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Exercise 1 [Post-Newtonian Lagrangian for a binary system]

The gravitational action for a particle a propagating in the metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ is given by

$$S_a = -m_a c \int dt \left(-g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx_a^\mu}{dt} \frac{dx_a^\nu}{dt} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (1)$$

In this problem we are considering two masses m_1 and m_2 with separation r . Note that the total action is given by $S = S_1 + S_2$ and that particle 1 propagates in the metric generated by particle 2 and vice versa.

(i) Expand the action to order 1PN.

(ii) Expand the energy momentum tensor

$$T_a^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{dt}{d\tau_a} m_a \frac{dx_a^\mu}{dt} \frac{dx_a^\nu}{dt} \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_a(t)) \quad (2)$$

to order 1PN. Here τ_a is the proper time of particle a .

(iii) Calculate the required metric corrections from the above energy momentum tensor. Recall that the metric is given order by order as

$${}^{(2)}g_{00} = -2\phi \quad {}^{(2)}g_{ij} = -2\phi\delta_{ij} \quad (3)$$

$${}^{(3)}g_{0i} = \zeta_i \quad {}^{(4)}g_{00} = -2(\phi^2 + \psi) \quad (4)$$

where ϕ , ζ_i and ψ are defined as

$$\phi(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{G}{c^4} \int \frac{d^3x'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} {}^{(0)}T^{00}(t, \mathbf{x}') \quad (5)$$

$$\zeta_i(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{4G}{c^4} \int \frac{d^3x'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} {}^{(1)}T^{0i}(t, \mathbf{x}') \quad (6)$$

$$\psi(t, \mathbf{x}) = \partial_0^2 \chi - \frac{G}{c^4} \int \frac{d^3x'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \left[{}^{(2)}T^{00}(t, \mathbf{x}') + {}^{(2)}T^{ii}(t, \mathbf{x}') \right] \quad (7)$$

$$\chi(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{G}{2c^4} \int d^3x' |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'| {}^{(0)}T^{00}(t, \mathbf{x}') \quad (8)$$

(iv) Plug the metric perturbations into the action and identify the Newtonian and leading order post-Newtonian Lagrangian.