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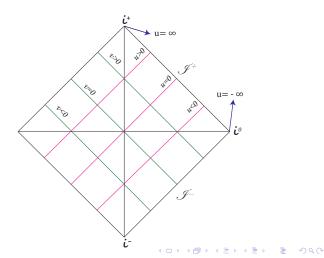
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- 4. Notice the difference between future and past infinities.

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We can use the freedom of the choice of coordinates (diffeomorphism) to represent the infinities at finite coordinates. This is called Penrose diagram.



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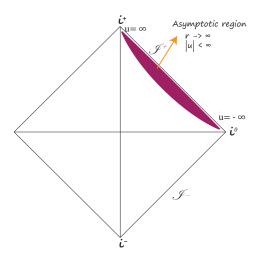
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3. Since the gauge freedom in the general relativity is the freedom in the choice of coordinates, to eliminate the gauge redundancy we use the Bondi gauge,

$$g_{rr}=g_{r\theta}=g_{r\phi}=0.$$

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- 4. *C_{AB}* is the shear tensor and it is the main subject of this talk.

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As an example, the Kerr metric corresponds to $C_{AB} = 0$, $m(u, x^A) = M$ and $N_A(u, x^A) = J$. Traditional expressions for the energy and angular momentum are

$$M(u) = \int_{S^2} f(x) \ m(u, x) \sqrt{q} dx^2,$$
$$J(u) = \int_{S^2} Y^A N_A(u, x) \sqrt{q} dx^2,$$

where Y^A are the generators of Lorentz group. One can check that in this case these formula give the correct answer!

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- 3. Under a supertranslation "shear tensor" C_{AB} , changes $C_{AB} (2D_A D_B q_{AB} \Delta) f$.

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3. The modes Y_l^m with l > 1 are the new type of allowed translations (aka proper supertranslations).

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A crucial observation is that rotations and supertranslations do not commute. This is normal and expected for ordinary translations but not for supertranslations! Resolving Angular Momentum Flux Non-Invariance in 1D Asymptotically Flat Spacetimes



Introduction to Asymptotic symmetry group

1. $C_{AB}(u, x^A)$, $N_A(u, x^A)$ and $m(u, x^A)$ carry all the information, but they are not all independent:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{u}m &= -\frac{1}{8}N_{AB}N^{AB} + \frac{1}{4}D_{A}D_{B}N^{AB}, \\ \partial_{u}N_{A} &= D_{A}m + \frac{1}{16}D_{A}(N_{BC}C^{BC}) - \frac{1}{4}N^{BC}D_{A}C_{BC} \\ &+ \frac{1}{4}D_{B}D_{A}D_{C}C^{BC} - \frac{1}{4}D_{B}D^{B}D^{C}C_{AC} \\ &- \frac{1}{4}D_{B}(C^{BC}N_{AC} - N^{BC}C_{AC}), \end{aligned}$$

where $N_{AB} = \partial_u C_{AB}$ is called Bondi news tensor.

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Boundary graviton

1. If there is no incoming radiation then generally the shear tensor is not zero in the past, it always can be written as

$$C_{AB}(-\infty, x) = (-2D_A D_B + q_{AB} \Delta)C(x), \qquad (1)$$

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Therefore we have to search for an invariant term of order O(G²) that gives the correct flux. This is also related to the problem of fixing first two modes of the electric shear.

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$$Q(-\infty)_{Y^{boost}}=0.$$

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5. Since we are studying flux we must specify $C(u, x^A)_{(m,l \le 1)}$ separately for $u = -\infty$ and $u = \infty$. Two natural choices are

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