

Black Holes (cont'd)

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Note: something remarkable happens when $\frac{2GM}{c^2 r} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow R_s \equiv \frac{2GM}{c^2} = 3 \text{ km} \left(\frac{M}{M_\odot} \right)$$

("Schwarzschild radius")

→ for photon emitted at $r = R_s$, $v_\infty = 0$,
no matter what v_{em} is!

⇒ Photon ceases to exist!
→ Object becomes invisible!

⇒ BH

- Also: clocks at $r = R_s$ slow down to zero, as compared to clocks far away!

⇒ Time freezes at $r = R_s$ ("infinite time dilation")

→ Real meaning of R_s

• Structure of critical surface
(or circumference) at $r = R_s$

→ Note: 2 pathological regions ("singularities") in SM

- (i) $r = 0$; real, physical singularity
 - GR breaks down, need quantum gravity
- (ii) $r = R_s$; coordinate singularity (not real)
 - Can be transformed away with suitable coordinates

→ To study geometry near $r = R_s$, choose

$$\bar{t} = t + \frac{R_s}{c} \ln \left| \frac{r}{R_s} - 1 \right| \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{"Finkelstein"} \\ \text{coordinates"} \end{array} \right)$$

$$d\bar{t} = \frac{\partial \bar{t}}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial \bar{t}}{\partial r} dr$$

$$= dt + \frac{R_s}{c r} \frac{dr}{1 - R_s/r}$$

→ Eliminate the old time coordinate:

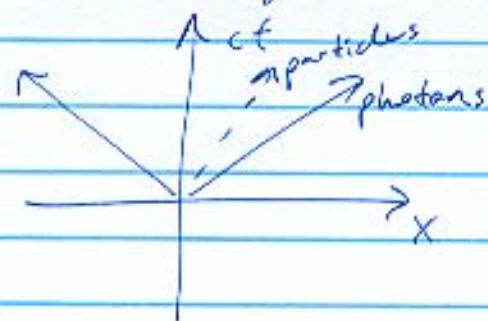
$$dt = d\bar{t} - \frac{\partial \bar{t}}{\partial r} dr$$

$$\Rightarrow ds^2 = -c^2 \left(1 - \frac{R_s}{r} \right) d\bar{t}^2 + \frac{2c R_s}{r} d\bar{t} dr + \left(1 - \frac{R_s}{r} \right) dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

Consider radial light rays $(d\varphi = d\theta = 0)$ ③
 $\Rightarrow d\Omega^2 = 0$

light rays $\Rightarrow$ Null geodesics $\Rightarrow ds^2 = 0$

$\rightarrow$ Consider light cones: e.g. in S.R.



$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \pm c.$$

Note: all particles with non-zero rest mass must remain inside light cone:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v < c$$

$\rightarrow$ Consider light cones in Schwarzschild geometry:

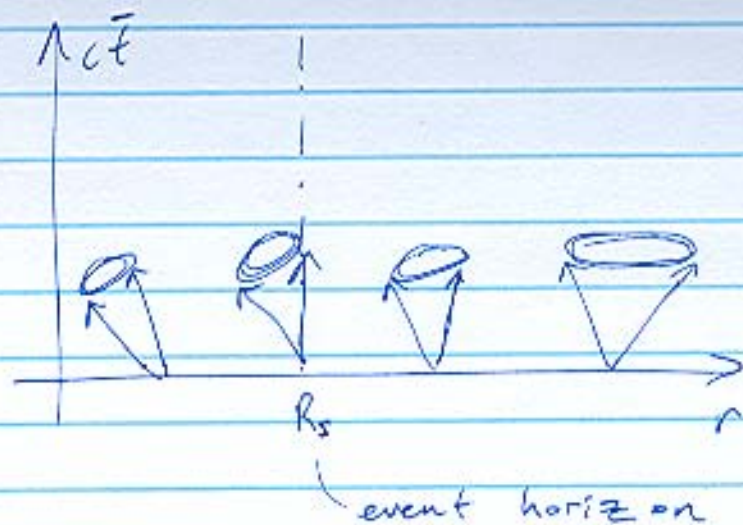
$$\left(1 - \frac{R_s}{r}\right) \left(\frac{dr}{dt}\right)^2 + 2c \frac{R_s}{r} \frac{dr}{dt} - c^2 \left(1 - \frac{R_s}{r}\right) = 0$$

