

179(4): Derivation of Energy Equation from Metric

Consider the general metric:

$$ds^2 = c^2 d\tau^2 = n(r) c^2 dt^2 - m(r) dr^2 - r^2 d\phi^2 \quad (1)$$

Rec: $\left(\frac{ds}{d\tau}\right)^2 = c^2 = c^2 \left(\frac{dt}{d\tau}\right)^2 n(r) - m(r) \left(\frac{dr}{d\tau}\right)^2 - r^2 \left(\frac{d\phi}{d\tau}\right)^2 \quad (2)$

The Lagrangian is:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} mc^2 = \frac{1}{2} mc^2 n(r) \left(\frac{dt}{d\tau}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m m(r) \left(\frac{dr}{d\tau}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m r^2 \left(\frac{d\phi}{d\tau}\right)^2 \quad (3)$$

The Euler Lagrange equation of motion is:

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} \quad (4)$$

where $L = \frac{1}{2} mc^2 \quad (5)$

so $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} = \text{constant} \quad (6)$

where $\dot{x}^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} \quad (7)$

i.e. $\dot{x}^0 = \frac{dt}{d\tau}, \dot{x}^1 = \frac{dr}{d\tau}, \dot{x}^2 = \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \quad (8)$

Therefore:

$$2) \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}^0} = h(r) m c^2 \frac{dt}{d\tau} \quad - (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}^1} = -m(r) m \frac{dr}{d\tau} \quad - (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}^2} = -m r^2 \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \quad - (11)$$

These are constants and define the constants of motion:

$$E = h(r) m c^2 \frac{dt}{d\tau} \quad - (12)$$

$$p_e = m(r) m \frac{dr}{d\tau} \quad - (13)$$

$$L = m r^2 \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \quad - (14)$$

Here E is the total energy, p_e is linear momentum and L is angular momentum. The total linear momentum is:

$$p^2 = p_e^2 + \frac{L^2}{r^2} \quad - (15)$$

With these definitions:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{E^2}{m c^2} - \frac{p^2}{m} \right) \quad - (16)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m c^2$$

i.e

$$\boxed{E^2 = c^2 p^2 + m^2 c^4} \quad - (17)$$

3) So we obtain the important result that the format of the Dirac energy equation is the same in general relativity.

The ECE wave equation is:

$$(\square + R)\psi = 0. \quad (18)$$

Using the Schrödinger postulate:

$$p^\mu = i\hbar \partial^\mu \quad (19)$$

The d'Alembertian operator \square becomes:

$$-\hbar^2 \square = -\hbar^2 p^\mu p_\mu = \frac{E^2}{c^2} - p^2 \quad (20)$$

so the classical counterpart of eq. (18) is:

$$\boxed{E^2 = c^2 p^2 + c^2 \hbar^2 R} \quad (21)$$

(Comparing eqs. (17) and (21) it is seen that

$$R = \left(\frac{mc}{\hbar}\right)^2 \quad (22)$$

and m is eq. (17) is the covariant mass.

It is defined by:

$$m^2 = \frac{1}{c^4} (E^2 - c^2 p^2) \quad (23)$$

i.e. by:

$$m = \frac{1}{c^2} (E^2 - c^2 p^2)^{1/2} \quad - (24)$$

where:

$$E = h(r) m c^2 \frac{dt}{d\tau} \quad - (25)$$

$$p^2 = p_r^2 + \frac{L^2}{r^2} \quad - (26)$$

$$L = m r^2 \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \quad - (27)$$

$$p_r = m(r) m \frac{dr}{d\tau} \quad - (28)$$

The measured mass m_0 is defined by:

$$m_0 = \frac{1}{c^2} (E_0^2 - c^2 p_0^2)^{1/2} \quad - (29)$$

where:

$$h(r) = n(r) = 1 \quad - (30)$$

So:

$$\boxed{\frac{m}{m_0} = \left(\frac{E^2 - c^2 p^2}{E_0^2 - c^2 p_0^2} \right)^{1/2}} \quad - (31)$$

The format of the formula equation is general relativity is the same as in special relativity except that the mass m_0 is replaced by the covariant mass m , defined by eq. (31).