

Dual null formulation (and its Quasi-Spherical version)

This note is for actual coding of the double null formulation by Hayward [1, 2], especially its quasi-spherical approximated version [3, 4].

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1 Dual-null formulation (without conformal scaling)

1.1 metric

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= h_{ij}(dx^i + p^i dx^+ + m^i dx^-)(dx^j + p^j dx^+ + m^j dx^-) - 2e^{-f} dx^+ dx^- & (1) \\ &= h_{ij} dx^i dx^j + 2p_l dx^l dx^+ + 2m_l dx^l dx^- + p_l p^l dx^{+2} + m_l m^l dx^{-2} + 2(p_l m^l - e^{-f}) dx^+ dx^- & (2) \end{aligned}$$

In the matrix form,

$$g_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} p^2 & -e^{-f} + p_l m^l & p_j \\ -e^{-f} + p_l m^l & m^2 & m_j \\ p_i & m_i & h_{ij} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

and

$$g^{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -e^f & e^f m^i \\ -e^f & 0 & e^f p^i \\ e^f m^j & e^f p^j & h^{ij} - e^f (p^i m^j + p^j m^i) \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

1.2 Lie derivatives

We use Lie derivatives L_{\pm} along the null normal vectors

$$l_{\pm} = u_{\pm} - s_{\pm} = e^{-f} g^{-1}(n^{\mp}), \quad (5)$$

that is

$$l_+^a = u_+^a - p^a = (1, 0, 0, 0) - (0, 0, p^1, p^2) = (1, 0, -p^1, -p^2) \quad (6a)$$

$$l_-^a = u_-^a - m^a = (0, 1, 0, 0) - (0, 0, m^1, m^2) = (0, 1, -m^1, -m^2). \quad (6b)$$

The Lie derivative is defined in general as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\xi} S = \xi^{\alpha} \partial_{\alpha} S, \quad (7a)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\xi} V^{\mu} = \xi^{\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha} V^{\mu} - V^{\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha} \xi^{\mu} = \xi^{\alpha} \partial_{\alpha} V^{\mu} - V^{\alpha} \partial_{\alpha} \xi^{\mu}, \quad (7b)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\xi} U_{\mu} = \xi^{\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha} U_{\mu} + U_{\alpha} \nabla_{\mu} \xi^{\alpha} = \xi^{\alpha} \partial_{\alpha} U_{\mu} + U_{\alpha} \partial_{\mu} \xi^{\alpha}, \quad (7c)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\xi} T^{\mu\nu} = \xi^{\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha} T^{\mu\nu} - T^{\alpha\nu} \nabla_{\alpha} \xi^{\mu} - T^{\mu\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha} \xi^{\nu} = \xi^{\alpha} \partial_{\alpha} T^{\mu\nu} - T^{\alpha\nu} \partial_{\alpha} \xi^{\mu} - T^{\mu\alpha} \partial_{\alpha} \xi^{\nu}, \quad (7d)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\xi} W_{\mu\nu} = \xi^{\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha} W_{\mu\nu} + W_{\alpha\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \xi^{\alpha} + W_{\mu\alpha} \nabla_{\nu} \xi^{\alpha} = \xi^{\alpha} \partial_{\alpha} W_{\mu\nu} + W_{\alpha\nu} \partial_{\mu} \xi^{\alpha} + W_{\mu\alpha} \partial_{\nu} \xi^{\alpha} \quad (7e)$$

therefore for scalar, vector and tensor quantities,

$$L_+ S = l_+^a \partial_a S = \partial_{x^+} S - p^k \partial_k S \quad (8a)$$

$$L_- S = l_-^a \partial_a S = \partial_{x^-} S - m^k \partial_k S \quad (8b)$$

$$L_+ V^a = \partial_{x^+} V^a - p^k \partial_k V^a - V^k \partial_k p^a \quad (8c)$$

$$L_- V^a = \partial_{x^-} V^a - m^k \partial_k V^a - V^k \partial_k m^a \quad (8d)$$

$$L_+ h_{ij} = \partial_{x^+} h_{ij} - p^k \partial_k h_{ij} + 2h_{k(i} \partial_j) p^k \quad (8e)$$

$$L_- h_{ij} = \partial_{x^-} h_{ij} - m^k \partial_k h_{ij} + 2h_{k(i} \partial_j) m^k \quad (8f)$$

1.3 Geometrical quantities

From the original expressions The fields $(\theta_{\pm}, \sigma_{\pm}, \nu_{\pm}, \omega)$ encode the extrinsic curvature of the dual-null foliation. These extrinsic fields are unique up to duality $\pm \mapsto \mp$ and diffeomorphisms which relabel the null hypersurfaces, i.e. $dx^{\pm} \mapsto e^{\lambda_{\pm}} dx^{\pm}$ for functions $\lambda_{\pm}(x^{\pm})$.

