

1. Obtain the Kerr-Newman solution in Kerr coordinates. When is there a regular event horizon? What is the surface gravity? Show that the area of the event horizon of a Kerr-Newman black hole is

$$A = 8\pi \left[ M^2 - \frac{e^2}{2} + \sqrt{M^4 - e^2 M^2 - J^2} \right].$$

2. Let  $E$  denote the maximum energy that can be extracted from a Kerr black hole in the Penrose process. The *efficiency* of this process is  $\eta \equiv E/M$  where  $M$  is the initial mass of the black hole. What is the largest possible value of  $\eta$ ?
3. (a) Calculate the ADM mass of the Reissner-Nordstrom solution.  
 (b) Calculate the electric and magnetic charges, the Komar mass, and the Komar angular momentum of the Kerr-Newman solution.
4. In the Kerr geometry, consider two spacelike surfaces  $\Sigma, \Sigma'$  which both extend from  $i^0$  to  $\mathcal{H}^+$  with  $\Sigma'$  lying entirely to the future of  $\Sigma$ . Let  $H$  and  $H'$  denote the intersections of  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma'$  with  $\mathcal{H}^+$ . Let  $\mathcal{N}$  denote the portion of  $\mathcal{H}^+$  from  $H$  to  $H'$ . Let  $J_a = -T_{ab}k^b$  be the conserved energy-momentum 4-vector.

(a) Show that

$$E(\Sigma') - E(\Sigma) = \int_{\mathcal{N}} \star J, \tag{1}$$

where  $E(\Sigma) \equiv -\int_{\Sigma} \star J$  is the total energy of matter fields on  $\Sigma$ , and similarly for  $E(\Sigma')$ . What is the physical interpretation of this formula?

(b) Explain why the orientation of  $\mathcal{N}$  used in this formula is given by  $dv \wedge d\theta \wedge d\chi$  in Kerr coordinates (the orientation of spacetime is given by  $dv \wedge dr \wedge d\theta \wedge d\chi$ ).

(c) Show that

$$(\star J)_{v\theta\chi} = (r_+^2 + a^2) \sin\theta \xi^a J_a.$$

(d) Assume that matter obeys the dominant energy condition. Explain why  $E(\Sigma') \leq E(\Sigma)$  for a Schwarzschild black hole (i.e.  $a = 0$ ) but why this is not necessarily true for a Kerr black hole.

(e) Now take the matter to be a massless real scalar field, with energy-momentum tensor  $T_{ab} = \partial_a \Phi \partial_b \Phi - (1/2)g_{ab}(\partial\Phi)^2$ . Consider a mode of this field with frequency  $\omega$  and azimuthal quantum number  $\nu$ , i.e.,  $\Phi = \text{Re}[\Phi_0(r, \theta) \exp(-i\omega v + i\nu\chi)]$ . Show that the RHS of equation (1) is positive for  $0 < \omega < \nu\Omega_H$ . (Note that  $\xi \cdot k = 0$  on  $\mathcal{H}^+$  because  $\mathcal{H}^+$  must be invariant under an isometry hence any Killing field must be tangent to  $\mathcal{H}^+$ .)

This example shows that energy can be extracted from a black hole by scattering waves off it. This is called *superradiant scattering*.

5. Four-dimensional anti-de Sitter space-time ( $\text{adS}_4$ ) with radius of curvature  $\ell$  has metric

$$ds^2 = -U(r)dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{U(r)} + r^2 d\Omega^2,$$

where  $U(r) = 1 + r^2/\ell^2$ .

(a) Show that, along a null geodesic with affine parameter  $\lambda$ ,  $r \rightarrow \infty$  and  $t \rightarrow \text{constant}$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .

(b) Construct the conformal compactification of  $\text{adS}_4$  by defining a new radial coordinate  $\chi$  by  $r = \ell \tan \chi$ .

(c) Show that  $\text{adS}_4$  is asymptotically simple. Is it globally hyperbolic?

(d) The Schwarzschild-adS metric, given by setting  $U(r) = 1 - 2M/r + r^2/\ell^2$  above, is the unique spherically symmetric solution of the Einstein equation with a negative cosmological constant. Show that

Schwarzschild-adS is weakly asymptotically simple. (*Hint.* Use the same kind of argument as was used on Examples Sheet 2 to show that Kruskal is weakly asymptotically simple.)

(e) Let  $M(r)$  and  $\bar{M}(r)$  denote the Komar mass associated with a sphere of constant  $r$  and  $t$  in the Schwarzschild-adS and adS metrics respectively. Show that  $M$  and  $\bar{M}$  both diverge as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  but  $M(r) - \bar{M}(r)$  has a finite limit. (Note that  $r$  is invariantly defined in a spherically symmetric spacetime, so this prescription for calculating the mass is coordinate-independent.)

