

(a)  $A^{\bar{a}}B_{\bar{a}} = \partial x^{\bar{a}}/\partial x^a A^a \partial x^c/\partial x^{\bar{a}} B_c$  [S:2 marks]

$= \delta_a^c A^a B_c = A^a B_a = \chi$  [S:2 marks]

$A^a B_a = 1.5 + 2.4 + 3.3 + 4.2 + 5.1 = 2(5+8) + 9 = 26 + 9 = 35$  [S:1 mark]

(b)  $D\tau^{ab}/ds = D(\lambda^a \mu^b)/ds = D\lambda^a/ds \mu^b + \lambda^a D\mu^b/ds$  [S:1 mark]

$= \mu^b (d\lambda^a/ds + \Gamma_{dc}^a \lambda^d \dot{x}^c) + \lambda^a (d\mu^b/ds + \Gamma_{dc}^b \mu^d \dot{x}^c)$  [S:1 mark]

$= \mu^b d\lambda^a/ds + \lambda^a d\mu^b/ds + (\Gamma_{dc}^a \lambda^d \mu^b + \Gamma_{dc}^b \lambda^a \mu^d) \dot{x}^c$   
 $= d(\lambda^a \mu^b)/ds + (\Gamma_{dc}^a \lambda^d \mu^b + \Gamma_{dc}^b \lambda^a \mu^d) \dot{x}^c$  [S:1 mark]

$= d\tau^{ab}/ds + (\Gamma_{dc}^a \tau^{db} + \Gamma_{dc}^b \tau^{ad}) \dot{x}^c$  [S:1 mark]

$= \partial \tau^{ab} / \partial x^c dx^c / ds + (\Gamma_{dc}^a \tau^{db} + \Gamma_{dc}^b \tau^{ad}) \dot{x}^c$   
 $= (\partial \tau^{ab} / \partial x^c + \Gamma_{dc}^a \tau^{db} + \Gamma_{dc}^b \tau^{ad}) \dot{x}^c = \tau^{ab}_{;c} \dot{x}^c$  [S:1 mark]

(c)  $r = 1$  and  $\phi = 2$

$$R^1_{212} = \partial_1 \Gamma^1_{22} - \partial_2 \Gamma^1_{21} + \Gamma^e_{22} \Gamma^1_{e1} - \Gamma^e_{21} \Gamma^1_{e2}$$

[S:1 mark]

$\partial_1 \Gamma^1_{22} = \partial_r(-r^3) = -3r^2$

$\partial_2 \Gamma^1_{21} = \partial_\phi(0) = 0$  [S:1 mark]

$\Gamma^e_{22} \Gamma^1_{e1} = \Gamma^1_{22} \Gamma^1_{11} + \Gamma^2_{22} \Gamma^1_{21}$   
 $= -r^3 \cdot -1/r + 0 = r^2$  [S:1 mark]

$\Gamma^e_{21} \Gamma^1_{e2} = \Gamma^1_{21} \Gamma^1_{12} + \Gamma^2_{21} \Gamma^1_{22}$   
 $= 0 + 1/r \cdot -r^3 = -r^2$  [S:1 mark]

total  $-3r^2 - 0 + r^2 - -r^2 = -r^2$  [S:1 mark]

(d) local geodesic frame.  $R^d_{abc;e} = \partial_e(\partial_b \Gamma^d_{ac} - \partial_c \Gamma^d_{ab})$  [S:1 mark]

perturb indices  $bc; e \rightarrow ce; b$   $R^d_{ace;b} = \partial_b(\partial_c \Gamma^d_{ae} - \partial_e \Gamma^d_{ac})$

perturb indices  $ce; b \rightarrow eb; c$   $R^d_{aeb;c} = \partial_c(\partial_e \Gamma^d_{ab} - \partial_b \Gamma^d_{ae})$  [S:1 mark]

add - and remember that order of partial differentiation doesn't matter [S:1 mark]

