

Symmetries, Isometry, Killing Vectors

$\phi: M \rightarrow M$ a diffeomorphism, T a tensor.

ϕ is a symmetry of T if

$$\boxed{\phi^* T = T}$$

T symmetric

Some symmetries are discrete. But for continuous symmetries there is a one parameter set of diffeomorphism ϕ_t , and then T is symmetric iff

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}_U T = 0}$$

T symmetric, continuous symmetry.

(Clearly U generates the curve, $U = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$).

Note that one can choose coordinates locally so that t itself is one of the coordinates. In such coordinates

$$\mathcal{L}_U T^{m_1 \dots m_r}_{n_1 \dots n_s} = \partial_t T^{m_1 \dots m_r}_{n_1 \dots n_s}$$

so $\mathcal{L}_U T = 0 \Rightarrow$ all components of T are independent of t .

(Converse is obviously true!)

This can be done in a covariant language as follows:
assume p_μ satisfies geodesic equation:

$$p^\mu p_{;\mu}^\nu = 0 \quad (\nabla_\rho p^\rho = 0)$$

Then

$$p^\mu \nabla_\mu (p^\nu K_\nu) = p^\mu p^\nu \nabla_\mu K_\nu + K_\nu p^\mu \nabla_\mu p^\nu = 0$$

But LHS is just $\frac{d}{d\tau} (p^\nu K_\nu)$ so $\boxed{p^\nu K_\nu}$ is constant along
particle path \rightarrow a conserved quantity, as before.

Exercise: If $K_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}$ is a Killing tensor, i.e., it satisfies

$$\nabla_{(\mu} K_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r)} = 0,$$

show that $K_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r} p^{\mu_1} \dots p^{\mu_r}$ is conserved.

It is clear from the example that ~~manifolds~~ spaces may admit ~~more~~ several (or none) killing vectors.

Since ~~transform~~ symmetry transformations generally form groups (group multiplication = composition of transformations, i.e. $\phi_2 \circ \phi_1$) and these are continuous transformations generated by \vec{K} 's, we expect there to be Lie groups & the \vec{K} 's to form Lie algebras. This is indeed the case, with the Lie bracket being just the commutator, i.e.

$$[K_1, K_2] = \mathcal{L}_{K_1} K_2$$

Maximally Symmetric Spaces

Spaces with high degree of symmetry are easier to analyze.
What is the highest degree of symmetry?

Consider \mathbb{R}^n - Euclidean space. Then we had
 n translations

$$\frac{1}{2}n(n-1) \text{ rotations}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}n(n+1) \text{ symmetries in total}$$

~~Rot~~ Symmetry under rotations at a point p is called "isotropy" (at p)

Symmetry under translation is called "homogeneity" of the space.

This is as much as we can have, and we define a

"maximally symmetric space" = one with $\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$ killing vector fields

Let's find them.

At $p \in M$ choose locally inertial coordinates, so that

$g_{\mu\nu}$ is given by $\eta_{\mu\nu}$. Obviously (by construction) this is invariant under local Lorentz transformations. But isotropy means, in this coordinate, at this point p , $R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$ should also be invariant,

$$R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \propto \eta_{\mu\rho}\eta_{\nu\sigma} - \eta_{\nu\rho}\eta_{\mu\sigma}$$

only tensor with proper symmetries and invariant.

NOTE: A local Lorentz transformation acts only on $T_p(M)$, i.e., it is a change of basis vectors $\{E^a\}$. It is these vectors that are used to define the components of R .

If we write this as

~~$$R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = \frac{R}{n(n-1)} (g_{\mu\rho} g_{\nu\sigma} - g_{\mu\sigma} g_{\nu\rho})$$~~

$$R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = \kappa (g_{\mu\rho} g_{\nu\sigma} - g_{\mu\sigma} g_{\nu\rho})$$

since this is a tensorial relation it holds ^{at p} in any coordinate system. But then use homogeneity \Rightarrow it holds everywhere on M with same constant κ .

Curvature indices

$$R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = \frac{R}{n(n-1)} (g_{\mu\rho} g_{\nu\sigma} - g_{\mu\sigma} g_{\nu\rho})$$

So, in particular, the Ricci scalar is a constant (should be obvious by homogeneity: same R everywhere).

