The Einstein field equations for cylindrically symmetric elastic configurations

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The Einstein field equations for cylindrically symmetric elastic configurations

General relativistic elasticity was formulated in the mid-20th century due to the necessity to study astrophysical problems such as deformations of neutron star crusts, which can be modelled by axially symmetric metrics.

Relevant contributions to the theory of general relativistic elasticity were given, for example, by Carter and Quintana (1972), Kijowski and Magli (1992), Beig and Schmidt (2003), Karlovini and Samuelsson (2003).

The here presented work is based on Magli (1993) and Brito, Carot and Vaz (2010).

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Configuration mapping

The space-time configuration of the material is described by the mapping

$$\Psi: M \longrightarrow X.$$

- (M, g_{ab}) space-time with coordinate system $\{x^a\}$, a = 0, 1, 2, 3
- (X, γ_{AB}) material space with material metric γ_{AB} and coordinate system {y^A}, A = 1, 2, 3

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Pulled-back material metric

$$k_{ab} = \Psi^* \gamma_{AB} = y^A_a y^B_b \gamma_{AB}$$
$$y^A_a = \frac{\partial y^A}{\partial x^a}$$
 is the relativistic deformation gradient.

Velocity field of the matter

The velocity field of the matter $u^a \in T_p M$ is defined by the conditions

$$u^{a}y_{a}^{A}=0, \ u^{a}u_{a}=-1, \ u^{0}>0.$$

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Relativistic strain tensor

The operator $K^a_{\ b} = -u^a u_b + k^a_{\ b}$ can be used to measure the state of strain of the material.

The relativistic strain tensor is defined by

$$s_{ab} = \frac{1}{2}(h_{ab} - k_{ab}) = \frac{1}{2}(g_{ab} - K_{ab}),$$

where $h_{ab} = g_{ab} + u_a u_b$.

The material is in an unstrained state if $s_{ab} = 0$.

Energy-momentum tensor

$$T^{a}_{\ b} = \rho \, \delta^{a}_{b} - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial I_{3}} \det \mathcal{K} \, h^{a}_{\ b} + \left(\operatorname{Tr} \mathcal{K} \, \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial I_{2}} - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial I_{1}} \right) \, k^{a}_{\ b} - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial I_{2}} \, k^{a}_{\ c} \, k^{c}_{\ b}$$

• $\rho = \epsilon v$ energy density

• $v = v(I_1, I_2, I_3)$ constitutive equation

$$\begin{split} &I_1, \ I_2 \ \text{and} \ I_3 \ \text{are the invariants of} \ K: \\ &I_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{Tr} K - 4 \right), \ I_2 = \frac{1}{4} \left[\text{Tr} K^2 - (\text{Tr} K)^2 \right] + 3, \ I_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{det} K - 1 \right), \\ & \text{which can be written in terms of the eigenvalues of} \ K. \end{split}$$

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Space-time (M, g)

• Cylindrically symmetric metric g

$$ds^{2} = -e^{2\nu(r)}dt^{2} + e^{2\mu(r)}dr^{2} + e^{2\mu(r)}dz^{2} + e^{2\psi(r)}d\phi^{2}$$

• Coordinates:
$$x^a = \{t, r, z, \phi\}$$

• Pulled-back material metric k

$$d\Sigma^2 = d\tilde{r}^2 + dz^2 + \tilde{r}^2 d\phi^2$$

• Coordinates on X:
$$y^A = \{\tilde{r}, \tilde{z}, \tilde{\phi}\},\ \tilde{r} = \tilde{r}(r) = r, \ \tilde{z} = z, \ \tilde{\phi} = \phi$$

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The operator $K^a_{\ b} = -u^a u_b + k^a_{\ b}$ is given by

$$\mathcal{K}^{a}_{\ b} = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2\mu} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-2\mu} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & r^{2}e^{-2\psi} \end{array}\right)$$

It has one eigenvalue equal to 1 and the other eigenvalues are

$$\eta = e^{-2\mu}$$
$$\tau = r^2 e^{-2\psi},$$

where η has algebraic multiplicity two.

