

Last time

We derived Einstein's equations from an action principle

$$(1.1) \quad S_{\text{grav}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int d^D x \sqrt{-g} (R - 2\Lambda)$$

and we obtained

$$(1.2) \quad R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G_N T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$(1.3) \quad \text{with } T_{\mu\nu} \equiv -\frac{2}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}}}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}}$$

which enables us to find $T_{\mu\nu}$ for any kind of matter.

Let us now investigate different types and their effect on the development of the universe.

We had

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{dust})} = \rho u_\mu u_\nu \quad \text{with } \rho = \delta(x - x(\tau))$$

Let's consider scalars and EM fields.

Scalar field

$$(1.4) \quad S_S = \int d^D x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi - V(\phi) \right)$$

In a Minkowski metric, $g^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu}$,

$$(1.5) \quad S_S(\text{mink}) = \int d^D x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{1}{2} |\vec{\nabla}\phi|^2 - V(\phi) \right\}$$

$$\text{(and then } \mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\vec{\nabla}\phi|^2 + V(\phi) \geq 0 \quad \text{☺)}$$

We've got

$$(1.6) \quad \mathcal{L}_S = -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi - V(\phi) \sqrt{-g}$$

(Note: On a scalar, $\nabla_\mu \phi = \partial_\mu \phi$ ☺)

(2)

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{\mu\nu} &= -\frac{2}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} g^{\alpha\beta} \nabla_\alpha \phi \nabla_\beta \phi - V(\phi) \sqrt{-g} \right) \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta \sqrt{-g}}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} \right) \left[(\nabla\phi)^2 + 2V(\phi) \right] + \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (\nabla\phi)^2 - g_{\mu\nu} V(\phi) + \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi
\end{aligned}$$

$$(2.1) \quad \boxed{T_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{scalar})} = \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (\nabla\phi)^2 - g_{\mu\nu} V(\phi)}$$

Electromagnetic Fields

$$(2.2) \quad S_{EM} = \int d^D x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \right\} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2)$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

▷ Check on general covariance!

We would prefer " $F_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_\mu A_\nu - \nabla_\nu A_\mu$ " ...

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{But } \nabla_\mu A_\nu - \nabla_\nu A_\mu &= (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \Gamma^\lambda_{\mu\nu} A_\lambda) - (\partial_\nu A_\mu - \Gamma^\lambda_{\nu\mu} A_\lambda) \\
&= (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu) - (\Gamma^\lambda_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma^\lambda_{\nu\mu}) A_\lambda
\end{aligned}$$

and $\Gamma^\lambda_{\mu\nu} = \Gamma^\lambda_{\nu\mu}$ so the 2nd term $\equiv 0$

$$(2.3) \quad \text{so } \boxed{F_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_\mu A_\nu - \nabla_\nu A_\mu}$$

Then let's find $T_{\mu\nu}^{(EM)}$!

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{\mu\nu} &= \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} \left(-\frac{1}{4} \sqrt{-g} F^{\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} \right) \right) \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{-g}} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} \left[\sqrt{-g} g^{\alpha\beta} g^{\gamma\delta} F_{\alpha\gamma} F_{\beta\delta} \right] \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\delta_\mu^\alpha \delta_\nu^\beta g^{\gamma\delta} + g^{\alpha\beta} \delta_\mu^\gamma \delta_\nu^\delta \right) F_{\alpha\gamma} F_{\beta\delta} \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(F_\mu^\alpha F_{\nu\alpha} + F^\alpha_\mu F_{\alpha\nu} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

(3.1) i.e. $T_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\lambda} F_{\nu\lambda} - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F^2$

Notice that

$$T^\mu{}_\mu = F^{\mu\lambda} F_{\mu\lambda} - \frac{1}{4} (D) F^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (4-D) F^2$$

(3.2) $\Rightarrow T^\mu{}_\mu = 0$ in 4d E&M.

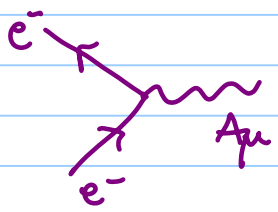
Side remark ← very important physically

Superposition works in E&M because Maxwell's equations $d^2 A = 0$, $*d*dA = J$, are linear in the dynamical variable A .

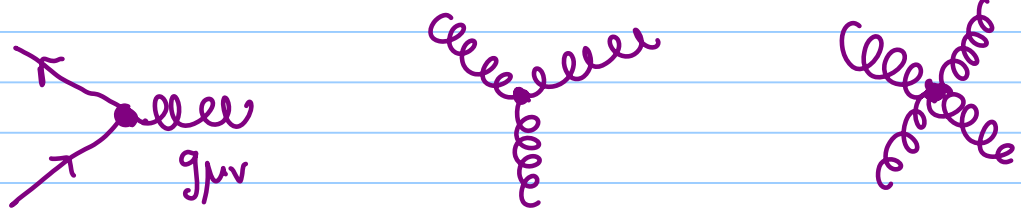
This is to be contrasted with gravity: Einstein's equation involves $R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R$ where R and $R_{\mu\nu}$ are traces of Riemann, which is a nonlinear function of first derivatives of $g_{\mu\nu}$ (via $\Gamma^i{}_{jk}$ term) and also of second derivatives of $g_{\mu\nu}$ (via $\partial^i \Gamma^j{}_{ik}$ term)

(3.3) \Rightarrow Superposition "principle" FAILS for GR

In terms of Feynman diagrams, this means that we have not only vertices like the EM one ($\bar{w} e^-$)



but also nonlinear ones:



Cosmological Constant / Dark Energy

An especially interesting type of "matter" (so-called) comes from $\Lambda \neq 0$. Recall that

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = -\Lambda g_{\mu\nu} + T_{\mu\nu} (8\pi G_N)$$

(4.1) If we regard $-\Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu}^{(\Lambda)} \cdot 8\pi G_N$

then it has some unfamiliar properties, e.g.

(4.2) $8\pi G_N T^\lambda{}_\lambda = -\Lambda D < 0$

(4.3) and $T_{\mu\nu}^{(\Lambda)} = -\frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G_N} g_{\mu\nu}$

Comparing to a perfect fluid $T_{\mu\nu}^{(p.f.)} = (p+\rho)u_\mu u_\nu + p g_{\mu\nu}$ in rest frame where $(u^\mu) = (1, 0, 0, 0) \sqrt{-g_{00}}$, we have $(T^\mu{}_\nu)^{(p.f.)} = \text{diag}(-\rho, p, p, p)$

so $T^\mu{}_\nu^{(\Lambda)} = -\frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G_N} (\delta^\mu{}_\nu)$ so

(4.4) "p = -p" for cosmological constant

Problems: • Λ estimated from particle physics \neq is very far off from experiment 😞

EXCITEMENT

• Not known what is composition of dark energy \neq

$\neq [\Lambda] = m^4$; so $\Lambda \sim k_{uv}^4 \sim \frac{1}{l_{uv}^4} \sim m_{pl}^4 \sim (10^{19} \text{ GeV})^4$

\neq Expt: $\Lambda \sim (10^{-12} \text{ GeV})^4$

How to reconcile?!?



[[There's ≥ 1 Nobel in this!]]