A maximally symmetric space is determined by

- dimension
- signature
- R
- additional topological considerations (global issues).

Warning - up:

$n=2$, $\eta=(++)$ ($n=2$ almost trivial, since only one compact of \mathbb{R}^2 up to \cong).

$R > 0$ the sphere $\cong S^2$ $ds^2 = a^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$ $R = \frac{2}{a^2}$

$R = 0$ " \mathbb{R}^2 $ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2$

$R < 0$ less familiar, the hyperboloid H^2 $ds^2 = \frac{a^2}{y^2} (dx^2 + dy^2)$ $y > 0$

Exercise: For H^2 show

(i) $R = -\frac{2}{a^2}$ (ii) The distance between x_1, x_2 along $x = \text{constant}$ is $a \ln \frac{y_2}{y_1}$

(iii) Geodesics satisfy $(x-x_0)^2 + y^2 = b^2$ for x_0, b constants.

Now do $n=4$ with ~~+++~~

$R > 0$ de Sitter space

$R = 0$ (M.t) Minkowski space

$R < 0$ anti-de Sitter space

Study here. Study causal structure too.

Minkowski Space-time: (initial, but will help us understand key concepts for other spacetimes)

$$ds^2 = - (dx^0)^2 + (dx^1)^2 + (dx^2)^2 + (dx^3)^2$$
$$= - (dt)^2 + dr^2 + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$$

Null coordinates:

$$v = t + r$$

$$w = t - r$$

$$\infty > v > w > -\infty$$

$$(r \geq 0)$$
$$(0 \leq \theta \leq \pi)$$
$$(0 \leq \phi < 2\pi)$$

$$ds^2 = -dv dw + \frac{1}{4} (v-w)^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$$

$v = \text{const}$ and $w = \text{const}$ are null hypersurfaces.

Can we change coordinates to have only finite ranges? Let

$$W = \arctan w$$

$$V = \arctan v$$

$$W < V$$

$$\text{and both in } [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$$

Now

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{\omega^2} [-4dVdW + \sin^2(V-W) (d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)]$$

where $\omega \equiv 2 \cos W \cos V$

Finally write $T = V+W$ $R = V-W$

$$0 \leq R < \pi$$
$$|T| + R < \pi$$

so

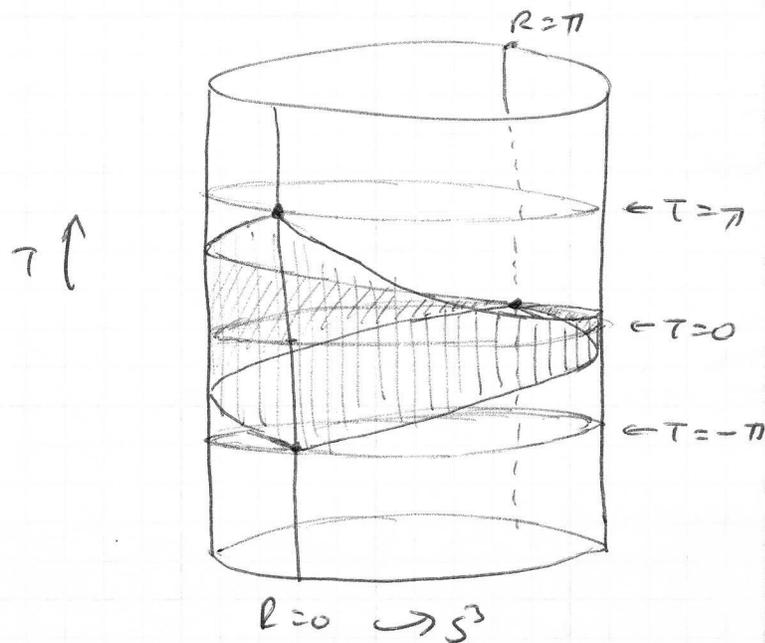
$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{\omega^2} (-dT^2 + dR^2 + \sin^2 R d\Omega^2)$$

with $\omega = \cos T + \cos R$ (kind of irrelevant for us).

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{\omega^2} ds_E^2$$

where $ds_E^2 = -dT^2 + dR^2 + \sin^2 R d\Omega^2$ is the metric for Einstein's static universe!

