

Title: Gravitational Physics Lecture - 230123

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LECTURE 6 Observing black holes

A black hole allows nothing to escape
So how to observe? We see by its
impact on surroundings $\rightarrow$ Geodesics

Start with SCH (wareschild)

$$ds^2 = f(r) dt^2 - \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} - r^2 d\Omega^2$$

$$f = 1 - \frac{2GM}{r}$$

$$x^\mu(\tau)$$

Geodesic eqn is
2nd order ODE.

$$\ddot{x}^\mu + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu \dot{x}^\lambda = 0$$

arenschild)

$$r^2 d\Omega^2$$

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Can take shortcuts

Let k^μ be a Killing vector

$$\nabla_\mu k_\nu = 0$$

Then

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} (k_\mu \dot{X}^\mu) = \dot{X}^\nu \nabla_\nu (k_\mu \dot{X}^\mu)$$

$$= \dot{X}^\nu \dot{X}^\mu \cancel{\nabla_\nu k_\mu} + k_\nu \cancel{\nabla_\mu \dot{X}^\nu}$$

$k.v.$ $geod.$

short cuts.

a Killing vector

$$\begin{aligned} &) = \dot{X}^\nu \nabla_\nu (k_\mu \dot{X}^\mu) \\ & = \dot{X}^\nu \dot{X}^\mu \cancel{\nabla_\nu k_\mu} + k_\nu \cancel{\nabla_\mu \dot{X}^\nu} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

k_ν geod.

ie. $k_\mu \dot{X}^\mu$ conserved along
geodesic.

$$\text{SCH: } k = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

$$g_{tt} \dot{X}^t = \text{const}$$

$$\text{or } f\dot{t} = E, "$$

$$k = \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}$$

$$\rightarrow r^2 \dot{\varphi} = h, \text{ const.}$$

Choose "z-axis" to have geodesic
in equatorial plane: $\Theta = \pi/2$ (if $\dot{\Theta} = 0$
initially, it remains so).

Now,

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} (\underline{g_{\mu\nu} \dot{X}^\mu \dot{X}^\nu}) = \dot{X}^\sigma \nabla_\sigma (g_{\mu\nu} \dot{X}^\mu \dot{X}^\nu) = 0$$

i.e. $g_{\mu\nu} \dot{X}^\mu \dot{X}^\nu = \eta$ conserved.

are geodesic
 $\Theta = \pi/2$ (if $\dot{\Theta} = 0$)
).

$$\dot{X}^\sigma \nabla_\sigma (g_{\mu\nu} \dot{X}^\mu \dot{X}^\nu)$$

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conserved

$$\eta = 0 \leftrightarrow \text{null geodesic}$$

$$\eta = 1 \leftrightarrow \text{timelike "}$$

Our geodesic problem reduces to

$$-g_{\mu\nu} \dot{X}^\mu \dot{X}^\nu = -\eta = \frac{\dot{r}^2}{f} - \frac{E^2}{f} + \frac{h^2}{r^2}$$

$$\text{or } \dot{r}^2 + V_{\text{eff}}(r) = 0$$

geodesic

like "

