

Space-time structure and fields of bound charges

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Аннотация

An exact solution for the field of a charge in a uniformly accelerated noninertial frame of reference (NFR) alongside the "Equivalent Situation Postulate" allows one to find space-time structure as well as fields from arbitrarily shaped charged conductors, without using Einstein's equations. In particular, the space-time metric over a charged plane can be related to the metric being obtained from an exact solution to Einstein-Maxwell's equations. This solution describes an equilibrium of charged dust in parallel electric and gravitational fields. The field and metric outside a conducting ball have been found. The method proposed eliminates divergence of the proper energy and makes classical electrodynamics consistent at any sufficiently small distances. An experiment is proposed to verify the approach suggested.

1. Introduction

The space-time curvature in a physical theory is conventionally related to solutions of Einstein's equations. However, the transition to a rigid NFR also result in a bend of the spacetime, as shown in [1] and repeated in [2], [3]. In the present paper a non-Euclidean form of space- time is shown to be included by electric fields as well.

Let us formulate the

Equivalent Situation Postulate

The field of a point charge, being at equilibrium in a constant electric field, is equivalent to the field from this charge in a uniformly accelerated NFR, if the constraint reaction forces, accelerating the charge and holding it immovable, are equal.

This postulate is absent in classical electrodynamics where the field of a point charge being at rest in an inertial frame of reference (IFR) is Coulomb's spherically symmetric one, irrespective of whether the charge is free or the sum of forces acting on it is zero. The field from a uniformly accelerated charge proves to be axially symmetric for the observer in an NFR.

Thus, the identical physical situation, in which the charges are, results in the field with different symmetry! We try to solve this paradox in the present paper.

2. Electrostatic Field of Bound Charges

In paper [1] a rigid uniformly accelerated motion is shown to be realizable in the Riemannian space of a constant curvature with the metric

$$dS^2 = \exp(2a_0y^1/c^2)(dy^0)^2 - (dy^1)^2 - (dy^2)^2 - (dy^3)^2. \quad (1)$$

where the acceleration a_0 is directed along the y^1 axis. One independent component of the curvature tensor calculated by metric (1) is of the form

$$R_{10,10} = -\frac{a_0^2}{c^4} \exp(2a_0 y^1 / c^2). \quad (2)$$

We use the "Equivalent Situation Postulate" and mathematical formalism of NFR to find the electric field of charged conductors. Charges on the surface of a conductor experience negative pressure forces due to the external field. The metal lattice induces a force preventing the charges from escaping the body surface. Thus, the field of the system under consideration is equivalent to the field of the system of uniformly accelerated charges whose accelerations are directed to the inside of the conductor. To find the total field of a charged conductor, one should sum the fields from charges of surface elements.

The equation for a scalar potential A_0 of a point charge located at the origin of coordinates (1) has the form

$$\Delta A_0 - \frac{a_0}{c^2} \frac{\partial A_0}{\partial y^1} = -4\pi Q \exp\left(\frac{a_0 y^1}{c^2}\right) \delta(y^1) \delta(y^2) \delta(y^3). \quad (3)$$

This equation can be obtained from Maxwell's equations written in the generally covariant form [4] similar to the case of a "given gravitational field". The solution to the equation results in the relation

$$A_0 = \frac{Q}{r} \exp\left\{-\frac{a_0 r (1 - \cos \theta)}{2c^2}\right\}. \quad (4)$$

For the electric field strength \vec{E} we have

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{r^2} \exp\left\{-\frac{a_0 r (1 - \cos \theta)}{2c^2}\right\} \left[\frac{\vec{r}}{r} + \frac{a_0 r}{2c^2} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} - \vec{i} \right) \right], \quad (5)$$

where r is a three-dimensional (Euclidean) distance from the origin of coordinates, coinciding with the charge, to the point of observation; θ is an angle between the radius vector \vec{r} and \vec{i} , $\vec{i} = \vec{a}_0 / |\vec{a}_0|$.

3. Field of a Charged Plate

Calculate the field being created by an infinite charged metallic plate of the whose thickness $h \rightarrow 0$. On both sides of the plate the charge density will be constant and equal to σ . A contribution to the scalar potential A_0 from the whole plate can be calculated by integrating the contribution from elementary charges dQ of each of the plate side in a flat space (but not in a Riemannian space-time).

We match the origin of coordinates to the plate centre by directing the y^1 axis, perpendicular to the plate, towards its upper side. After integration we find the potential in the upper half-space, with the plate charge density assumed equal to $\sigma_0 = 2\sigma$.

$$A_0 = -\frac{2\pi\sigma_0 c^2}{a_0} \left[1 - \exp\left\{-\frac{a_0 y^1}{c^2}\right\} \right]. \quad (6)$$

The value of the field intensity of the charged plane is

$$E_1 = F_{01} = -\frac{\partial A_0}{\partial y^1} = 2\pi\sigma_0 \exp\left\{-\frac{a_0 y^1}{c^2}\right\}. \quad (7)$$

Define the space-time metric by choosing a charged dust over the plane of like charges as the basis of a noninertial frame of reference (NFR). Let each of the particles be connected with the charged plane by a weightless and inextensible filament. The charged dust in this self-similar problem sets the basis of the frame of reference (FR) whose structure is determined by a mutual solution to the equations of "motion" and Maxwell's equations. The solutions of the latter is given by formula (7). Dust particles will be fixed so that the deformation velocity tensor and the rotation velocity tensor be equal to zero, and the filament tensions be nonzero. Let the plane be infinite, the charge density on it be constant, and the charge-to-mass ratio be identical for all particle of the basis. By definition, we do not consider the dust to create a field, but the field is determined only by charges of the plane according to (1). It is evident that the physical situation for dust particles in the upper half-space is equivalent to the situation in an NFR "moving" downwards in the direction of the plane, which is described mathematically by metric (1) with a negative sign in the exponent, i. e. by substituting $a \rightarrow a_0$. The values a_0 and a are to be calculated.

The interval element will be sought in a more detailed form than (1)

$$dS^2 = \exp(\nu(y^1))dy^{0^2} - \exp(\lambda(y^1))dy^{1^2} - dy^{2^2} - dy^{3^2}, \quad (8)$$

where the functions $\nu(y^1)$ and $\lambda(y^1)$ are to be found. To find them, we take advantage of the solution to Maxwell's three-dimensional equations whose form is not dissimilar to Maxwell's equations in a given gravitational field. The solution to the equation for the induction vector D^1 outside the plane has the form $D^1 = \text{const} \exp(-\lambda/2)$. Using both the relations arising from [4] and formula (7), we find

$$\frac{\nu + \lambda}{2} = -\frac{a_0 y^1}{c^2}. \quad (9)$$

The second equation connecting the functions ν and λ will be found from the equations of "motion"

$$F^1 = -\frac{q}{m_0 c^2} F^{10} V_0, \quad (10)$$

where $V_0 = \exp(\nu/2)$ is the zero component of the 4-velocity of a basis particle of the mass m_0 , charge q in the Lagrangian comoving NFR. The minus sign in (10) means that the first curvature vector of a basis particle F^1 is determined only by the filament tension acting in the direction opposite to that of the force due to the field. On the other hand, F^1 may be found directly from the form of metric (8) as the only nonzero component of the 4-acceleration in the Lagrangian comoving NFR. This results in the relation.

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial y^1} = -\frac{E_0 q}{m_0 c^2} \exp(\lambda/2), \quad (11)$$

where $E_0 = 2\pi\sigma_0$. The solution to system (9), (10), providing $y^1 = 0$, $\nu = 0$, has the form

$$\exp(\nu/2) = 1 - \frac{E_0 q}{m_0 a_0} \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{a_0 y^1}{c^2}\right)\right), \quad \exp(\lambda/2) = \exp\left(-\frac{\nu}{2} - \frac{a_0 y^1}{c^2}\right). \quad (12)$$

Metric (8) admits an evident simplification, if, instead of y^1 , one introduces another Lagrangian coordinate by the formula

$$\tilde{y}^1 = \int_0^{y^1} \exp(\lambda/2) dy^1$$

As a results, we obtain

$$dS^2 = \exp\left(-\frac{2E_0q\tilde{y}^1}{m_0c^2}\right)dy^{0^2} - d\tilde{y}^{1^2} - dy^{2^2} - dy^{3^2}. \quad (13)$$

This formula is similar to (1) with a negative acceleration $a = -E_0q/m$ directed towards the plane, if the plane charge and the test one q are of like signs, and with a positive acceleration for unlike charges. The space-time will be flat, if a test particle is neutral. Thus, contrary to General Relativity (GR), the metric depends not only on a field strength of the charge creating the field, but also on the value and sign of a test charge in the field.