So Minkowski space is conformal to (a part of) the Einstein static universe
 (A conformal transformation is a local change of scales) $\check{g}_{\mu\nu} = \omega^2(x)g_{\mu\nu}$



Conformal Diagrams (or Penrose Diagrams)

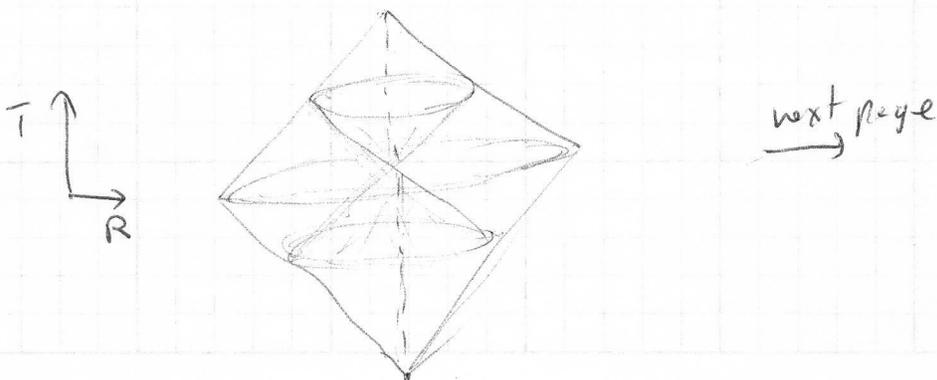
Space-time diagram for space-time (M, g) \rightarrow It has a "time" coordinate and a "radial" coordinate, with light-cones always at 45° . Also, infinity is at finite coordinate distance (so we can fit it in a page).

Conformal transformations leave light-cones invariant

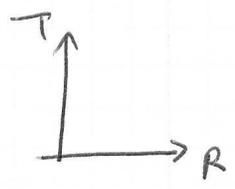
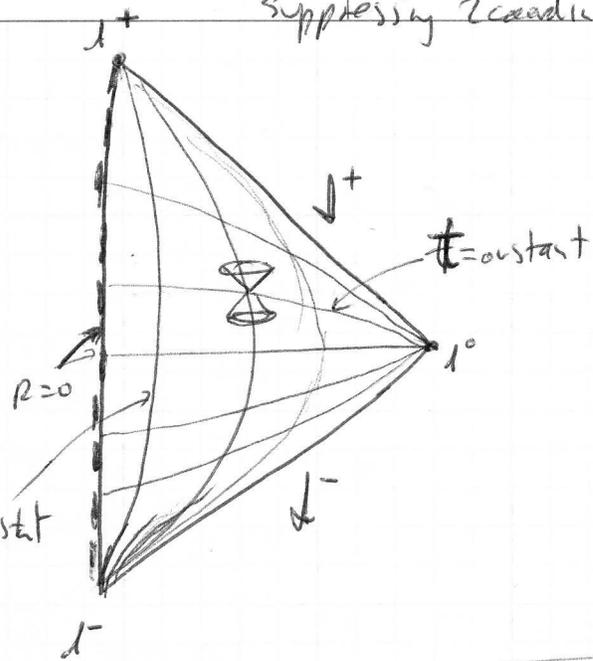
$$\text{(if } ds^{\check{}} = \check{g}_{\mu\nu} dx^{\check{\mu}} dx^{\check{\nu}} = 0 \text{ then } ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} = 0 \text{)}$$

They are useful in displaying the causal structure of spacetime.

Draw a circle for each sphere (θ, ϕ)



suppressing 2 coordinates (always done when ^{with} spherical symmetry)



Note: light cones always everywhere (i.e. 45°)

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The constant t_r surfaces are obtained from

$$T = V + W = t_g'v + t_g'w = t_g'(t+r) + t_g'(t-r)$$

$$R = V - W = t_g'(t+r) - t_g'(t-r)$$

More easily: for $t = \text{const}$, eliminate $r \Rightarrow W + V = 2t$ fixed

$$\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \tan V + \tan W = 2t$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}(T+R)\right) + \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}(T-R)\right) = 2t$$

etc.