$\rightarrow$ quadratic equation for $dr/d\bar{t}$

$\rightarrow$ 2 solutions:

$$\left(\frac{dr}{d\bar{t}}\right)_1 = -c$$

$$\left(\frac{dr}{dt}\right)_2 = c \frac{1 - R_s/r}{1 + R_s/r} \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} +c$$



→ Conjecture of cosmic censorship (Penrose 1968)

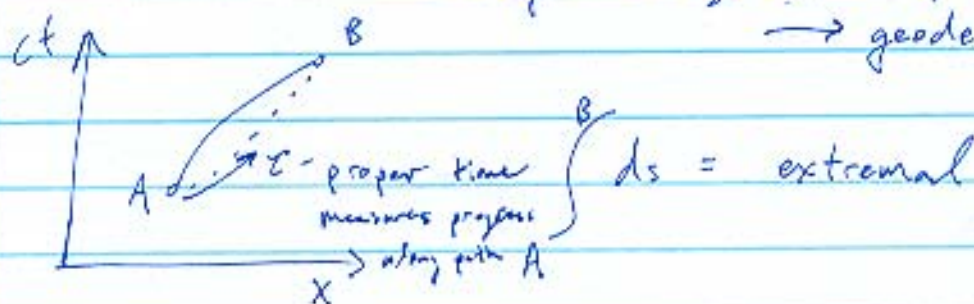
"Thou shalt not have naked singularities"

⇒ Every physical (real) singularity is
cloaked inside event horizon!

• Motion in Schwarzschild geometry

→ revisit: geodesics

→ Law of motion: particles move through spacetime
along 'straightest' possible paths
→ geodesics



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$$\Rightarrow \text{Alternatively : } c \int_A^B d\tau = \text{extreme}$$

("principle of extremal time")

$$\Rightarrow \text{trivially, } c \int_A^B \left(\frac{d\tau}{dt} \right) dt = \text{extreme}$$

- Consider SM in equatorial plane :

$$\left(\theta = \pi/2 ; d\theta = 0 \right)$$

$$c^2 d\tau^2 = -ds^2 = c^2 \left(1 - \frac{R_s}{r} \right) dt^2 - \frac{dr^2}{1 - R_s/r} - r^2 d\varphi^2$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 = c^2 \left(1 - \frac{R_s}{r} \right) \dot{t}^2 - \frac{\dot{r}^2}{1 - R_s/r} - r^2 \dot{\varphi}^2$$

$$\dot{t} = \frac{dt}{d\tau} ; \dot{r} = \frac{dr}{d\tau} ; \dot{\varphi} = \frac{d\varphi}{d\tau}$$

→ Define :

$$L = L(t, \dot{t}, r, \dot{r}, \varphi, \dot{\varphi})$$

$$= \left[c^2 \left(1 - \frac{R_s}{r} \right) \dot{t}^2 - \frac{\dot{r}^2}{(1 - R_s/r)} - r^2 \dot{\varphi}^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

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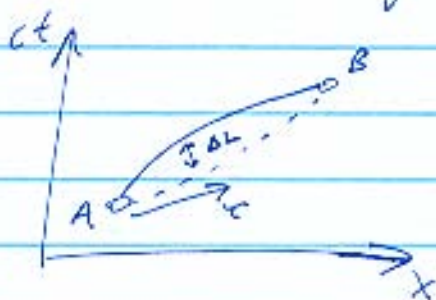
→ often called a "Lagrange function"

→ Note: $L = c$ always!

⇒ rephrase geodesic condition

$$\int_A^B L d\tau = \text{extreme}$$

→ Consider two neighboring paths



$$\int_A^B (L + \Delta L) d\tau - \int_A^B L d\tau = \int_A^B \Delta L d\tau = 0$$