If for particles of the basis the test-charge-to-mass ratio is identical for all particles, and the charges of the plane and test particle are unlike, then metric (13) is identical to (1) with $a = a_0$.

To compare theory with experiment, we express the fields in terms of "physical" and tetrad components. Choose the comoving tetrads for the metric so that the vector $\vec{e}_{(0)}$ should be directed along the time line, and the triad $\vec{e}_{(k)}$ - along the coordinate axes y^k (Lames gauge [5], [6]), where the tetrad indices enclosed in brackets.

$$e_{(\alpha)}^\mu = \frac{\delta_\alpha^\mu}{\sqrt{|g_{\alpha\alpha}|}}, \quad e_\mu^{(\alpha)} = \delta_\mu^\alpha \sqrt{|g_{\alpha\alpha}|}, \quad e_\mu^{(0)} = V_\mu, \quad e_{(0)}^\mu = V^\mu, \quad (14)$$

without summing over α . For the "physical" components of the field tensor we find

$$F_{(0)(1)} = E_{(1)} = e_{(0)}^\mu e_{(1)}^\nu F_{\mu\nu} = 2\pi\sigma_0 = \text{const}. \quad (15)$$

From (15) it follows that the field of the charged plane in terms of local tetrads is the same as that conventionally considered in Cartesian coordinates. However, the space-time geometry being due to an electrostatic field proved to be pseudo-Riemannian.

We calculate the field created by an electron "suspended" by a filament over a positively charged plane. The situation with the electron of a mass m and a charge e "suspended" over the plane is equivalent to its putting into NFR (1) moving with the acceleration directed along the axis y^1 and equal to $a_0 = eE/m$. The calculation by formula (5) of the field intensity of the plane $E = 100 \text{ kV/m}$ for field-aligned points differs from field-transverse ones by 10% at the distance 1 m from the charge.

While performing a standard calculation, the field of the electron should be isotropic and Coulomb's, like the field of a free electron.

It can be shown that the correction is not small for negatively charged bodies as well. A force $F_e = eE/2$ acts on each of the electrons in the field. The force induced by the metal lattice is oppositely directed, and equal to F_e , in value. This force induces the "acceleration" $a_0 = eE/(2m)$. For conductors charged positively, on the surface there are not electrons but positive ions with the masses much more than those of electrons. Therefore its "acceleration" a_0 , and hence the field correction will be much less than for electrons.

Propose an experiment to verify the approach suggested.

Set a problem of calculating the capacity of a flat capacitor without regard for boundary effects.

The capacitor capacity is calculated by the formula

$$C = Q^2/2W, \quad (15a)$$

where Q is a charge, and W is a total energy between the plates. The energy density ρ of the electromagnetic field corresponds to the $T_{(0)(0)} = T^{(0)(0)} = T_{(0)}^{(0)}$ components of the energy momentum tensor of the electromagnetic field in curvilinear coordinates has the form [4]

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(-F_{\mu\beta} F_{\nu}^{\beta} + \frac{1}{4} F_{\beta\gamma} F^{\beta\gamma} g_{\mu\nu} \right), \quad (16)$$

where the tetrad components of the tensor are calculated by the rule

$$T_{(\mu)(\nu)} = e_{(\mu)}^{\alpha} e_{(\nu)}^{\beta} T_{\alpha\beta}. \quad (17)$$

The field energy may be calculated according [6] by the formula

$$W = \int \sqrt{-g} T^{\mu\nu} V_{\nu} dS_{\mu}, \quad (18)$$

where g is the metric tensor determinant, $dS_{\mu} = V_{\mu} dV$. dS_{μ} is a geometrical object equal to the product of an element of the hypersurface, orthogonal to the basis world lines and based on three infinitesimally small displacements, by a unit vector of the normal (i. e. the 4-velocity V_{μ}). Because relation (18) is of importance, we discuss it in more detail.

Since we consider the electromagnetic field energy-momentum tensor (16) outside charges creating the field, the relation should be valid

$$\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0. \quad (19)$$

In a flat space-time in Galilean coordinates this relation is the electromagnetic field energy-momentum conservation law. In Riemannian spacetime this relation, generally, is not a conservation law at all, since a covariant derivative of the energy-momentum tensor enters in it instead of a partial one, which is well-known from the literature on GR.

While calculating the energy in (18), we, in fact, use not the "conservation law"(19), but the real conservation law resembling the charge conservation law.

This follows from the equality

$$\nabla_{\mu} \left(T^{\mu\nu} V_{\nu} \right) = V_{\nu} \nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} + T^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} V_{\nu} = T^{\mu\nu} V_{\mu} F_{\nu} = 0. \quad (20)$$

In deriving (20) we have allowed for the congruence of world lines of FR basis particles, determined by the equation of "motion"(10), being irrotational and rigid, the vectors V_{μ} and F_{μ} being orthogonal, and the convolution of the antisymmetric field tensor $F_{\mu\nu}$ with the product of first curvature vectors being equal to zero.

Relation (20) may be rewritten in the form

$$\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu(0)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{\mu}} \left(\sqrt{-g} T^{\mu(0)} \right) = 0. \quad (21)$$

We integrate expression (21) over an invariant 4-volume

$$\int \sqrt{-g} \nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu(0)} d^4 y = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{\mu}} \left(\sqrt{-g} T^{\mu(0)} \right) d^4 y = 0. \quad (22)$$

Using the Gauss theorem and assuming that on the "lateral" timelike hypersurface, enclosing a spatial volume, the integral vanishes (which is valid in problems with charges located in a finite volume), we obtain

$$\oint \sqrt{-g} T^{\mu(0)} dS_{\mu} = \int_{V_1} \sqrt{-g} T^{(0)(0)} d^3 y - \int_{V_2} \sqrt{-g} T^{(0)(0)} d^3 y = 0. \quad (23)$$

Whence follows the conservation law of the "charge type quantity

$$\int_{V_1} \sqrt{-g} T^{(0)(0)} d^3 y = \int_{V_2} \sqrt{-g} T^{(0)(0)} d^3 y, \quad (24)$$

wherein V_1 and V_2 are the three-dimensional volumes occupied by the field at different instants.

The comparison of (18) with (24) implies an identity of the quantities that represent the electromagnetic field energy.

Calculate the field energy of a negatively charged plane. In the standard calculation the plane field energy of the field strength E , confined within a cylinder with the base area S and height h on each side of the plane with the elements of the cylinder perpendicular to the plane, is evidently equal to

$$W_0 = \frac{E^2}{8\pi} 2hS = \sigma_0 Qh, \quad Q = \sigma_0 S. \quad (25)$$

For $h \rightarrow \infty$, $W_0 \rightarrow \infty$.

In this case the field energy in the above-mentioned volume

$$W = \int \sqrt{-g} T^{(0)(0)} dV = 2 \frac{E^2 S c^2}{8\pi a_0} \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{a_0 h}{c^2}\right) \right), \quad (26)$$

where $E = 2\pi\sigma_0$.

It is evident that at small distances h from the plane, i. e. for

$$\frac{a_0 h}{c^2} \ll 1$$

the field energy in volume calculated according to (26) coincides with the classical expression (25). However, although in the classical consideration for $h \rightarrow \infty$, $W_0 \rightarrow \infty$, in this case the field energy inside an infinitely long cylinder remains a finite quantity defined by the equality

$$W = \int \sqrt{-g} T^{(0)(0)} dV = 2 \frac{E^2 S c^2}{8\pi a_0} = \frac{E S c^2 m}{2\pi e} = \frac{Q m c^2}{e} = N m c^2. \quad (27)$$

Thus:

The energy of the electric field inside a long cylinder proved to be equal to the rest energy of N electrons located on a charged surface of the area S inside the cylinder. The charge Q of an area element does not enter in this energy.

Formula (27) remains valid for a positively charged plane as well. In this case the role of a mass (since positrons are not stable) plays the mass of an atom on the conductor that lost one electron.

