

Geodesic equation — curvature

- Analogous to gauge field strength

$$D_\mu \psi = \left(\partial_\mu + i \frac{e}{\hbar c} A_\mu \right) \psi \quad \rightarrow \quad [D_\mu, D_\nu] = (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu) \frac{ie}{\hbar c} \\ = \frac{ie}{\hbar c} F_{\mu\nu} .$$

- ✳ Covariant derivative over vector

$$D_\mu A^\rho = \partial_\mu A^\rho + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\rho A^\lambda$$

$$D_\nu (D_\mu A^\rho) = \partial_\nu (D_\mu A^\rho) - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda D_\lambda A^\rho + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\rho D_\mu A^\lambda$$

$$= \partial_\nu (\partial_\mu A^\rho + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\rho A^\lambda) - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda (\partial_\lambda A^\rho + \Gamma_{\lambda\sigma}^\rho A^\sigma) + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\rho (\partial_\mu A^\lambda + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\lambda A^\sigma)$$

$$= \partial_\nu \partial_\mu A^\rho + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\rho \partial_\nu A^\lambda - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda \partial_\lambda A^\rho + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\rho \partial_\mu A^\lambda$$

$$+ \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\rho A^\lambda + (-\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda \Gamma_{\lambda\sigma}^\rho + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\rho \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\lambda) A^\sigma$$

exchange $\mu \leftrightarrow \nu$

$$D_\mu (D_\nu A^\rho) = \partial_\mu \partial_\nu A^\rho + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\rho \partial_\mu A^\lambda - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda \partial_\lambda A^\rho + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\rho \partial_\nu A^\lambda$$

$$+ \partial_\mu \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\rho A^\lambda + (-\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda \Gamma_{\lambda\sigma}^\rho + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\rho \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\lambda) A^\sigma$$

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] A^\rho = \left[\partial_\mu \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\rho - \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\rho + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\rho \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\lambda - \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\rho \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\lambda \right] A^\sigma = R_{\sigma\mu\nu}^\rho A^\sigma$$

where we define

$$R_{\sigma\mu\nu}^\rho = \partial_\mu \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\rho - \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\rho + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\rho \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\lambda - \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\rho \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\lambda$$

independent of "A" itself, only related to "metric"!

$$\Rightarrow R_{\sigma\mu\nu}^\rho = -R_{\sigma\nu\mu}^\rho \quad \text{anti-symmetric under the exchange } \mu \leftrightarrow \nu .$$

$$\textcircled{2} D_\mu A_\rho = \partial_\mu A_\rho - \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda A_\lambda$$

$$D_\nu(D_\mu A_\rho) = \partial_\nu(D_\mu A_\rho) - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda D_\lambda A_\rho - \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda D_\mu A_\lambda$$

$$= \partial_\nu[\partial_\mu A_\rho - \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda A_\lambda] - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda [\partial_\lambda A_\rho - \Gamma_{\lambda\rho}^\sigma A_\sigma] - \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda [\partial_\mu A_\lambda - \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\sigma A_\sigma]$$

$$= \cancel{\partial_\nu \partial_\mu A_\rho} - \cancel{\Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda \partial_\nu A_\lambda} - \cancel{\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda \partial_\lambda A_\rho} - \cancel{\Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda \partial_\mu A_\lambda} \\ - \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda A_\lambda + (\cancel{\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda \Gamma_{\lambda\rho}^\sigma} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\sigma) A_\sigma$$

$$D_\mu D_\nu A_\rho = \cancel{\partial_\mu \partial_\nu A_\rho} - \cancel{\Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda \partial_\mu A_\lambda} - \cancel{\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda \partial_\lambda A_\rho} - \cancel{\Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda \partial_\nu A_\lambda} \\ - \partial_\mu \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda A_\lambda + (\cancel{\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda \Gamma_{\lambda\rho}^\sigma} + \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\sigma) A_\sigma$$

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] A_\rho = [-\partial_\mu \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\sigma + \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\sigma + \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\lambda \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\sigma - \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\lambda \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\sigma] A_\sigma$$

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] A_\rho = -R^\sigma_{\rho\mu\nu} A_\sigma$$

