

Exercise 19.1. DERIVATION OF METRIC FAR OUTSIDE A WEAKLY GRAVITATING BODY

EXERCISE

(a) Derive equation (19.5). [Hints: (1) Follow the procedure outlined in the text. (2) When calculating h_{00} , write out explicitly the $n = 0$ and $n = 1$ terms of (19.2), to precision $O(1/r^2)$, and simplify the $n = 0$ term using the identities

$$T^{jk} = \frac{1}{2} (T^{00} x^j x^k)_{,00} + (T^{lj} x^k + T^{lk} x^j)_{,l} - \frac{1}{2} (T^{lm} x^j x^k)_{,lm}, \quad (19.7a)$$

$$T^{ll} x^m = \left(T^{0l} x^l x^m - \frac{1}{2} T^{0m} r^2 \right)_{,0} + \left(T^{lk} x^k x^m - \frac{1}{2} T^{lm} r^2 \right)_{,l}. \quad (19.7b)$$

(Verify that these identities follow from $T^{\alpha\beta}_{,\beta} = 0$.) (3) When calculating h_{0m} , write out explicitly the $n = 0$ term of (19.2), to precision $O(1/r^2)$, and simplify it using the identity

$$T^{0k} x^j + T^{0j} x^k = (T^{00} x^j x^k)_{,0} + (T^{0l} x^j x^k)_{,l}. \quad (19.7c)$$

(Verify that this follows from $T^{\alpha\beta}_{,\beta} = 0$.) (4) Simplify h_{00} and h_{0m} by the gauge transformation generated by

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_0 &= \frac{1}{2r} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int T^{00} r'^2 d^3x' + \frac{x^j}{r^3} \int \left(T^{0k'} x^{k'} x^{j'} - \frac{1}{2} T^{0j'} r'^2 \right) d^3x' \\ &\quad + \int (T_{00}' + T_{ll}') \left[\frac{x^j x^{j'}}{r^2} + \frac{(3x^{j'} x^{k'} - r'^2 \delta_{jk}) x^j x^k}{2r^4} \right] d^3x' \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{\partial^{n-1}}{\partial t^{n-1}} \int (T_{00}' + T_{kk}') \frac{(r - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|)^n}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x', \\ \xi_m &= -\frac{2x^j}{r^3} \int T_{00}' x^j x^m d^3x' + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{\partial^{n-1}}{\partial t^{n-1}} \int T_{0m}' \frac{(r - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|)^n}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x' \\ &\quad + \frac{x^m}{r} \xi_0 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right)_{,m} \int T_{00}' r'^2 d^3x' - \left(\frac{x^k}{r^2} \right)_{,m} \int \left(T^{0j'} x^{j'} x^{k'} - \frac{1}{2} T^{0k'} r'^2 \right) d^3x' \\ &\quad - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{\partial^{n-2}}{\partial t^{n-2}} \int (T_{00}' + T_{kk}') \left[\frac{(r - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|)^n}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \right]_{,m} d^3x'. \end{aligned}$$

Here $T_{\mu\nu}'$ denotes $T_{\mu\nu}(t - r, \mathbf{x}')$.

(b) Prove that the system's mass and angular momentum are conserved. [Note: Because $T^{\alpha\beta}_{,\beta} = 0$ (self-gravity has negligible influence), the proof is no different here than in flat spacetime (Chapter 5).]