Thus, the proper energy of charges on the plane proved to be equal to their rest energy!

The field energy between the capacitor plates can be calculated by the formula

$$W = \int \sqrt{-g} T^{(0)(0)} dV = \frac{E^2 S c^2}{8\pi a_0} \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{a_0 d}{c^2}\right)\right) \quad (28)$$

where S is a plate area, d is a distance between the plates.

Assuming $u = Ed$, where u is a potential difference between the plates, we find the capacitor capacity C in the form

$$C = Q^2/2W = \frac{S}{4\pi d} \frac{eu}{2mc^2} \frac{1}{1 - \exp\left(-\frac{eu}{2mc^2}\right)}. \quad (29)$$

In the approach suggested the capacitor capacity increases with increasing the voltage applied to the capacitor. For example, at the voltage $5 \cdot 10^4$ V the capacity increase should amount to 2.4%.

4. Geometry of Uniformly Accelerated NFR and Einstein-Maxwell's Equations

Although metric (13) is not immediately related to solving Einstein's equations, the presence of curvature stimulates to seek relations to General Relativity. Let us relate metric (13) to an exact solution of Einstein-Maxwell's equations. For the Einstein tensor components

$$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R$$

we find

$$\begin{aligned} G_{00} = 0, \quad G_{11} = 0, \quad G_{0k} = 0, \quad G_{kl} = 0, \\ (k \neq l) \quad (k, l = 1, 2, 3) \quad G_{22} = G_{33} = \frac{1}{2} R = \frac{a_0^2}{c^4}. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Write down Einstein's equations allowing for "cosmological constant Λ " we obtain

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \kappa T_{\mu\nu}, \quad \kappa = \frac{8\pi k}{c^4} \quad (31)$$

where k is the gravitational constant. Choose the electromagnetic field energy-momentum tensor (16) as a source. Due to the equality $T_{\nu}^{\nu} = 0$ for the "cosmological constant" we obtain

$$\Lambda = \frac{a^2}{2c^4} = \frac{E_0^2 q^2}{2m^2 c^4} = \frac{(2\pi\sigma_0)^2 q^2}{2m^2 c^4} = const. \quad (32)$$

A consistent solution to Einstein-Maxwell's set results in a relation between masses and charges of test particles of the basis

$$\frac{q^2}{m^2} = 2k. \quad (33)$$

The metric obtained can be simply interpreted. The basis of such an NFR is the charged dust being at equilibrium in parallel homogeneous electric and gravitational fields. (The dust itself therewith does not create fields). The masses of dust particles are $\sqrt{2}$ times less than those of stable elementary black holes, "maximons"[8]. The particle with a proton charge has a mass close to 10^{-6} g which 10^{21} more than the electron mass.

5. Centrally Symmetric Electrostatic Field

Consider an electrostatic field having a central symmetry. This field may be created by a charged spherical body or a point charge. The electrostatic field of bound charges differs from that of free charges. Consider a charged conducting ball of radius R and charge Q . It is necessary to find the electric field strength \vec{E} and determine the space-time geometry outside the ball.

Each of the charges of the conductor will be on the ball surface and will experience a "negative pressure" force being due to the external field, which they create, directed along the external normal to the surface [7]. This force is compensated by the force induced by the lattice holding charges on the sphere surface. Thus, the physical situation under consideration is equivalent to that in which there are charges connected with weightless filaments of length R fixed at a common centre. Consequently, the field created by each of the charges will be such as if each of the charges would be uniformly accelerated and its acceleration would be directed to the ball centre.

In accordance with (4) the potential dA_0 at the point of observation has the form

$$dA_0 = \frac{dQ}{r'} \exp\left\{-\frac{a_0 r' (1 - \cos \theta)}{2c^2}\right\}. \quad (34)$$

where r' is a three-dimensional (Euclidean) distance from the charge dQ to the point of observation, θ is an angle between the radius vector \vec{r}' and \vec{i} , $\vec{i} = \vec{a}_0 / |\vec{a}_0|$. \vec{i} is directed to the sphere centre for an element dQ of the charge. The value of the "acceleration" a_0 for charges of the negatively charged sphere (electrons) is calculated by the formula

$$a_0 = \frac{eE}{2m}. \quad (35)$$

Here e is the charge value, m is the electron mass, E is a field strength on the sphere surface. For the ball charged positively the "relativistic" effect will be much less pronounced than for the negatively charged one, because the mass m of the positive ion exceeding the electron mass. Hence the field from a positively charged ball almost coincides with the classical one, and for a negatively charged ball the "relativistic" corrections may prove to be considerable.

Integrating (34), we obtain

$$A_0 = \frac{Q \exp(-\zeta^2) \sqrt{\pi} i}{4R\zeta} \left[\Phi(i\zeta(1 - 2R/r)) - \Phi(i\zeta) \right], \quad \zeta = \frac{r}{R} \sqrt{\frac{eQ}{8mc^2 R}}. \quad (36)$$

In (36) r is a distance from the ball centre to the point of observation, $\Phi(\zeta)$ is the probability integral

$$\Phi(i\zeta) = \frac{2i}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\zeta \exp(t^2) dt.$$

The set of electrons on the sphere surface does not belong to the congruence of world lines of the NFR basis (formula (1)) but are included in the set of world lines belonging to the Lagrangian comoving spherically symmetric NFR with the metric

$$dS^2 = \exp(\nu)(dy^0)^2 - r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2) - \exp(\lambda)(dr)^2. \quad (37)$$

The functions $\nu(r)$ and $\lambda(r)$ need to be determined. To find them, we resort to a solution to Maxwell's spherically symmetric static equations, using metric (37), similar to the notation of the equations of electrodynamics in a "given gravitational field"[4]. Then compare the solution obtained with the expression for the field derived from (36). As a result, we find the equation of a constraint on the functions $\nu(r)$ and $\lambda(r)$

$$\exp\left(\frac{\nu + \lambda}{2}\right) = \frac{\exp(-\zeta^2)\sqrt{\pi}}{4\delta} \left\{ \left[\Phi(i\zeta - 2i\delta) - \Phi(i\zeta) \right] (1 + 2\zeta^2)i - \frac{2\zeta \exp(\zeta^2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} [1 - \exp(-4\delta(\zeta - \delta))] \right\}, \quad \delta = \sqrt{\frac{eQ}{8mc^2R}}. \quad (38)$$

To find the second equation connecting these functions, we consider a force, being due to the field, acting on a test charge q fixed at the point r from the ball centre. Let the mass of the test charge be m_0 . Then the first curvature vector F^1 of the world line of this charge can be found from the relation

$$F^1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\nu}{dr} \exp(-\lambda)$$

and from the force acting on the charge due to the constraint holding it immovable in the field. This force is numerically equal to the force due to the field and is opposite to it in sign.

$$F^1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\nu}{dr} \exp(-\lambda) = -\frac{q}{m_0c^2} F^{10} V_0 = -\frac{Qq}{m_0c^2r^2} \exp(-\lambda/2). \quad (39)$$

As a result, we find

$$\exp(\nu/2) = -\frac{q}{m_0c^2} \int F_{01} dr = -\frac{Qq\sqrt{\pi}}{4Rm_0c^2} \int \left\{ \exp(-\zeta^2) \left[\Phi(i\zeta - 2i\delta) - \Phi(i\zeta) \right] (1/\zeta^2 + 2)i - \frac{2}{\zeta\sqrt{\pi}} [1 - \exp(-4\delta(\zeta - \delta))] \right\} d\zeta + C_1. \quad (40)$$

We determine the integration constant C_1 from the requirement of space being Euclidean at infinity. Performing the integration in (40) analytically presents no problems, since by definition

$$F_{01} = -\frac{\partial A_0}{\partial r}$$

where A_0 is determined from (36). As a result, we obtain

$$\exp(\nu/2) = 1 + \frac{Qq \exp(-\zeta^2)\sqrt{\pi}i}{m_0c^24r\delta} \left[\Phi(i\zeta - 2i\delta) - \Phi(i\zeta) \right] = 1 + \frac{qA_0}{m_0c^2}. \quad (41)$$

From (38) and (41) we have

$$\exp\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right) = \frac{\frac{\exp(-\zeta^2)\sqrt{\pi}}{4\delta} \left\{ \left[\Phi(i\zeta - 2i\delta) \right] - \Phi(i\zeta) \right\} (1 + 2\zeta^2)i}{1 + \frac{Qq \exp(-\zeta^2)\sqrt{\pi}i}{m_0 c^2 4r\delta} \left[\Phi(i\zeta - 2i\delta) - \Phi(i\zeta) \right]} - \frac{\frac{\zeta}{2\delta} [1 - \exp(-4\delta(\zeta - \delta))]}{1 + \frac{Qq \exp(-\zeta^2)\sqrt{\pi}i}{m_0 c^2 4r\delta} \left[\Phi(i\zeta - 2i\delta) - \Phi(i\zeta) \right]} = -\frac{\frac{r^2}{Q} \frac{\partial A_0}{\partial r}}{1 + \frac{qA_0}{m_0 c^2}}. \quad (42)$$

Analyze (41), (42) expanding the expressions as a series in a dimensionless parameter δ . It should be mentioned that for a negatively charged metallic ball $\phi = 50 \text{ kV}$ corresponds to $\delta = 0.11$ for an electron with the classical radius e^2/mc^2 , $\delta = 0.35355$ for a proton $\delta = 0.015$.

