

A Note on Relativity

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A note in favor of the correctness of the relativity, special and general.

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The special relativity gives us the equations: $E = mc^2$, $E_0 = m_0c^2$, $E = E_0 + T$, $m = \gamma m_0$ and $\gamma = (1 - v^2/c^2)^{-1/2}$, where E , E_0 and T are the total, rest and kinetic energies of the particle, m and m_0 its moving and rest masses, c the speed of the light in the vacuum and v the speed of the particle. For $v^2 \ll c^2$, $E = m_0c^2 + (1/2)m_0v^2$, which is the correct value for the Newton mechanics, where the kinetic energy is $T = (1/2)m_0v^2$. All these equations are obtained without using relativity, but with $\gamma = (1 - v/c)^{-1}$, which is not the correct value [1]. In addition, for two inertial systems: $f'/f = ((1 - v/c)/(1 + v/c))^{1/2}$ (from the relativistic Doppler effect), where f' and f are the frequencies of the light in the moving and rest frames, respectively, v being the moving speed of the primed frame. But also, $E'/E = ((1 - v/c)/(1 + v/c))^{1/2}$ (from the Lorentz transformation for the energy), then $E'/E = f'/f$, $E' = hf'$ and $E = hf$, which is the Planck-Einstein equation, h being the Planck constant [2]. All this is in favor of the correctness of the special relativity.

From the general relativity: $R_{ik} - (1/2)g_{ik}R = (8\pi G/c^4)T_{ik}$, ($i, k = 0, 1, 2, 3$), where R_{ik} is the Ricci tensor, g_{ik} the metric tensor, R the scalar curvature, G the universal gravitational constant of Newton and T_{ik} the energy-momentum tensor. This equation is like the Poisson equation: $\nabla^2 \varphi = 4\pi G\rho$, where $\nabla = (\partial/\partial x, \partial/\partial y, \partial/\partial z)$, x , y and z being the rectangular coordinates, φ the gravitational potential and ρ the mass density. In the vacuum: $R_{ik} - (1/2)g_{ik}R = 0$ (Laplace equation: $\nabla^2 \varphi = 0$), and $R_i^k - (1/2)\delta_i^k R = 0$, $R_i^i - (1/2)\delta_i^i R = 0$, $R - (1/2)4R = 0$ and $R = 0$ (where: $R_i^i = R$, $\delta_i^k = 1$ if $k = i$ and $\delta_i^k = 0$ if $k \neq i$, and $\delta_i^i = 4$); then, $R_{ik} = 0$. This equation was solved by Schwarzschild yielding a square space-time interval value of: $ds^2 = (1 - r_g/r)c^2 dt^2 - r^2(\sin^2 \theta d\phi + d\theta^2) - dr^2/(1 - r_g/r)$, where $r_g = 2GM/c^2$ is the gravitational (or Schwarzschild) radius, M being the rest mass of the particle that produces the gravitational field, t the time, and r , θ and ϕ the spherical coordinates. Note that $r > r_g$, since $r = r_g$ and $r = 0$ would yield $ds^2 = -\infty$ and $r < r_g$ would produce a change of sign in the time and in the space. Note also that, we may put $r = 2GM/v^2$, v being like a gravitational escape speed ($E = T + V = (1/2)m_0v^2 - GMm_0/r$, V being the potential energy, and from $E = 0$, the escape velocity would be: $v = (2GM/r)^{1/2}$), and as $r_g = 2GM/c^2$, it would correspond to a gravitational escape speed of c . As $r > r_g$, $v < c$, and there is not black holes. In addition, substituting these values in the interval, we would have that: $ds^2 = (1 - v^2/c^2)c^2 dt^2 - r^2(\sin^2 \theta d\phi + d\theta^2) - dr^2/(1 - v^2/c^2)$, and for given values of θ and ϕ ($\theta = \text{constant}$, $\phi = \text{constant}$, $d\theta = 0$ and $d\phi = 0$), it would be: $ds^2 = (1 - v^2/c^2)c^2 dt^2 - dr^2/(1 - v^2/c^2) = c^2 dt'^2 - dr'^2 = ds'^2$, which is a generalization of the special relativity for a radial motion in a gravitational field. Note also that for $|\varphi| \ll c^2$, which implies that $v^2 \ll c^2$, it is recovered the Newton gravitation formula [3]: $F = -GMm_0/r^2$, where F is the gravitational attraction force

between the masses M and m_0 separated a distance r (see the appendix). All this is in favor of the correctness of the general relativity.