★ Covariant derivatives on a tensor

$$D_\mu D_\nu T^{\lambda\rho} = \partial_\mu(D_\nu T^{\lambda\rho}) - \cancel{\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\sigma D_\sigma T^{\lambda\rho}} + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\lambda D_\nu T^{\sigma\rho} + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\rho D_\nu T^{\lambda\sigma}$$

$$D_\nu D_\mu T^{\lambda\rho} = \partial_\nu(D_\mu T^{\lambda\rho}) - \cancel{\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\sigma D_\sigma T^{\lambda\rho}} + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\lambda D_\mu T^{\sigma\rho} + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\rho D_\mu T^{\lambda\sigma}$$

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] T^{\lambda\rho} = \partial_\mu[\partial_\nu T^{\lambda\rho} + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\lambda T^{\sigma\rho} + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\rho T^{\lambda\sigma}] \\ + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\lambda [\partial_\nu T^{\sigma\rho} + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma'}^\sigma T^{\sigma'\rho} + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma'}^\rho T^{\sigma\sigma'}] \\ + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\rho [\partial_\nu T^{\lambda\sigma} + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma'}^\lambda T^{\lambda\sigma'} + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma'}^\sigma T^{\lambda\sigma'}] - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)$$

$$= \cancel{\partial_\mu \partial_\nu T^{\lambda\rho}} + \partial_\mu \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\lambda T^{\sigma\rho} + \cancel{\Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\lambda \partial_\mu T^{\sigma\rho}} + \partial_\mu \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\rho T^{\lambda\sigma} + \cancel{\Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\rho \partial_\mu T^{\lambda\sigma}} \\ + \cancel{\Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\lambda \partial_\nu T^{\sigma\rho}} + \cancel{\Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\rho \partial_\nu T^{\lambda\sigma}}$$

$$+ \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\lambda \Gamma_{\nu\sigma'}^\rho T^{\sigma\sigma'} + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\rho \Gamma_{\nu\sigma'}^\lambda T^{\lambda\sigma'} + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\lambda \Gamma_{\nu\sigma'}^\sigma T^{\sigma'\rho} + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\rho \Gamma_{\nu\sigma'}^\sigma T^{\lambda\sigma'} - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)$$

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] T^{\lambda\rho} = (\partial_\mu \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\lambda - \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\lambda + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma'}^\lambda \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^{\sigma'} - \Gamma_{\nu\sigma'}^\lambda \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^{\sigma'}) T^{\sigma\rho} + (\partial_\mu \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\rho - \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\rho + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma'}^\rho \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^{\sigma'} - \Gamma_{\nu\sigma'}^\rho \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^{\sigma'}) T^{\lambda\sigma}$$

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] T^{\lambda\rho} = R_{\sigma\mu\nu}^\lambda T^{\sigma\rho} + R_{\sigma\nu\mu}^\rho T^{\lambda\sigma}$$

$$(*) \quad R_{\lambda\mu\nu}^\rho + R_{\mu\nu\lambda}^\rho + R_{\nu\lambda\mu}^\rho = 0$$

Proof:

$$R_{\lambda\mu\nu}^\rho = \partial_\mu \Gamma_{\lambda\nu}^\rho - \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\rho + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\rho \Gamma_{\lambda\nu}^\sigma + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\rho \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\sigma$$

$$R_{\mu\nu\lambda}^\rho = \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\rho - \partial_\lambda \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\rho + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\rho \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\sigma + \Gamma_{\lambda\sigma}^\rho \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\sigma$$

$$R_{\nu\lambda\mu}^\rho = \partial_\lambda \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\rho - \partial_\mu \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\rho + \Gamma_{\lambda\sigma}^\rho \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\sigma + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\rho \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\sigma$$

Add together = 0

Example: Consider $d\tau^2 = \frac{1}{t^2} (dt^2 - dx^2)$

$$g_{tt} = 1/t^2, \quad g_{xx} = -1/t^2, \quad g^{tt} = t^2, \quad g^{xx} = -t^2$$