$$\theta_{\pm} = *L_{\pm} * 1 \quad (9a)$$

$$\sigma_{\pm} = \perp L_{\pm} h - \theta_{\pm} h \quad (9b)$$

$$\nu_{\pm} = L_{\pm} f \quad (9c)$$

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2} e^f h([l_-, l_+]) \quad (9d)$$

where $*$ is the Hodge operator of h_{ab} . The functions θ_{\pm} are the expansions, the traceless bilinear forms σ_{\pm} are the shears, the 1-form ω is the twist, measuring the lack of integrability of the normal space, and the functions ν_{\pm} are the inaffinities, measuring the failure of the null normals to be affine.

HS notes For more friendly expressions, these are

$$\theta_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det h_{ij}}} L_{\pm} \sqrt{\det h_{ij}} \quad (10a)$$

$$\sigma_{\pm ab} = h_a^c h_b^d L_{\pm} h_{cd} - \theta_{\pm} h_{ab} \quad (10b)$$

$$\nu_{\pm} = L_{\pm} f \quad (10c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_a &= \frac{1}{2} e^f h_{ab} [l_-, l_+]^b = \frac{1}{2} e^f h_{ab} (l_-^c \nabla_c l_+^b - l_+^c \nabla_c l_-^b) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e^f h_{ab} (l_-^c \partial_c l_+^b - l_+^c \partial_c l_-^b) \end{aligned} \quad (10d)$$

More concrete,

$$\theta_+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det h_{ij}}} [\partial_{x^+} \sqrt{\det h_{ij}} - p^k \partial_k \sqrt{\det h_{ij}}] \quad (11a)$$

$$\theta_- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det h_{ij}}} [\partial_{x^-} \sqrt{\det h_{ij}} - m^k \partial_k \sqrt{\det h_{ij}}] \quad (11b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{+ab} &= h_a^c h_b^d L_+ h_{cd} - \theta_+ h_{ab} \\ &= h_a^c h_b^d [\partial_{x^+} h_{cd} - p^k \partial_k h_{cd} + 2h_{k(c} \partial_d) p^k] - \theta_+ h_{ab} \end{aligned} \quad (11c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{-ab} &= h_a^c h_b^d L_- h_{cd} - \theta_- h_{ab} \\ &= h_a^c h_b^d [\partial_{x^-} h_{cd} - m^k \partial_k h_{cd} + 2h_{k(c} \partial_d) m^k] - \theta_- h_{ab} \end{aligned} \quad (11d)$$

$$\nu_+ = L_+ f = \partial_{x^+} f - p^k \partial_k f \quad (11e)$$

$$\nu_- = L_- f = \partial_{x^-} f - m^k \partial_k f \quad (11f)$$

$$\omega_a = \frac{1}{2} e^f h_{ab} (\partial_{x^-} l_+^b - m^k \partial_k l_+^b - \partial_{x^+} l_-^b + p^k \partial_k l_-^b) \quad (11g)$$

1.4 Full version

1.4.1 Full set of Einstein equation 1

Inverting the definitions of the momentum fields yields the propagation equations

$$\perp (L_+ s_- - L_- s_+) = 2e^{-f} h^{-1}(\omega) + [s_-, s_+] \quad (12a)$$

$$\perp L_{\pm} h = \theta_{\pm} h + \sigma_{\pm} \quad (12b)$$

$$L_{\pm} f = \nu_{\pm}. \quad (12c)$$

The full set of Einstein equations is obtained with the below.

1.4.2 Full set of Einstein equation 2

From Appendix B in [1] (with the current convention):

$$L_+\theta_+ = -\nu_+\theta_+ - \frac{1}{2}\theta_+^2 - \frac{1}{4}h^{ac}h^{bd}\sigma_{+ab}\sigma_{+cd} \quad (13a)$$

$$L_+\theta_- = -\theta_+\theta_- + e^{-f} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{R} + h^{ab}(\omega_a\omega_b - \frac{1}{2}D_aD_bf + \frac{1}{4}D_afD_bf + \omega_aD_bf - D_a\omega_b) \right) \quad (13b)$$

