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Lecture 13

II Energy and momentum of matter in curved spacetime.

Recall: In flat spacetime, i.e., in Minkowski space, the invariance of the action,  $S$ , under  $t \rightarrow t + \epsilon$  and  $\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x} + \vec{\epsilon}$  implies the conservation of energy and momentum,  $E, p$ , via Noether's theorem.

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We then write:  $\delta g_{\mu\nu}(x) := \frac{d g_{\mu\nu}(\lambda, x)}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0}$ . Notice: not all these variations of  $g$  vary the Riemannian structure!

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exists for all smooth deformations and is of the form:

In curved spacetime:

A generic curved spacetime has no translation invariance.

$\Rightarrow$  The flows of energy and momentum will generally not be conserved! How then to identify these flows?

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(unrelated to torsion)

Notice:  $J^{\mu\nu}$  is not a tensor! Why? Rewrite the integral:

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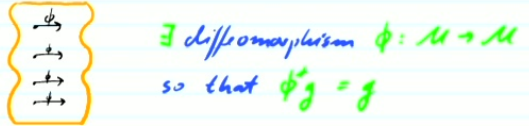
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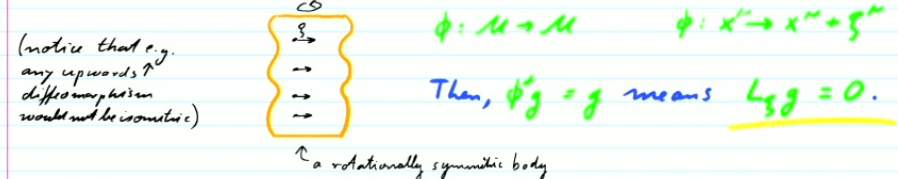
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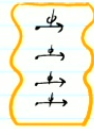
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Apply to  $L_\xi g$ :

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### Energy and momentum of point particles?

Assume the spacetime  $(M, g)$  possesses a Killing field  $\xi$ .

Assume a point-like particle travels on a geodesic  $\gamma$ .

Then:

The quantity  $Q := \xi^\mu \dot{\gamma}_\mu$  is conserved on the trip  $\gamma$ :

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### Why is $T^{\mu\nu}{}_{;\nu} = 0$ ?

Intuition: Many variations

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do not change the shape of the manifold because  $(M, g)$  and  $(M, \tilde{g})$  describe the same Riemannian structure, i.e., because there is an isometric diffeomorphism, i.e., a coordinate change that relates them.

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(... and the initial condition  $\phi_0 = id$ )

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$$\int_B \mathcal{L}(\psi, \partial\psi, g) d^4x = \int_B \mathcal{L}(\psi, \partial\psi, g) d^4\bar{x}$$

↑ Lagrangian density

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{t} \int_B [\mathcal{L} - \phi_t^{-1}(\mathcal{L})] d^4x$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{t} \int_B \left[ \sum_i \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \psi_{\alpha i}} \psi_{\alpha i} - \phi_t^{-1}(\mathcal{L}) \right] d^4x$$

(total dependence on  $\psi$  and  $\partial\psi$  vanishes because of eqn of motion for the matter fields  $\psi$ )

↑ for small  $t$

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← Lagrangian density

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{t} \int_B [\mathcal{L} - \phi_t^{-1}(\mathcal{L})] d^4x$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{t} \left[ \sum_i \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \psi_i} \psi_i + \dots - \phi_t^{-1}(\mathcal{L}) \right] d^4x$$

total dependence on  $\psi$  and  $\partial\psi$  vanishes because of eqn of motion for the matter fields  $\psi$ .  
for small  $t$   
recognize:  $\frac{1}{2} T^{\mu\nu} \sqrt{|g|} = \dots$   
becomes  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (g - \phi_t^{-1}(g)) = L_{\xi}(g)$

that express redundancy in  $T^{jk}(x)$ . They turn out to be  $T^{jk}{}_{;j} = 0$ .