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\sigma = \frac{1}{2} g^{\sigma\lambda} (\partial_\mu g_{\nu\lambda} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\lambda} - \partial_\lambda g_{\mu\nu})$$

$$\Gamma_{tt}^t = \frac{1}{2} g^{t\lambda} (\partial_t g_{t\lambda} + \partial_t g_{t\lambda} - \partial_\lambda g_{tt}) = \frac{1}{2} g^{tt} \partial_t g_{tt} = \frac{t^2}{2} \partial_t t^{-2} = -1/t$$

$$\Gamma_{xx}^t = \frac{1}{2} g^{t\lambda} (\partial_x g_{x\lambda} + \partial_x g_{x\lambda} - \partial_\lambda g_{xx}) = -\frac{1}{2} g^{tt} \partial_t g_{xx} = -\frac{1}{2} t^2 \partial_t (-1/t^2) = -1/t$$

$$\Gamma_{tx}^x = \Gamma_{xt}^x = \frac{1}{2} g^{x\lambda} (\partial_x g_{t\lambda} + \partial_t g_{x\lambda} - \partial_\lambda g_{xt}) = \frac{1}{2} [g^{xx} \partial_t g_{xx}] = -\frac{t^2}{2} \partial_t (-1/t^2) = -1/t$$

Geodesic equation

$$\frac{d^2 x^l}{ds^2} + \Gamma_{kj}^l \frac{dx^k}{ds} \frac{dx^j}{ds} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 t}{ds^2} + \Gamma_{tt}^t \left(\frac{dt}{ds}\right)^2 + \Gamma_{xx}^t \left(\frac{dx}{ds}\right)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 t}{ds^2} - \frac{1}{t} \left[\left(\frac{dt}{ds}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx}{ds}\right)^2 \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{ds^2} + 2\Gamma_{xt}^x \frac{dx}{ds} \frac{dt}{ds} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2x}{ds^2} - \frac{2}{t} \frac{dx}{ds} \frac{dt}{ds} = 0.$$

$$R_{xtx}^t = \partial_t \Gamma_{xx}^t - \partial_x \Gamma_{xt}^t + \Gamma_{t\lambda}^t \Gamma_{xx}^\lambda - \Gamma_{x\lambda}^t \Gamma_{xt}^\lambda$$

$$= \partial_t[-1/t] + \Gamma_{tt}^t \Gamma_{xx}^t - \Gamma_{xx}^t \Gamma_{xt}^t = 1/t^2 + (-1/t)^2 - (-1/t)(-1/t)^2 = 1/t^2$$

$$R_{txtx} = g_{tt} R_{xtx}^t = 1/t^2 \cdot 1/t^2 = 1/t^4.$$

* Parallel transport on a sphere

Consider a vector $A^\alpha = (A^\theta, A^\phi)$. On a sphere $ds^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2$

$$g_{\theta\theta} = 1, \quad g_{\phi\phi} = \sin^2\theta, \quad \Rightarrow \quad g^{\theta\theta} = 1, \quad g^{\phi\phi} = \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}$$

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\sigma = \frac{1}{2} g^{\sigma\lambda} (\partial_\mu g_{\nu\lambda} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\lambda} - \partial_\lambda g_{\mu\nu})$$

$$\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\theta = \frac{1}{2} g^{\theta\theta} (\partial_\phi g_{\phi\theta} + \partial_\phi g_{\phi\theta} - \partial_\theta g_{\phi\phi}) = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_\theta \sin^2\theta = -\sin\theta \cos\theta$$

$$\Gamma_{\theta\phi}^\phi = \Gamma_{\phi\theta}^\phi = \frac{1}{2} g^{\phi\phi} (\partial_\theta g_{\phi\phi} + \partial_\phi g_{\theta\phi} - \partial_\phi g_{\theta\phi}) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \partial_\theta \sin^2\theta$$

$$= \cot\theta.$$

Consider transport along $\chi(z) \Rightarrow \frac{dx^\nu}{dz} (\partial_\nu A^\mu + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^\mu A^\lambda) = 0$