(f) Consider Schwarzschild-adS with  $M > 0$ . Show that there is a Killing horizon of  $\partial/\partial t$  at  $r = r_+ > 0$  where  $U(r_+) = 0$ . Plot the surface gravity  $\kappa$  as a function of  $M$ . How does this differ from the corresponding plot for a Schwarzschild black hole?

6. A perfect fluid has stress tensor  $T_{ab} = (\rho + p)u_a u_b + p g_{ab}$ , where  $\rho$  is the energy density,  $p$  the pressure, and  $u^a$  the 4-velocity of the fluid. Show that

(a) the dominant energy condition is obeyed if, and only if,  $\rho \geq |p|$ ;

(b) the weak energy condition is obeyed if, and only if,  $\rho \geq 0$  and  $\rho + p \geq 0$ ;

(c) the null energy condition is obeyed if, and only if,  $\rho + p \geq 0$ ;

(d) the strong energy condition is obeyed if, and only if,  $\rho + 3p \geq 0$  and  $\rho + p \geq 0$ .

A cosmological constant has  $p = -\rho$ . Which energy conditions does it violate? (Consider both signs for  $\rho$ .)

7. This example works through the proof of the zeroth law of black hole mechanics. Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a Killing horizon of a Killing vector field  $\xi$  with surface gravity  $\kappa$ .

(a) If we know that  $A = 0$  on  $\mathcal{N}$  for some tensor  $A_{a_1 \dots a_p}$  then  $A \cdot B \equiv A_{a_1 \dots a_p} B^{a_1 \dots a_p} = 0$  on  $\mathcal{N}$  for any tensor  $B^{a_1 \dots a_p}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{N}$  is a surface of constant  $A \cdot B$ , so  $d(A \cdot B)$  is normal to  $\mathcal{N}$  hence  $\xi \wedge d(A \cdot B) = 0$  on  $\mathcal{N}$ . (i) Show that this implies  $\xi_{[a} \nabla_{b]} A_{c_1 \dots c_p} = 0$  on  $\mathcal{N}$ . (ii) Taking  $A_a = \xi^b \nabla_b \xi_a - \kappa \xi_a$ , use this (and the formula  $\nabla_a \nabla_b \xi_c = R^d{}_{abc} \xi_d$ ) to show

$$\xi_a \xi_{[d} \nabla_{c]} \kappa + \kappa \xi_{[d} \nabla_{c]} \xi_a = (\xi_{[d} \nabla_{c]} \xi^b) \nabla_b \xi_a + \xi^b \xi_{[d} R^e{}_{c]ba} \xi_e \quad \text{on } \mathcal{N}. \quad (2)$$

(b) Using Frobenius' theorem, show that

$$\xi_c \nabla_a \xi_b = -2\xi_{[a} \nabla_{b]} \xi_c \quad \text{on } \mathcal{N}. \quad (3)$$

Hence show that  $(\xi_{[d} \nabla_{c]} \xi^b) \nabla_b \xi_a = \kappa \xi_{[d} \nabla_{c]} \xi_a$  on  $\mathcal{N}$ , so equation (2) reduces to

$$\xi_a \xi_{[d} \nabla_{c]} \kappa = \xi^b \xi_{[d} R^e{}_{c]ba} \xi_e \quad \text{on } \mathcal{N}. \quad (4)$$

(c) Set  $A_{abc} = \xi_c \nabla_a \xi_b + 2\xi_{[a} \nabla_{b]} \xi_c$  and use the result of (a)(i) and equation (3) to show that

$$\xi_c \xi_{[d} \nabla_{e]} \nabla_a \xi_b = -2(\xi_{[d} \nabla_{e]} \nabla_{[b} \xi_{c]}) \xi_a \quad \text{on } \mathcal{N}.$$

and hence

$$\xi_c \xi_{[d} R^f{}_{e]ab} \xi_f = 2\xi_{[d} R^f{}_{e]c[b} \xi_a] \xi_f \quad \text{on } \mathcal{N}.$$

(d) Contract this equation on the indices  $c$  and  $e$ , show that the LHS vanishes and the resulting equation can be written

$$-\xi_{[a} R_{b]}{}^f \xi_f \xi_d = \xi_{[a} R^f{}_{b]cd} \xi^c \xi_f \quad \text{on } \mathcal{N}.$$

Hence show that equation (4) reduces to

$$\xi_{[d} \nabla_{c]} \kappa = -\xi_{[d} R_{c]}{}^f \xi_f \quad \text{on } \mathcal{N}.$$

As (will be) explained in lectures, if the Einstein equation and the dominant energy condition are satisfied, then the RHS vanishes and hence  $\kappa$  is constant on the horizon.