

4.23 A metric which represents a sphere of constant uniform density comprising electrically counterpoised dust

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ABSTRACT

Following the authors who have worked on this problem such Bonnor et.al^{1,2}, Wickramasuriya³ and we write the metric which represents a sphere of constant density $\rho = \frac{1}{4\pi}$, with suitable units, as

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{(\theta(r))^2} c^2 dt^2 - (\theta(r))^2 (dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2) \quad 0 \leq r \leq a$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{\left(D + \frac{B}{R}\right)^2} c^2 dT^2 - \left(D + \frac{B}{R}\right)^2 (dR^2 + R^2 d\Omega^2) \quad A < R$$

where $d\Omega^2 = (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$, $\theta(r)$ is the Emden function satisfying the Emden equation⁴ with $n = 3$. Since the metric has to be Lorentzian at infinity, we can take $D = 1$. However, there is an important difference between the above authors and us as they had taken the same coordinate r in both regions, and as a result $A = a$. In general these coordinates do not need to be the same. In this particular case the coefficients of $d\Omega^2$ are not of the same form in the above two metrics and that forces us to take two different coordinates r and R . In our approach $r=a$ in the matter-filled region corresponds to $R = A$ in the region without matter.

Applying the boundary conditions at $r = a$ or $R = A$, we have,

$$\frac{1}{\theta(a)} c dt = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{B}{A}\right)} c dT$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dt}{dT} = \frac{\theta(a)}{\left(1 + \frac{B}{A}\right)} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\frac{-2}{(\theta(a))^3} \theta'(a) c dt = \frac{-2}{\left(1 + \frac{B}{A}\right)^3} \left(-\frac{B}{A^2}\right) c dT$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dt}{dT} = \frac{-B(\theta(a))^3}{A^2 \theta'(a) \left(1 + \frac{B}{A}\right)^3} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$\theta(a) dr = \left(1 + \frac{B}{A}\right) dR \quad \Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dR} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{B}{A}\right)}{\theta(a)} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

$$\theta(a)a = \left(1 + \frac{B}{A}\right) A \quad \text{(iv)}$$

From (i) and (ii), we have
$$\frac{\theta(a)}{\left(1 + \frac{B}{A}\right)} = \frac{-B(\theta(a))^3}{A^2\theta'(a)\left(1 + \frac{B}{A}\right)^3}$$

$$B = -\frac{A^2\left(1 + \frac{B}{A}\right)^2\theta'(a)}{(\theta(a))^2} \quad \text{(v)}$$

From (iv),
$$\frac{\left(1 + \frac{B}{A}\right)}{\theta(a)} = \frac{a}{A} \quad \text{(vi)}$$

Using equation (vi) in equation (v), we have
$$B = -A^2\left(\frac{a^2}{A^2}\right)\theta'(a) = -a^2\theta'(a).$$

Substituting the value of B in equation (iv),
$$\begin{aligned} \theta(a)a &= \left(1 + \frac{B}{A}\right) A = A + B \\ &= A - a^2\theta'(a) \\ \Rightarrow A &= a\theta(a) + a^2\theta'(a). \end{aligned}$$

Then the metric becomes

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{(\theta(r))^2} c^2 dt^2 - (\theta(r))^2 (dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2) \quad 0 \leq r \leq a$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{(a^2\theta'(a))}{R}\right)^2} c^2 dT^2 - \left(1 - \frac{(a^2\theta'(a))}{R}\right)^2 (dR^2 + R^2 d\Omega^2) \quad A < R$$

where $A = (a\theta(a) + a^2\theta'(a))$

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