Along $\theta = \theta_0$, ϕ is the variable

$$\partial_\phi A^\mu + \Gamma_{\phi\lambda}^\mu A^\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \partial_\phi A^\theta + \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\theta(\theta=\theta_0) A^\phi = 0, \\ \partial_\phi A^\phi + \Gamma_{\phi\theta}^\phi(\theta=\theta_0) A^\theta = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \partial_\phi A^\theta = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta_0 A^\phi \\ \partial_\phi A^\phi = -\cot\theta_0 A^\theta \end{cases} \Rightarrow \partial_\phi^2 A^\phi = -\cos^2\theta_0 A^\phi$$

If imposing the initial condition

$$A^\theta_{\phi=0} = 1, \quad A^\phi_{\phi=0} = 0, \text{ i.e. } A \text{ along } A^\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow A^\phi = C \sin(\phi \cos\theta_0)$$

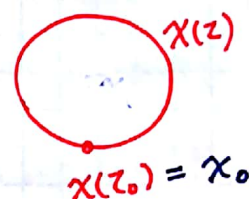
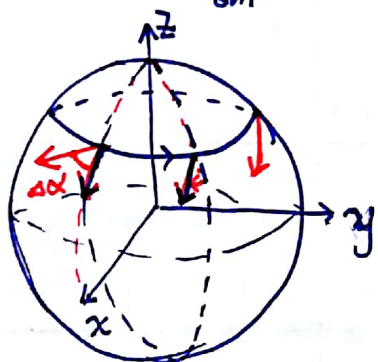
$$A^\theta = -\tan\theta_0 \partial_\phi A^\phi = -C \tan\theta_0 \cos(\phi \cos\theta_0) \cos\theta_0 = -C \sin\theta_0 \cos(\phi \cos\theta_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A^\theta = \cos(\phi \cos\theta_0) \\ A^\phi = -\csc\theta_0 \sin(\phi \cos\theta_0) \end{cases} \Rightarrow g_{\theta\theta} A^{\theta^2} + g_{\phi\phi} A^{\phi^2} = \cos^2(\phi \cos\theta_0) + \sin^2(\phi \cos\theta_0) = 1$$

However, when the vector goes round θ_0 , $\rightarrow \phi = 2\pi$

$$\begin{cases} A^\theta = -\cos(2\pi \cos\theta_0) \\ A^\phi = -\csc\theta_0 \sin(2\pi \cos\theta_0) \end{cases} \rightarrow \vec{A} = \cos(2\pi \cos\theta_0) \hat{e}_\theta - \sin(2\pi \cos\theta_0) \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$\Delta\alpha = -2\pi \cos\theta_0$$



(*) Around an infinitesimal loop, the parallel transport

$$d\xi^M = -\Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M dx^\nu \xi^\lambda$$

$$\Delta\xi^M = \oint d\xi^M = \oint dz \frac{d\xi^M}{dz} = -\oint dz \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M \frac{dx^\nu}{dz} \xi^\lambda(x)$$

$$\Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M(x) = \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M(x_0) + (x-x_0)^\rho \partial_\rho \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M(x_0)$$

$$\xi^M(x) \simeq \xi^M(x_0) - \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M(x_0) (x-x_0)^\nu \xi^\lambda(x_0) \leftarrow \text{parallel}$$

$$\Delta\xi^M = \oint dz - [\Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M(x_0) + (x-x_0)^\rho \partial_\rho \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M(x_0) + \dots]$$

$$[\xi^\lambda(x_0) + \Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\lambda(x-x_0)^\rho \xi^\sigma(x_0)] \frac{dx^\nu}{dz}$$

$$= \oint dz - \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M(x_0) \xi^\lambda(x_0) \frac{dx^\nu}{dz} + (x-x_0)^\rho \xi^\sigma(x_0) \{ -\partial_\rho \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^M(x_0) + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M(x_0) \Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\lambda(x_0) \}$$