For a metallic ball charged up to $\phi = 50 \text{ kV}$ the value of $\delta \sim 10^{-4}$ (a concrete value depends on the atomic weight of the metal).

The expansion in terms of δ with retaining terms proportional to the first power of δ (in the numerator of (42) we expand into a series retaining terms with δ^2) leads to the relation

$$\exp(\nu) = \left(1 + \frac{Qq}{rm_0 c^2}\right)^2 = \exp(-\lambda). \quad (43)$$

In formula (43) the charges Q and q can be of equal as well as opposite signs. As distinct from GR, the space-time metric depends both on the charge Q creating a field and on the value of a test charge q . If as the test charges one chooses equal charges whose Coulomb's repulsion force is exactly equal to Newton's attraction force, then such particles will be classically noninteracting. If, besides, one equates Newton's gravitational force between charges on the sphere to its Coulomb's electrostatic repulsion, then evident relations $q^2/m_0^2 = k$, $Q^2/M^2 = k$ will be valid, where M is a mass of charges Q , k is the gravitational constant. (The solution is presented in SGSE units). Metric (43) in this case coincides with an exact electrovacuum spherically symmetric consistent solution to Einstein's and Maxwell's equations and is called Reissner-Nordström's metric. Estimate the value of δ at which an approximate solution (i.e. Reissner-Nordström's) differs least from the exact one (41), (42).

Choose the electron charge e as the least charge. Then from the equality $e^2/M^2 = k$ we find $M = 1.86 \cdot 10^{-6} g$. Considering the particle to be spherical and assuming its density to be equal to that of nuclear matter $\rho = 2.7 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$, we find $\delta = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-9}$ in accordance with (24). Since we have obtained Reissner-Nordström's solution as an expansion in terms of δ , it almost coincides with the exact one (41), (42) for the last example. It should be noted that the nonzero tetrad component $F_{(0)(1)}$ of the field tensor exactly corresponds to Coulomb's nonconventional expression for the field outside a charged ball in Minkowski space for any ν and λ .

If the metallic ball is positively charged and test charges of the FR basis are negative, then metric (43) for such a system, to a high accuracy, is similar to Schwarzschild's metric in GR. It follows from a formal substitution $Qq \rightarrow -kMm_0$ and retaining two terms of the expansion, while being squared. As distinct to Schwarzschild's metric, $g_{00} > 0$ for any distance from the ball centre.

Propose an experiment to verify the approach suggested.

Calculate the capacitance C of a charged metallic ball of radius R . When considering classically, we use the formula $C = R$. In our case the capacitance will depend on the potential applied to the ball as well as on the charge sign. Calculate the capacitance by the formula

$$C = Q^2/2W. \quad (44)$$

The energy density ρ of the electromagnetic field corresponds to the $T_{(0)(0)} = T^{(0)(0)} = T_{(0)}^{(0)}$ components of the energy-momentum tensor in terms of comoving tetrads (14) or

$$\rho = \frac{Q^2}{8\pi r^4}, \quad (45)$$

which coincides with the expression for the field energy density outside the charged sphere in Minkowski space.

However, to find the total fields energy outside the charged ball, it is necessary to integrate over space in the Riemannian space-time with metric (37) determined from (41), (42). For that we use formula (18) yielding

$$W = \int \sqrt{-g} T^{\mu\nu} V_\nu dS_\mu = \frac{Q^2}{2} \int_R^\infty \frac{\exp(\frac{\lambda+\nu}{2})}{r^2} dr = \frac{A_0(R)Q}{2}, \quad (46)$$

where $A_0(R)$ is determined from (36) at $r = R$.

As a result, we obtain for the capacitance C

$$C = R \left[\frac{2i\delta}{\sqrt{\pi} \exp(-\delta^2) \Phi(i\delta)} \right], \quad (47)$$

For example, at the potential equal to -50 kV an addition to the capacitance should amount to 0.8%.

To calculate the ball capacitance, one may, instead of formulae (30), (33), to determine the capacitance conventionally by the formula

$$C = \frac{Q}{A_0}, \quad (48)$$

where A_0 is calculated from (22) at $r = R$. Thus, both formulae (44) and (48) proved to be equivalent as well as in the classical consideration.

As known [4], in classical relativistic mechanics finite dimensions cannot be assigned to elementary particles, and they should be considered to be pointlike. The charged particle under such consideration has an infinite proper energy as well as a mass. The physical senselessness of this result calls for the fundamental principles of electrodynamics itself to be bounded by certain limits.

We prove that in the model proposed the above-mentioned difficulty is absent, and the proper energy of a negative point charge Q containing N electrons corresponds to the quantity $W = 2Nmc^2$.

To prove it, we use expressions (36) and (46) for R . Assuming $Q = Ne$ and making use of the well-known asymptotic formula [9]

$$\sqrt{\pi} z \exp(z^2) (1 - \Phi(z)) \sim 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-1)^m \frac{1 \cdot 3 \dots (2m-1)}{(2z^2)^m}, \quad (49)$$

we find for $z = \delta \gg 1$ the expression

$$A_0(R) \approx \frac{Q}{2R\delta^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\delta^2}\right) = \frac{4mc^2}{e} \left(1 + \frac{4mc^2 R}{eQ}\right)$$

$$W = \frac{QA_0}{2} = 2Nmc^2 \left(1 + \frac{4mc^2 R}{e^2 N}\right).$$

Whence for $R \rightarrow 0$ we have

$$W = 2Nmc^2. \quad (50)$$

The quantity of energy of a point particle proved to be independent of the sign and value of the charge. From (50) it follows that the field energy of a negatively charged particle with the charge $Q = Ne$ is determined by the total rest energy of its $2N$ electron masses.

In particular, for one electron "smeared" over a sphere of radius the $R \rightarrow 0$, the proper field energy coincides with its rest energy $W = 2mc^2$. The energy of a point particle does not depend on the sign and value of the charge.

In the "nonrelativistic" approximation $\delta \rightarrow 0$ we have classical relations

$$A_0(r) = \frac{Q}{r}, \quad W = \frac{Q^2}{2R}$$

for the potential and energy of a charged conducting ball respectively.

From formula (50) it follows that the mass of the charged particle is completely electromagnetic. Thus, the approach we suggest widens the area of application of the classical field theory as one goes to sufficiently small distances.

6. Axially Symmetric Field

Consider an axially symmetric field being created by a thin infinitely long charged metallic cylinder.

We match the z axis to the cylinder one, having chosen the origin of coordinates at the cylinder centre. The calculation of the field will be performed in a cylindrical system of coordinates, using formula (46) to find the potential, where r' is the three-dimensional (Euclidean) distance from the charge dQ to the observation point; θ is the angle between the radius vector \vec{r} and \vec{i} , $\vec{i} = \vec{a}_0 / |\vec{a}_0|$. \vec{i} for each element of the charge dQ is directed towards the centre of the cylinder perpendicular to its surface. The quantity of "acceleration" a_0 for charges of a negatively charged cylindrical surface (electrons) is calculated by formula (35).

