

Solutions Ph 236b – Week 1

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Problem 1

Part (a)

The stress-energy tensor for a perfect fluid is given by

$$T^{\alpha\beta} = (P + \rho)u^\alpha u^\beta + P g^{\alpha\beta}, \quad (1.1)$$

and perturbations are of the form $P = P_0 + \delta P, \rho = \rho_0 + \delta\rho, u^i = (1, v_i)$. Now look at the different components of $T^{\alpha\beta}_{;\beta} = 0$ to get an equation of the perturbation variables (to 1st order). For the case $\alpha = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} (P + \rho)u^0 u^\beta_{;\beta} + (P + \rho)_{;\beta} u^0 u^\beta + (P + \rho)u^0_{;\beta} u^\beta + P_{;\beta} g^{0\beta} + P g^{0\beta}_{;\beta} &= 0 \\ (\delta P + \delta\rho)_{;0} + (P_0 + \rho_0)v^i_{;i} - \delta P_{;0} &= 0 \\ v^i_{;i} = \nabla \cdot \underline{v} = -\frac{\partial(\delta\rho)}{\partial t} (P_0 + \rho_0)^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

For $\alpha = j$ (where $j = 1, 2, 3$):

$$\begin{aligned} (P + \rho)u^j u^\beta_{;\beta} + (P + \rho)u^j_{;\beta} u^\beta + (P + \rho)_{;\beta} u^j u^\beta + P_{;\beta} g^{j\beta} + P g^{j\beta}_{;\beta} &= 0 \\ (P + \rho)u^j_{;0} + P_{;j} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\nabla(\delta P)}{(P_0 + \rho_0)^{-1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

Part (b)

Taking the equations of motion from above and combining them gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\nabla \cdot \underline{v}) &= \nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(-\frac{\partial(\delta\rho)}{\partial t} (P_0 + \rho_0)^{-1} \right) &= \nabla \cdot \left(-\frac{\nabla(\delta P)}{(P_0 + \rho_0)^{-1}} \right) \\ \frac{\partial^2(\delta\rho)}{\partial t^2} &= \nabla^2(\delta P). \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

Let $v_s^2 = \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \Big|_s$. Substituting $\delta P = \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \Big|_s \delta\rho = v_s^2 \delta\rho$ into the differential equation yields

$$\nabla^2(\delta\rho) - \frac{1}{v_s^2} \frac{\partial^2(\delta\rho)}{\partial t^2} = 0. \quad (1.5)$$

This is just the wave equation where the constant coefficient is related to the sound speed. The perturbations travel at a speed v_s .

Problem 2

Part (a)

Comparing the two forms for the metric, there are two equations which relate the Schwarzschild and isotropic coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{2\Lambda} dr^2 &= e^{2\mu} d\bar{r}^2, \\ r^2 &= e^{2\mu} \bar{r}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

Dividing these two equations by each other and taking the square root leaves

$$e^\Lambda \frac{dr}{r} = \frac{d\bar{r}}{\bar{r}}. \quad (2.2)$$

Integrate this equation to get \bar{r} in terms of r and Λ ,

$$\bar{r} = C \exp \left(\int \frac{e^\Lambda}{r} dr \right), \quad (2.3)$$

Where C is a constant of integration. Since \bar{r} is in terms of r and Λ , μ can now be expressed as $e^{2\mu} = r^2/\bar{r}^2$.

Part (b)

In vacuum, $e^\Lambda = (1 - 2M/r)^{-1/2}$. Toss this into the integral for \bar{r} so that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{r} &= C \exp \left(\int \frac{dr}{(r^2 - 2Mr)^{1/2}} \right) \\ &= C(\sqrt{r} + \sqrt{r - 2M})^2, \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

assuming $r \geq 2M$. This expression can be inverted to get

$$r = \frac{(\bar{r}/C + 2M)^2}{4\bar{r}/C} = \frac{\bar{r}}{4C} (1 + 2MC/\bar{r})^2. \quad (2.5)$$

Impose the condition that $r = \bar{r}$ as they both grow to infinity to set the constant of integration $C = 1/4$ leaving

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \bar{r}(1 + M/2\bar{r})^2, \\ e^{2\mu} &= (1 + M/2\bar{r})^4. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Part (c)

Looking at the metric for isotropic coordinates, for a constant t and \bar{r} , the area element is given by $e^{2\mu}\bar{r}^2 d\Omega^2$. Integrate over the angular coordinates to get the area of the sphere,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= e^{2\mu}\bar{r}^2 \int d\Omega^2 \\ &= (1 + M/2\bar{r})^4 \bar{r}^2 \int d\theta \sin\theta d\phi \\ &= 4\pi\bar{r}^2 (1 + M/2\bar{r})^4 \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Part (d)

In constructing the embedding diagram, note that from Part (b) that the mapping from r to \bar{r} is double-valued and that the coordinate \bar{r} only describes the region for $r \geq 2M$. So an embedding diagram for a surface of constant t requires that

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= dz^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2 = \left[1 + \left(\frac{dz}{dr} \right)^2 \right] dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2 \\ &= (1 - 2M/r)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2 \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

which has a solution of

$$z = [8M(r - 2M)]^{1/2} \tag{2.9}$$

So the diagram in the $r - z$ plane is a sideways parabola opening to the right, with $\bar{r} = M/2$ at $z = 0$. As r goes to infinity, the top half of the parabola is where \bar{r} goes to infinity and the bottom half is where \bar{r} goes to 0. Thus $\bar{r} > M/2$ represents our universe, i.e. region I of the Kruskal diagram of a Schwarzschild black hole, and $\bar{r} < M/2$ represents the “other universe”, i.e. region III of the Kruskal diagram.