For closed loop $\oint \frac{dx^\nu}{dz} = 0$

$$\Delta \xi^M = \xi^\sigma(x_0) \{-\partial_\rho \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^M(x_0) + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M(x_0) \Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\lambda(x_0)\} \oint dz (x-x_0) \frac{dx^\nu}{dz}$$

$$\oint dz x^\rho \frac{dx^\nu}{dz} = - \oint dz x^\nu \frac{dx^\rho}{dz} - \Gamma_{\rho\lambda}^M(x_0) \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\lambda(x_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \xi^M = \frac{1}{2} \xi^\sigma(x_0) \left[-\partial_\rho \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^M(x_0) + \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^M(x_0) + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M(x_0) \Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\lambda(x_0) \right] \oint dz x^\rho \frac{dx^\nu}{dz}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \xi^\sigma(x_0) R_{\sigma\nu\rho}^M(x_0) \underbrace{\oint dz x^\rho \frac{dx^\nu}{dz}}_{\text{area of the loop}}$$

Hence, the change of a vector after parallel transport around a loop \propto the curvature tensor and the area of the loop.

$$\Delta \xi^M = \frac{1}{2} R_{\sigma\nu\rho}^M(x_0) \xi^\sigma A^{\nu\rho} \leftarrow A^{\nu\rho} = \oint dx^\nu x^\rho$$

① If the curvatures vanish, then $\Delta \xi^M = 0 \Rightarrow D_\nu \xi^M = 0$

$\Delta \xi^M = 0$ means that the parallel transport does not depend on the path. Then we define $\xi^M(x)$ as the value of $\xi^M(x_0)$ being parallelly transported to x . Then we have $\frac{d\xi^M}{dz} = \frac{dx^\nu}{dz} \frac{\partial \xi^M}{\partial x^\nu}$, we also

have $\frac{d\xi^M}{dz} = -\Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M \frac{dx^\nu}{dz} \xi^\lambda$, hence, by equalling these two

$$D_\lambda \xi^M = \partial_\nu \xi^M + \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^M \xi^\lambda = 0.$$

② Conversely, if $D_\nu \xi^\mu = 0 \Rightarrow [D_\lambda, D_\nu] \xi^\mu = 0 \Rightarrow R^\mu_{\sigma\lambda\nu} = 0$
 and we can transport ξ^μ along any infinitesimal loop without any change.

* Geodesic equations

we have derived the geodesic equations via variation principles as the minimal length. Now we define the "straightline" on a curves of

a curved manifold, as its tangent vector "parallel" to itself that with along the curve. in the sense of parallel transport.

Define a vector field $\xi^\mu = dx^\mu/d\tau$, which is the tangent vector.

Then its parallel transport

$$\frac{d\xi^\mu}{d\tau} = -\Gamma^\mu_{\nu\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} \xi^\lambda, \quad \text{plug in } \xi^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\lambda}{d\tau} = 0.$$

Hence, the geodesic curve carries its tangent parallel to itself.

'Affine variable': τ is a variable labeling the trajectory, which could be chosen as the proper time. If we choose a new parameter $s(\tau)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{ds}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \right) + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\lambda} \left(\frac{ds}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} \right) \left(\frac{ds}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\lambda}{d\tau} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{ds^2} + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} \frac{dx^\lambda}{ds} = - \frac{d^2 s/d\tau^2}{(ds/d\tau)^2} \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \Rightarrow$$

if $s = a\tau + b$, then the geodesic equation is invariant.

Affine action: the action $S = m \int d\tau (g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau})^{1/2}$. This action only works for the case $g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} > 0$, i.e. time-like trajectories.

To avoid this difficulty, we can use

$$\tilde{S} = \int d\tau \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \int d\tau \left(\frac{1}{F} g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} + \sqrt{F} m^2 \right)$$

then it includes all trajectories.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial F} = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2F^{3/2}} g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} + \frac{1}{2F^{1/2}} m^2 = 0$$

$$F = \frac{1}{m^2} g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} \quad \text{plug in}$$

$$\rightarrow \tilde{S} = m \int d\tau \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau}}$$

Classic Gravity: Newton $\phi(x) = -GM/x^2$, and $\frac{d^2 \vec{x}}{dt^2} = -\nabla \phi(\vec{x})$.

Then we want the geodesics to reproduce the Newton's 2nd law.