Each of the charges on the conductor will be located on the cylinder surface and experiences a "negative pressure" force (due to the field) created by them, in the direction of an external normal to the surface [7]. This force is compensated by the force induced by the lattice holding charges on the cylinder surface. Thus, the physical situation under consideration is equivalent to that in which the charges are connected by weightless filaments of length R equal to the cylinder radius fixed along the cylinder axis. Hence the field created by each of the charges will be the same as if each charge would move with an acceleration directed towards the cylinder

axis. According to (1), each of the electrons on the cylinder belongs to a tangent flat space but Riemannian space-time. Hence the operation of integration over the cylinder occurs in a flat space and is correct.

From geometrical considerations it is easy to obtain a formula relating the quantities r and θ to the radial ρ and angular ϕ cylindrical coordinates.

$$r' \cos \theta = R - \rho \cos \phi. \quad (51)$$

The charge element dQ on the cylinder surface is representable in the form

$$dQ = \sigma R d\phi dz = \frac{\gamma}{2\pi} d\phi dz, \quad (52)$$

where σ and γ are the surface and linear densities of charges.

To simplify calculations, we turn from a thin cylinder to a charged filament assuming $R \rightarrow 0$ and considering γ to be a constant finite quantity. As a result, for the potential A_0 we obtain the expression

$$A_0 = \frac{\gamma}{\pi} \int_0^\pi d\phi \exp\left(-\frac{\rho a_0 \cos \phi}{2c^2}\right) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{a_0 \sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2}}{2c^2}\right)}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2}} dz. \quad (53)$$

The calculation of the integrals leads to the relation

$$A_0 = 2\gamma I_0(\alpha) K_0(\alpha), \quad \alpha = \frac{\rho a_0}{2c^2} = \frac{\rho e E_0}{4mc^2}. \quad (54)$$

In the latter relation E_0 is a field strength on the cylinder surface, I_0 , K_0 are modified Bessel functions in the conventional designations [9].

We find space-time geometry outside the charged filament and calculate the field energy created by filament charges.

The set of charges on the cylinder surface does not belong to the congruence of NFR basis world lines (1) but is included in the set of basis world lines belonging to the Lagrangian cylindrically symmetric comoving NFR with the metric of the form

$$dS^2 = \exp(\nu)(dy^0)^2 - \exp(\lambda)d\rho^2 - \rho^2 d\phi^2 - dz^2, \quad (55)$$

where ν and λ depend only on ρ .

The functions $\nu(\rho)$ and $\lambda(\rho)$ are to be found. To find them, we take advantage of the solution to Maxwell's cylindrically symmetric static equations using metric (55). The form of these equations similar to that of the equations of electrodynamics in a "given gravitational field"[4]. Then we shall compare the solution obtained with the expression for the field being obtained from (54).

For a nonzero radial component of the "induction" D^1 we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\gamma}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho \exp(\lambda/2) D^1 \right) = 0, \quad (56)$$

whose solution will be

$$D^1 = \frac{2\gamma}{\rho} \exp(-\lambda/2). \quad (57)$$

In (56) and (57) between the "induction" D^1 , the field intensity E^1 and the field tensor component F_{01} there exists the well-known relations

$$D_1 = \gamma_{11} D^1 = \frac{2\gamma}{\rho} \exp(\lambda/2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g_{00}}} E_1, \quad E_1 = F_{01}, \quad \gamma_{kl} = -g_{kl}, \quad (58)$$

where γ_{kl} is the spatial metric tensor with the determinant equal to γ .

From (54) we find the nonzero components $F_{01} = -F_{10}$

$$F_{01} = -\frac{\partial A_0}{\partial \rho} = \frac{\gamma^{a_0}}{c^2} (K_1(\alpha) I_0(\alpha) - I_1(\alpha) K_0(\alpha)). \quad (59)$$

Equating (59) to the expression of F_{01} from (58), we find the equation that connects the functions $\nu(\rho)$ and $\lambda(\rho)$

$$\exp\left(\frac{\nu + \lambda}{2}\right) = \alpha (K_1(\alpha) I_0(\alpha) - I_1(\alpha) K_0(\alpha)) = \frac{\rho}{2\gamma} F_{01}. \quad (60)$$

To find the second equation connecting these functions, we consider a force (due to the field) acting on the test charge q fixed at the point with the coordinate ρ reckoned from the filament axis. Let the test charge mass be m_0 . Then the first curvature vector F^1 of this charge world line may be found from relation

$$F^1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\nu}{d\rho} \exp(-\lambda). \quad (61)$$

This quantity may also be found from the force acting on the charge due to the constraint holding the charge fixed in the field. This force is numerically equal to the force due to the field and is opposite to it in sign.

$$F^1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\nu}{d\rho} \exp(-\lambda) = -\frac{q}{m_0 c^2} F^{10} V_0 = -\frac{2\gamma q}{m_0 c^2 \rho} \exp(-\lambda/2). \quad (62)$$

From (59)-(62) we find

$$\exp(\nu/2) = -\frac{q}{m_0 c^2} \int F_{01} d\rho = \frac{q A_0}{m_0 c^2} + C_1, \quad (63)$$

where C_1 is an integration constant.

The integration constant will be found by considering the asymptotic A_0 at long distances from the filament. It is well-known that, while considering classically, the potential A_0 diverges logarithmically at long distances from the filament.

In the case under consideration it is not valid. Prove this.

In tetrads (14), based on formulae (57), (58), the electromagnetic field tensor component $F_{(0)(1)}$ has the form

$$F_{(0)(1)} = \frac{2\gamma}{\rho}. \quad (64)$$

On the cylinder surface the quantity E_0 coincides with the tetrad component $F_{(0)(1)}$. Hence for the quantity α we have

$$\alpha = \frac{\rho a_0}{2c^2} = \frac{\rho e E_0}{4mc^2} = \frac{\rho e \gamma}{R2mc^2}, \quad \rho \geq R. \quad (65)$$

From the analysis of (65) it follows that $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ for $\rho \rightarrow \infty$. At long distances from the filament one may use the well-known expansion of Bessel functions [9]

$$I_0(\alpha) \simeq \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha}} e^\alpha, \quad K_0(\alpha) \simeq \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\alpha}} e^{-\alpha}. \quad (66)$$

For the 4-component of the potential A_0 this results in the expression

$$A_0(\alpha) = \frac{\gamma}{\alpha} = \frac{2mc^2 R}{e\rho}. \quad (67)$$

Whence it follows that for $\rho \rightarrow \infty$, $A_0 \rightarrow 0$.

Thus, we have proved that in this case the behaviour of A_0 at infinity differs sharply from the classical analogue: instead of a diverging quantity we have obtained a vanishing quantity.

This provides a possibility of determining the integration constant C_1 from the requirement of a space being Euclidean at infinity. As a result, from (63) we have

$$\exp(\nu/2) = 1 + \frac{qA_0}{m_0c^2}. \quad (68)$$

Using (60), we find

$$\exp(\lambda/2) = -\frac{\rho}{2\gamma} \frac{\partial A_0}{\partial \rho} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{qA_0}{m_0c^2}}. \quad (69)$$

For weak fields, with $\alpha \ll 1$, using the well-known expansions for modified Bessel functions [9]

$$I_0(\alpha) \simeq 1, \quad K_0(\alpha) \simeq -(\ln(\alpha/2) + C), \quad (70)$$

we find

$$A_0(\alpha) \simeq -2\gamma \left(\ln \left(\frac{\rho a_0}{2c^2} \right) + C \right), \quad -\frac{\partial A_0}{\partial \rho} \simeq \frac{2\gamma}{\rho}, \quad (71)$$

where $C = 0.577\dots$ is the Euler constant.

