Black Holes II — Exercise sheet 4

(14.1) Linearizing around global (A)dS

Assume as background (A)dS, i.e., a maximally symmetric Riemanntensor with non-zero Ricci scalar,

$$\bar{R}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = -\lambda \left(\bar{g}_{\alpha\delta} \bar{g}_{\beta\gamma} - \bar{g}_{\alpha\gamma} \bar{g}_{\beta\delta} \right) \qquad \lambda \neq 0$$

and write down the linearized equations of motion (for Einstein gravity with a cosmological constant) for some small fluctuation $h_{\mu\nu}$. Split the fluctuation into TT-part, gauge-part and trace part and write down separately the linearized equations of motion for each of these parts.

(14.2) Accessibility of de-Donder gauge

Prove that de-Donder gauge is accessible.

(14.3) Quadrupole formula

Derive the quadrupole formula

$$\tilde{h}^{ij} = \frac{2G}{r} \left. \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 Q^{ij}(t)}{\mathrm{d}t^2} \right|_{t \to t - |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

where $\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu} h^{\alpha}_{\alpha}$ and

$$Q^{ij}(t) = \int d^3x' \, x'^i x'^j T^{00}(t, \, \vec{x}') \,.$$

These exercises are due on May 5^{th} 2020.

Hints:

- One immediate result you should check is that the Ricci scalar obeys $\bar{R} = \lambda D(D-1)$. Recall the Einstein equations with cosmological constant, $R_{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R + g_{\mu\nu}\Lambda = 0$ and take their trace to establish a relation between the parameter λ and the cosmological constant Λ . Then linearize the Einstein equations in the presence of such a cosmological constant, using the formulas for the linearized Ricci tensor and scalar derived in the lectures. Note that $\bar{\nabla}_{\mu}$ does not commute with $\bar{\nabla}_{\nu}$ when acting on a vector or 2-tensor.
- "Accessible" means that this gauge choice is always possible, i.e., any perturbation $h_{\mu\nu}$ that is not in de-Donder gauge can be braught into de-Donder gauge by a regular gauge transformation.
- Start with the first term in the multipole expansion

$$\tilde{h}_{ij} = \frac{4G}{r} \int d^3x' T_{ij}(t - |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|, \, \vec{x}') + \dots$$

use the conservation equation $\partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0$ and the identity (which you should derive first)

$$\int d^3x' T^{\mu i}(t, \, \vec{x}') = -\int d^3x' \, x'^i \, \partial_j T^{\mu j}(t, \, \vec{x}')$$

where $\mu = 0, 1, 2, ...$ and i, j = 1, 2, ...