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Perturbations of Black Holes

$$\delta_4 \rightarrow \delta^{\hat{a}\hat{b}} \nabla_{\hat{a}} \nabla_{\hat{b}} \mathcal{E} = 0$$

$$\square \hat{h}_{\hat{a}\hat{b}} - 2 \hat{R}_{\hat{a}\hat{c}\hat{b}\hat{d}} \hat{h}^{\hat{c}\hat{d}} = 0$$

$$h_{ab} = \hat{h}_{\hat{a}\hat{b}}(r, \theta) e^{-i\omega t} e^{im\phi}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \sum_{l,m} \int dr e^{-i\omega t} S_{lm}(\theta, e^{i\phi}) R_{lm\omega}(r)$$

$$h_{ab} = h'_{ab}(r, \theta) e^{-i\omega t} e^{im\phi}$$

Odd (Regge-Wheeler)

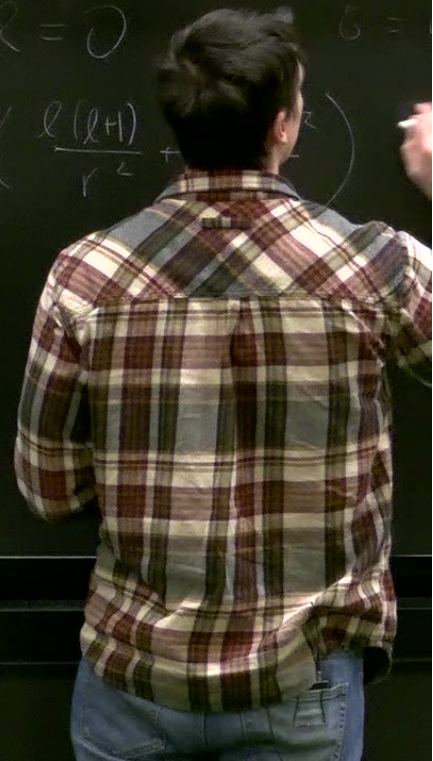
$$\tilde{h}_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} h_0(r) & \\ & h_1(r) \\ h_2(r) & h_3(r) \end{pmatrix} \left(\sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) Y_{l0}(\theta)$$

$$h_1(r) = \frac{r^2}{r-2M} \psi_{s=2}^-$$

$$h_0(r) = \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \psi_{s=2}^- \right)$$

$$\frac{dR}{dr^2} + (\omega^2 - V)R = 0$$

$$V = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) \left(\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + \dots \right)$$



$Y_{l0}(\theta)$

$$\frac{d^2 R}{dr^2} + (\omega^2 - V)R = 0 \quad \delta = r - r_0$$

$$V = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) \left(\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + \frac{2M\omega^2}{r^3}\right)$$

Even (zeroth)

$$R_{l0} = \left(A(r)\right) Y_{l0}(\theta)$$

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d\psi}{dr} \right)$$

$$\sigma = 1 - \frac{2M}{r}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2M\sigma^2}{r^3}$$

$$A(r) Y_{l0}(\theta)$$

Boundary Conditions

Ingoing at horizon

$$r \rightarrow r_+$$

$$r_* \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$R, \psi \sim e^{-i\omega r_*}$$

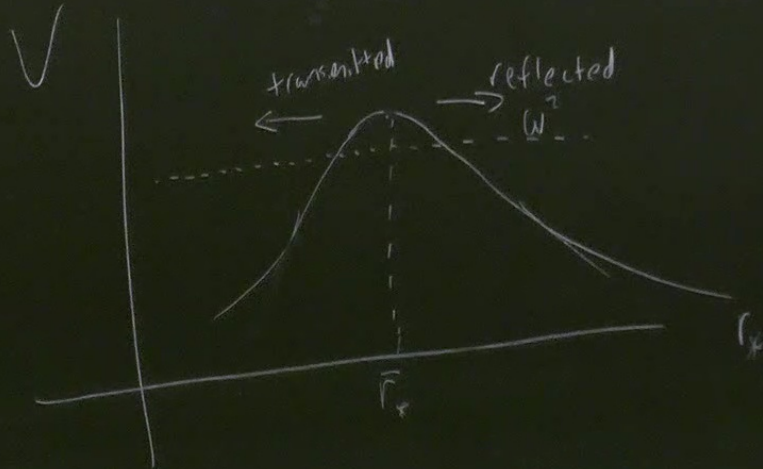
Outgoing Radiation

$$r_*, r \rightarrow \infty$$

$$R, \psi \sim e^{i\omega r_*}$$

Solve $\frac{d^2\psi}{dr_s^2} + Q(r_s)\psi = 0$

$$Q(r_s) = \omega^2 - V$$



$$V(r_s) \approx \omega^2$$

$$\left. \frac{dV}{dr_s} \right|_{r_s} = 0$$

$$Q(r_s) = Q_0$$

\circ
 V
 $\leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{minimizing} \\ = 0 \end{matrix}$
 r_*

$$V(\bar{r}_*) \approx \omega^2$$

$$\left. \frac{dV}{dr} \right|_{\bar{r}_*} = 0$$

$$Q(r_*) = Q_0 + \frac{1}{2} Q_0'' (r_* - \bar{r}_*)^2$$

$$\Psi = A D_\nu(z) + B D_{-\nu-1}(iz)$$

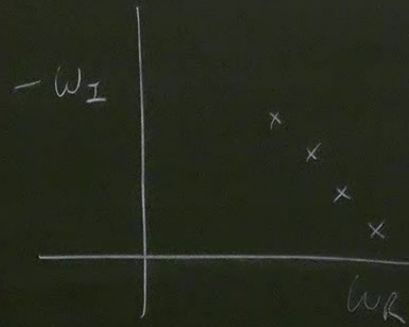
$$\nu = \frac{-iQ_0}{\sqrt{2Q_0''}} - \frac{1}{2}, \quad z = (2Q_0'') e^{i\pi/4} (r_* - \bar{r}_*)$$

