

202(7) : Reputation of the Integral Evaluation
of light Deflection given by Wald,
attributed incorrectly to Einstein.

The method is based on the commonly known
 "Schwarzschild" metric, i.e. for the line element:

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2MG}{c^2 r}\right) c^2 dt^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2MG}{c^2 r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 - r^2 d\Omega^2 \quad - (1)$$

In the plane: $d\Omega^2 = 0 \quad - (2)$
 it reduces to: $d\Omega^2 = d\theta^2 \quad - (3)$

Wald uses reduced units:

$$m = \frac{MG}{c^2} \quad - (4)$$

He attempts to evaluate the integral:

$$\Delta\phi = 2 \int_0^{1/R_0} \left(R_0^{-2} - 2mR_0^{-3} - u^2 + 2mu^3 \right)^{-1/2} du \quad - (5)$$

using the incorrect method:

$$\left. \frac{\partial(\Delta\phi)}{\partial m} \right|_{m=0} = ? \quad 2 \int_0^{1/R_0} \frac{(R_0^{-3} - u^3) du}{(R_0^{-2} - 2mR_0^{-3} - u^2 + 2mu^3)^{3/2}} \Bigg|_{m=0} \quad - (6)$$

However, m is a constant, so:

$$\frac{\partial(\Delta\phi)}{\partial m} = \frac{\partial(\Delta\phi)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial m} = \infty \quad - (7)$$

because

2) $\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} = 0 \quad - (8)$

where x is any variable of calculus.

Eq. (6) is completely correct, and such a method violates elementary calculus.

The rest of the calculation is sequentially absurd.

It claims that:

$$\left. \frac{\partial(\Delta\phi)}{\partial M} \right|_{m=0} = 2 \int_0^{1/b} \frac{(b^{-3} - u^3)}{(b^{-2} - u^2)} du = \frac{1}{4b} \quad - (9)$$

so: $\delta\phi = \Delta\phi - \pi \sim M \left. \frac{\partial(\Delta\phi)}{\partial M} \right|_{m=0}$

$$= \frac{4M}{b} = \frac{4MG}{c^2 R_0} \quad - (10)$$

The factor π in eq. (10) is also erroneous, as shown in note 202(6). Eq. (10) is erroneously described as "two of Newton value", but it is not, as previous notes for UFT 202 show. The like element (1) does not produce a precessing ellipse as shown in notes 202(3) and 202(4):

$$\left(\frac{x\epsilon}{d}\right)^2 \sin^2(x\theta) \neq \frac{1}{b^2} - \left(1 - \frac{r_0}{r}\right) \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{r^2}\right) \quad - (11)$$

as in eq. (9) of note 202(4).

Additionally,

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial (\Delta \phi)} = 0 \quad - (12)$$

because m is a constant; so in eq. (9)

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial (\Delta \phi)} \Big|_{m=0} = 4b = ? 0. \quad - (13)$$

this needs eq. (10):

$$\int \phi \rightarrow ? \infty. \quad - (14)$$

Conclusion

Einstein's calculation is riddled with
basic errors.
