

About the replacement of metric tensor

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ABSTRACT

In the general relativity theory, study the replacement of the metric tensor in the Einstein gravity field equation.

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1. Introduction

In the general relativity, we study the replacement of the metric tensor.

The gravity field equation is

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu} \quad (1)$$

In this time, we study the replacement of the cosmological term $\Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$.

We look the co-invariant differentiation of scalars $g_{;\mu} \cdot h_{;v}$.

In this time, $g \neq \det(g_{\mu\nu})$, g, h are scalars.

2. The replacement of the metric tensor

$$g_{;\mu} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial X^\mu}, \quad h_{;v} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial X^v} \quad (2)$$

The co-invariant differentiation of the metric tensor $g_{\mu\nu}$ is

$$g_{\mu\nu;\lambda} = 0 \quad (3)$$

Co-invariant differentiation of scalars $g_{;\mu} \cdot h_{;v}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} (g_{;\mu} \cdot h_{;v})_{;\alpha} &= g_{;\mu;\alpha} \cdot h_{;v} + g_{;\mu} \cdot h_{;v;\alpha} \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial X^\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial X^\mu} \right) - \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\alpha\mu} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial X^\lambda} \right) \right] \frac{\partial h}{\partial X^v} + \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial X^\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial X^v} \right) - \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\alpha v} \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial X^\lambda} \right) \right] \frac{\partial g}{\partial X^\mu} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial X^\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial X^\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial X^v} \right) - \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\alpha\mu} \frac{\partial g}{\partial X^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial X^v} - \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\alpha v} \frac{\partial g}{\partial X^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial X^\mu} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$g_{\mu\nu;\alpha} = \frac{\partial g_{\mu\nu}}{\partial X^\alpha} - \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\alpha\mu} g_{\lambda\nu} - \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\alpha\nu} g_{\lambda\mu} \quad (5)$$

In this time, if suppose $g_{;\mu} \cdot h_{;v} = g_{\mu\nu}$, $g^{;\mu} \cdot h^{;v} = g^{\mu\nu}$ (6)

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu} &= \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\varepsilon} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\mu\varepsilon}}{\partial X^v} + \frac{\partial g_{v\varepsilon}}{\partial X^\mu} - \frac{\partial g_{\mu\nu}}{\partial X^\varepsilon} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial g}{\partial X^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial X^\varepsilon} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial X^v} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial X^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial X^\varepsilon} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial X^\mu} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial X^v} \frac{\partial h}{\partial X^\varepsilon} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial X^\varepsilon} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial X^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial X^v} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Therefore, Eq(4) is

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{\mu\nu;\alpha} &= (g_{;\mu} \cdot h_{;\nu})_{;\alpha} = g_{;\mu;\alpha} \cdot h_{;\nu} + g_{;\mu} \cdot h_{;\nu;\alpha} \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \right) - \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\alpha\mu} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} - \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\alpha\nu} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\mu} \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \right) - \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\varepsilon} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\varepsilon\alpha}}{\partial x^\mu} + \frac{\partial g_{\varepsilon\mu}}{\partial x^\alpha} - \frac{\partial g_{\alpha\mu}}{\partial x^\varepsilon} \right) \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\varepsilon} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\alpha\varepsilon}}{\partial x^\nu} + \frac{\partial g_{\nu\varepsilon}}{\partial x^\alpha} - \frac{\partial g_{\alpha\nu}}{\partial x^\varepsilon} \right) \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\mu} \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_\varepsilon} \right) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\varepsilon} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\alpha} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\varepsilon} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\mu} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\varepsilon} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\mu} \right) \right] \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_\varepsilon} \right) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\varepsilon} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\nu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\varepsilon} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\varepsilon} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \right) \right] \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\mu} \\
&= \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\nu} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_\varepsilon} \right) \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \right) \left[\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\mu \partial x^\varepsilon} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\alpha} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\varepsilon} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\mu \partial x^\alpha} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\varepsilon} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\mu} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\varepsilon} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\mu} - \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\varepsilon \partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\mu} - \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\varepsilon \partial x^\mu} \right] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_\varepsilon} \right) \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\mu} \right) \left[\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\nu \partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\varepsilon} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\nu \partial x^\varepsilon} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\nu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\varepsilon} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\nu} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\varepsilon} - \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\varepsilon \partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} - \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\varepsilon \partial x^\nu} \right] \quad (8)
\end{aligned}$$

In this time,

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{\mu\nu} &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} = g_{\nu\mu} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\nu} \rightarrow g \leftrightarrow h \text{ (According to } \mu, \nu) \\
g^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu} &= \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_\nu} \right) \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \right) = 1 \quad (9)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, if we calculates Eq(8),

$$g_{\mu\nu;\alpha} = (g_{;\mu} \cdot h_{;\nu})_{;\alpha} = g_{;\mu;\alpha} \cdot h_{;\nu} + g_{;\mu} \cdot h_{;\nu;\alpha}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\nu} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \right) \left[2 \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\epsilon} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\mu} \right] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\mu} \right) \left[2 \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\nu \partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\epsilon} \right] \\
&= \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\nu} \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \right) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\epsilon} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\mu} \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x_\lambda} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \right) \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\nu \partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\epsilon} \\
&= \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\nu} \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\epsilon} \right) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\mu} \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x_\lambda} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\epsilon} \right) \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\nu \partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \\
&= \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\nu} - \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\mu} - \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^\nu \partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} = 0 \quad (10)
\end{aligned}$$