Appendix

Newton's gravitational attraction force from Einstein's general relativity:

$$R_{ik} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ik} R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{ik}, \quad (i, k = 0, 1, 2, 3)$$

$$R_i^k - \frac{1}{2} \delta_i^k R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_i^k$$

$$R_i^i - \frac{1}{2} \delta_i^i R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_i^i, \quad (R_i^i = R, \delta_i^i = 4, T_i^i = T)$$

$$R = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T$$

$$R_{ik} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \left(T_{ik} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ik} T \right)$$

$$|\varphi| \ll c^2, \quad v^2 \ll c^2$$

$$L = -Mc^2 + \frac{1}{2} Mv^2 - M\varphi$$

L being the Lagrangian.

$$L = -Mc \left(c - \frac{v^2}{2c} + \frac{\varphi}{c} \right)$$

$$S = \int L dt = -Mc \int \left(c - \frac{v^2}{2c} + \frac{\varphi}{c} \right) dt$$

S being the action.

$$S = -Mc \int ds$$

$$ds = \left(c - \frac{v^2}{2c} + \frac{\varphi}{c} \right) dt$$

$$ds = c \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{2c^2} + \frac{\varphi}{c^2} \right) dt$$

$$ds^2 = c^2 \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{2c^2} + \frac{\varphi}{c^2} \right)^2 dt^2$$

$$\xi \ll 1, \quad (1 \pm \xi)^n \approx 1 \pm n\xi$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{2c^2} + \frac{\varphi}{c^2}\right)^2 = (1 + \xi)^2 \approx 1 + 2\xi = 1 + 2\left(-\frac{v^2}{2c^2} + \frac{\varphi}{c^2}\right) = 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} + \frac{2\varphi}{c^2} = 1 + \frac{2\varphi}{c^2} - \frac{v^2}{c^2}$$

$$c^2\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{2c^2} + \frac{\varphi}{c^2}\right)^2 = c^2\left(1 + \frac{2\varphi}{c^2} - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) = c^2\left(1 + \frac{2\varphi}{c^2}\right) - v^2$$

$$vdt = dr$$

$$c^2\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{2c^2} + \frac{\varphi}{c^2}\right)^2 dt^2 = c^2\left(1 + \frac{2\varphi}{c^2}\right) dt^2 - v^2 dt^2 = c^2\left(1 + \frac{2\varphi}{c^2}\right) dt^2 - dr^2$$

$$ds^2 = c^2\left(1 + \frac{2\varphi}{c^2}\right) dt^2 - dr^2$$

$$ds^2 = g_{00}c^2 dt^2 - dr^2$$

$$g_{00} = 1 + \frac{2\varphi}{c^2}$$

$$g_{\alpha\alpha} = -1, \quad g_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \quad (\alpha \neq \beta), \quad g_{0\alpha} = g_{\alpha 0} = 0, \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, 3)$$

$$T^{ik} = \rho c \frac{dx^i}{ds} \frac{dx^k}{dt} = \rho c u^i u^k \frac{ds}{dt}, \quad u^i = \frac{dx^i}{ds}, \quad c = \frac{dx^0}{dt}, \quad v^\alpha = \frac{dx^\alpha}{dt}, \quad \gamma = \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{-1/2},$$

$$ds = c dt \gamma^{-1}, \quad T_0^0 = \gamma \mu c^2 \approx \mu c^2, \quad T_\alpha^\alpha = \gamma \mu v^\alpha v_\alpha = \gamma \mu v^2 \approx \mu v^2$$

$$T = T_i^i = T_0^0 + T_\alpha^\alpha = \rho c^2 + \rho v^2 \approx \rho c^2$$

$$R_i^k = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \left(T_i^k - \frac{1}{2} \delta_i^k T \right)$$

$$R_0^0 = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \left(T_0^0 - \frac{1}{2} \delta_0^0 T \right) = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \left(T_0^0 - \frac{1}{2} T \right) = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \left(\rho c^2 - \frac{1}{2} \rho c^2 \right) = \frac{4\pi G \rho}{c^2}$$

$$R_{00} = R_0^0 = \frac{4\pi G \rho}{c^2}$$

$$R_{00} = \frac{\partial \Gamma_{00}^\alpha}{\partial x^\alpha}$$

Γ_{00}^α being a Christoffel symbol.

$$\Gamma_{00}^\alpha \approx -\frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial g_{00}}{\partial x^\beta} = -\frac{1}{2} (-1) \frac{\partial g_{00}}{\partial x^\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} \left(1 + \frac{2\varphi}{c^2} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{00}^\alpha = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x^\alpha}$$

$$R_{00} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^{\alpha 2}}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^{\alpha 2}} = 4\pi G \rho$$

$$\nabla^2 \varphi = 4\pi G \rho$$

$$\varphi = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{4\pi G \rho dV}{r} = -G \int \frac{\rho dV}{r}$$

V being the volume, since $\nabla^2(1/r) = -4\pi\delta(r)$, where $\delta(r)$ is the Dirac delta function: $\delta(r) = +\infty$ for $r = 0$ and $\delta(r) = 0$ for $r \neq 0$ and $\int \delta(r) dV = 1$; and $\nabla^2 \varphi = -G \int \rho \nabla^2(1/r) dV = 4\pi G \int \rho \delta(r) dV = 4\pi G \rho$. For a group of n particles

$$\varphi = -G \sum_n \frac{M_n}{r_n}$$

M_n being the masses of the particles and r_n the distances from them to the field points. And for a single particle

$$\varphi = -G \frac{M}{r}$$

$$F = -m_0 \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial r}$$

$$F = -G \frac{M m_0}{r^2}$$

F being the Newton gravitational attraction force between two particles of masses M and m_0 separated a distance r .

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