$$L_+\nu_- = -\frac{1}{2}\theta_+\theta_- + \frac{1}{4}h^{ac}h^{bd}\sigma_{+ab}\sigma_{-cd} + e^{-f} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{R} + h^{ab}(3\omega_a\omega_b - \frac{1}{4}D_afD_bf - \omega_aD_bf) \right) \quad (13c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \perp L_+\sigma_{-ab} &= \frac{1}{2}(\theta_+\sigma_{-ab} - \theta_-\sigma_{+ab}) + h^{cd}\sigma_{+c(a}\sigma_{-b)d} \\ &\quad + 2e^{-f} \left(\omega_a\omega_b - \frac{1}{2}D_aD_bf + \frac{1}{4}D_afD_bf + \omega_{(a}D_b)f - D_{(a}\omega_b) \right) \\ &\quad - e^{-f}h^{cd} \left(\omega_c\omega_d - \frac{1}{2}D_cD_df + \frac{1}{4}D_cfD_df + \omega_cD_df - D_c\omega_d \right) h_{ab} \end{aligned} \quad (13d)$$

$$\perp L_+\omega_a = -\theta_+\omega_a + \frac{1}{2}(D\nu_+ - D\theta_+ - \theta_+Df) + \frac{1}{2}h^{bc}D_c\sigma_{+ab} \quad (13e)$$

and

$$L_-\theta_- = -\nu_-\theta_- - \frac{1}{2}\theta_-^2 - \frac{1}{4}h^{ac}h^{bd}\sigma_{-ab}\sigma_{-cd} \quad (14a)$$

$$L_-\theta_+ = -\theta_+\theta_- + e^{-f} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{R} + h^{ab}(\omega_a\omega_b - \frac{1}{2}D_aD_bf + \frac{1}{4}D_afD_bf - \omega_aD_bf + D_a\omega_b) \right) \quad (14b)$$

$$L_-\nu_+ = -\frac{1}{2}\theta_+\theta_- + \frac{1}{4}h^{ac}h^{bd}\sigma_{+ab}\sigma_{-cd} + e^{-f} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{R} + h^{ab}(3\omega_a\omega_b - \frac{1}{4}D_afD_bf + \omega_aD_bf) \right) \quad (14c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \perp L_-\sigma_{+ab} &= -\frac{1}{2}(\theta_+\sigma_{-ab} - \theta_-\sigma_{+ab}) + h^{cd}\sigma_{-c(a}\sigma_{+b)d} \\ &\quad + 2e^{-f} \left(\omega_a\omega_b - \frac{1}{2}D_aD_bf + \frac{1}{4}D_afD_bf - \omega_{(a}D_b)f + D_{(a}\omega_b) \right) \\ &\quad - e^{-f}h^{cd} \left(\omega_c\omega_d - \frac{1}{2}D_cD_df + \frac{1}{4}D_cfD_df - \omega_cD_df + D_c\omega_d \right) h_{ab} \end{aligned} \quad (14d)$$

$$\perp L_-\omega_a = -\theta_-\omega_a - \frac{1}{2}(D\nu_- - D\theta_- - \theta_-Df) - \frac{1}{2}h^{bc}D_c\sigma_{-ab} \quad (14e)$$

where D is the covariant derivative of h_{ab} .

There is no $L_+\sigma_{+ab}$, $L_-\sigma_{-ab}$, $L_+\nu_+$, and $L_-\nu_-$.

In spherical symmetry, $(\sigma_{\pm}, \omega, D)$ vanish, while $(\theta_{\pm}, \nu_{\pm}, D_{\pm})$ generally do not.

1.4.3 HS notes: friendly expressions

For the equations in §1.4.1

$$\begin{aligned} h_b^a (L_+m^b - L_-p^b) &= h_b^a \left(\partial_{x^+}m^b - p^k\partial_k m^b - m^k\partial_k p^b - \partial_{x^-}p^b + m^k\partial_k p^b + p^k\partial_k m^b \right) \\ &= h_b^a \left(\partial_{x^+}m^b - \partial_{x^-}p^b \right) = 2e^{-f}h^{ab}\omega_b + m^c\partial_cp^a - p^c\partial_cm^a \end{aligned} \quad (15a)$$

$$h_a^c h_b^d L_+ h_{cd} = h_a^c h_b^d (\partial_{x^+} h_{cd} - p^k \partial_k h_{cd} + 2h_{k(c} \partial_d) p^k) = \theta_+ h_{ab} + \sigma_{+ab} \quad (15b)$$

$$h_a^c h_b^d L_- h_{cd} = h_a^c h_b^d (\partial_{x^-} h_{cd} - m^k \partial_k h_{cd} + 2h_{k(c} \partial_d) m^k) = \theta_- h_{ab} + \sigma_{-ab} \quad (15c)$$