I^+ = future timelike infinity

I^- = past ✓ ✓

I^0 = spatial infinity

\mathcal{I}^+ = ("scri-plus") future null infinity

\mathcal{I}^- = past ✓ ✓

Features:

- (i) light cones at 45°
- (ii) I^\pm are points, \mathcal{I}^\pm are surfaces (null) with topology $R \times S^2$
- (iii) timelike geodesics: from I^- to I^+ ; spacelike from I^- to I^0
null geodesics from \mathcal{I}^- to \mathcal{I}^+

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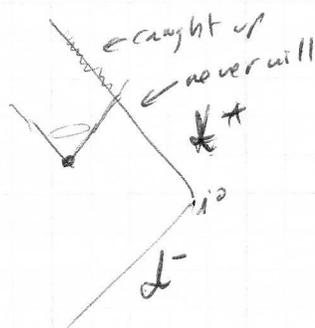
Some obvious things are more obvious in the Penrose diagram.

- i^+ is in the future lightcone of any event
- i^- is in the past lightcone of any event

i.e. you can reach any point, no matter how far, with a signal if you are willing to wait enough

- i^0 is within the future and past light cone of an event
- i.e. you can not reach space-like infinity with a signal in finite time.

If you are willing to wait an infinite time, then a signal can reach i^0 spatial infinity, but will not catch up with other signals emitted by you earlier:

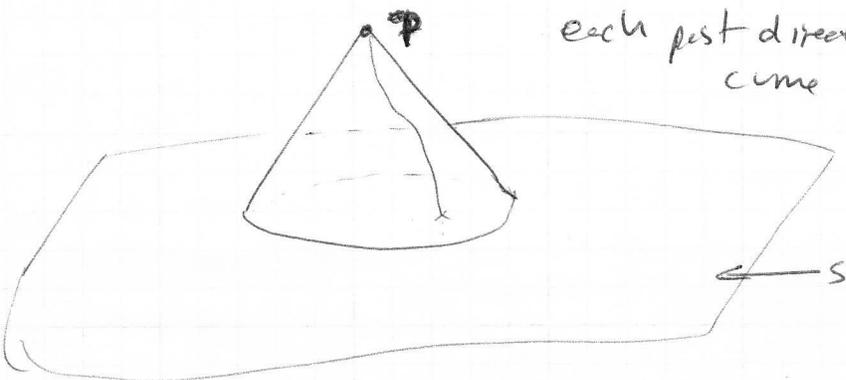


Cauchy Surfaces

$D^+(S)$: "future Cauchy development" of S :

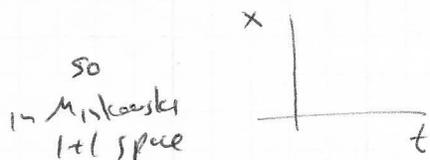
If S is a space-like 3-surface then

$$D^+(S) = \left\{ p \in M \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{each past directed inextendible} \\ \text{non-spacelike curve through } p \text{ intersects } S \end{array} \right\}$$



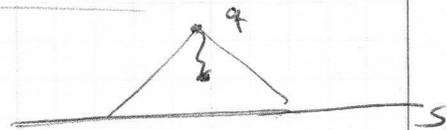
each past directed ~~timelike~~ non-spacelike curve through p intersects S .

$\Rightarrow p$ is in $D^+(S)$



Notes:

- inextendible so that we avoid:



- non-spacelike, we want the part of space that can be causally affected by S .

~~Strictly define $D^-(S)$, "future directed curves" given~~

Since signals ^{only} cannot travel on non-spacelike curves, if $p \in D^+(S)$ then knowing data (value of fields and first derivatives), or particle velocities, etc) on S is enough to predict f at p .

Similarly, if we want to evolve back into the past, but have information only on S , we can only infer the state in $D^-(S)$ (defined by "future" \rightarrow "past" as def above).

