

# Modifying the theory of gravity by changing independent variables

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# Outline

- modified gravity  $\implies$  unified theory of gravity and electromagnetism;
- addition of matter:
  - \* classical point-like particle;
  - \* scalar field;
  - \* spinor field.

# Introduction

General Relativity - current description of gravity in modern physics

Consider modified gravity:

- presence of torsion:  $S_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} = \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\alpha} \neq 0$ ;
- metric and connection are independent variables (Palatini Formalism):  
 $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\rho} \neq \frac{1}{2}g^{\alpha\rho}(\partial_{\nu}g_{\alpha\mu} + \partial_{\mu}g_{\nu\alpha} - \partial_{\alpha}g_{\nu\mu})$ .

## Gravity field equations without matter

The Einstein-Hilbert action:

$$S_1 = -\frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma), \quad (1)$$

where  $\kappa$  is Einstein's constant,  $R_{\mu\nu}$  is Ricci tensor,  $g \equiv \det g_{\mu\nu}$ .

How this action related to  $\bar{S}_1 = -\frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \bar{R}_{\mu\nu}(\bar{\Gamma}(g))$ ?

$\bar{X}$  – Riemannian object.

## Relation $S_1$ and $\bar{S}_1$

Introduce

$$\hat{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} = \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} - \bar{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} \longrightarrow R^{\mu}{}_{\nu\alpha\beta} = \bar{R}^{\mu}{}_{\nu\alpha\beta} + [\bar{D}_{\alpha}\hat{\Gamma}_{\beta\nu}^{\mu}]_{\alpha\beta} + [\hat{\Gamma}_{\alpha\xi}^{\mu}\hat{\Gamma}_{\beta\nu}^{\xi}]_{\alpha\beta}, \quad (2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= -\frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (g^{\mu\nu} \bar{R}_{\mu\nu} + \hat{\Gamma}_{\mu\xi}^{\mu} \hat{\Gamma}_{\beta\alpha}^{\xi} g^{\beta\alpha} - \hat{\Gamma}_{\beta\xi}^{\mu} \hat{\Gamma}_{\mu\alpha}^{\xi} g^{\alpha\beta}) = \\ &= \bar{S}_1 - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \hat{\Gamma}_{\alpha\gamma}^{\mu} \hat{\Gamma}_{\beta\nu}^{\delta} L_{\mu}{}^{\alpha\gamma, \delta\beta\nu}}_{\check{S}_1}, \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$L_{\mu}{}^{\alpha\gamma, \delta\beta\nu} = \delta_{\delta}^{\gamma} \delta_{\mu}^{\alpha} g^{\beta\nu} - \delta_{\delta}^{\gamma} \delta_{\mu}^{\beta} g^{\alpha\nu} + \delta_{\delta}^{\beta} \delta_{\mu}^{\nu} g^{\alpha\gamma} - \delta_{\delta}^{\alpha} \delta_{\mu}^{\nu} g^{\gamma\beta} \quad (4)$$

# Transformation of $\check{S}_1$

$$\check{S}_1 = \frac{1}{4\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \hat{\Gamma}_{\alpha\gamma}^{\mu} \hat{\Gamma}_{\beta\nu}^{\delta} L_{\mu}^{\alpha\gamma, \delta\beta\nu} \quad (5)$$

Split  $\hat{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha}$ :

$$\hat{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} = \underbrace{\tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha}}_{\tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\alpha}^{\alpha}=0} + \frac{1}{4} \underbrace{\hat{B}_{\mu} \delta_{\nu}^{\alpha}}_{\hat{B}_{\mu} = \hat{\Gamma}_{\mu\alpha}^{\alpha}}. \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \check{S}_1 = \frac{1}{4\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\alpha\gamma}^{\mu} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\beta\nu}^{\delta} L_{\mu}^{\alpha\gamma, \delta\beta\nu}$$

# Equations of motion

## Total action

$$S_1 = \bar{S}_1 + \check{S}_1 = -\frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \bar{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\alpha\gamma}^{\mu} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\beta\nu}^{\delta} L_{\mu}^{\alpha\gamma, \delta\beta\nu}$$

Independent variables:  $g_{\mu\nu}; \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} \longrightarrow \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha}, \hat{B}_{\mu}$ .

- \*  $\delta \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} : \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} = 0;$
- \*  $\delta \hat{B}_{\mu} : \hat{B}_{\mu}$  is missing out from action;
- \*  $\delta g_{\mu\nu} : \bar{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \bar{R} g_{\mu\nu} = 0.$

Therefore, full equivalence to the GR.