### Proof of $T^{jk}{}_{;j} = 0$ :

Assume  $\phi_t: M \rightarrow M$  is a diffeomorphism that is generated by the flow of a vector field,  $\xi$ , that vanishes outside the region  $B \subset M$ , i.e.  $\phi_t(p) = p$  if  $p \in M - B$  (i.e. only the points in  $B$  get re-labeled)

Take  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \Rightarrow$  obtain Lie derivative:

$$0 = \int_B \frac{1}{2} T^{ab} \sqrt{g} L_\xi(g_{ab}) d^4x$$

Notice:  $L_\xi(g_{ab}) = g_{ab;k} \xi^k + g_{kb} \xi^k{}_{;a} + g_{ak} \xi^k{}_{;b}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus: } 0 &= \int_B T^{ab} (g_{kb} \xi^k{}_{;a} + g_{ak} \xi^k{}_{;b}) \sqrt{g} d^4x \\ &= \int_B \underbrace{T^{ab} (\xi_{b;a} + \xi_{a;b})}_{\text{symmetric}} \sqrt{g} d^4x \\ &= \int_B 2 \xi_{b;a} + \underbrace{(g_{a,b} - g_{b,a})}_{\text{anti-symmetric}} \sqrt{g} d^4x \\ &= \int_B 2 T^{ab} \xi_{b;a} \sqrt{g} d^4x \end{aligned}$$

suppose we start for all matter fields

$$\int_B \mathcal{L}(\psi, \partial\psi, g) d^4x = \int_B \mathcal{L}(\psi, \partial\psi, g) d^4x$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{t} \int_B [\mathcal{L} - \phi_t^{-1}(\mathcal{L})] d^4x$$

(total dependence on  $\psi$  and  $\partial\psi$  vanishes because of eqn of motion for the matter field  $\psi$ )

$$\approx \frac{1}{t} \int_B \left[ \sum_i \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \psi_i} \psi_i + \dots \right] (\psi_{(t)} - \phi_t^{-1}(\psi)) d^4x$$

recognize:  $\frac{1}{2} T^{ab} \sqrt{g} = \dots$  because  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (\psi - \phi_t^{-1}(\psi)) = L_\xi(g)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \int_B (T^{ab} \xi_{b;a} + T^{ak}{}_{;j} \xi_a - T^{ak}{}_{;j} \xi_a) \sqrt{g} d^4x \\ &= 2 \int_B [(T^{ab} \xi_b)_{;a} \sqrt{g} - T^{ak}{}_{;j} \xi_a \sqrt{g}] d^4x \end{aligned}$$

Why? define  $r^a := T^{ab} \xi_b$ , then:  $\int_B r^a{}_{;a} \sqrt{g} d^4x = \int_B \text{div}_g r = 0$  because  $\xi = 0$  on  $\partial B$  by assumption, i.e.  $\text{div}_g r = 0$  there.

Thus:  $\int_B T^{ak}{}_{;j} \xi_a \sqrt{g} d^4x = 0$  for all  $\xi$

$\Rightarrow T^{ak}{}_{;k} = 0$  Consequence of diffeomorphism invariance.

Thus:  $0 = \int_B T^{ab} (g_{kb} \xi^k_{,a} + g_{ak} \xi^k_{,b}) \sqrt{g} d^4x$

symmetric

$= \int_B T^{ab} (\xi_{b,a} + \xi_{a,b}) \sqrt{g} d^4x$

$= 2\xi_{b,a} + (\xi_{a,b} - \xi_{b,a})$   
antisymmetric

$= \int_B 2 T^{ab} \xi_{b,a} \sqrt{g} d^4x$

$\int_B T^{ab} \xi_{a,b} \sqrt{g} d^4x = \int_B i_{\xi} \Omega = 0$

because  $\xi = 0$  on  $\partial B$  by assumption, i.e.  $\text{div } \xi = T^{ab} \xi_{a,b} = 0$  then.

Thus:  $\int_B T^{ak} \xi_k \sqrt{g} d^4x = 0$  for all  $\xi$

$\Rightarrow T^{ak}{}_{;k} = 0$  Consequence of diffeomorphism invariance.

But: How to calculate  $T^{\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{|g|}} \frac{\delta S^{(matter)}}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}(x)}$ ?