If $D^+(S) \cup D^-(S) = M$

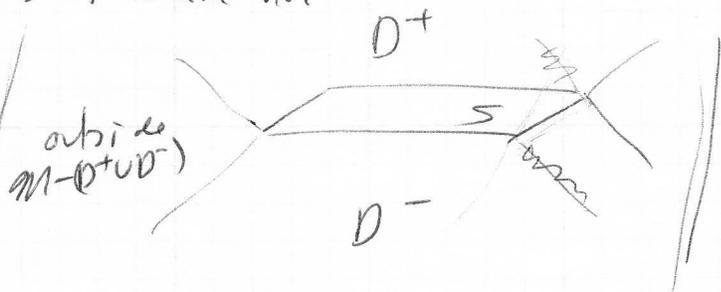
S is called a Cauchy surface

→ In words, ~~if~~ every inextendible non-spacelike curve in M intersects S . ~~S is Cauchy~~

In Minkowski space $t=0$ is a Cauchy surface.

In fact $t=c = \text{a constant}$ is a collection of Cauchy surfaces that cover the whole of M .

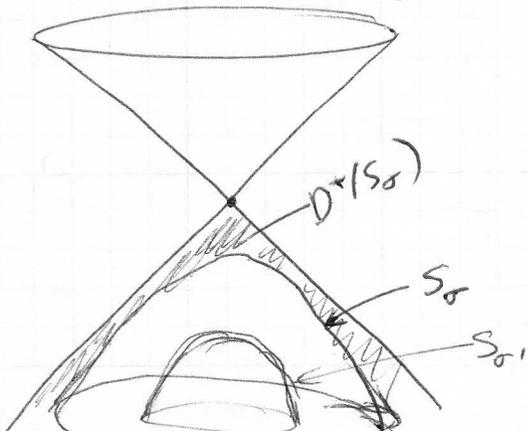
Note every spacelike surface in M (Minkowski space) is Cauchy. Clearly extendible surfaces are not



More interestingly, some inextendible surfaces are not Cauchy. For ex. the surfaces

~~$t=0$~~ $-(x^0)^2 + (x^1)^2 + \dots + (x^n)^2 = \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$
 $-t^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$

are spacelike if $\sigma < 0$. Let S_σ be the surface with $t < 0$



These S_σ are not Cauchy, ~~at their~~ but are inextendible spacelike. The collection fills the past lightcone of the origin.

de Sitter space-time

This is $R > 0$. Note that this means $(k = \alpha_0 t)$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{4} R g_{\mu\nu} \quad R = \alpha_0 t > 0$$

Comparing with Einstein's equation, (8.8) in Schutz

$$G^{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g^{\mu\nu} = k T^{\mu\nu}$$

we see that either $k T^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{R}{4} g^{\mu\nu}$ (a very odd fluid??)

or $\Lambda = \frac{1}{4} R > 0$. That is, de Sitter spacetime is a solution to Einstein's equations with a ~~constant~~ positive cosmological constant, but no matter.

Since we have observed $\Lambda \neq 0$, with $\Lambda \sim \rho_{\text{dark matter}}$, and since Λ is constant while ρ is decreasing with the (slow) expansion of the universe, soon ρ will be negligible and the future of the universe will be described by ^{approximately} (approximately) de Sitter spacetime.

It is defined by embedding the hyperboloid (~~5 dimensions~~)

$$-U^2 + X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 + W^2 = \alpha^2$$

defined in 5-dim Minkowski space, $ds_5^2 = -dU^2 + dX^2 + dY^2 + dZ^2 + dW^2$

~~in 5 dimensions~~

Let
$$U = \alpha \sinh(t/\alpha)$$

$$W = \alpha \cosh(t/\alpha) \cos\chi$$

$$X = \alpha \cosh(t/\alpha) \sin\chi \sin\theta \cos\phi$$

$$Y = \alpha \cosh(t/\alpha) \sin\chi \sin\theta \sin\phi$$

$$Z = \alpha \cosh(t/\alpha) \sin\chi \cos\theta$$

Then

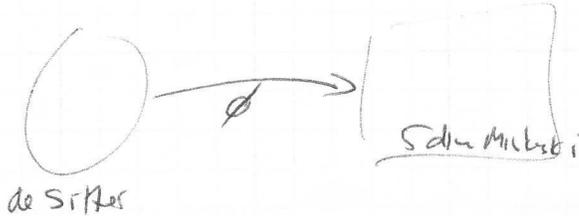
$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \alpha^2 \cosh^2\left(\frac{t}{\alpha}\right) [d\chi^2 + \sin^2\chi (d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)]$$