Expression (71), within an accuracy of the value of a constant in the potential, coincides with the classical expression. However, the space-time metric even in the case of a weak field remains Riemannian, is determined by formula (68), and instead of (69) we have

$$\exp(\lambda/2) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{qA_0}{m_0c^2}}. \quad (72)$$

Calculate the field energy of an element of the charged filament of length h . For the tetrad component $T^{(0)(0)}$ of the energy-momentum tensor we have an expression

$$T^{(0)(0)} = \frac{\gamma^2}{2\pi\rho^2}, \quad (73)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
W &= \int \sqrt{-g} T^{\mu\nu} V_\nu dS_\mu = \frac{h\gamma}{2} \int_R^\infty F_{01} d\rho \\
&= -\frac{h\gamma}{2} \int_R^\infty \frac{\partial A_0}{\partial \rho} d\rho = \frac{A_0(R)\gamma h}{2} - \frac{A_0(\infty)\gamma h}{2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{74}$$

Since, according to (67) $A_0(\infty) = 0$ and the filament, by the data given, has a radius $R \rightarrow 0$, relation (74), based on (65), has the form

$$W = \frac{A_0(R)\gamma h}{2} = \gamma^2 h I_0 \left(\frac{e\gamma}{2mc^2} \right) K_0 \left(\frac{e\gamma}{2mc^2} \right). \tag{75}$$

From formula (75) it follows that the field energy, inside the cylinder of length h and infinite radius, is finite, which differs sharply from the classical value of charged filament energy that is infinitely high.

For close packing of charges on the filament, i. e. providing that

$$\frac{e\gamma}{2mc^2} \gg 1 \tag{76}$$

we have an expression for the energy

$$W = \frac{\gamma h m c^2}{e} = N m c^2, \tag{77}$$

where N is the number of electrons along the filament length h .

Thus, for three kinds of symmetry (flat, spherical or cylindrical) the field energy being created by point charges does diverge, as in the classical case, but is determined by the rest energy of charges creating the field. Therewith the quantity of charge drops out of the energy.

Thus, the approach we have proposed widens the field of applicability of the classical field theory in proceeding to sufficiently small distances.

7. Integral Equation for a Density of Bound Charges

To obtain an integral equation for the density σ of bound charges located on the surface of a conducting body of an arbitrary shape (the surface assumed sufficiently smooth for the differentiability conditions to be satisfied), we divide the surface into area elements, the potential of each of them at the observation point is given by the formula that follows from (34)

$$dA_0 = \frac{\sigma' dS'}{r'} \exp \left\{ -\frac{a'_0 r' (1 - \cos \theta)}{2c^2} \right\}, \tag{78}$$

where r' is the three-dimensional (Euclidean) distance of the charge $dQ' = \sigma' dS'$ to the observation point; σ' is a current value of the charge density depending on a point on the surface; θ is the angle between the radius vector \vec{r} and \vec{i} , $\vec{i} = \vec{a}'_0 / |\vec{a}'_0|$. \vec{i} for each element of the charge dQ' is directed normally to the surface, towards the body interior. The quantity of "acceleration" a'_0 for charges of a negatively charged body (electrons) is calculated by the formula

$$a'_0 = \frac{eE'}{2m} = \frac{2\pi\sigma'}{m}. \tag{79}$$

Introduce, at each point of the surface, a unit vector \vec{n}' in the direction of an external normal to the surface. Then relation (78) takes the form

$$dA_0 = \frac{\sigma' dS'}{r'} \exp\left\{-\frac{\pi e \sigma' (r' + \vec{n}' \cdot \vec{r}')}{mc^2}\right\}. \quad (80)$$

In the electrostatic case for any stationary metric there will be nonzero F_{0k} components of the electromagnetic field tensor. From (80), integrating over the surface and calculating the field tensor, at the observation point with the coordinates x^k we have an expression.¹

$$F_{0k} = -\frac{\partial A_0}{\partial x^k} = \int \frac{\sigma'}{r'} \exp\left\{-\frac{\pi e \sigma' (r' + \vec{n}' \cdot \vec{r}')}{mc^2}\right\} \left[\frac{x^k - x'^k}{r'^2} + \frac{\pi \sigma' e}{mc^2} \left(\frac{x^k - x'^k}{r'} + n'^k \right) \right] dS'. \quad (81)$$

Choose an observation point x^k on the conductor surface and multiply the expression obtained at the observation point by a unit vector of the normal \vec{n} to form the quantity being a scalar with respect to spatial transforms Ψ .

$$\Psi = \int \frac{\sigma'}{r'} \exp\left\{-\frac{\pi e \sigma' (r' + \vec{n}' \cdot \vec{r}')}{mc^2}\right\} \left[\frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{N}'}{r'} + \frac{\pi \sigma' e}{mc^2} (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{N}' + \vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}') \right] dS'. \quad (82)$$

Here \vec{N}' is the unit vector along \vec{r}' directed from the integration element to the observation point.

While conventionally considered, the quantity Ψ is related to the charge surface density σ by the relation

$$\Psi = 2\pi\sigma.$$

It is clear that in the "nonrelativistic" approximation we obtain Grinberg's classical integral equation [10]. Taking account of the field of bound charges leads to a more complicated dependence between Ψ and σ .

Find restrictions on the space-time metric outside a charged conducting body in such a way as we have done it for the charged ball.

Suspend test charges (e. g., electrons) by weightless filaments in the field created by this body. Since the forces due to the field are balanced by the filament tension forces, then going into the Lagrangian comoving FR connected with the charges, one may verify that the metric in such a system will be equal to

$$dS^2 = g_{00}(dy^0)^2 - \gamma_{kl} dy^k dy^l. \quad (83)$$

¹Note that, although each elementary charge on the body surface belongs to a curved space-time, a spatial cross-section for each of the charges is Euclidean, since metric (1) has a flat cross-section and at different (locally constant) values of the acceleration. Hence, while calculating distances from integration area elements for each of the charges to an arbitrary but fixed observation point, the spatial metric tensor is the Kronecker symbol. For this reason, we do not distinguish between covariant and contravariant spatial components.

It is evident that the tensor components, due to a static nature of the field, should not be dependent on the temporal coordinate y^0 but only on spatial ones y^k . Since rotations are absent, g_{0k} are equal to zero. Since the suspended charges are fixed, the comovement conditions for metric (83) should be satisfied as follows

$$V^k = V_k = 0, \quad V^0 = (g_{00})^{-1/2}, \quad V_0 = (g_{00})^{1/2}. \quad (84)$$

From the comovement conditions it follows that the first curvature vector (4-acceleration) is not equal to zero, as in equilibrium in Minkowski space, but is calculated by the well-known formula as in the case of the force acting on a particle in the constant gravitational field [4]

$$F^k = \Gamma_{00}^k (V^0)^2 = -\frac{1}{2g_{00}} g^{km} \frac{\partial g_{00}}{\partial y^m}. \quad (85)$$

On the other hand, this quantity may also be found from the force acting on a charge due to the constraint holding the charge to be fixed in the field. This force is numerically equal to the force induced by the field and is opposite to it in sign.

$$F^k = -\frac{1}{2g_{00}} g^{km} \frac{\partial g_{00}}{\partial y^m} = -\frac{e}{mc^2} F^{k0} V_0 = \frac{e}{mc^2} g^{km} F_{0m} V^0. \quad (86)$$

The electric field from a charged body may also be found from Maxwell's equations in a "given gravitational field"[4]² with an unknown metric tensor for metric (83). This equation outside the charged body (the density of "suspended" test charges is neglected) has the form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} (\sqrt{\gamma} D^k) = 0, \quad D^k = -\sqrt{g_{00}} F^{0k}. \quad (87)$$

The field tensor (81) may be calculated if the charge density σ on the conductor surface is known. Since the conductor shape is known, one may choose on it a two-dimensional orthogonal curvilinear coordinate frame with coordinate spatial vectors in the direction of the normal to the body surface. The fourth coordinate temporal vectors, according to (84), will be matched to the direction of the 4-velocities of electrons being at rest on the surface. On the basis of the given coordinate system, there arises a natural tetrad system with Lamé's gauge. Since the field strength on the conductor surface is normal to the surface, then the field tensor on it in the selected system of coordinates has the only nonzero component, e. g. F_{01}

$$F_{01} = e_0^{(\mu)} e_1^{(\nu)} F_{(\mu)(\nu)} = \sqrt{g_{00}} \sqrt{\gamma_{11}} F_{(0)(1)}. \quad (88)$$

As for the above problems of a charged sphere and plane, we identify the field tetrad component $F_{(0)(1)}$ with the charge density on the body.

