

## On the Metric Coefficients

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### Abstract

The article considers a simple algebraic result to bring out an interesting mathematical property of the general relativity metric. This property creates limitation on its application in that it may not apply to all space time points.

### Introduction

A simple mathematical result is formulated in the beginning of the article. It is applied to bring out a limitation on the general relativity metric in that it may not apply to all space time points.

### A Mathematical Result

For arbitrary real numbers  $a_1, a_2, b_1$  and  $b_2$ ,

$$(a_1b_1 - a_2b_2)^2 \geq (a_1^2 - a_2^2)(b_1^2 - b_2^2) \quad (1)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_1b_1 - a_2b_2)^2 - (a_1^2 - a_2^2)(b_1^2 - b_2^2) \\ &= a_1^2b_1^2 + a_2^2b_2^2 - 2a_1a_2b_1b_2 - (a_1^2b_1^2 + a_2^2b_2^2 - a_1^2b_2^2 - a_2^2b_1^2) \\ &= a_1^2b_2^2 + a_2^2b_1^2 - 2a_1a_2b_1b_2 \\ &= (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(a_1b_1 - a_2b_2)^2 - (a_1^2 - a_2^2)(b_1^2 - b_2^2) \geq 0$

$$(a_1b_1 - a_2b_2)^2 \geq (a_1^2 - a_2^2)(b_1^2 - b_2^2)$$

### From the Field Equations

We start with the Field Equations<sup>[1]</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
R^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}g^{\alpha\beta}R &= \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}g_{\alpha\beta}T^{\alpha\beta} \quad (2) \\
\Rightarrow R^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{1}{2}Rg^{\alpha\beta} \\
g_{\alpha\beta}\left(R^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{\alpha\beta}\right) &= \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\alpha\beta}g^{\alpha\beta}
\end{aligned}$$

$$g_{\alpha\beta}\left(R^{\alpha\beta} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{\alpha\beta}\right) = 2R \quad (3)$$

Each term of the sum on the left side has the same dimension. But all  $g_{\alpha\beta}$  may not have the same dimension[example: Schwarzschild Geometry<sup>[2]</sup>]. We maintain each  $g_{\alpha\beta}$  dimensionless transferring its dimension, if any, to the other factor [that is, to  $R^{\alpha\beta} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{\alpha\beta}$ ] We do this in order to consider terms like  $(|g_{00}|^2 - |g_{11}|^2 - |g_{22}|^2 - |g_{33}|^2)$  which will come up shortly in this writing.

In the orthogonal coordinates (3) reduces to

$$g_{\alpha\alpha}\left(R^{\alpha\alpha} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{\alpha\alpha}\right) = 2R \quad (4)$$

$$g_{00}\left(R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{00}\right) + g_{11}\left(R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{11}\right) + g_{22}\left(R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{22}\right) + g_{33}\left(R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{33}\right) = 2R$$

With the (+, -, -, -) signature of the metric we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
|g_{00}|\left(R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{00}\right) - |g_{11}|\left(R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{11}\right) - |g_{22}|\left(R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{22}\right) - |g_{33}|\left(R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{33}\right) \\
= 2R \quad (5)
\end{aligned}$$

By applying the Cauchy Schwarz inequality<sup>[3]</sup> to (5) we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left[|g_{11}|\left(R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{11}\right) + |g_{22}|\left(R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{22}\right) + |g_{33}|\left(R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{33}\right)\right]^2 \\
&\leq (|g_{11}|^2 + |g_{22}|^2 + |g_{33}|^2)\left[\left(R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{11}\right)^2 + \left(R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{22}\right)^2\right. \\
&\quad \left.+ \left(R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{33}\right)^2\right] \quad (6) \\
\Rightarrow &\frac{\left[|g_{11}|\left(R^{11} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{11}\right) + |g_{22}|\left(R^{22} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{22}\right) + |g_{33}|\left(R^{33} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{33}\right)\right]^2}{(|g_{11}|^2 + |g_{22}|^2 + |g_{33}|^2)\left[\left(R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{11}\right)^2 + \left(R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{22}\right)^2 + \left(R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{33}\right)^2\right]} \leq 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 \leq \frac{|g_{11}| \left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right) + |g_{22}| \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right) + |g_{33}| \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)}{\sqrt{|g_{11}|^2 + |g_{22}|^2 + |g_{33}|^2} \sqrt{\left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 + \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 + \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2}} \leq 1 \quad (7)$$