(Exercise: but not for class here!)

$$(1) \quad -u^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2 = -\alpha^2 \sinh^2\left(\frac{t}{\alpha}\right) + \alpha^2 \cosh^2\left(\frac{t}{\alpha}\right) [\cos^2\chi + \sin^2\chi (\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta)] = \alpha^2 \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

(2)

$$g_{uv} = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^u} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x^v} g_{ab} \quad \text{is a pull back } \alpha^*: g \rightarrow \alpha^*g$$

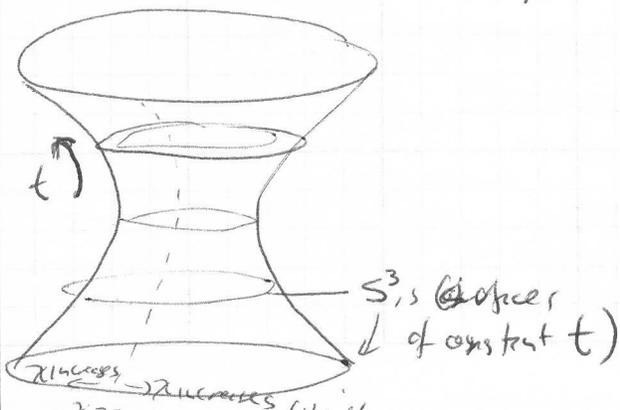


ϕ given by the above eqs, i.e., $U = \alpha \sinh(t/\alpha)$ etc.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } ds^2 &= g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x^\nu} g_{ab} dx^\mu dx^\nu \\ &= - \frac{\partial U}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x^\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + \frac{\partial W}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial W}{\partial x^\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + \dots + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x^\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \\ &= - \cosh^2 \frac{t}{\alpha} dt^2 + \sinh^2 \frac{t}{\alpha} (\cos^2\chi + \sin^2\chi (\cos^2\theta + \dots)) dt^2 \\ &\quad + \alpha^2 \cosh^2 \frac{t}{\alpha} \left[\sin^2\chi + \cos^2\chi (\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta (\cos^2\phi + \sin^2\phi)) \right] d\chi^2 \\ &\quad + \alpha^2 \cosh^2 \frac{t}{\alpha} \left[\sin^2\chi (d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Note $d\Omega_2^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2$ metric on a 2-sphere

Similarly $d\Omega_3^2 = d\chi^2 + \sin^2\chi d\Omega_2^2 \rightarrow$ metric on a 3-sphere



de Sitter space: spatial 3-sphere that shrinks to a minimum radius α , then re-expands.

topology: $\mathbb{R}^1 \times S^3$

Another coordinate system that is common is

$$\hat{t} = \alpha \log\left(\frac{w+u}{\alpha}\right) \quad \hat{x} = \frac{\alpha x}{w+u} \quad \hat{y} = \frac{\alpha y}{w+u} \quad \hat{z} = \frac{\alpha z}{w+u}$$

restricted to the hyperboloid (you can simply write a $d\hat{t}, \dots, \hat{z}$ as a factor of t, x, y, z). In terms of these

$$ds^2 = -d\hat{t}^2 + e^{2\hat{t}/\alpha} (d\hat{x}^2 + d\hat{y}^2 + d\hat{z}^2)$$

To see this, write

$$w+u = \alpha e^{\hat{t}/\alpha}$$

$$x = \hat{x} e^{\hat{t}/\alpha}$$

$$y = \hat{y} e^{\hat{t}/\alpha}$$

$$z = \hat{z} e^{\hat{t}/\alpha}$$

and insist on the hyperboloid, $(w-u)(w+u) + r^2 = \alpha^2 \Rightarrow w-u = \frac{\alpha^2 - r^2 e^{2\hat{t}/\alpha}}{\alpha e^{\hat{t}/\alpha}}$ or

$$w-u = \alpha e^{-\hat{t}/\alpha} - \frac{1}{\alpha} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) e^{\hat{t}/\alpha}$$

Now proceed with the pull-back of η^{ab} :