$$R^d_{abc;e} + R^d_{ace;b} + R^d_{aeb;c} = \partial_e(\partial_b \Gamma^d_{ac} - \partial_c \Gamma^d_{ab})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +\partial_b(\partial_c\Gamma^d_{ae} - \partial_e\Gamma^d_{ac}) + \partial_c(\partial_e\Gamma^d_{ab} - \partial_b\Gamma^d_{ae}) \\
& = \partial_e\partial_b\Gamma^d_{ac} - \partial_e\partial_c\Gamma^d_{ab} + \partial_b\partial_c\Gamma^d_{ae} - \partial_b\partial_e\Gamma^d_{ac} + \partial_c\partial_e\Gamma^d_{ab} - \partial_c\partial_b\Gamma^d_{ae} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

[S:1 mark]

This is a tensor equation - if it holds in one frame it holds in all frames.  
[S:1 mark]

(e)  $V^2(r) = (1-2m/r)(1+L^2/r^2) = 1-2m/r+L^2/r^2-2mL^2/r^3$  [S:1 mark]

1 is rest mass energy,  $1/r$  term comes from normal gravity,  $1/r^2$  is normal angular momentum barrier but the last term is a purely GR effect.  
[S:1 mark]

sketch of the 4 terms giving minimum and maximum (see fig next page)  
[S:1 mark]

sketch of the minimum and maximum merging (see fig next page)  
[S:1 mark]

no angular momentum barrier at this point so no stable minimum  
[S:1 mark]

(f) at  $r = 2m$  get infinite acceleration on stationary particle [S:1 mark]

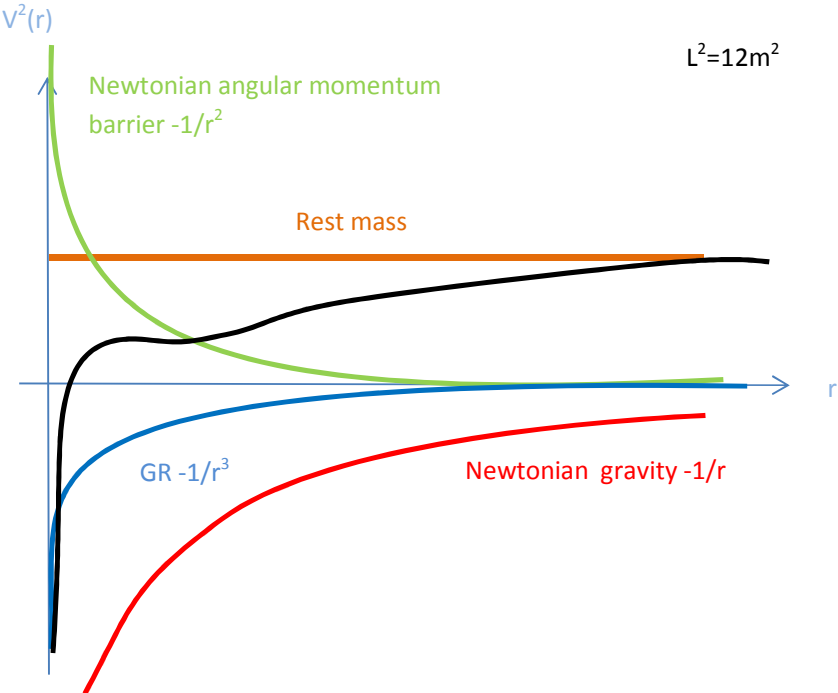
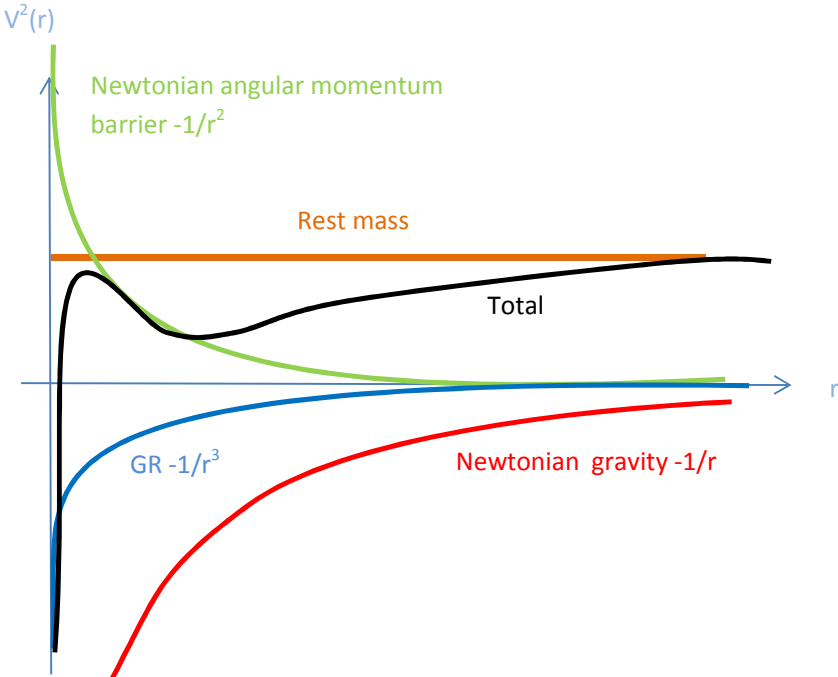
spacecraft takes infinite time to reach this as seen by observer far from the hole, so it can never get beyond  $r = 2m$  [S:1 mark]

