

## Gravity and holography in lower dimensions I

### (5.1) AdS

Does the following set of  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R})$  connections (with generators  $L_n$  obeying  $[L_n, L_m] = (n - m)L_{n+m}$ ) lead to locally  $\text{AdS}_3$  solutions of Einstein gravity? How does the metric look like?

$$A^\pm = b^{\mp 1} \left[ d - (\kappa dt \mp J^\pm(\varphi) d\varphi) L_0 \right] b^{\pm 1} \quad b = e^{\frac{r}{2\ell} (L_{+1} - L_{-1})}$$

Note:  $\kappa$  is some (state-independent) constant, while  $J^\pm$  are (state-dependent) functions of  $\varphi \sim \varphi + 2\pi$ .

### (5.2) BTZ

Do rotating BTZ black holes have an ergo region? Are you sure?

### (5.3) TMG

Which solutions of Einstein gravity are solutions of TMG? Which solutions of TMG are solutions of Einstein gravity? Provide one example of a solution to TMG that is not a solution of Einstein gravity.

**These exercises are due on November 7<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

Hints:

- If the gauge flatness conditions hold you know the solution must be locally  $\text{AdS}_3$ . If you prefer to use an explicit basis, here is a standard choice:

$$L_0 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad L_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L_- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

If you are efficient and refer to appropriate parts of the lectures then it should take a single line to answer the first question. For the second question you just need to insert into the definition of the metric in terms of the Chern–Simons connections  $A^\pm$  and use Baker–Campbell–Hausdorff (or just expand the exponentials) to get the  $r$ -dependence.

- There are two ways you could define an ergo region, hence the follow-up question of how sure you are (I am referring here to Schwarzschild-like coordinates when mentioning  $t$  and  $\varphi$ ): 1. with respect to the asymptotic time variable  $t$ , checking for zero of the norm of the Killing vector  $\partial_t$ ; 2. with respect to an arbitrary Killing vector  $\partial_t + A \partial_\varphi$  (where  $A$  is some constant chosen such that this Killing vector remains timelike everywhere outside the event horizon). The first case is straightforward and leads to a short answer. The second case is more interesting and leads to an even shorter answer (by one letter).
- Both answers are relatively straightforward, if you look at the relevant field equations. Regarding the example, there are numerous options. If you are completely lost, here is a suggestion: consider conformal gravity (which is a special case of TMG) and recall the defining property of its solutions. Then write down one such solution that has non-constant Ricci scalar, which means it cannot possibly be a solution of three-dimensional Einstein gravity. If for some reason you would like to know how the Ricci scalar behaves under Weyl rescalings have a look at equation (D.9) in Wald’s book “General Relativity”.