Can satisfy BCs iff $\nu = 0, 1, 2, \dots = n$ ($l=2, n=0$)

$$(M_{\omega})^2 = V_{\lambda}(\bar{r}_*) - (n + \frac{1}{2}) \left[-2 \frac{dV}{dr} \right]_{\bar{r}_*}$$

$M_{\omega} \approx 0.37 - 0.09i$

Quasinormal modes (QNMs)



$$\sim e^{-i\omega t} = e^{i\omega_R t + \omega_I t}$$

Weyl tensor

$$R_{abcd} = C_{abcd} + \frac{1}{2} \left[g_{ac} R_{db} - g_{bc} R_{da} - \frac{1}{3} R g_{ac} g_{db} \right]$$

$$\Psi_4 = C_{abcd} n^a m^{*b} n^c m^{*d}$$

$r \rightarrow \infty$ in TT gauge

$$n^a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (r^2 + a^2, -\Delta, 0, a)$$

$$m^a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (ia \sin\theta, 0, 1, i(\sin\theta)^{-1}) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ($$

$$\rho^{-1} = r - ia \cos\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\ddot{h}_{\hat{\phi}\hat{\phi}} - \ddot{h}_{\hat{\theta}\hat{\theta}}) - i \ddot{h}_{\hat{\theta}\hat{\phi}} = \ddot{h}_y - i \ddot{h}_x$$

General Soln

$$\Psi_4 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int d\omega e^{-i\omega t} \sum_{lm} S_{lm}(\theta, c) e^{im\phi} R_{lm}(r)$$

\uparrow $l=2$ spheroidal harmonics

QNMs (n, l, m)

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\rightarrow in TT gauge $\ddot{h}_{\phi\phi} - \ddot{h}_{\theta\theta} - i\dot{h}_{\theta\phi} = \ddot{h}_y - i\dot{h}_x$ $r' = r - \frac{2M}{r} \cos\theta$

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\uparrow $l=2$ spherical harmonics

QNMs (n, l, m) for a given BH spin

$l=2=m$ $n=0$

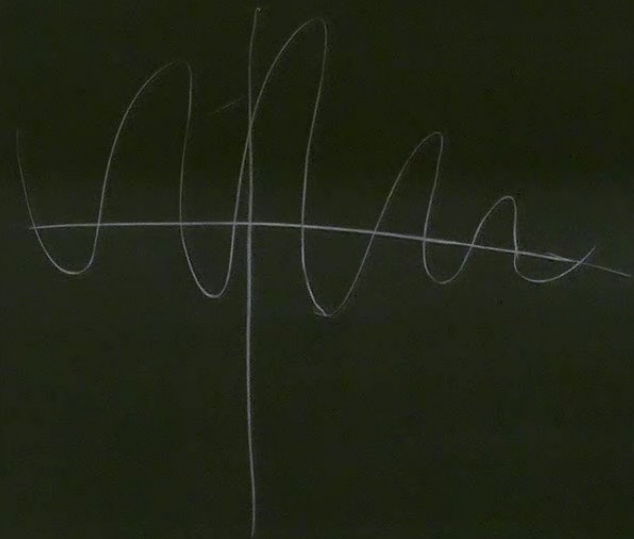
$$M_{w_{22}} \approx 1.53 - (1.16) \left(1 - \frac{a}{M}\right)^{0.53}$$

$$Q_{22} \approx \frac{w_R}{2w_L} \approx 0.70 + 1.42 \left(1 - \frac{a}{M}\right)^{-0.5}$$

$$a/M = 0.7$$

$$w_{22}^R \approx 0.53$$

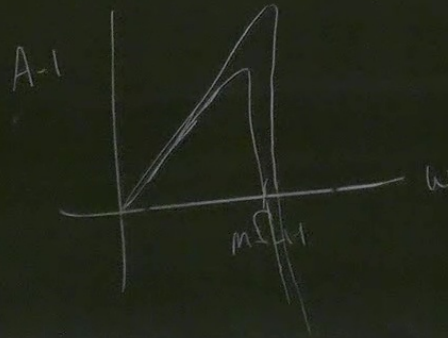
$$w_{22}^L \approx 0.08$$



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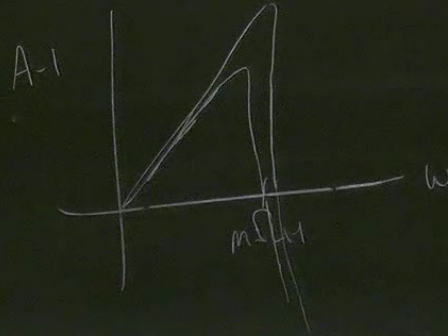
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