Therefore we may write

$$\frac{|g_{11}| \left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right) + |g_{22}| \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right) + |g_{33}| \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)}{\sqrt{|g_{11}|^2 + |g_{22}|^2 + |g_{33}|^2} \sqrt{\left( R^{11} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 + \left( R^{22} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 + \left( R^{33} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2}} = \cos \theta \quad (8)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & |g_{11}| \left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right) + |g_{22}| \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right) + |g_{33}| \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{|g_{11}|^2 + |g_{22}|^2 + |g_{33}|^2} \sqrt{\left( R^{11} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 + \left( R^{22} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 + \left( R^{33} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2} \\ & \quad \times \cos \theta \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

Considering (9) we may rewrite (5) as

$$\begin{aligned} & |g_{00}| \left( R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right) - |g_{11}| \left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right) + |g_{22}| \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right) + |g_{33}| \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right) \\ &= |g_{00}| \left( R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right) \\ & \quad - \sqrt{|g_{11}|^2 + |g_{22}|^2 + |g_{33}|^2} \sqrt{\left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 + \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 + \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2} \cos \theta \\ &= 2R \quad (10) \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & |g_{00}| \left( R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right) - |g_{11}| \left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right) + |g_{22}| \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right) + |g_{33}| \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right) \\ &= |g_{00}| \left( R^{00} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right) \\ & \quad - \sqrt{|g_{11}|^2 + |g_{22}|^2 + |g_{33}|^2} \sqrt{\left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 + \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 + \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2} \cos \theta \\ &\geq |g_{00}| \left( R^{00} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right) \\ & \quad - \sqrt{|g_{11}|^2 + |g_{22}|^2 + |g_{33}|^2} \sqrt{\left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 + \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 + \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2} \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

By (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( |g_{00}| \left( R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right) \right. \\
& \left. - \sqrt{|g_{11}|^2 + |g_{22}|^2 + |g_{33}|^2} \sqrt{\left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 + \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 + \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2} \right)^2 \\
& \geq (|g_{00}| - |g_{11}|^2 - |g_{22}|^2 - |g_{33}|^2) \left[ \left( R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right)^2 - \left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 - \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 \right. \\
& \left. - \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2 \right] \quad (12)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore from (11) and (12) we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2R \\
& = \left( |g_{00}| \left( R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right) \right. \\
& \left. - \sqrt{|g_{11}|^2 + |g_{22}|^2 + |g_{33}|^2} \sqrt{\left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 + \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 + \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2} \cos\theta \right)^2 \\
& \geq \left( |g_{00}| \left( R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right) \right. \\
& \left. - \sqrt{|g_{11}|^2 + |g_{22}|^2 + |g_{33}|^2} \sqrt{\left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 + \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 + \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2} \right)^2 \\
& \geq (|g_{00}| - |g_{11}|^2 - |g_{22}|^2 - |g_{33}|^2) \left[ \left( R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right)^2 - \left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 - \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 \right. \\
& \left. - \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2 \right] \\
& \Rightarrow 4R^2 = \left[ |g_{00}| \left( R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right) - |g_{11}| \left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right) - |g_{22}| \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - |g_{33}| \left( R^{33} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right) \right]^2 \geq \\
& (|g_{00}|^2 - |g_{11}|^2 - |g_{22}|^2 - |g_{33}|^2) \left[ \left( R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right)^2 - \left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 - \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \left( R^{33} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2 \right] \quad (13)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (|g_{00}|^2 - |g_{11}|^2 - |g_{22}|^2 - |g_{33}|^2) \left[ \left( R^{00} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{00} \right)^2 - \left( R^{11} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{11} \right)^2 - \left( R^{22} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{22} \right)^2 - \left( R^{33} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{33} \right)^2 \right] \leq 4R^2$$

Since by the field equations,  $R^{\alpha\beta} + \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} R g^{\alpha\beta}$ , we obtain

$$(|g_{00}|^2 - |g_{11}|^2 - |g_{22}|^2 - |g_{33}|^2) \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} R g^{00} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} R g^{11} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} R g^{22} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} R g^{33} \right)^2 \right] \leq 4R^2$$

$$(|g_{00}|^2 - |g_{11}|^2 - |g_{22}|^2 - |g_{33}|^2)^2 \leq 16$$

$$-4 \leq |g_{00}|^2 - |g_{11}|^2 - |g_{22}|^2 - |g_{33}|^2 \leq 4 \quad (14)$$

The above relation may not hold true for all points [example Schwarzschild metric]

### Conclusion

As claimed we have establish from a simple mathematical result the general relativity metric may not apply to all space time points.

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