The right side of relation (82) coincides in the new coordinate system with the field tensor component F_{01} on the conductor surface. The field on the conductor surface in a small neighbourhood of a point is formed from the field being created by charges within this neighbourhood and by all other charges. Knowing that the field on the surface from the charges

²It is natural that we do not consider a true gravitational field at all, but simply use Maxwell's equations in Riemannian space without using Einstein's equations.

outside the neighbourhood is equal to half the whole field, we obtain an integral equation to find the bound charge density in the form

$$2\pi\sigma\sqrt{g_{00}}\sqrt{\gamma_{11}} = \int \frac{\sigma'}{r'} \exp\left\{-\frac{\pi e\sigma'(r' + \vec{n}' \cdot \vec{r}')}{mc^2}\right\} \left[\frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{N}'}{r'} + \frac{\pi\sigma'e}{mc^2}(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{N}' + \vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}')\right] dS'. \quad (89)$$

While deriving it, we have taken into account that the field about the above point on the surface, created by all other charges on the body outside the neighbourhood of the point, is continuous on the conductor boundary. The field of the charges being within the neighbourhood has a break on the conductor boundary. This field, combined with that of other charges outside the conductor, near its surface, results in doubling the field of all other charges outside the conductor and the total field vanishing inside the conductor. Therefore, the total mean field on the conductor surface, equal to the halfsum of the external and internal field, leads to the value $2\pi\sigma$ instead of $4\pi\sigma$ in the left side of equality (89).

Equations (86), (87), (89) are equations for finding the density of a field and charges as well as the metric tensor components. To these equations it is necessary to add the structure equations, obtained in paper [1], connecting the Riemann-Christoffel tensor $R_{\epsilon\sigma,\nu}^{\mu}$ with the characteristics of the continuum of charges "suspended" in the field

$$R_{\epsilon\sigma,\nu}^{\mu} V_{\mu} = 2\nabla_{[\epsilon}\Sigma_{\sigma]\nu} + 2\nabla_{[\epsilon}\Omega_{\sigma]\nu} + 2\nabla_{[\epsilon}(V_{\sigma]}F_{\nu}). \quad (90)$$

Here

$$\Sigma_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_{(\mu}V_{\nu)} - V_{(\mu}F_{\nu)}, \quad (91)$$

$$\Omega_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_{[\mu}V_{\nu]} - V_{[\mu}F_{\nu]}, \quad (92)$$

$$F_{\mu} = V^{\nu}\nabla_{\nu}V_{\mu}. \quad (93)$$

In the above formulae $\Sigma_{\mu\nu}$ is the velocity deformation tensor, $\Omega_{\mu\nu}$ is the rotation velocity tensor, F_{μ} are the first curvature vectors of medium particle world lines.

The round brackets, enclosing the indices, serve as a symmetrization symbol, and the squared brackets as an antisymmetrization one. The Greek indices can take values from zero to three, the Latin ones from one to three.

From the form of metric (83) it follows that $\Sigma_{\mu\nu} = \Omega_{\mu\nu} = 0$, and in the Lagrangian comoving FR the structure equations are simplified reducing to the system

$$R_{\epsilon\sigma,\nu 0} V^0 = 2\nabla_{[\epsilon}(V_{\sigma]}F_{\nu}), \quad (94)$$

wherein the 4-velocity V_{σ} and the 4-acceleration F_{ν} are set according to (84) and (85).

8. Quasineutronian Centrally Symmetric Gravitational Field

The Newtonian theory of gravitation is obtained from Einstein's General Relativity (GR) equations providing all particle velocities are small and the gravitational field is weak [4]. Einstein's equations in this case reduce to the form

$$R_0^0 = \frac{\Delta\varphi}{c^2} = \frac{4\pi k\rho}{c^2},$$

where R_0^0 is the temporal component of the Ricci tensor, Δ is the Laplacian written in the same way as in a flat space, φ is the gravitational field potential, c is the velocity of light in vacuo, k is the gravitational constant, ρ is the mass density.

In the nonrelativistic limit $c \rightarrow \infty$ the written equation coincides with Poisson's one in Euclidean space with the unified time and the Riemann-Christoffel curvature tensor, and hence the Ricci tensor, identically equal to zero.

We should like to show that such a representation is not only possible and that the Newtonian theory may be considered in Riemannian space-time.

The object of the paper is to establish a more intimate connection between Newton's and Einstein's theories, considering the Newtonian theory together with the structure equations that we have found.

In Minkowski space consider a centrally symmetric motion of a continuous medium arising from the point at which the origin of coordinates is placed. It is evident that for observers in the Lagrangian comoving FR the distance between adjacent elements of the medium will vary with time, i. e. such a frame is not rigid. In other words, a rigid radial motion of the continuous medium is impossible in Minkowski space.

In Riemannian space this situation is possible. It follows, e. g., from the static equilibrium condition in a spherically symmetric gravitational field described by Schwarzschild's metric [4]. For the observers being at rest on the surface of an immovable gravitating sphere, from the GR viewpoint, the acceleration is nonzero and directed away from the centre, perpendicular to the surface, whereas the acceleration is equal to zero for the observers holding the Newtonian viewpoint. And vice versa, a free falling body has a nonzero acceleration in the Newtonian gravitational field and follows a geodesic with the zero acceleration in Schwarzschild's field.

We seek a metric of the Lagrangian spherically symmetric comoving NFR in the form (37), by analogy with GR. NFR (37) is evidently rigid, since the metric coefficients are independent of time, and the component g_{0k} being equal to zero indicates an absence of rotations.

System

$$\nabla_\mu V_\nu = \Sigma_{\mu\nu} + \Omega_{\mu\nu} + V_\mu F_\nu$$

with regard to the formulated requirements as well as the fulfilment of the comovement conditions

$$V^k = V_k = 0, \quad V^0 = (g_{00})^{-1/2}, \quad V_0 = (g_{00})^{1/2}, \quad F^1 = F(r), \quad F^0 = F^2 = F^3 = 0$$

reduces to one equation

$$F^1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\nu}{dr} \exp(-\lambda). \quad (95)$$

One may be sure that the structural equations (90) satisfy (95) without additional constraints on the functions $\nu(r)$ and $\lambda(r)$. Thus metric (37) cannot be unambiguously determined from the given field of the first curvature vectors F^1 .

Consider some simplest possibilities. We perform a gedanken experiment.

a) Let the observers being on the surface of the Earth, whose rotation is not taken into account, considering its density constant and assuming its shape spherical, measure the gravitational field with accelerometers. They will find that the acceleration fields is aligned with

the radius, away from the centre, perpendicular to the surface. To measure a field far from the surface, we use a set of radial weightless bars along which the accelerometers are set. The set of bars and accelerometers form a basis of the uniformly accelerated rigid FR.

Farther and farther from the Earth's surface the acceleration field will diminish following (in the zeroth approximation) the Newtonian law of gravitation. If the observers consider their space to be flat and the law of gravitation to be exact, then metric (37) will have the form [1]

$$dS^2 = \exp(-r_g/r)(dy^0)^2 - r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2) - (dr)^2, \quad (96)$$

where $r_g = 2kM/c^2$ is called a gravitational radius. While deriving (96), we have taken into account that λ , by definition of a flat space, and found ν from (95) and the Newtonian law of gravitation.

Although the space metric is flat, the space-time metric (96) proved to be Riemannian. Thus, the Newtonian theory of gravitation admits two logically consistent interpretations in a flat space.

According to the conventional interpretation, not only space but space-time is flat in the Newtonian theory. Therewith two forces act on the body being on the Earth's surface, viz. a gravitation force and reaction-at-support force, which add up to zero and hence impart no acceleration to the body.

In our interpretation, the only one force: the reaction-at-support force, which imparts the body an acceleration being measured by the accelerometer and calculated by formula (95) with the use of metric (96). If one removes the support, the body will follow a geodesic in the space-time with metric (96), whereas interpreted conventionally in the absence of support the body will move in a flat space-time under the action of the gravitational force. The Newtonian treatment we have modified is closer to Einsteinian than to pure Newtonian one. It can be shown, using [11], that the pericentre displacement in one revolution, calculated in metric (96), is one-third as large as that calculated in Schwarzschild's metric. The change of the direction of light ray, while passing by the central body, calculated by (96) is half as large as Schwarzschild's. Therefore, the model being proposed, without claiming to substitute GR, establishes a more intimate connection between the Newtonian and Einsteinian theories showing that the Newtonian theory may be considered in Riemannian space-time. Although this interpretation coincides with experimental data in the Newtonian approximation, it does not allow for more fine effects, which are explained by GR.