Recall:  $S = \int_B L(\psi, \partial\psi) \sqrt{g} d^4x$

$\frac{\delta S}{\delta \lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0} = \int_B \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial g_{ab}} \delta g_{ab} + \sum_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \psi_{i; a; d; e}} \underbrace{\delta \psi_{i; a; d; e}}_{=0 \text{ because } \delta \psi = 0} + \int_B L \frac{\partial \sqrt{g}}{\partial g_{ab}} \delta g_{ab} + \sum_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \psi_{i; a; d; e}} \delta(\psi_{i; a; d; e}) \right) \sqrt{g} d^4x$

$= \frac{1}{2} g^{ab} \delta g_{ab}$

Exercise: prove this.

(\*) Notice:  $\delta(\psi_{i; a; d; e}) \neq 0$  even though  $\delta\psi = 0$ , because  $\psi$  contains  $\Gamma$  and if  $\delta g \neq 0$  then  $\delta\Gamma \neq 0$ :

$\delta(\psi_{i; a; d; e}) = \sum_{k, n} \frac{\partial \psi_{i; a; d; e}}{\partial \Gamma^k{}_{mn}} \delta \Gamma^k{}_{mn}$

Recall:  $\delta \Gamma^k{}_{mn}$  is a tensor. It is:

$\delta \Gamma^k{}_{bc} = \frac{1}{2} g^{ad} (\delta g_{ab;c} + \delta g_{ac;b} - \delta g_{bc;d})$

(easiest to prove in geodesic i.e. normal cds)

$\Rightarrow \delta(\psi_{i; a; d; e}) = \sum_{k, n} \frac{\partial \psi_{i; a; d; e}}{\partial \Gamma^k{}_{mn}} \frac{1}{2} g^{ad} (\delta g_{ab;c} + \delta g_{ac;b} - \delta g_{bc;d})$

Integrate again "by parts"

Exercise: work this out

$\Rightarrow \delta(\psi_{i; a; d; e}) \sim \delta g_{\mu\nu}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dS}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0} = \int_B T^{\mu\nu}(x) \delta g_{\mu\nu}(x) \sqrt{g} d^4x$

$\Rightarrow$  One can read off  $T^{\mu\nu}(x)$  for any  $L$ .

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0} = \int_B \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial g^{ab}} \delta g^{ab} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \psi_{i_1 \dots i_d}} \delta \psi_{i_1 \dots i_d}}_{=0 \text{ because } \delta \psi = 0} \right) \sqrt{g} d^d x + \sum_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \psi_{i_1 \dots i_d}} \delta \psi_{i_1 \dots i_d} \sqrt{g} d^d x$$

$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial g^{ab}} = \frac{1}{2} g^{ab} \sqrt{g}$   
Exercise: prove this.

(\*) Notice:  $\delta(\psi_{i_1 \dots i_d}) \neq 0$  even though  $\delta \psi = 0$ , because  $\psi$  contains  $\Gamma$  and if  $\delta g \neq 0$  then  $\delta \Gamma \neq 0$ :

$$\delta(\psi_{i_1 \dots i_d}) = \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_d} \frac{\partial \psi_{i_1 \dots i_d}}{\partial \Gamma^{k_1 \dots k_d}} \delta \Gamma^{k_1 \dots k_d}$$

Example:

$\psi$  is scalar, i.e.  $\psi_{;\mu} = \psi_{,\mu}$  e.g.  $V(\psi) = \frac{m^2}{2k^2} \psi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \psi^4$

$$S' := -\frac{1}{2} \int (\psi_{;\alpha} \psi_{;\beta} g^{\alpha\beta} + 2V(\psi)) \sqrt{g} d^d x$$

Then: (Klein Gordon field, e.g. inflaton field)

$$\frac{\partial S'}{\partial \lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0} = -\frac{1}{2} \int (\psi_{;\alpha} \psi_{;\beta} (\delta g^{\alpha\beta}) \sqrt{g} + \psi_{;\alpha} \psi_{;\beta} g^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial \sqrt{g}}{\partial g^{ij}} \delta g^{ij} + 2V(\psi) \frac{\partial \sqrt{g}}{\partial g^{ij}} \delta g^{ij}) d^d x$$

$$\left( \delta g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{d g(\lambda)_{\mu\nu}}{d \lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0} \right)$$

Recall:  $\frac{\partial \sqrt{g}}{\partial g^{ij}} = \frac{1}{2} g^{ij} \sqrt{g}$  i.e.  $\delta g^{ab} = -g^{ai} g^{bj} \delta g_{ij}$