If the gravity is weak, we have $g_{\mu\nu}(x) = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}(x)$, and then $g^{\mu\nu}(x) = \eta^{\mu\nu} - h^{\mu\nu}(x)$, such that

$$g^{\mu\nu}(x) g_{\nu\lambda}(x) = (\eta^{\mu\nu} - h^{\mu\nu})(\eta_{\nu\lambda} + h_{\nu\lambda}) = \delta^\mu_\lambda - h^\mu_\lambda + h^\mu_\lambda = \delta^\mu_\lambda.$$

Since we are considering a static problem, we have

$$\partial_0 g_{\mu\nu} = \partial_0 h_{\mu\nu} = 0.$$

If we look at $\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\lambda}{d\tau} = 0$, where τ is the

proper time. In the non-relativistic limit, $\frac{dx^0}{d\tau} = \frac{dt}{d\tau} \Rightarrow \frac{dx^i}{d\tau} \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{d\tau^2} - \Gamma^i_{00} \frac{dt}{d\tau} \frac{dt}{d\tau} = 0$$

$$\Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\rho} (\partial_{\nu} g_{\lambda\rho} + \partial_{\lambda} g_{\nu\rho} - \partial_{\rho} g_{\nu\lambda}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Gamma_{00}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\rho} (\partial_0 g_{0\rho} + \partial_0 g_{\rho 0} - \partial_{\rho} g_{00}) = -\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\rho} \partial_{\rho} g_{00} \approx -\frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\rho} \partial_{\rho} h_{00}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{00}^0 = 0, \quad \Gamma_{00}^i \approx \frac{1}{2} \eta^{ij} \partial_j h_{00} = \frac{1}{2} \partial^i h_{00} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_i h_{00}$$

$$\frac{d^2 t}{dz^2} = 0, \quad \frac{d^2 \vec{x}}{dz^2} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} h_{00}(x) \left(\frac{dt}{dz}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 t}{dz^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{dz} = \text{const} \Rightarrow$$

$$z = kt$$

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{x}}{dt^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} h_{00}(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{00}(x) = 2\phi(x) = -\frac{2GM}{|\vec{x}|c^2}$$

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hence, the metric

$$g_{00}(x) = 1 - \frac{2GM}{|\vec{x}|c^2}, \quad g_{ij}(x) = \eta_{ij}$$

$$dz^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2 = g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{dt} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{dt} = g_{00} + \eta_{ij} \frac{dx^i}{dt} \frac{dx^j}{dt}$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{|\vec{x}|c^2}\right) - \frac{\dot{\vec{x}}^2}{c^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dt} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\dot{\vec{x}}}{c}\right)^2 - \frac{GM}{|\vec{x}|c^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2mc^2} (T - V)$$

$$\Rightarrow z = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dz = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt \frac{dz}{dt} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt \left[1 - \frac{1}{2mc^2} (T - V)\right]$$

$$\approx \text{const} - \frac{1}{2mc^2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt (T - V) \approx -\frac{1}{2mc^2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt (T - V) = -\frac{L}{2mc^2}$$

This is the Lagrangian in non-relativistic

and $\delta z = 0 \Rightarrow$ the geodesics satisfies the

least action principle.

* Gravitational red shift



Recap the Doppler shift:

Assume the source is moving at a velocity v to the right away from 'O' then consider the time intervals of two events dt_0 and dt_s in the observer and the source frames.
 of light emitting

Since the light emissions are at the source, hence dt_s is the proper time, and is the shortest, i.e

$$dt_s = \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} dt_0$$

If the time interval between two emissions Δt_s , then during the corresponding time in the O-frame $\frac{\Delta t_s}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$, the source travels a distance $\frac{v \Delta t_s}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$.

Hence, the time interval received by the observer is

$$\Delta t_0 = \Delta t_s + \frac{1}{c} \frac{v \Delta t_s}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = \frac{1 + \beta}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \Delta t_s = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \beta}{1 - \beta}} \Delta t_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v_o}{v_s} = \frac{\Delta t_s}{\Delta t_0} = \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} \right)^{1/2}$$

hence, in the case of the source is moving away, $v_o < v_s$,
 \Rightarrow red shift.