$$L_+ f = \partial_{x^+} f - p^k \partial_k f = \nu_+ \quad (15d)$$

$$L_- f = \partial_{x^-} f - m^k \partial_k f = \nu_- \quad (15e)$$

1.5 Quasi-spherical version

1.5.1 Full set of Einstein equation 1

Inverting the definitions of the momentum fields yields the propagation equations

$$\perp(L_+s_- - L_-s_+) = 2e^{-f}h^{-1}(\omega) + [s_-, s_+] \quad (16a)$$

$$\perp L_\pm h = \theta_\pm h + \sigma_\pm \quad (16b)$$

$$L_\pm f = \nu_\pm. \quad (16c)$$

The full set of Einstein equations is obtained with the below (17a)-(17e). There is no $L_+\sigma_{+ab}$, $L_-\sigma_{-ab}$, $L_+\nu_+$, and $L_-\nu_-$.

1.5.2 Full set of Einstein equation 2 (quasi-spherical approximation)

After the truncations for quasi-spherical approximations,

$$L_\pm\theta_\pm = -\nu_\pm\theta_\pm - \frac{1}{2}\theta_\pm^2 \quad (17a)$$

$$L_\pm\theta_\mp = -\theta_+\theta_- - e^{-f}r^{-2} \quad (17b)$$

$$L_\pm\nu_\mp = -\frac{1}{2}\theta_+\theta_- - e^{-f}r^{-2} \quad (17c)$$

$$\perp L_\pm\sigma_\mp = \pm\frac{1}{2}(\theta_+\sigma_- - \theta_-\sigma_+) \quad (17d)$$

$$\perp L_\pm\omega = -\theta_\pm\omega \pm \frac{1}{2}(D\nu_\pm - D\theta_\pm - \theta_\pm Df) \quad (17e)$$

where D is the covariant derivative of h_{ab} . In spherical symmetry, (σ_\pm, ω, D) vanish, while $(\theta_\pm, \nu_\pm, D_\pm)$ generally do not.

1.5.3 HS notes: friendly expressions

For the equations in §1.5.2

$$L_\pm\theta_\pm = \partial_\pm\theta_\pm - s_\pm^k\partial_k\theta_\pm = -\nu_\pm\theta_\pm - \frac{1}{2}\theta_\pm^2 \quad \text{that is} \quad (18a)$$

$$L_+\theta_+ = \partial_+\theta_+ - p^k\partial_k\theta_+ = -\nu_+\theta_+ - \frac{1}{2}\theta_+^2 \quad (18a)$$

$$L_-\theta_- = \partial_-\theta_- - m^k\partial_k\theta_- = -\nu_-\theta_- - \frac{1}{2}\theta_-^2 \quad (18b)$$

$$L_\pm\theta_\mp = \partial_\pm\theta_\mp - s_\pm^k\partial_k\theta_\mp = -\theta_+\theta_- - e^{-f}r^{-2} \quad \text{that is} \quad (18c)$$

$$L_+\theta_- = \partial_+\theta_- - p^k\partial_k\theta_- = -\theta_+\theta_- - e^{-f}r^{-2} \quad (18c)$$

$$L_-\theta_+ = \partial_-\theta_+ - m^k\partial_k\theta_+ = -\theta_+\theta_- - e^{-f}r^{-2} \quad (18d)$$

$$L_\pm\nu_\mp = \partial_\pm\nu_\mp - s_\pm^k\partial_k\nu_\mp = -\frac{1}{2}\theta_+\theta_- - e^{-f}r^{-2} \quad \text{that is} \quad (18e)$$

$$L_+\nu_- = \partial_+\nu_- - p^k\partial_k\nu_- = -\frac{1}{2}\theta_+\theta_- - e^{-f}r^{-2} \quad (18e)$$

$$L_-\nu_+ = \partial_-\nu_+ - m^k\partial_k\nu_+ = -\frac{1}{2}\theta_+\theta_- - e^{-f}r^{-2} \quad (18f)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_a^c h_b^d L_\pm\sigma_{\mp cd} &= h_a^c h_b^d (\partial_x - \sigma_{\mp cd} - s_\pm^k\partial_k\sigma_{\mp cd} + 2\sigma_{\mp k(c}\partial_d)s_\pm^k) \\ &= \pm\frac{1}{2}(\theta_+\sigma_{-ab} - \theta_-\sigma_{+ab}) \end{aligned} \quad (18g)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_a^b L_\pm\omega_b &= h_a^b (\partial_\pm\omega_b - s_\pm^k\partial_k\omega_b + \omega_k\partial_b s_\pm^k) \\ &= -\theta_\pm\omega_a \pm \frac{1}{2}(D_a\nu_\pm - D_a\theta_\pm - \theta_\pm D_a f) \\ &= -\theta_\pm\omega_a \pm \frac{1}{2}(\partial_a\nu_\pm - \partial_a\theta_\pm - \theta_\pm\partial_a f) \end{aligned} \quad (18h)$$

2 Dual-null formulation (with conformal scaling)

2.1 Introducing the conformal decomposition

It is also possible to integrate all the way from \mathfrak{S}^- to \mathfrak{S}^+ by a conformal transformation.