We also notice:  $\delta(g_{ab} g^{bc}) = 0 = g_{ab} \delta g^{bc} + (\delta g_{ab}) g^{bc}$

Thus:

$$\frac{\partial S'}{\partial \lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0} = -\frac{1}{2} \int (\psi_{;\alpha} \psi_{;\beta} \sqrt{g} (-g^{ai} g^{bj} \delta g_{ij}) + \psi_{;\alpha} \psi_{;\beta} g^{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g} \delta g^{ij} \delta g_{ij}) d^d x$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta(\psi_{i_1 \dots i_d}) = \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_d} \frac{\partial \psi_{i_1 \dots i_d}}{\partial \Gamma^{k_1 \dots k_d}} \frac{1}{2} g^{ab} (\delta g_{a k_1} + \delta g_{a k_2} - \delta g_{k_1, a})$$

Integrate again "by parts"

Exercise: work this out

$$\Rightarrow \delta(\psi_{i_1 \dots i_d}) \sim \delta g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d S'}{d \lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0} = \int_B T^{\mu\nu}(x) \delta g_{\mu\nu}(x) \sqrt{g} d^d x$$

⇒ One can read off  $T^{\mu\nu}(x)$  for any  $L$ .

$$+ 2 V(\psi) \frac{1}{2} g^{ij} \sqrt{g} \delta g_{ij} d^d x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\delta S'}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} = \frac{1}{2} T^{\mu\nu} \text{ with:}$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\underbrace{\psi_{;\mu} \psi_{;\nu}}_{= \psi_{;\alpha} \psi_{;\beta} g^{\alpha\mu} g^{\beta\nu}} - \frac{1}{2} \psi_{;\alpha} \psi_{;\beta} g^{\alpha\beta} g^{\mu\nu} - V(\psi) g^{\mu\nu}) \sqrt{g}$$

i.e. the energy-momentum tensor reads:

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Klein Gordon}} = \psi_{;\mu} \psi_{;\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (\psi_{;\alpha} \psi_{;\alpha} + 2 V(\psi))$$

⚠ Note:  $T_{\mu\nu}$  is already symmetric, i.e. need not delete any anti-symmetric part.

Exercise: Show that for the electromagnetic field:

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{EM}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (F_{\mu i} F_{\nu j} g^{ij} - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F_{ij} F^{ij})$$

$$\left( \delta g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{d g_{\mu\nu}}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0} \right)$$

$$+ 2V(\psi) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial g_{ij}} \delta g_{ij} \Big|_{\lambda=0} d^4x$$

Recall:  $\frac{\partial \sqrt{-g}}{\partial g_{ij}} = \frac{1}{2} g^{ij} \sqrt{-g}$  i.e.  $\delta g^{ab} = -g^{ac} g^{bd} \delta g_{cd}$

We also notice:  $\delta(g_{ab} g^{bc}) = 0 = g_{ab} \delta g^{bc} + (\delta g_{ab}) g^{bc}$

Thus:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial g_{ij}} \Big|_{\lambda=0} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \psi_{,a} \psi_{,b} \sqrt{-g} (-g^{ac} g^{bd} \delta g_{cd}) + \psi_{,a} \psi_{,b} g^{ab} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} g^{ij} \delta g_{ij} \right)$$

i.e. the energy-momentum tensor reads:

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{KL} = \psi_{,\mu} \psi_{,\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (\psi_{,a} \psi^{,a} + 2V(\psi))$$

Note:  $T_{\mu\nu}$  is already symmetric, i.e. need not delete any anti-symmetric part.

Exercise: Show that for the electromagnetic field:

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{EM} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (F_{\mu\alpha} F_{\nu\beta} g^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta})$$

### Perfect fluid case:

(traditional sense: thermodynamically reversible dynamics)

$$v^\mu v_\mu = -1$$

A perfect (classical) fluid has at every point a unique time-like flux direction vector  $v^\mu$ , the flux is conserved, and the fluid is completely characterized by its local energy density  $\mu$  and pressure  $p$  (i.e. e.g. no shear, no viscosity).

as measured by a co-moving observer:  $T_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu & 0 \\ 0 & p \end{pmatrix}$

Then: if  $p=0$ , call it perfect "dust".