## Field $\hat{B}_\mu$

Consider  $R^\mu_{\mu\alpha\beta}$ :

$$R^\mu_{\mu\alpha\beta} = [\partial_\alpha \Gamma^\mu_{\beta\mu}]_{\alpha\beta} = [\partial_\alpha \hat{\Gamma}^\mu_{\beta\mu}]_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\alpha \hat{B}_\beta - \partial_\beta \hat{B}_\alpha. \quad (7)$$

Construct an additional action:

$$S_2 = -\theta \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R^\mu_{\mu\alpha\beta} R^\nu_{\nu\rho\sigma} g^{\alpha\rho} g^{\beta\sigma}, \quad (8)$$

So,  $\delta \hat{B}$ :  $\bar{D}_\alpha (\partial_\mu \hat{B}_\nu - \partial_\nu \hat{B}_\mu) = 0$ .

Under U(1) transformation:  $\hat{B}_\mu \mapsto \hat{B}_\mu - \partial_\mu \alpha$ .

$\hat{B}$  - like an electromagnetic potential!



## Point-like particle

$$S_m + S_3 = -m \int d\tau \sqrt{\dot{x}^\mu(\tau)\dot{x}^\nu(\tau)g_{\mu\nu}(x(\tau))} - q \int d\tau \dot{x}^\mu(\tau)\hat{B}_\mu(x(\tau)), \quad (9)$$

## Equations of motion

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^\alpha = 0; \\ \bar{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\bar{R}g_{\mu\nu} = \kappa(T_{1\mu\nu} + T_{2\mu\nu}); \\ \bar{D}_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = 4\pi j^\nu; \\ mu^\mu \bar{D}_\mu u^\alpha = -qu_\xi F^{\xi\alpha}, \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \longrightarrow \text{gravity} \\ + \text{electrodynamic} \end{array}$$

where  $F_{\mu\nu} \equiv R^\alpha_{\ \alpha\mu\nu}$ ,  $j^\nu = q \int ds u^\nu \delta(x - x(s)) \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}}$ ,

$$T_{1\mu\nu} + T_{2\mu\nu} = \rho_m u_\mu u_\nu - \frac{1}{4\pi} (F_{\mu\alpha} F_\nu^\alpha - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F^{\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta}),$$

$$\rho_m = m \int ds \delta(x - x(s)) \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}}, \quad u^\mu = \dot{x}^\mu \frac{1}{\sqrt{\dot{x}^\alpha \dot{x}^\beta g_{\alpha\beta}}}.$$

## Matter field

Scalar field  $\varphi$ :Instead of  $S_m + S_3 \rightarrow S_\varphi$ :

$$S_\varphi = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} ((\partial_\mu + i\hat{B}_\mu)\varphi)^* (\partial_\nu + i\hat{B}_\nu)\varphi g^{\mu\nu}. \quad (10)$$

Total action:

$$S = -\frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \bar{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\alpha\gamma}^\mu \tilde{\Gamma}_{\beta\nu}^\delta L_\mu^{\alpha\gamma, \delta\beta\nu} - \theta \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R^\mu_{\mu\alpha\beta} R^\nu_{\nu\rho\sigma} g^{\alpha\rho} g^{\beta\sigma} + S_\varphi \quad (11)$$

Dirac spinor field  $\Psi$ 

Metric  $g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow$  tetrad  $e_{\mu}^a$ :  $g_{\mu\nu} = e_{\mu}^a e_{\nu}^b \eta_{ab}$ ;

$$\bar{D}_{\mu} e_{\nu}^a = \partial_{\mu} e_{\nu}^a - \bar{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} e_{\alpha}^a + \bar{\omega}_{\mu}{}^a{}_b e_{\nu}^b = 0 \rightarrow \bar{\omega}_{\mu}{}^a{}_b = \bar{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} e_{\alpha}^a e_b^{\nu} - e_b^{\nu} \partial_{\mu} e_{\nu}^a.$$

$$S_{\Psi} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \bar{\Psi} \gamma^c e_c^{\mu} (\partial_{\mu} + \bar{\omega}_{\mu ab} [\gamma^a, \gamma^b] + i \hat{B}_{\mu}) \Psi, \quad (12)$$

Total action:

$$S = -\frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \bar{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\alpha\gamma}^{\mu} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\beta\nu}^{\delta} L_{\mu}{}^{\alpha\gamma, \delta\beta\nu} - \theta \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R^{\mu}{}_{\mu\alpha\beta} R^{\nu}{}_{\nu\rho\sigma} g^{\alpha\rho} g^{\beta\sigma} + S_{\Psi} \quad (13)$$