m reduces to

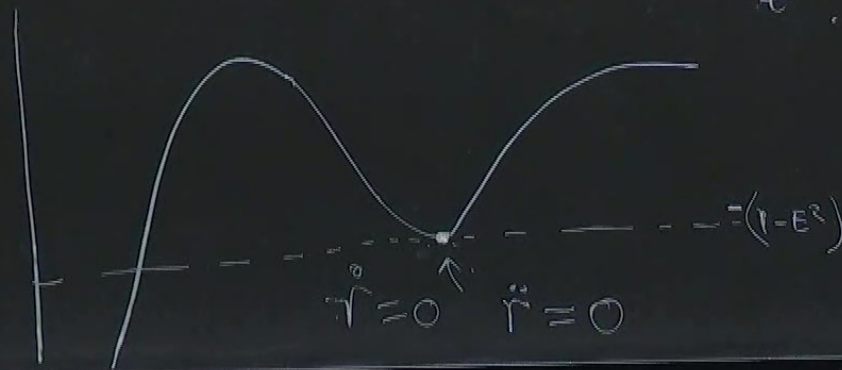
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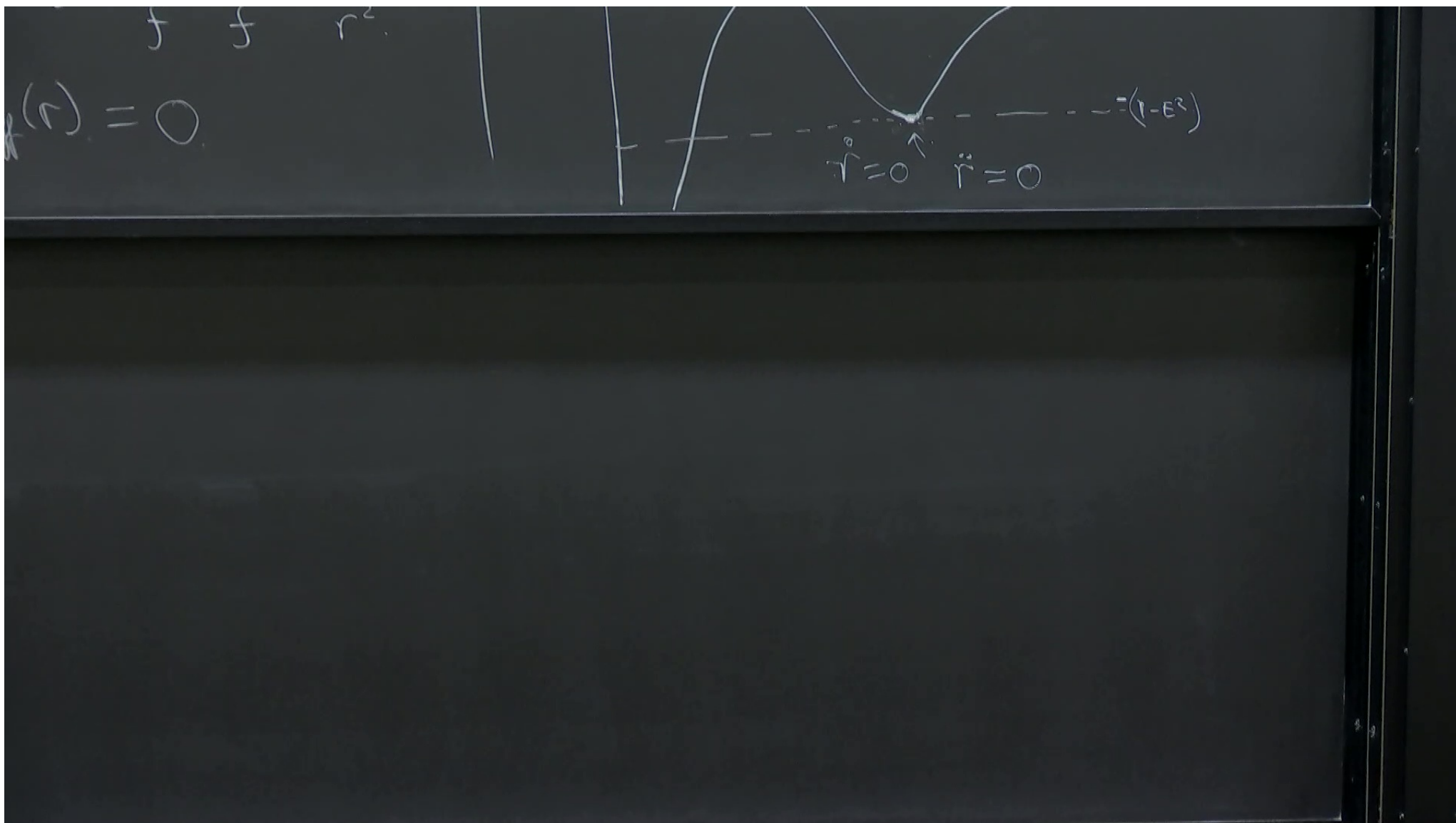
= 0

$$V_{\text{eff}}(r) = \underbrace{\eta - E^2}_{\text{sets zero}} - \underbrace{2GM\eta}_{\text{Newtonian}} + \underbrace{\frac{h^2}{r^2}}_{\text{centrifugal}} - \underbrace{\frac{2GMh^2}{r^3}}_{\text{G.R.}}$$

is an effective potential for the r -motion.

$$\eta = 1$$





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For circular orbit

$$V = 1 - E^2 - \frac{2GM}{r} + \frac{h^2}{r^2} - \frac{2GMh^2}{r^3} = 0$$

$$V' = \frac{2GM}{r^2} - \frac{2h^2}{r^3} + \frac{6GM}{r^4} = 0$$

$$h^2 = \frac{GM r^2}{(r - 3GM)}$$

$$\frac{GMh^2}{r^3} = 0$$

$$= 0$$

2 constraints - give E & h in terms of r & M . Decreasing r ^{of circular orbit} decreases E & h and the max/min move closer together. At a critical value, they merge to a pt of inflection $V''=0$.