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{PF} = (\mu + p) v_\mu v_\nu + p g_{\mu\nu}$$

Note: Eqn. of motion is  $T^{\mu\nu}{}_{;\nu} = 0$  and dust ( $p=0$ ) travels on geodesics

Terminology: (Hawking & Ellis) Any fluid with this  $T_{\mu\nu}$  is called perfect.

### Definition:

The "equation of state" of a perfect fluid is the relation between its energy density,  $\mu$  and its pressure,  $p$ . It depends on the fluid and so one can characterize the fluids by this parameter:

$$w := \frac{p}{\mu}$$

### Important later for cosmology:

The two tensors

applies to the inflation field.

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{KL} = \psi_{,\mu} \psi_{,\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (\psi_{,a} \psi^{,a} + 2V(\psi))$$

and  $T_{\mu\nu}^{PF} = (\mu + p) v_\mu v_\nu + g_{\mu\nu} p$

are of similar form (unlike e.g.  $T_{\mu\nu}^{EM}$ )

fluid is conserved, and the fluid is comprised by its local energy density  $\rho$  and pressure  $p$  (i.e. e.g. no shear, no viscosity).  
as measured by a co-moving observer: Then,  $v^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ , so  $T_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & 0 \\ 0 & p \delta_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Then:  $T_{\mu\nu}^{PF} = (\rho + p) v_\mu v_\nu + p g_{\mu\nu}$  if  $p=0$ , call it perfect "dust".

Note: Eqn. of motion is  $T^{\mu\nu}_{;\nu} = 0$  and dust ( $p=0$ ) travels on geodesics

Terminology: (Hawking & Ellis) Any fluid with this  $T_{\mu\nu}$  is called perfect.

if  $\Psi$  is almost homogeneous, i.e.  $\Psi_{;i} \approx 0$ :  $i=1,2,3$

Then, define:  $v_\mu := \frac{\Psi_{;\mu}}{\sqrt{|g^{\alpha\beta} \Psi_{;\alpha} \Psi_{;\beta}|}}$  (so that  $v_\mu v^\mu = -1$ )

i.e.:  $T_{\mu\nu}^{KG} = |g^{\alpha\beta} \Psi_{;\alpha} \Psi_{;\beta}| v_\mu v_\nu + g_{\mu\nu} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \Psi_{;\alpha} \Psi^{;\alpha} - V(\Psi) \right)$   
 $\approx +\dot{\Psi}^2 v_\mu v_\nu + g_{\mu\nu} \left( \frac{1}{2} \dot{\Psi}^2 - V(\Psi) \right)$

Compare with  $T^{PF}$ :

$\frac{\rho+p}{p} = \frac{1}{w} + 1 = \frac{\dot{\Psi}^2}{\frac{1}{2} \dot{\Psi}^2 - V(\Psi)}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{w} = \frac{\dot{\Psi}^2}{\frac{1}{2} \dot{\Psi}^2 - V(\Psi)} - \frac{\dot{\Psi}^2/2 - V(\Psi)}{\frac{1}{2} \dot{\Psi}^2 - V(\Psi)} = \frac{\dot{\Psi}^2/2 + V(\Psi)}{\dot{\Psi}^2/2 - V(\Psi)}$

Thus:  $w = \frac{\dot{\Psi}^2/2 - V(\Psi)}{\dot{\Psi}^2/2 + V(\Psi)} \in (-1, 1)$  potential dominated, i.e.  $V(\Psi) \gg \dot{\Psi}^2$  (see inflation later)  
no potential:  $V(\Psi) = 0$

and so one can characterise the fluid by one parameter.

$w := \frac{p}{\rho}$

Important later for cosmology:

The two tensors

$T_{\mu\nu}^{KG} = \Psi_{;\mu} \Psi_{;\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (\Psi_{;\alpha} \Psi^{;\alpha} + 2V(\Psi))$  applies to the inflation field.

and  $T_{\mu\nu}^{PF} = (\rho + p) v_\mu v_\nu + g_{\mu\nu} p$   
 are of similar form (unlike e.g.  $T_{\mu\nu}^{EM}$ )