We take the conformal decomposition of

$$h_{ab} = r^2 k_{ab}, \quad (19)$$

such that

$$D_{\pm} \tilde{*} 1 = 0 \quad (D_{\pm} \det k_{ab} = 0) \quad (20)$$

where $\tilde{*}$ is the Hodge operator of k , satisfying $*1 = \tilde{*}r^2$.

The shear equations, composed into a second-order equation for k , become

$$\Delta k_{ab} = 0 \quad (21)$$

where Δ is the quasi-spherical wave operator:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \phi &= -2e^f \left(L_{(+} L_{-)} \phi + 2r^{-1} L_{(+} r L_{-)} \phi \right) \\ &= -e^f \left(L_{+} L_{-} \phi + L_{-} L_{+} \phi + 2r^{-1} L_{+} r L_{-} \phi + 2r^{-1} L_{-} r L_{+} \phi \right) \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

In practice, one may use the conformal factor

$$\Omega = r^{-1} \quad (23)$$

and the rescaled expansions and shears

$$\vartheta_{\pm} = r \theta_{\pm} \quad (24a)$$

$$\varsigma_{\pm} = r^{-1} \sigma_{\pm} \quad (24b)$$

which are finite and generally non-zero at \mathfrak{S}^{\mp} .

2.2 Full version

Not available here.

2.3 Quasi-spherical version

Of the dynamical fields and operators introduced above, $(s_{\pm}, \sigma_{\pm}, \omega, D)$ vanish in spherical symmetry, while $(h, f, \theta_{\pm}, \nu_{\pm}, \Delta_{\pm})$ generally do not. The quasi-spherical approximation consists of linearizing in $(s_{\pm}, \sigma_{\pm}, \omega, D)$, i.e. setting to zero any second-order terms in these quantities. This yields a greatly simplified truncation [3] of the full field equations, the first-order dual-null form of the vacuum Einstein system[2]. In particular, the truncated equations decouple into a three-level hierarchy, the last level being irrelevant to determining the gravitational waveforms. The remaining equations are the quasi-spherical equations

$$\Delta_{\pm} \Omega = -\frac{1}{2} \Omega^2 \vartheta_{\pm}, \quad (25)$$

$$\Delta_{\pm} f = \nu_{\pm}, \quad (26)$$

$$\Delta_{\pm} \vartheta_{\pm} = -\nu_{\pm} \vartheta_{\pm} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} \Omega \|\varsigma_{\pm}\|^2}_{2nd\ order}, \quad (27)$$

$$\Delta_{\pm} \vartheta_{\mp} = -\Omega \left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{+} \vartheta_{-} + e^{-f} \right), \quad (28)$$

$$\Delta_{\pm} \nu_{\mp} = -\Omega^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{+} \vartheta_{-} + e^{-f} \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4} \langle \varsigma_{+}, \varsigma_{-} \rangle}_{2nd\ order} \right), \quad (29)$$

and the linearized equations

$$\Delta_{\pm} k = \Omega \zeta_{\pm}, \quad (30)$$

$$\Delta_{\pm} \zeta_{\mp} = \Omega \left(\underbrace{\zeta_{+} \cdot k^{-1} \cdot \zeta_{-}}_{1st \text{ but missing in below}} - \frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{\mp} \zeta_{\pm} \right). \quad (31)$$

These are all ordinary differential equations; no transverse D derivatives occur. Thus we have an effectively two-dimensional system to be integrated independently at each angle of the sphere. The “2nd order” terms are pointed out in [5].

The initial-data formulation is based on a spatial surface S orthogonal to l_{\pm} and the null hypersurfaces Σ_{\pm} generated from S by l_{\pm} , assumed future-pointing. The initial data for the above equations are $(\Omega, f, k, \vartheta_{\pm})$ on S and (ζ_{\pm}, ν_{\pm}) on Σ_{\pm} . We will take l_{+} and l_{-} to be outgoing and ingoing respectively.

