

פתרון תרגיל 8 – מסלולים בגיאומטריית שוורצשילד

## 1. פיזור מכובב

**Solution:** Two ways to arrive at the answer are presented.

*Version one:*

At the radius  $R$  of closest approach, the Schwarzschild coordinate components of the four-velocity are ( $\theta = \pi/2$ ):

$$\frac{dr}{d\tau} = 0, \quad \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} = \frac{\ell}{R^2} \quad (1)$$

We can find the speed  $V$  from the energy measured by the stationary observer, which is

$$\frac{m}{\sqrt{1-V^2}} = E = -\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\text{obs}} \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{u}$  is the four-momentum of the comet and  $\mathbf{u}_{\text{obs}}$  is the four-velocity of the stationary observer

$$\mathbf{u}_{\text{obs}} = \left( \left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, 0, 0, 0 \right)$$

Thus,

$$E = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} m u^t \quad (3)$$

$u^t$  can be calculated from  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = -1$  and (1) with the result

$$u^t = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\ell^2}{R^2} + 1\right)^{1/2}$$

Combining (1), (2), and (3) we have

$$V = \frac{\ell/R}{\sqrt{1 + (\ell/R)^2}} \quad (4)$$

It remains to connect  $\ell$  to  $b$  and  $R$ .

At large  $r$ ,  $\phi \approx b/r$ , where  $b$  is the impact parameter,

$$\ell \equiv r^2 \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} = -b \left(\frac{dr}{d\tau}\right) = +b\sqrt{e^2 - 1} \quad (5)$$

because  $dr/d\tau$  is negative. The energy per unit mass  $e$  is determined by the turning point condition

$$e^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right) \left(1 + \frac{\ell^2}{R^2}\right). \quad (6)$$

Solving (5) and (6) for  $\ell$  and inserting (4) gives the speed in terms of  $R$  and  $b$ :

Errata: replace

after ‘‘Solving (5) and (6)’’ with:

$$V = \left(\frac{2M}{R} \frac{1}{1 - R^2/b^2}\right)^{1/2}.$$

This is coincidentally the same as the formula for  $V$  in Newtonian theory.

You can also derive the same relation for  $V$  by starting, not from (2), but from the relation that at the turning point  $V = u^{\hat{\phi}}/u^{\hat{t}}$  in the orthonormal basis associated with the stationary observer.

## 2. בליעת פוטונים

**Solution:** From Figure 9.8 we learn that wherever  $1/b^2$  is greater than the height of the barrier the photon will be captured. This is the condition that the impact parameter be less than  $\sqrt{27}M$  photon will be captured. The cross section is

$$\sigma = \pi(\sqrt{27}M)^2 = 27\pi M^2 .$$

## 3. יציבות של מסלול מעגלי

**Solution:** In the neighborhood of its maximum at radius  $r_{\max}$ , the effective potential  $V_{\text{eff}}(r)$  behaves

$$V_{\text{eff}}(r) = V_{\text{eff}}(r_{\max}) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{dr^2} \right)_{r_{\max}} (\delta r)^2 + \dots$$

where  $\delta r \equiv r - r_{\max}$ . Denote  $(d^2 V_{\text{eff}}/dr^2)_{r_{\max}}$  by  $-K^2$  since it is negative at the maximum of the potential. Eq. (9.29) becomes

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d(\delta r)}{d\tau} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} K^2 (\delta r)^2 = 0 .$$

There are growing and decaying solutions to this upside down harmonic oscillation. The growing solution behaves as

$$\delta r \propto \exp(K\tau) .$$

The time constant  $\tau_*$  is thus  $1/K$ . Carrying out the derivatives explicitly, one finds

$$\tau_* = \frac{1}{K} = \sqrt{\frac{r_{\max}^5}{2\ell^2(r_{\max} - 6M)}}$$

where  $r_{\max}$  is given by (9.34). This diverges as  $r$  approaches  $6M$  because the stable and unstable circular orbits are coalescing.

$$t = v - r - 2M \ln \left| \frac{r}{2M} - 1 \right| \quad (1)$$

For  $\frac{r}{2M} - 1 > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} dt &= dv - dr - \left( \frac{r}{2M} - 1 \right)^{-1} dr \\ &= dv - \left( 1 + \left( \frac{r}{2M} - 1 \right)^{-1} \right) dr \\ &= dv - \left( 1 + \frac{2M}{r - 2M} \right) dr = dv - \left( \frac{r}{r - 2M} \right) dr \\ &= dv - \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right)^{-1} dr \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$dt^2 = dv^2 - 2 \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right)^{-1} dvdr + \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right)^{-2} dr^2 \quad (3)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$- \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) dt^2 = - \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) dv^2 + 2dvdr - \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right)^{-1} dr^2 \quad (4)$$

Plug in Schwarzschild metric in Schwarzschild coordinates

$$ds^2 = - \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) dt^2 + \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2 \quad (5)$$

$$ds^2 = - \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) dv^2 + 2dvdr + r^2 d\Omega^2 \quad (6)$$

The same hold for  $\frac{r}{2M} - 1 < 0$  since  $\frac{d}{dr} \ln(Af(r)) = \frac{d}{dr} \ln(Bf(r)) = f^{-1}(r) f'(r)$  for any constants  $A, B$ .

5. זמן מקסימלי לפני פגיעה בסינגולריות

**Solution:** The path of longest proper time should be a geodesic from  $r = 2M$  to  $r = 0$ . Using (9.26) we have for the elapsed proper time

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= -\int_{2M}^0 dr / (dr/d\tau) = -\int_{2M}^0 dr \left[ e^2 - \left( 1 + \frac{\ell^2}{r^2} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \int_0^{2M} dr \left[ e^2 - \left( 1 + \frac{\ell^2}{r^2} \right) \left( \frac{2M}{r} - 1 \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

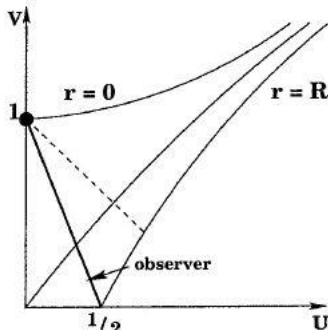
Written this way it is clear that non-zero values of  $\ell$  and  $e$  only decrease the proper time from  $\ell = e = 0$ . That geodesic therefore gives the longest time

$$\tau = \int_0^{2M} dr \left( \frac{2M}{r} - 1 \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 2M \int_0^1 d\xi \frac{\xi^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{1-\xi}} = \pi M.$$

One of the author's students characterized this result as "The more you struggle, the shorter your life."

6. [Fools rush in where wise men never go](#)

a)



- b) The straight line has a slope of 2 which means the observer is within the  $45^\circ$  lines which are the light cones.
- c) The latest time is the value of  $t$  at which the  $45^\circ$  dotted line from  $U = 0$ ,  $V = 1$  intersects the curve  $r = R$ . The equation of the  $45^\circ$  line is  $V = 1 - U$  so,

$$\left( \frac{R}{2M} - 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{\frac{R}{4M}} \sinh \left( \frac{t}{4M} \right) = 1 - \left( \frac{R}{2M} - 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{\frac{R}{4M}} \cosh \left( \frac{t}{4M} \right)$$

or

$$\frac{1}{2} \sinh \left( \frac{t}{4M} \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \cosh \left( \frac{t}{4M} \right)$$

so that

$$t = 4M \log(2).$$