

# 151(6): A General Metric for Cosmology

The metric for a spherically symmetric spacetime is:

$$ds^2 = e^{2\alpha} c^2 dt^2 - e^{2\beta} dr^2 - r^2 d\phi^2 \quad (1)$$

in the  $xy$  plane. Other more general metrics may be used. In general  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are functions of  $r$  and  $t$ . However, for simplicity assume that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are functions of  $r$ .

The Lagrangian is then:

$$L = T = \frac{1}{2} mc^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \left( e^{2\alpha} c^2 \left( \frac{dt}{d\tau} \right)^2 - e^{2\beta} \left( \frac{dr}{d\tau} \right)^2 - r^2 \left( \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \right)^2 \right) \quad (2)$$

The constants of motion are:

$$E = e^{2\alpha} mc^2 \frac{dt}{d\tau} \quad (3) \quad (\text{energy})$$

$$L = mr^2 \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \quad (4) \quad (\text{ang. mom.})$$

$$p = e^{2\beta} m \frac{dr}{d\tau} \quad (5) \quad (\text{linear mom.})$$

The Orbital Theorem states that:

$$e^{2\alpha} = e^{-2\beta} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Thus:} \quad m \left( \frac{dr}{d\tau} \right)^2 = \frac{E^2}{mc^2} - e^{-2\beta} \left( mc^2 + \frac{L^2}{mr^2} \right) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{where} \quad \frac{dr}{d\tau} = \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \frac{dr}{d\phi} = \left( \frac{L}{mr^2} \right) \frac{dr}{d\phi} \quad (8)$$

So:

$$\left(\frac{dr}{d\phi}\right)^2 = r^4 \left( \frac{1}{b^2} - e^{-2\beta} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \right) \quad - (9)$$

where

$$a = \frac{L}{mc}, \quad b = c \frac{L}{E} \quad - (10)$$

The orbital equation is:

$$\frac{d\phi}{dr} = \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{1}{b^2} - e^{-2\beta} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \right)^{-1/2} \quad - (11)$$

for any spherically symmetric spacetime.

Minkowski Spacetime

$$e^{2\alpha} = e^{-2\beta} = 1 \quad - (12)$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dr} = \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{1}{b^2} - \frac{1}{a^2} - \frac{1}{r^2} \right)^{-1/2} \quad - (13)$$

gravitational Metric

$$e^{2\alpha} = e^{-2\beta} = 1 - \frac{r_0}{r} \quad - (14)$$

$$r_0 = \frac{2GM}{c^2} \quad - (15)$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dr} = \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{1}{b^2} - \left( 1 - \frac{r_0}{r} \right) \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \right)^{-1/2} \quad - (15)$$

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Binary Pulsar

$$e^{2d} = e^{-2\beta} = 1 - \frac{r_0}{r} - \frac{\gamma}{r^2} \quad - (16)$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dr} = \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{1}{b^2} - \left( 1 - \frac{r_0}{r} - \frac{\gamma}{r^2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \right)^{-1/2} \quad - (17)$$

Whirlpool Galaxy

The stars are arranged a log spiral

$$r = r_0 e^{\gamma \phi} \quad - (18)$$

so  $\frac{dr}{d\phi} = \gamma r \quad - (19)$

and  $\gamma = r \left( \frac{1}{b^2} - e^{-2\beta} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \right)^{1/2} \quad - (20)$

so: 
$$e^{2d} = e^{-2\beta} = \left( \frac{1}{b^2} - \frac{\gamma^2}{r^2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right)^{-1} \quad - (21)$$

The metric is :

$$ds^2 = e^{2d} c^2 dt^2 - e^{-2d} dr^2 - r^2 d\phi^2 \quad - (22)$$

in all cases.