For the quasi-spherical approximation to be valid near \mathfrak{S}^{\pm} , a modification of the integration scheme is suggested, such that initial data is given at spatial infinity i^0 rather than Σ . Specifically, one may fix $(\Omega, f, \vartheta_{\pm}, k) = (0, 0, \pm\sqrt{2}, \epsilon)$ at i^0 , where $\epsilon = d\vartheta \otimes d\vartheta + \sin^2 \vartheta d\varphi \otimes d\varphi$ is the standard metric of a unit sphere. The first step would then be to integrate backwards along \mathfrak{S}^{-} as far as Σ , fixing $\nu_{+} = 0$ on Σ_{+} . The remaining coordinate data is given by ν_{-} on the ingoing null hypersurface Σ_{-} , which is left free so that one may adapt the foliation of Σ_{-} to the surfaces which are most spherical.

2.4 HS notes

For scalar and tensor quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\pm} S &= \perp L_{\pm} S = \perp (\partial_{\pm} S - s_{\pm}^k \partial_k S) = \partial_{\pm} S - s_{\pm}^k \partial_k S \\ \Delta_{\pm} W_{ij} &= \perp L_{\pm} W_{ij} = h_i^a h_j^b L_{\pm} W_{ab} = h_i^a h_j^b (\partial_{\pm} W_{ab} - s_{\pm}^k \partial_k W_{ab} + 2W_{k(a} \partial_b) s_{\pm}^k) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can write the evolution equations as the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\pm} \Omega &= \partial_{\pm} \Omega - s_{\pm}^k \partial_k \Omega = -\frac{1}{2} \Omega^2 \vartheta_{\pm} \quad \text{that is} \\ \partial_{+} \Omega &= p^k \partial_k \Omega - \frac{1}{2} \Omega^2 \vartheta_{+} \end{aligned} \quad (32a)$$

$$\partial_{-} \Omega = m^k \partial_k \Omega - \frac{1}{2} \Omega^2 \vartheta_{-} \quad (32b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\pm} f &= \partial_{\pm} f - s_{\pm}^k \partial_k f = \nu_{\pm} \quad \text{that is} \\ \partial_{+} f &= p^k \partial_k f + \nu_{+} \end{aligned} \quad (32c)$$

$$\partial_{-} f = m^k \partial_k f + \nu_{-} \quad (32d)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\pm} \vartheta_{\pm} &= \partial_{\pm} \vartheta_{\pm} - s_{\pm}^k \partial_k \vartheta_{\pm} = -\nu_{\pm} \vartheta_{\pm} \quad \text{that is} \\ \partial_{+} \vartheta_{+} &= p^k \partial_k \vartheta_{+} - \nu_{+} \vartheta_{+} \end{aligned} \quad (32e)$$

$$\partial_{-} \vartheta_{-} = m^k \partial_k \vartheta_{-} - \nu_{-} \vartheta_{-} \quad (32f)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\pm} \vartheta_{\mp} &= \partial_{\pm} \vartheta_{\mp} - s_{\pm}^k \partial_k \vartheta_{\mp} - \Omega \left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{+} \vartheta_{-} + e^{-f} \right) \quad \text{that is} \\ \partial_{+} \vartheta_{-} &= p^k \partial_k \vartheta_{-} - \Omega \left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{+} \vartheta_{-} + e^{-f} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (32g)$$

$$\partial_{-} \vartheta_{+} = m^k \partial_k \vartheta_{+} - \Omega \left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{+} \vartheta_{-} + e^{-f} \right) \quad (32h)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\pm} \nu_{\mp} &= \partial_{\pm} \nu_{\mp} - s_{\pm}^k \partial_k \nu_{\mp} - \Omega^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{+} \vartheta_{-} + e^{-f} \right) \quad \text{that is} \\ \partial_{+} \nu_{-} &= p^k \partial_k \nu_{-} - \Omega^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{+} \vartheta_{-} + e^{-f} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (32i)$$

$$\partial_{-} \nu_{+} = m^k \partial_k \nu_{+} - \Omega^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{+} \vartheta_{-} + e^{-f} \right) \quad (32j)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\pm}k_{ij} &= h_i^a h_j^b (\partial_{\pm}k_{ab} - s_{\pm}^k \partial_k k_{ab} + 2k_{k(a} \partial_b) s_{\pm}^k) = \Omega_{\varsigma_{\pm}ij} \quad \text{that is} \\ h_i^a h_j^b \partial_+ k_{ab} &= h_i^a h_j^b (p^k \partial_k k_{ab} - 2k_{k(a} \partial_b) p^k) + \Omega_{\varsigma_{+}ij}\end{aligned}\tag{32k}$$