Generalization to  $GL(2, C)$ 

Wheeler spinor  $\chi^A$  and  $(\chi^A)^* \equiv \chi^{\dot{A}}$ :

$$e_a^\mu \longrightarrow e_{A\dot{B}}^\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sigma_{AB}^a e_a^\mu; \quad (14)$$

$$(e_{A\dot{B}}^\mu)^* = e_{B\dot{A}}^\mu. \quad (15)$$

$$S_\chi = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (i\chi^{\dot{A}} e_{B\dot{A}}^\mu D_\mu \chi^B - i\chi^A e_{A\dot{B}}^\mu D_\mu \chi^{\dot{B}}), \quad (16)$$

where  $D_\mu \chi^B = (\delta_C^A \partial_\mu + \omega_\mu^A C) \chi^C$ .

## Constructing metric

$$\varepsilon_{AB} \longrightarrow E_{AB}(x) = \varphi(x) \varepsilon_{AB}, \quad (17)$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = e_\mu^{A\dot{B}} e_\nu^{C\dot{D}} \varepsilon_{AC} \varepsilon_{\dot{B}\dot{D}} \longrightarrow g_{\mu\nu} = e_\mu^{A\dot{B}} e_\nu^{C\dot{D}} E_{AC} E_{\dot{B}\dot{D}}. \quad (18)$$

# Generalization to $GL(2, C)$

$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\alpha$  is not independent variable:

$$D_\mu e_\nu^{A\dot{B}} = \partial_\mu e_\nu^{A\dot{B}} - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\sigma e_\sigma^{A\dot{B}} + \omega_\mu^A{}_C e_\nu^{C\dot{B}} + \omega_\mu^{\dot{B}}{}_{\dot{D}} e_\nu^{A\dot{D}} = 0 \quad (19)$$

$$\longrightarrow \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\alpha = e_{A\dot{B}}^\alpha (\partial_\mu e_\nu^{A\dot{B}} + \omega_\mu^A{}_C e_\nu^{C\dot{B}} + \omega_\mu^{\dot{B}}{}_{\dot{D}} e_\nu^{A\dot{D}}) \quad (20)$$

Split connection:

$$\omega_\mu^A{}_B = \underbrace{\tilde{\omega}_\mu^A{}_B}_{\tilde{\omega}_\mu^A{}_A=0} + \frac{1}{2}(iA_\mu + B_\mu)\delta_B^A \quad (21)$$

Change variables

$$e_\mu^{A\dot{B}} \longrightarrow \tilde{e}_\mu^{A\dot{B}} = e_\mu^{A\dot{B}}|\varphi|; \quad \chi^A \longrightarrow \tilde{\chi}^A = \chi^A\sqrt{|\varphi|}$$

Introduce  $\hat{\omega}_\mu{}^A{}_B$ :

$$\hat{\omega}_\mu{}^A{}_B = \omega_\mu{}^A{}_B - \bar{\omega}_\mu{}^A{}_B \quad (22)$$

Define Riemannian connection  $\bar{\omega}_\mu{}^A{}_B$ :

$$\partial_\mu \tilde{e}_\nu{}^{A\dot{B}} - \bar{\Gamma}^\alpha_{\mu\nu} \tilde{e}_\alpha{}^{A\dot{B}} + \bar{\omega}_\mu{}^{\dot{A}}{}_{\dot{C}} \tilde{e}_\nu{}^{B\dot{C}} + \bar{\omega}_\mu{}^B{}_D \tilde{e}_\nu{}^{D\dot{A}} = 0 \quad (23)$$

So, rewrite connection:

$$\omega_\mu{}^A{}_B = \bar{\omega}_\mu{}^A{}_B + \hat{\omega}_\mu{}^A{}_B + \frac{1}{2}(iA_\mu + B_\mu)\delta_B^A; \quad (24)$$

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\alpha\mu\nu} = 2\text{Re}(\hat{\omega}_{\mu BD} \tilde{e}_\alpha{}^{B\dot{C}} \tilde{e}_\nu{}^{D\dot{A}} E_{\dot{A}\dot{C}}). \quad (25)$$

Independent variables:  $\tilde{e}_\mu{}^{A\dot{B}}; \tilde{\chi}^A; \omega_\mu{}^A{}_B \longrightarrow \tilde{\Gamma}_{\alpha\mu\nu}, B_\mu, A_\mu$