3.The replacement of the metric tensor in the Minkowski spacetime

$$\begin{aligned}
ds^2 &= \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \\
&= \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x'^\alpha} \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial x'^\beta} dx'^\alpha dx'^\beta \\
&= \frac{\partial g}{\partial x'^\alpha} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x'^\beta} dx'^\alpha dx'^\beta = \eta'_{\alpha\beta} dx'^\alpha dx'^\beta \quad (11)
\end{aligned}$$

If we act the Lorentz transformation in Eq(11),

$$\begin{aligned}
cdt &= \gamma(cdt' + \frac{v}{c} dx'), \quad dx = \gamma(dx' + vdt'), \quad dy = dy', \quad dz = dz' \\
\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} &= \gamma \left(\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} - \frac{v}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \right), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \gamma \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x'} - \frac{v}{c} \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \right), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y'}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z'} \\
\gamma &= 1/\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 = \eta_{00} c^2 dt^2 + \eta_{11} dx^2 + \eta_{22} dy^2 + \eta_{33} dz^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} c^2 dt^2 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} dx^2 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} dy^2 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} dz^2 \\
&= \gamma \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} - \frac{v}{c} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right) \gamma \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} - \frac{v}{c} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right) \gamma^2 \left(cdt + \frac{v}{c} dx \right)^2 \\
&\quad + \gamma \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{v}{c} \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \right) \gamma \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} - \frac{v}{c} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \right) \gamma^2 \left(dx + vdt \right)^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} dy^2 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} dz^2 \tag{12}
\end{aligned}$$

In this time,

$$\begin{aligned}
ds^2 &= -c^2 dt'^2 + dx'^2 + dy'^2 + dz'^2 = \eta'_{00} c^2 dt'^2 + \eta'_{11} dx'^2 + \eta'_{22} dy'^2 + \eta'_{33} dz'^2 \\
&= \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} c^2 dt'^2 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} dx'^2 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} dy'^2 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} dz'^2 \tag{13}
\end{aligned}$$

Eq(12) is

$$\begin{aligned}
ds^2 &= \gamma^2 \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{v^2}{c^2} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right) \gamma^2 \left(cdt + \frac{v}{c} dx \right)^2 \\
&\quad + \gamma^2 \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + \frac{v^2}{c^2} \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \right) \gamma^2 \left(dx + vdt \right)^2 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} dy'^2 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} dz'^2 \\
&= \gamma^2 \left(-1 + \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) \gamma^2 \left(cdt + \frac{v}{c} dx \right)^2 + \gamma^2 \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) \gamma^2 \left(dx + vdt \right)^2 + dy'^2 + dz'^2 \\
&= -\gamma^2 \left(c^2 dt'^2 + 2dt' v dx' + \frac{v^2}{c^2} dx'^2 \right) + \gamma^2 \left(dx'^2 + 2dx' v dt' + v^2 dt'^2 \right) + dy'^2 + dz'^2 \\
&= -c^2 dt'^2 + dx'^2 + dy'^2 + dz'^2 = \eta'_{00} c^2 dt'^2 + \eta'_{11} dx'^2 + \eta'_{22} dy'^2 + \eta'_{33} dz'^2 \tag{14}
\end{aligned}$$

4. Conclusion

Therefore, the gravity field equation is

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} \\
&= R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R + \Lambda g_{;\mu} h_{;\nu} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu} \\
g_{;\mu} \cdot h_{;\nu} &= g_{\mu\nu}, g^{;\mu} \cdot h^{;\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} \tag{15}
\end{aligned}$$

For example, the metric tensor of Schwarzschild solution is

$$g_{00} = -1 + \frac{2GM}{rc^2} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}, \quad g_{11} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2GM}{rc^2}} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial r} \frac{\partial h}{\partial r}$$

$$g_{22} = r^2 = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial h}{\partial \theta} \quad , \quad g_{33} = r^2 \sin^2 \theta = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial h}{\partial \phi} \quad (16)$$

*Important caution

$$g_{01} = 0 = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} \rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \neq 0, \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} \neq 0 \rightarrow g_{00} \neq 0, g_{11} \neq 0 \right)$$

$$g_{10} = 0 = \frac{\partial g}{\partial r} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial r} \neq 0, \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \neq 0 \rightarrow g_{00} \neq 0, g_{11} \neq 0 \right) \quad (17)$$

The important point is

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu, ds^2 = g_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta$$

$$ds^4 = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta = g_{\mu\nu} g_{\alpha\beta} dx^\mu dx^\nu dx^\alpha dx^\beta$$

$$= \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\beta} dx^\mu dx^\beta \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} dx^\alpha dx^\nu = g_{\mu\beta} g_{\alpha\nu} dx^\mu dx^\beta dx^\alpha dx^\nu$$

$$= \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\nu} dx^\alpha dx^\nu \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\beta} dx^\mu dx^\beta = g_{\alpha\nu} g_{\mu\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\nu dx^\mu dx^\beta \quad (18)$$

Hence,

$$g_{\mu\nu} g_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\mu\beta} g_{\alpha\nu} = g_{\alpha\nu} g_{\mu\beta} \quad (19)$$

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