Problem 3

Part (a)

Substitute the expression for the phase space distribution function into each of the expressions so

$$n = \frac{8\pi}{h^3} \int_0^{p_F} p^2 dp \quad (3.1)$$

$$\rho = \frac{8\pi}{h^3} \int_0^{p_F} (p^2 + m^2)^{1/2} p^2 dp \quad (3.2)$$

$$P = \frac{8\pi}{3h^3} \int_0^{p_F} v p^3 dp \quad (3.3)$$

Part (b)

Given that the rest mass of the fermions is much less than the Fermi momentum p_F , then neglecting the rest mass gives the approximations that $(p^2 + m^2)^{1/2} \approx p$ and $v \approx 1$. Substituting that above into the integrals for P and ρ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{8\pi}{h^3} \int_0^{p_F} p^3 dp = \frac{8\pi}{4h^3} p_F^4 \\ P &= \frac{8\pi}{3h^3} \int_0^{p_F} p^3 dp = \frac{8\pi}{12h^3} p_F^4 \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

From here, notice that then $P(\rho) = \frac{\rho}{3}$.

Part (c)

From the results of Problem 1b above, the sound speed is given by $v_s^2 = \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}$. Since

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\frac{\rho}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \quad (3.5)$$

the sound speed, $v_s = \sqrt{1/3}$.

Part (d)

Consider the two equations of stellar structure discussed in class,

$$\frac{dm}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho \quad (3.6)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = \frac{-(P + \rho)(4\pi r^3 P + m)}{r(r - 2m)} \quad (3.7)$$

Throw the suggested solution of $m(r) = 3r/14$ into the first equation to get

$$\rho(r) = (3/14)(4\pi r^2)^{-1} \quad (3.8)$$

Now plug in the equation of state found in part b, $P = \rho/3$, into the second structure equation

$$\frac{d\rho}{dr} = -\frac{4\rho(4\pi r^3\rho/3 + m)}{r(r - 2m)} \quad (3.9)$$

Mix in the equations for $m(r)$ and $\rho(r)$ to and simplify to show that they do indeed satisfy the equations of stellar structure.

Part (e)

From the previous part, $\rho(r) = (3/14)(4\pi r^2)^{-1}$ and the equation of state is $P(r) = (1/14)(4\pi r^2)^{-1}$. To get $n(r)$, consider the integrals from part (a) for this case.

$$\begin{aligned} n &= \frac{8\pi}{h^3} \int_0^{p_F} p^2 dp = \frac{8\pi}{3h^3} p_F^3 \\ p &= \frac{8\pi}{h^3} \int_0^{p_F} p^3 dp = \frac{8\pi}{4h^3} p_F^4 \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Eliminating p_F and solving for $n(r)$ gives

$$n(r) = \frac{8\pi}{3h^3} \left(\frac{4h^3\rho}{8\pi} \right)^{3/4} \quad (3.11)$$

and finally, substituting in for ρ reduces the result to

$$n(r) = r^{-3/2} \frac{8\pi}{3h^3} \left(\frac{4h^3}{8\pi} \frac{3}{14} \frac{1}{4\pi} \right)^{3/4} = \frac{K}{r^{3/2}}, \quad (3.12)$$

where

$$K = \frac{8\pi}{3h^3} \left(\frac{4h^3}{8\pi} \frac{3}{14} \frac{1}{4\pi} \right)^{3/4} \quad (3.13)$$

is a constant.

Part (f)

The total number of particles inside radius r is

$$\begin{aligned} N(r) &= \int_0^r n(r) d(\text{proper volume}) \\ &= \int_0^r n(r) e^\Lambda 4\pi r^2 dr \\ &= \frac{14\pi K}{3} r^{3/2} \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

where

$$e^{2\Lambda} = g_{rr} = (1 - 2m(r)/r)^{-1} = 7/4 \quad (3.15)$$

Thus the total number of particles N is finite for all r .

Part (g)

The 3-geometry of a $t = \text{constant}$ hypersurface has a metric

$$ds^2 = g_{rr}dr^2 + r^2d\Omega^2 = (7/4)dr^2 + r^2d\Omega^2 \quad (3.16)$$

so then the embedding equation for constant θ, ϕ is

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= (7/4)dr^2 = dr^2 + dz^2 \\ \Rightarrow z &= \pm(3/4)^{1/2}r \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

Thus, the embedding diagram will be two lines with slopes of $\pm(3/4)^{1/2}$ that intersect at $r = 0$

Problem 4

The line element of Schwarzschild metric is

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\Phi}dt^2 + (1 - 2m(r)/r)^{-1}dr^2 + r^2d\Omega^2 \quad (4.1)$$

From this line element, the measured area of a sphere of coordinate radius r is $A(r) = 4\pi r^2$. The gradient of a scalar is a 1-form

$$\nabla A(r) \equiv \widetilde{dA} = 8\pi r \widetilde{dr} \quad (4.2)$$

From this, create an invariant quantity, namely

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{dA} \cdot \widetilde{dA} &= 16\pi^2 r^2 \widetilde{dr} \cdot \widetilde{dr} = 16\pi^2 r^2 (1 - 2m/r) \\ \Rightarrow m(r) &= \frac{(A/\pi)^{1/2}}{4} \left(1 - \frac{\widetilde{dA} \cdot \widetilde{dA}}{16\pi A} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$