$$h_i^a h_j^b \partial_- k_{ab} = h_i^a h_j^b (m^k \partial_k k_{ab} - 2k_{k(a} \partial_b) m^k) + \Omega_{\varsigma_{-}ij}\tag{32l}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\pm}\varsigma_{\mp ij} &= h_i^a h_j^b (\partial_{\pm}\varsigma_{\mp ab} - s_{\pm}^k \partial_k \varsigma_{\mp ab} + 2\varsigma_{\mp k(a} \partial_b) s_{\pm}^k) = -\frac{1}{2}\Omega\vartheta_{\mp\varsigma_{\pm}ij} \quad \text{that is} \\ h_i^a h_j^b \partial_+ \varsigma_{-ab} &= h_i^a h_j^b (p^k \partial_k \varsigma_{-ab} - 2\varsigma_{-k(a} \partial_b) p^k) - \frac{1}{2}\Omega\vartheta_{-\varsigma_{+}ij}\end{aligned}\tag{32m}$$

$$h_i^a h_j^b \partial_- \varsigma_{+ab} = h_i^a h_j^b (m^k \partial_k \varsigma_{+ab} - 2\varsigma_{+k(a} \partial_b) m^k) - \frac{1}{2}\Omega\vartheta_{+\varsigma_{-}ij}\tag{32n}$$

3 Numerical Scheme for Quasi-Spherical approx. space-time

The variables are $(\Omega, f, \vartheta_+, \vartheta_-, \nu_+, \nu_-, k_{ab}, \varsigma_{+ab}, \varsigma_{-ab})$

1. Prepare initial data on Σ

- Set metric components (f, k_{ab}) on Σ .
- Set extrinsic curvature components (ϑ_{\pm}) on Σ .

2. Prepare data on Σ_-

- Assume $m^a = 0$ on Σ_-
- Set (ς_-, ν_-) on Σ_- .
- Integrate $(\Omega, f, \vartheta_{\pm}, \nu_+, k_{ab}, \varsigma_{+ab})$ by Δ_- equations.

$$\partial_- \Omega = m^k \partial_k \Omega - \frac{1}{2}\Omega^2 \vartheta_- \tag{33a}$$

$$\partial_- f = m^k \partial_k f + \nu_- \tag{33b}$$

$$\partial_- \vartheta_- = m^k \partial_k \vartheta_- - \nu_- \vartheta_- \tag{33c}$$

$$\partial_- \vartheta_+ = m^k \partial_k \vartheta_+ - \Omega(\frac{1}{2}\vartheta_+ \vartheta_- + e^{-f}) \tag{33d}$$

$$\partial_- \nu_+ = m^k \partial_k \nu_+ - \Omega^2(\frac{1}{2}\vartheta_+ \vartheta_- + e^{-f}) \tag{33e}$$

$$h_i^a h_j^b \partial_- k_{ab} = h_i^a h_j^b (m^k \partial_k k_{ab} - 2k_{k(a} \partial_b) m^k) + \Omega_{\varsigma_{-}ij} \tag{33f}$$

$$h_i^a h_j^b \partial_- \varsigma_{+ab} = h_i^a h_j^b (m^k \partial_k \varsigma_{+ab} - 2\varsigma_{+k(a} \partial_b) m^k) - \frac{1}{2}\Omega\vartheta_{+\varsigma_{-}ij} \tag{33g}$$

3. One step to go in U (from 0 to Δx^+ first time)

- Assume $p^a = 0$ in U .
- Set (ς_+, ν_+) on $\Sigma_+(\Delta x^+)$.
- Integrate $(\Omega, f, \vartheta_{\pm}, \nu_-, k_{ab}, \varsigma_{-ab})$ by Δ_+ equations.

$$\partial_+ \Omega = p^k \partial_k \Omega - \frac{1}{2}\Omega^2 \vartheta_+ \tag{34a}$$

$$\partial_+ f = p^k \partial_k f + \nu_+ \tag{34b}$$

$$\partial_+ \vartheta_+ = p^k \partial_k \vartheta_+ - \nu_+ \vartheta_+ \tag{34c}$$

$$\partial_+ \vartheta_- = p^k \partial_k \vartheta_- - \Omega(\frac{1}{2}\vartheta_+ \vartheta_- + e^{-f}) \tag{34d}$$

$$\partial_+ \nu_- = p^k \partial_k \nu_- - \Omega^2(\frac{1}{2}\vartheta_+ \vartheta_- + e^{-f}) \tag{34e}$$

$$h_i^a h_j^b \partial_+ k_{ab} = h_i^a h_j^b (p^k \partial_k k_{ab} - 2k_{k(a} \partial_b) p^k) + \Omega_{\varsigma_{+}ij} \tag{34f}$$

$$h_i^a h_j^b \partial_+ \varsigma_{-ab} = h_i^a h_j^b (p^k \partial_k \varsigma_{-ab} - 2\varsigma_{-k(a} \partial_b) p^k) - \frac{1}{2}\Omega\vartheta_{-\varsigma_{+}ij} \tag{34g}$$

- Note that we do not integrate ν_+ and ς_+ , that is we do not have them except on $x^+ = 0$ surface and on the Σ_+ surface. Therefore we have to use $\nu_+(x^+ = 0)$ and $\varsigma_+(x^+ = 0)$ in the above RHSs.