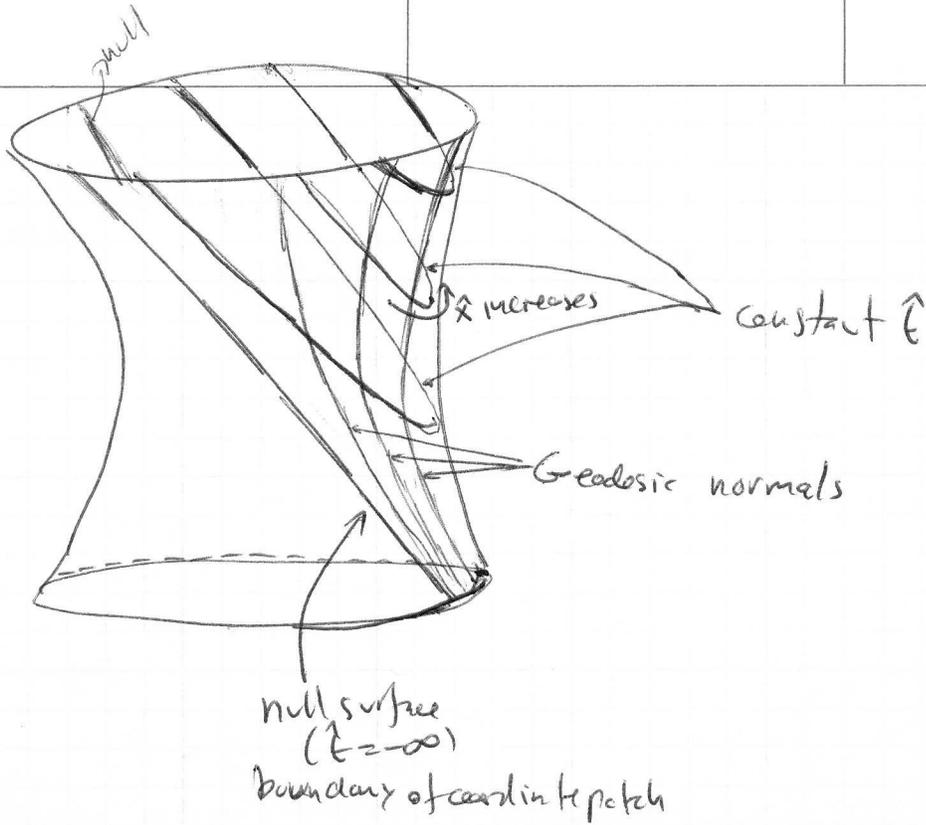
$$ds^2 = d(w+u)d(w-u) + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 = (e^{\hat{t}/\alpha} d\hat{t}) \left[\left(-e^{-\hat{t}/\alpha} - \frac{r^2}{\alpha^2} e^{\hat{t}/\alpha} \right) d\hat{t} - \frac{r^2}{\alpha} d\hat{r}^2 \right] + \left(d\hat{r} - \frac{\hat{r}}{\alpha} d\hat{t} \right)^2 e^{2\hat{t}/\alpha}$$

cross terms cancel!

This coordinates cover only the region

$$w+u \geq 0$$

of the hyperboloid



$$\begin{aligned} \text{[check } w+u=0 \Rightarrow \alpha \sinh\left(\frac{t}{\alpha}\right) + \alpha \cosh\left(\frac{t}{\alpha}\right) \cos \chi = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \cos \chi = -\tanh\left(\frac{t}{\alpha}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } t \rightarrow \pm\infty, \tanh\left(\frac{t}{\alpha}\right) \rightarrow \pm 1 \text{ so } \cos \chi \rightarrow \pm 1 \text{ or } \chi \rightarrow 0 \text{ or } \pi \quad]$$

Penrose diagram for de Sitter:

Change coord from t to t' by

$$\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}t' + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = e^{t/\alpha}$$

with $t' \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$

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$$dt^2 \frac{e^{2t/\alpha}}{\alpha^2} = \left(\frac{1/2}{\cos^2(\frac{1}{2}t' + \frac{\pi}{4})}\right)^2 dt'^2$$

or

$$dt^2 = \frac{\alpha^2}{4} \frac{1}{\cos^4(\frac{1}{2}t' + \frac{\pi}{4})} \frac{\cos^2}{\sin^2} (dt')^2 = \frac{\alpha^2}{4 \cos^2 \sin^2} dt'^2 = \frac{\alpha^2}{\sin^2(t' + \frac{\pi}{2})} dt'^2$$