Instead of  $-\theta \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R^\mu{}_{\mu\alpha\beta} R^\nu{}_{\nu\rho\sigma} g^{\alpha\rho} g^{\beta\sigma}$ :

$$S_2 = -\theta \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\alpha\mu} g^{\beta\nu} F^A{}_{A\alpha\beta} F^B{}_{B\mu\nu}, \quad (26)$$

where  $F^A{}_{B\mu\nu} = [\partial_\mu \omega_\nu^A{}_B + \omega_\mu^A{}_C \omega_\nu^C{}_B]_{\mu\nu}$

Total action

$$\begin{aligned} S = & -\frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \bar{R}_{\mu\nu} - \\ & -\theta \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\alpha\rho} g^{\beta\sigma} ((\partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha)(\partial_\rho A_\sigma - \partial_\sigma A_\rho) + \\ & + (\partial_\alpha B_\beta - \partial_\beta B_\alpha)(\partial_\rho B_\sigma - \partial_\sigma B_\rho)) + \\ & + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (\tilde{\chi}^{\dot{A}} i \tilde{e}_{BA}^\mu (\delta_C^B \partial_\mu + \bar{\omega}_\mu^B{}_C + i A_\mu \delta_C^B) \tilde{\chi}^C + h.c.) - \\ & -\frac{1}{4\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\alpha\gamma} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\delta\beta\nu} L^{\mu\alpha\gamma, \delta\beta\nu} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} E_{\beta\alpha\nu\mu} \tilde{\Gamma}^{\alpha\nu\mu} \tilde{\chi}^{\dot{A}} \tilde{e}_{BA}^\beta \tilde{\chi}^B \end{aligned}$$

Variation  $\delta\tilde{\Gamma}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\alpha\gamma} &= CL_{\mu\alpha\gamma,\delta\beta\nu} E^{\sigma\delta\beta\nu} j_\sigma \implies \\
 S_{ad} &= \frac{1}{4\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\alpha\gamma} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\delta\beta\nu} L^{\mu\alpha\gamma,\delta\beta\nu} + \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} E_{\beta\alpha\nu\mu} \tilde{\Gamma}^{\alpha\nu\mu} \underbrace{\tilde{\chi}^{\dot{A}} \tilde{e}_{BA}^\beta \tilde{\chi}^B}_{j^\beta} = \\
 &= \beta \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} j^\alpha j^\beta g_{\alpha\beta}, \quad (27)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$j^\alpha j^\beta g_{\alpha\beta} = \tilde{\chi}^{\dot{A}} \tilde{e}_{BA}^\alpha \tilde{\chi}^B \tilde{\chi}^{\dot{C}} \tilde{e}_{DC}^\beta \tilde{\chi}^D g_{\alpha\beta} = \tilde{\chi}^{\dot{A}} \tilde{\chi}^B \tilde{\chi}^{\dot{C}} \tilde{\chi}^D \epsilon_{BD} \epsilon_{\dot{A}\dot{C}} = 0 \quad (28)$$



Final action:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S = & -\frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \bar{R}_{\mu\nu} - \\
 & -\theta \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\alpha\rho} g^{\beta\sigma} ((\partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha)(\partial_\rho A_\sigma - \partial_\sigma A_\rho) + \\
 & \quad + (\partial_\alpha B_\beta - \partial_\beta B_\alpha)(\partial_\rho B_\sigma - \partial_\sigma B_\rho)) + \\
 & + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (\tilde{\chi}^{\dot{A}} i \tilde{e}^{\mu}_{B\dot{A}} (\delta_C^B \partial_\mu + \bar{\omega}_\mu{}^B{}_C + i A_\mu \delta_C^B) \tilde{\chi}^C + h.c.) \quad (29)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, this is a standard action to the Einstein-Dirac-Maxwell theory. Electromagnetic potential  $A_\mu$  is a component of imaginary trace of connection.

# Properties of $L_{\mu}^{\alpha\gamma, \delta}{}^{\beta\nu}$

$$L_{\mu}^{\alpha\gamma, \delta}{}^{\beta\nu} = \delta_{\delta}^{\gamma} \delta_{\mu}^{\alpha} g^{\beta\nu} - \delta_{\delta}^{\gamma} \delta_{\mu}^{\beta} g^{\alpha\nu} + \delta_{\delta}^{\beta} \delta_{\mu}^{\nu} g^{\alpha\gamma} - \delta_{\delta}^{\alpha} \delta_{\mu}^{\nu} g^{\gamma\beta}$$

- $64 \times 64$  matrix;
- symmetric:  $L^{IK} = L^{KI}$ ,  $I \equiv \{\mu^{\alpha\gamma}\}$ ;
- 4-dimensional zero proper subspace:  $L_{\mu}^{\alpha\mu, \delta}{}^{\beta\nu} = 0$ ;
- $\longrightarrow$  rank 60.