but to someone in the spacecraft they get to  $r = 2m$  and below in a finite time [S:1 mark]

metric  $ds^2 < 0$  for  $r < 2m$  so no real paths - stationary observers don't exist for  $r < 2m$ ? [S:1 mark]

true curvature singularity is at  $r = 0$  not  $2m$ . [S:1 mark]

Arbitrary  $L^2$



- (a)  $L = \frac{1}{2}[(1 - 2m/r)c^2\dot{t}^2 - r^2\dot{\phi}^2]$  [S:1 mark]  
radial E-L is  $\partial L/\partial r = \frac{1}{2}c^2\dot{t}^2 \cdot -1 \cdot -2m/r^2 - r\dot{\phi}^2 = c^2\dot{t}^2m/r^2 - r\dot{\phi}^2$  [S:1 mark]  
 $\partial L/\partial \dot{r} = 0$  so E-L  $\partial L/\partial r = 0$  [S:1 mark]  
sub in to get  $c^2\dot{t}^2m = r^3\dot{\phi}^2$  [S:1 mark]  
back into metric  $c^2 = (1 - 2m/r)c^2r^3\dot{\phi}^2/(mc^2) - r^2\dot{\phi}^2$  [S:1 mark]  
 $mc^2 = (1 - 2m/r)r^3\dot{\phi}^2 - r^3(m/r)\dot{\phi}^2$  so  $\dot{\phi}^2 = mc^2/[r^3(1 - 3m/r)]$  [U:1 mark]  
 $\dot{t}^2 = r^3\dot{\phi}^2/(mc^2) = 1/(1 - 3m/r)$  [U:1 mark]  
so  $\dot{t} = 1/(1 - 3m/r)^{1/2}$  and  $\dot{\phi} = \sqrt{mc^2/[r^3(1 - 3m/r)]} = \Omega\dot{t}$  [S:1 mark]  
for one orbit  $\Delta\phi = 2\pi$  so  $2\pi/\tau_{orb} = \sqrt{mc^2/[r^3(1 - 3m/r)]}$  and so  
 $\tau_{orb} = 2\pi\sqrt{[r^3(1 - 3m/r)]/(mc^2)}$  [S:2 marks]

(b) 
$$\frac{d\lambda^0}{d\tau} + \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^0\lambda^\beta u^\gamma = \frac{d\lambda^0}{d\tau} + \Gamma_{\beta 0}^0\lambda^\beta \dot{x}^0 + \Gamma_{\beta 3}^0\lambda^\beta \dot{\phi} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\lambda^0}{d\tau} + \Gamma_{10}^0\lambda^1 \dot{x}^0 = 0$$