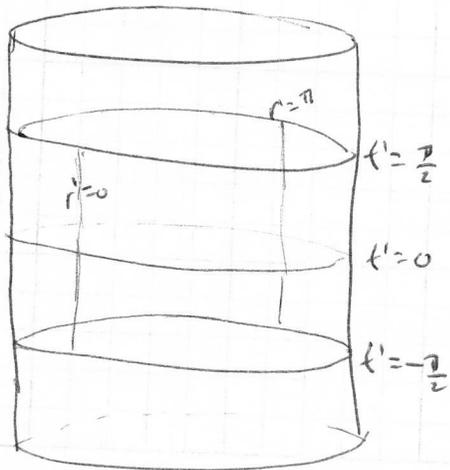
and

$$\cosh \frac{t}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\tan + \frac{1}{\tan} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin^2 + \cos^2}{\sin \cos} = \frac{1}{\sin(t' + \frac{\pi}{2})}$$

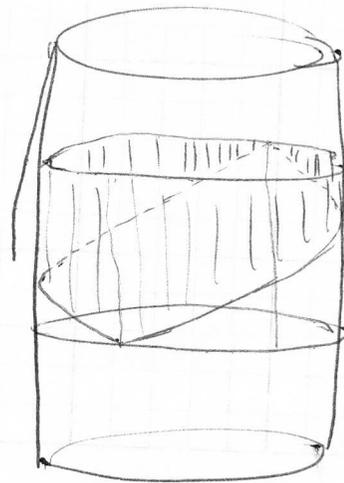
$$ds^2 = \frac{\alpha^2}{\sin^2(t' + \frac{\pi}{2})} d\bar{s}^2 \quad (d\bar{s}^2 = ds_{\text{E}}^2 \text{ in previous notation})$$

where $d\bar{s}^2 = -dt'^2 + dx^2 + d\Omega_2^2 = -dt'^2 + d\Omega_3^2$

So de-Sitter is conformal to the metric $d\bar{s}^2 = \text{Einklein Static}$ & familiar from Minkowski. Now



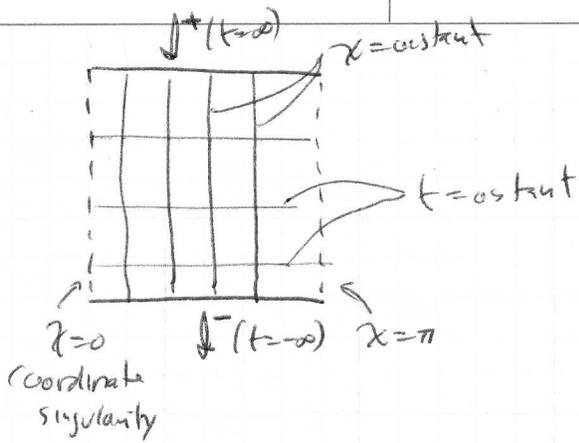
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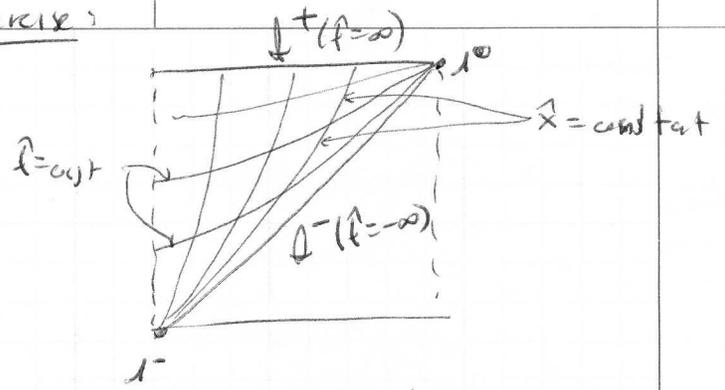
Exercise:



de-Sitter

χ^\pm spacelike future/past infinity.

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Steady-state universe of Bondi & Gold, and Hoyle (circa 1948)