$$V'' = -\frac{4GM}{r^3} + \frac{6h^2}{r^4} - \frac{24GMh^2}{r^5} = 0 \text{ at crit } r$$

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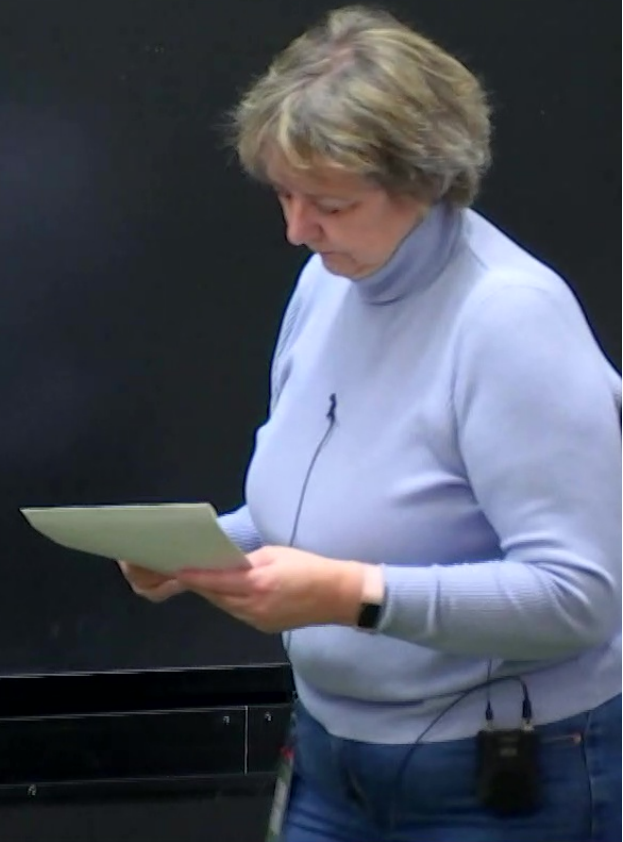
$$V' = V'' = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{4GM}{r^2} = \frac{2h^2}{r^3}$$

$$\text{or } 2GMr = h^2$$

$$\& \quad h^2 = \frac{GM r^2}{r - 3GM}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 6GM$$



This is the innermost stable circular orbit
or ISCO.

To understand what we see, turn to
null geodesics: $\eta=0$ & rescale τ to set $E=1$.

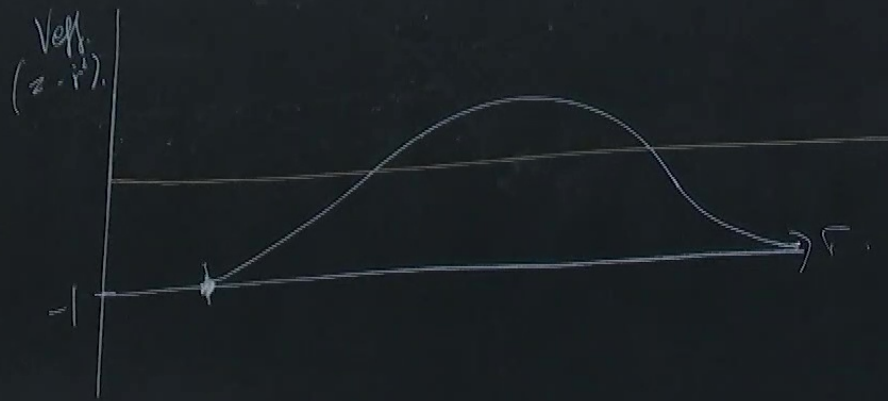
$$\dot{r}^2 - \underbrace{1 + \frac{h^2}{r^2} - \frac{2GMh^2}{r^3}}_{V_{\text{eff}}} = 0.$$

$$V_{\text{eff}} = -1$$

the circular orbit

see, turn to
to set $E=1$.

