

52(3): Metric w/ Cylindrical Symmetry.

Assume a metric of the following type:

$$ds^2 = e^{-2\alpha/r} c^2 dt^2 - dr^2 - r^2 d\phi^2 - e^{2\alpha/r} dz^2 \quad (1)$$

In a cylinder of fixed radius:

$$dr = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{so } ds^2 = e^{-2\alpha/r} c^2 dt^2 - e^{2\alpha/r} dz^2 - r^2 d\phi^2 \quad (3)$$

The Lagrangian is:

$$L = T - V = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 = \frac{m}{2} \left(e^{-2\alpha/r} c^2 \left(\frac{dt}{d\tau} \right)^2 - e^{2\alpha/r} \left(\frac{dz}{d\tau} \right)^2 - r^2 \left(\frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \right)^2 \right) \quad (4)$$

$$E = mc^2 e^{-\alpha/r} \frac{dt}{d\tau}, \quad L = mr^2 \frac{d\phi}{d\tau}, \quad p = m e^{\alpha/r} \frac{dz}{d\tau} \quad (5)$$

The equation of motion is:

$$m \left(\frac{dz}{d\tau} \right)^2 = \frac{E^2}{mc^2} - e^{-2\alpha/r} \left(mc^2 + \frac{L^2}{mr^2} \right) \quad (6)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{1}{b^2} - e^{-2\alpha/r} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \right)^{-1/2} \quad (7)$$

In the case where dr is not zero, the calculation is more complicated, and will be the subject of a next note.