity. Less trivial, $\mathcal{A}_\xi(\delta) \rightarrow 0$ at i^0 .
Poincaré charges recovered! [Ashtekar et al. - 0802.2527]
Or, no contribution from $\alpha(\delta)$ [De Paoli&Speziale - 1804.09685] in the limit.

Asymptotic symmetries at future null infinity

Hamiltonian charges associated to the Kosmann variation

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Using Bondi gauge and fall-off conditions* for the tetrads to future null infinity:

$$\int_{S_\infty^2} \mathcal{A}_\xi(\delta) = \frac{1}{2\gamma} \int_{S_\infty} \delta g_{BD} \left(\nabla_A \xi^D + \nabla^D \xi_A \right) dx^A \wedge dx^B$$

The RHS is exactly the result of [Godazgar et al. - 2007.07144]

In summary, the Kosmann variation recovers the standard BMS charges, but gives rise to the dual BMS charges!

$$\Omega^{(e,\gamma)}(\delta, \mathcal{K}_\xi) = (\text{standard BMS charges}) + (\text{dual BMS charges})$$

Question*: extended BMS fall-off conditions: dual BMS still present?

Dual charges from cohomological methods

Dual charges from the Barnich-Brandt charges

Cohomological methods are ambiguity-free: focus on EoM!

Recall that $\theta(\delta) = \mathcal{I}^{(4)}L$ [Anderson] [Barnich&Brandt - hep-th/0111246]

For tetrad gravity [Barnich et al. - 1611.01777], [Frodden&Hidalgo - 1703.10120]

$$\delta_{(\lambda,\xi)} e^I \wedge E_I^{(e)} + \delta_{(\lambda,\xi)} \omega^{IJ} \wedge E_{IJ}^{(\omega)} = N(\lambda, \xi) + dS(\lambda, \xi)$$

where $N(\lambda, \xi)$ and $S(\lambda, \xi)$ are, resp., the Noether identities and current

$$N(\lambda, \xi) = 2P_{IJKL} [(\lambda^{IJ} - i_\xi \omega^{IJ}) e^K \wedge (d_\omega T^L - F^{LM} \wedge e_M) + i_\xi e^I e^J \wedge d_\omega F^{KL}]$$

$$S(\lambda, \xi) = 2P_{IJKL} [i_\xi e^I e^J \wedge F^{KL} + (i_\xi \omega^{IJ} - \lambda^{IJ}) e^K \wedge T^L]$$

We need an operator to map 3- to 2-forms. It is the homotopy operator

(see e.g. the review [Compère - 1801.07064])

$$\mathcal{I}_\delta^{(3)} = \left[\frac{1}{2} \delta\phi \frac{\delta}{\delta\partial_\mu\phi} - \frac{1}{3} \delta\phi \partial_\nu \frac{\delta}{\delta\partial_\mu\partial_\nu\phi} + \frac{2}{3} \partial_\nu \delta\phi \frac{\delta}{\delta\partial_\mu\partial_\nu\phi} + \dots \right] i_{\partial_\mu} \quad \curvearrowright$$

Then, the BB charges read as

$$\oint Q_{(\lambda,\xi)}^{BB} = \int_S \mathcal{I}_\delta^{(3)} S(\lambda, \xi) = \int_S P_{IJKL} \left[(i_\xi \omega^{IJ} - \lambda^{IJ}) \delta \Sigma^{KL} - i_\xi \Sigma^{IJ} \wedge \delta \omega^{KL} \right]$$

BB charges reproduce dual gravitational charges in the first-order formalism!

Conclusions

Dual gravitational charges are only present in the tetrad first-order formalism:

- arise from an exact 3-form originated from the Holst sector.
- are fully exposed to the ambiguity of the pre-symplectic potential.
- can be understood from Hamiltonian charges with the Kosmann variation
- can be computed by means of cohomological methods. No ambiguity!

Suprisingly, they survive* at future null infinity!

- standard BMS charges: Bondi mass ($l = 0$) & supermomenta ($l \geq 1$)
- dual BMS charges: conserved Taub-NUT ($l = 0$) & ($l \geq 1$) harmonics

Caveat*: use of standard BMS fall-off conditions for the tetrad to null infinity

Open questions:

1. Do they survive with different fall-off conditions, e.g., extended BMS group?
2. Fluxes (and memory) from dual BMS charges?

(for BMS [Compère, RO, Seraj - 1912.03164])

$$\frac{d}{du}(\text{dual BMS}) = (\text{radiative flux}) + (\text{memory})?$$