[U:2 marks]

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$$\frac{d\lambda^1}{d\tau} + \Gamma_{00}^1\lambda^0 \dot{x}^0 + \Gamma_{33}^1\lambda^3 \dot{\phi} = 0$$

[U:2 marks]

$$\frac{d\lambda^2}{d\tau} + \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^2\lambda^\beta u^\gamma = \frac{d\lambda^2}{d\tau} + \Gamma_{\beta 0}^2\lambda^\beta \dot{x}^0 + \Gamma_{\beta 3}^2\lambda^\beta \dot{\phi} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\lambda^2}{d\tau} = 0$$

[U:1 mark]

$$\frac{d\lambda^3}{d\tau} + \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^3 \lambda^\beta u^\gamma = \frac{d\lambda^3}{d\tau} + \Gamma_{\beta 0}^3 \lambda^\beta \dot{x}^0 + \Gamma_{\beta 3}^3 \lambda^\beta \dot{\phi} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\lambda^3}{d\tau} + \Gamma_{13}^3 \lambda^1 \dot{\phi} = 0$$

[U:1 mark]

$$\frac{d^2\lambda^1}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma_{00}^1 \frac{d\lambda^0}{d\tau} \dot{x}^0 + \Gamma_{33}^1 \frac{d\lambda^3}{d\tau} \dot{\phi} = 0$$

sub from 1 and 4

$$\frac{d^2\lambda^1}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma_{00}^1 \dot{x}^0 (-\Gamma_{10}^0 \lambda^1 \dot{x}^0) + \Gamma_{33}^1 \dot{\phi} (-\Gamma_{13}^3 \lambda^1 \dot{\phi}) = 0$$

[U:2 marks]

$$\frac{d^2\lambda^1}{d\tau^2} = \left( \Gamma_{00}^1 \Gamma_{10}^0 (\dot{x}^0)^2 + \Gamma_{33}^1 \Gamma_{13}^3 \Omega^2 \dot{\phi}^2 \right) \lambda^1$$

$$\frac{d^2\lambda^1}{d\tau^2} = \left( \frac{m(1-2m/r)}{r^2} \frac{m}{r^2(1-2m/r)} c^2 \dot{t}^2 - r(1-2m/r) \frac{1}{r} \dot{\phi}^2 \right) \lambda^1$$

$$= \left( \frac{m^2 c^2}{r^4} \dot{t}^2 - (1-2m/r) \frac{m c^2 \dot{t}^2}{r^3} \right) \lambda^1$$

[U:2 marks]

$$= \frac{m c^2}{r^3} (m/r - (1-2m/r)) \dot{t}^2 \lambda^1 = -\frac{m c^2}{r^3} (1-3m/r) \dot{t}^2 \lambda^1$$

$$= -\frac{m c^2}{r^3} (1-3m/r) \frac{1}{(1-3m/r)} \lambda^1 = -\Omega^2 \lambda^1$$

[U:2 marks]

this is the equation of SHM so has solution  $\lambda^1 = A \cos(\Omega\tau + \phi_0)$  where  $A, \phi_0$  are constants of integration

[U:2 marks]

(c) at start  $\tau = 0$  and  $\chi(0) = \Omega\tau + \phi_0 = \phi_0$ . after one orbit  $\chi(\tau_{orb} = \Omega\tau_{orb} + \phi_0$  so difference  $\Delta\chi = \Omega\tau_{orb}$  [U:1 mark]

$$= \sqrt{(mc^2)/r^3} 2\pi \sqrt{r^3/(mc^2)} (1 - 3m/r)^{1/2} = 2\pi(1 - 3m/r)^{1/2}$$

[U:2 marks]

binomial approximation  $\approx 2\pi(1 - 3m/(2r)) = 2\pi - 3\pi m/r$  [U:1 mark]

parallel transport involves TIME as well as space. so the spatial part precesses but the time part precesses as well and its the total which is parallel transported. [U:2 marks]