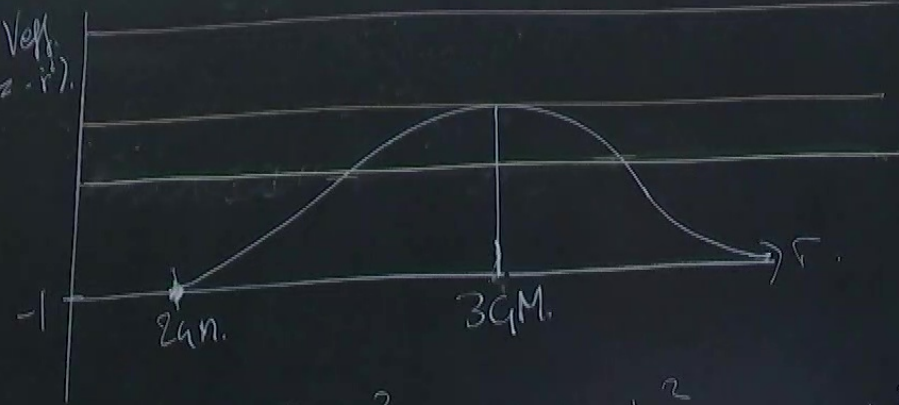
$$V_{\text{eff}} = -1 \text{ at } r=2GM \text{ and } \infty$$



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rescale τ to set $E=1$.

$= 0$.

V_{eff}
($z = r$)



$$-1 + \frac{h^2}{r^3} (r - 2GM)$$

$$V' = -\frac{2h^2}{r^3} + \frac{6GMh^2}{r^4} = -\frac{2h^2}{r^4} (r - 3GM)$$

$$V'' = \frac{6h^2}{r^4} - \frac{24GMh^2}{r^5} = \frac{6h^2}{r^5} (r - 4GM)$$

< 0 at $3GM$.

Fixing $h^2 = 27G^2M^2$ gives

this unstable null orbit. (orange)

m) Consider null ray from ∞



$$-\sin\varphi \dot{\varphi} = -\frac{b\dot{r}}{r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pm r^2 \dot{\varphi} = b \dot{r}$$

but $\dot{r} \rightarrow \pm 1$ at ∞

$$\text{i.e. } h = b.$$

$$X = r \cos\varphi = b \text{ - impact parameter.}$$

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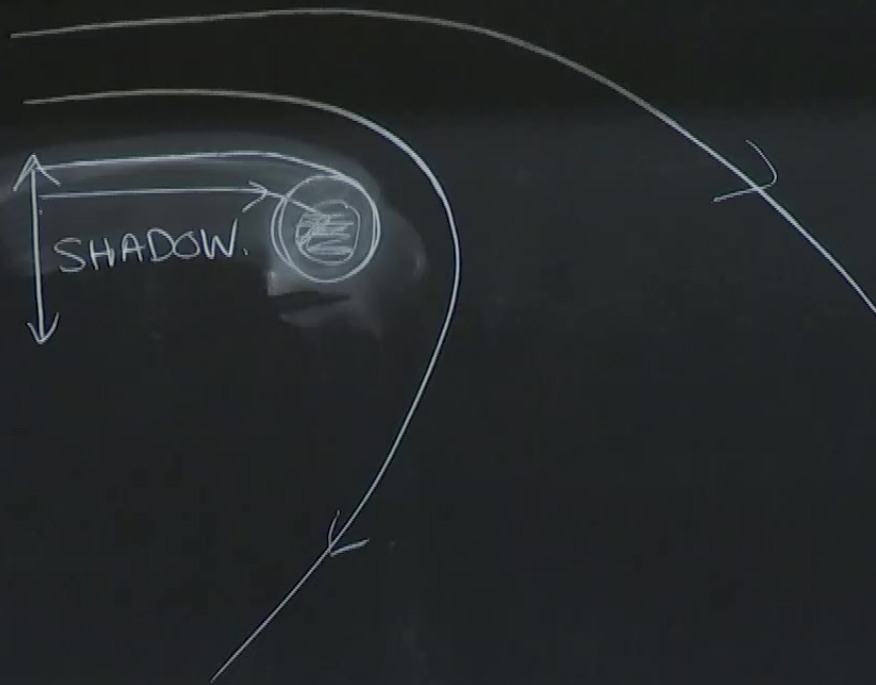


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$$V(3GM) = -1 + \frac{b^2}{3(3GM)^2}$$

If $b > 3\sqrt{3}GM$, $V_{\text{max}} > 0$
so light ray scatters



Kerr

$$ds^2 = \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma} [dt - a \sin^2 \theta d\varphi]^2 - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma} [adt - (r^2 + a)d\varphi]^2 \\ - \frac{\Sigma}{\Delta} dr^2 - \Sigma d\theta^2$$

here $\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta$

$$\Delta = r^2 - 2GMr + a^2$$

$$a = J/M$$