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Invariants of K

$$\begin{split} I_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \left({\rm Tr} {\cal K} - 4 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(2\eta + \tau - 3 \right) \\ I_2 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[{\rm Tr} {\cal K}^2 - \left({\rm Tr} {\cal K} \right)^2 \right] + 3 = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\eta^2 + 2\eta \tau + 2\eta + \tau \right) + 3 \\ I_3 &= \frac{1}{2} \left({\rm det} {\cal K} - 1 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\eta^2 \tau - 1 \right) \end{split}$$

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Energy-momentum tensor

$$T^0_{0} = \rho,$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{T}_{1}^{1} &= \rho - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial I_{3}} \, \eta^{2} \tau + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial I_{2}} (1 + \eta + \tau) \eta - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial I_{1}} \eta, \\ \mathcal{T}_{2}^{2} &= \mathcal{T}_{1}^{1}, \\ \mathcal{T}_{3}^{3} &= \rho - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial I_{3}} \, \eta^{2} \tau + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial I_{2}} (1 + 2\eta) \tau - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial I_{1}} \tau. \end{split}$$

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$$G_0^0 = 8\pi T_0^0$$
: $\frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{\mu'' + \psi'' + \psi'^2}{e^{2\mu}} = \epsilon v$

$$G_1^1 = 8\pi T_1^1; \qquad \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{\mu' \gamma' + \mu' \psi' + \gamma' \psi'}{e^{2\mu}} = -\epsilon \eta \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial \eta}$$

$$G_2^2 = 8\pi T_2^2; \qquad \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{\nu'^2 + \nu'' + \psi'' + \psi''^2 + \nu'\psi' - \mu'\nu' - \mu'\psi'}{e^{2\mu}} = -\epsilon \eta \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial \eta}$$

$$G_{3}^{3} = 8\pi T_{3}^{3}$$
: $\frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{\nu'^{2} + \nu'' + \mu''}{e^{2\mu}} = -2\epsilon\tau \frac{\partial\nu}{\partial\tau}$

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Setting
$$E = \ln \eta = -2\mu$$
 and $T = \ln \tau = 2 \ln r - 2\psi$, one gets

$$\frac{\partial \ln v}{\partial E} = -\frac{\mu' \nu' + \mu' \psi' + \nu' \psi'}{\mu'' + \psi'' + \psi'^2}$$
$$\frac{\partial \ln v}{\partial T} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\nu'^2 + \nu'' + \mu''}{\mu'' + \psi'' + \psi'^2}.$$

Since $T_2^2 = T_1^1$, it follows that

$$2\mu'\nu' + 2\mu'\psi' - \nu'^2 - \nu'' - \psi'' - \psi'^2 = 0.$$

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In order for a constitutive equation $v = v(\eta, \tau) = v(E, T)$ to exist, it must be that

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln v}{\partial T \partial E} = \frac{\partial^2 \ln v}{\partial E \partial T}.$$

Therefrom, one obtains

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left[-\frac{1}{\mu'} \left(\frac{1}{r} - \psi' \right) \right] \frac{\partial \ln v}{\partial T} = 0.$$

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The case:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left[-\frac{1}{\mu'} \left(\frac{1}{r} - \psi' \right) \right] = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \ln v}{\partial T} = 0$$

leads to the conditions

$$\psi = \ln(r) + k_0 \mu + k_1$$
 and $T_3^3 = 0$.

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In order to avoid singularities at the axis of symmetry, one must have $e^{2\psi} = r^2 L(r)$, where $L(r) \neq 0$ for r = 0, Carot (2000). Then, one has

$$\begin{split} \psi(r) &= \ln(r) + \frac{1}{2}\ln(L) \\ \mu(r) &= \frac{1}{2}\ln(L) \\ \nu(r) &= -\frac{1}{4}\ln(L) + \text{ constant.} \end{split}$$

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The function L(r) must satisfy the condition

$$6L'^{2}Lr - 8L'''L^{2}r^{2} - 8L''L^{2}r + 16L''L'Lr^{2} - 9L'^{3}r^{2} + 8L'L^{2} = 0.$$

The constitutive function takes the form

$$v(r) = c \exp\left(\int \frac{L'^2}{-3L'^2r + 4LL' + 4L''Lr} dr\right).$$

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