4. Integrate along l^- direction

- Assume $m^a = 0$ in U .
- Set (ς_+, ν_+) on $\Sigma_+(\Delta x^+)$.
- Integrate (ν_+, ς_{+ab}) by Δ_- equations.

$$\partial_- \nu_+ = m^k \partial_k \nu_+ - \Omega^2 (\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_+ \vartheta_- + e^{-f}) \quad (35a)$$

$$h_i^a h_j^b \partial_- \varsigma_{+ab} = h_i^a h_j^b (m^k \partial_k \varsigma_{+ab} - 2\varsigma_{+k(a} \partial_b) m^k) - \frac{1}{2} \Omega \vartheta_+ \varsigma_{-ij} \quad (35b)$$

where we need interpolate $\vartheta_{\pm}, \Omega, f, \varsigma_{-ij}$ in ODE solver, since they are only given on the grid points. To get the accurate solution, we have better to integrate these variables (except ς_-).

$$\partial_- \Omega = m^k \partial_k \Omega - \frac{1}{2} \Omega^2 \vartheta_- \quad (36a)$$

$$\partial_- f = m^k \partial_k f + \nu_- \quad (36b)$$

$$\partial_- \vartheta_- = m^k \partial_k \vartheta_- - \nu_- \vartheta_- \quad (36c)$$

$$\partial_- \vartheta_+ = m^k \partial_k \vartheta_+ - \Omega (\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_+ \vartheta_- + e^{-f}) \quad (36d)$$

As for ς_- and ν_- , we have to interpolate them from the grid points.

- In order to check the accuracy, we also integrate (k_{ab}) and compare it with the results of step 2.

$$h_i^a h_j^b \partial_- k_{ab} = h_i^a h_j^b (m^k \partial_k k_{ab} - 2k_{k(a} \partial_b) m^k) + \Omega \varsigma_{-ij} \quad (37)$$

5. check the accuracy

- If bad, then go back to the step 2. Integrate equations using the obtained $\nu_+(\Delta x^+)$ and $\varsigma_+(\Delta x^+)$ together with $\nu_+(0)$ and $\varsigma_+(0)$ with their linear interpolations.
- If good, then fix the values $\nu_+(\Delta x^+)$ and $\varsigma_+(\Delta x^+)$ and go to the step 2 for the integration from Δx^+ to $2\Delta x^+$.

4 Schwarzschild metric as an example

We are using the metric with the form

$$ds^2 = \Omega^{-2} k_{ij} (dx^i + p^i dx^+ + m^i dx^-) (dx^j + p^j dx^+ + m^j dx^-) - 2e^{-f} dx^+ dx^- \quad (38)$$

Schwarzschild metric is

$$ds^2 = -(1 - \frac{2m}{r}) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2m}{r}} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \quad (39a)$$

$$= (1 - \frac{2m}{r}) [-dt^2 + dr_*^2] + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \quad (39b)$$

$$= -(1 - \frac{2m}{r}) 2dudv + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \quad (39c)$$

where

$$r_* = r + 2m \ln\left(\frac{r}{2m} - 1\right), \quad \frac{dr}{dr_*} = 1 - \frac{2m}{r} \quad (40)$$

and

$$u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(t - r_*), \quad v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(t + r_*). \quad (41)$$

Immediately we obtain

$$\Omega = r^{-1} \quad (42a)$$

$$k_{ij} = \text{diag}(1, \sin^2 \theta) \quad (42b)$$

$$f = -\ln\left(1 - \frac{2m}{r}\right) \quad (42c)$$

$$m^i = p^i = 0 \quad (42d)$$

Take $\partial_+ = \partial_v, \partial_- = \partial_u$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{\pm} &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{r} \left(1 - \frac{2m}{r}\right) \quad \text{that is} \\ \vartheta_{\pm} &= \pm \sqrt{2} \left(1 - \frac{2m}{r}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (43a)$$

$$\nu_{\pm} = \mp \sqrt{2} \frac{m}{r^2} \quad (43b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\pm ab} &= -\theta_{\pm} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{that is} \\ \varsigma_{\pm ab} &= -\Omega \theta_{\pm} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (43c)$$

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