

1. Consider a particle moving radially in the Schwarzschild metric. Compute $\frac{d^2 r(t)}{dt^2}$, where r and t are standard Schwarzschild coordinates and compare the result with what one expects from Newton's law. Show in which limit the two coincide. Finally, compute $\frac{d^2 r(t)}{dt^2}$ for a photon and show that even in the limit $r \gg 2G_N M$ the result is different from what one expects for a non-relativistic particle.

2. An observer in circular motion in the Schwarzschild metric has velocity described by the vector

$$u^\mu = A (\delta_0^\mu + \Omega \delta_\phi^\mu).$$

- (a) Fix A and discuss the result.
 (b) Compute the acceleration and the value of Ω that makes the trajectory a geodesic.
3. A static observer at $r = R_1$, $\theta = \pi/2$, $\phi = \phi_1$ in Schwarzschild spacetime sends a light signal with wavelength λ towards another static observer at $r = R_2 > R_1$, $\theta = \pi/2$, $\phi = \phi_2$. Compute the wavelength measured by the second observer (using energy conservation along geodesic motion). Does this depend on the angles ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 ?

4. Draw the surface

$$x^2 + y^2 = \left(\frac{z^2}{8m} + 2m \right)^2$$

embedded in flat Euclidean \mathbb{R}^3 . Compute the metric induced on the same surface, using polar coordinates on the x, y plane, and compare it with sections of the Schwarzschild metric at fixed time.

5. Consider the motion of a massive particle in the Schwarzschild background.
- (a) Draw the potential as a function of the angular momentum l and compare it with the Newtonian one. Check the difference of the allowed region for bound orbits and explain the difference.
- (b) When do you find an unstable circular orbit? What is the minimum distance from the horizon for this orbit?
- (c) Compute how long is one year for such orbits, from the point of view of the orbiting observer as well as from the point of view of a distant observer.