

**Reading assignment: sections 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 of Carroll.**

Problem 1. Consider an observer falling on a radial path into a Schwarzschild black hole of mass  $M$ . The observer starts at rest from infinity, so  $E = 1$ . Meanwhile, an emitter at constant  $r = \infty$  is shining a laser beam with photons of frequency  $\omega_\infty$  along the same radial direction in towards the doomed observer. Let  $\omega_{\text{obs}}$  be the angular frequency of the light as seen by the observer. Find the ratio  $Z = \omega_{\text{obs}}/\omega_\infty$  as a function of the observer's radial coordinate  $r$ . Make a numerical table of  $Z$  for the values  $r/2GM = 1000, 100, 10, 2, 1, 0.5, 0.1, 0.01, 0.001$ . [Hint: we did a somewhat similar example in class, where the roles of emitter and observer were reversed, and outgoing Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates  $(u, r, \theta, \phi)$  were useful, because outgoing radial photons have  $u = \text{constant}$ . In the present problem, ingoing Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates  $(v, r, \theta, \phi)$  are useful, because ingoing radial photons have  $v = \text{constant}$ .]

Problem 2. Considering the Reissner-Nordstrom metric eq. (6.53), find: the Christoffel symbols, the non-vanishing Riemann tensor components, the Ricci tensor, and the Einstein tensor. From this, use Einstein's equations to find the stress-energy tensor, and show that it is non-zero and equal to the result for a point charge. [Hint: you will want to make use of eqs. (5.38)-(5.41).]

Problem 3. For the case of the Reissner-Nordstrom metric eq. (6.53), compute the Komar energy integral eq. (6.38) when  $\partial\Sigma$  is a 2-sphere at finite constant  $r$ . What happens to  $E_R$  when  $r \rightarrow \infty$ ? Interpret the remaining contribution (which is non-zero for all finite  $r$ , but vanishes for  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .)

Problem 4. The Kerr-Newmann black hole (see the sentence straddling pages 261 and 262 in Carroll) has mass  $M$ , charge  $Q$ , and angular momentum  $J$ . It is natural to ask whether the electron (or any other fundamental charged particle) could be a Kerr-Newman black hole. For this to work, there would presumably have to be a horizon  $r_+$  (a solution to  $g^{rr} = 0$ ), to avoid having a naked singularity and associated acausal behavior. Show that this constraint amounts to:

$$c^2 J^2 / M^2 + G \frac{q_e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} < G^2 M^2,$$

where  $c$  and  $4\pi\epsilon_0$  have been inserted in the appropriate way for the metric system. Plug in the numbers for each of the three terms. Is this inequality satisfied for the electron?