We try to modify the model in such a way that it should correspond more precisely to the observational data.

b) While deriving (96), it was assumed that $\lambda = 0$, which corresponds to the flat spatial cross-section model. As a frame of reference outside the Earth chosen was the system of rigid undeformable bars along which sound propagates with infinitely large velocity to be in contradiction with a finiteness of the interaction propagation velocity. Therefore, to eliminate this disadvantage of the model, we shall consider as in GR that the radially accelerated NFR basis structure outside the Earth is equivalent to some elastic medium, being subject to strains, and hence stresses, but having a zero deformation velocity tensor. From the form of metric (37) it follows that we consider only small radial displacement of the elastic medium for which only the radial component $u_{rr} = \partial u_r / \partial r$ of the deformation tensor is nonzero (in designations of [12]) in spherical coordinates. As for the components $u_{\theta\theta} = u_{\phi\phi} = u_r/r$, they are negligible as compared to u_{rr} , and are not taken into account in the model under consideration.

It is convenient for the strain-stress relation to be determined in the Lagrangian comoving NFR, considering the elastic medium to be shear-stressless. For the NFR valid is Hooke's relativistic law [15] on the hypersurface orthogonal to the world lines coinciding in form with the classical expression [13]

$$P^{ij} = \tilde{\lambda} I_1 \gamma^{ij}, \quad I_1(\varepsilon) = \gamma^{kl} \varepsilon_{kl} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \exp(-\lambda)), \quad (97)$$

where I_1 is the first invariant of the deformation tensor, $\tilde{\lambda}$ is the Lamé coefficient, $\gamma^{ij} = -g^{ij}$ is the spatial cross-section metric (37)

$$\varepsilon_{kl} = \frac{1}{2}(\gamma_{ij} - \gamma'_{ij}),$$

γ'_{ij} is the metric tensor of a flat space in spherical coordinates. The elastic medium should satisfy the continuity equation

$$\nabla_\mu(\rho V^\mu) = 0.$$

The solution to the continuity equation results in the relation [13], [14]

$$\rho = \rho_0 \exp(-\lambda/2), \quad (98)$$

where ρ_0 is the density of a "medium" in an undeformed state.

The equations of "motion" of the elastic medium in a Lagrangian NFR has the form similar to its equilibrium conditions in the Newtonian gravitational field [12] considered classically

$$\nabla_j P^{ij} = -\rho_0 a^j, \quad (99)$$

where a^j are the "nonphysical affine components of the acceleration, and uplifting and lowering the tensor indices and calculating the covariant derivative are performed with the aid of the spatial metric γ_{ij} . Assuming that the physical and tetrad components correspond to the Newtonian value, from (98) and (99) in spherical coordinates we have an expression

$$\exp(-\lambda) \frac{d\lambda}{dr} = -2 \frac{\rho_0 k M}{\tilde{\lambda} r^2}, \quad (100)$$

whose integration, providing that the space is flat ($\lambda = 0$) at infinity, results in the relation

$$\exp(-\lambda) = \left(1 - \frac{2kM}{c_0^2 r}\right), \quad c_0^2 = \frac{\tilde{\lambda}}{\rho_0}, \quad (101)$$

where c_0 is the longitudinal sound velocity.

Taking into account that the first curvature vector $F^1 = -^2a^1 = (\gamma_{11})^{-1/2} kM / (cr)^2$, using (95) and (101), we obtain an equation for ν whose integration, providing that $\nu = 0$ at infinity, gives

$$\nu = 2 \left(\frac{c_0}{c}\right)^2 \left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{2kM}{c_0^2 r}} - 1\right). \quad (102)$$

The limit of expressions (101) and (102) for $c_0 \rightarrow \infty$ leads to metric (96), which corresponds to the perfectly rigid body model in the Newtonian sense. We call such a body, wherein the

longitudinal sound velocity is equal to the velocity of light in vacuo, a relativistically rigid body [15]. Therewith expression (101) exactly coincides with the component γ_{11} of Schwarzschild's metric in the standard form, and the component g_{00} of this metric is obtained from (102) if one expands $\exp(\nu)$ into a series and retains only the first order infinitesimal with respect to (r_g/r) .

Thus, for a spherically symmetric NFR, whose basis is a relativistically rigid body, and the acceleration corresponds to the Newtonian one, the metric has the form (37), where ν is determined from (102) at the sound velocity c_0 equal to that of light in vacuo, and λ , under the same conditions, from (101). The calculation of the well-known GR effects in this metric only slightly differs from the calculation using Schwarzschild's metric. A difference emerges in the calculation of the pericentre displacement that is 5/6 of Schwarzschild's. The change of the direction of light ray, while passing by the central body, coincides with Schwarzschild's. Hence, the modified model corresponds to GR much closer than (96).

9. Conclusion

Enumerate the basic results obtained in the paper.

1. An exact static solution has been found for the charge field in a uniformly accelerated NFR realizable in Riemannian space-time. This solution allows one, in principle, to seek a space-time structure and to find fields from charged conductors of arbitrary shape. "Relativistic corrections" proved to be small for positively charged bodies, and the expressions for the scalar potential and the affine components of the field tensor coincide with the conventional ones in Minkowski space. These corrections may be considerable for negatively charged conductors or those being in an external electric field.

However, the space-time metric both outside positively and negatively charged bodies is non-Euclidean.

In present paper the cause of this phenomenon has been found and simplest experiments allowing one to confirm or rule out the effects being predicted.

2. An exact expression has been found for the field and geometry of space-time outside a charged metallic ball. If the Coulomb repulsion force between charges on the ball surface is equal to the Newtonian attraction force and a similar equality is fulfilled between test particles outside the ball, then from our solution, to a high accuracy, follows Reissner-Nordström's well-known exact solution characterizing the electrovacuum static spherically symmetric consistent solution to Einstein's and Maxwell's equations for electrically charged point mass field.

If the charged ball radius vanishes, and the electron charge is "smeared" over the sphere, then we shall obtain a point charge field.

In the present paper an exact expression has been found for the energy of a point charge W , which is equal to $W = 2mc^2$ and independent of the quantum density of charge. This expression eliminates the main difficulty of classical and quantum electrodynamics leading to an infinite proper energy of a point charge.

3. *It is proved that the field energy outside the cylinder of length h and infinite radius is a finite quantity, which differs from the classical value of the charged filament energy that is infinitely large. In a close packing of charges along the filament we have an expression for the*

energy

$$W = \frac{\gamma h m c^2}{e} = N m c^2,$$

where N is the number of electrons along the filament length.

Thus, for three kinds of symmetry (flat, spherical and cylindrical) the field energy created by point charges does not diverge, as in the classical case, but is determined by the rest energy of charges creating the field. Therewith the quantity of charge drops out of the formulae for the energy.

4. A space-time metric which only slightly differs from Schwarzschild's has been found on the basis of a spherically symmetric NFR, wherein the sound velocity is equal to that of light and the acceleration (in tetrads) corresponds to the Newtonian one. The calculation of the well-known GR effects from the found metric is close to the classical one. A difference emerges only in the calculation of the pericentre displacement that is 5/6 of Schwarzschild's.

As a rigid body (in the classical sense) was chosen to be a spherically symmetric NFR and the Newtonian law of gravitation was considered to be accurate,

then the space-time in such a model proved to be Riemannian with a flat spatial cross-section.

Thus, in the present paper a connection between the Newtonian and Einsteinian theories has been established to be deeper than generally assumed.

5. An existence of the space-time curvature stimulated the search for a connection with Einstein's equations. An exact solution to Einstein-Maxwell's system of equations with a "cosmological constant" has been found, where the electromagnetic field energy-momentum tensor is used as a source in Einstein's equations. The solution found describes charged dust being in equilibrium in "parallel" homogeneous electric and gravitational fields. It has been proved that dust particles having a proton charge should have a mass of the order of a mass of a stable elementary black holes - "maximons"[8].

6. The model being proposed has eliminated the main contradiction between the charged particles being pointlike and their infinite proper energy. According to the aforesaid, not only gravitational but even simplest electrostatic fields curve space-time geometry.

This work is an attempt to establish a link between the space-time curvature and the classical fields of bound structures.

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