

A new Energy-Momentum Pseudotensor in General Relativity

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Abstract. We show the existence of a pseudotensor \hat{t}_r^i with the property $\left[g(\hat{t}_r^i + T_r^i) \right]_{,i} = 0$ for the Einstein theory of the gravitation.

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Pseudotensors are not covariant objects because they inherently depend on the reference frame, and by their very nature cannot provide a genuine physical local gravitational energy-momentum density [1-7]. Examples of pseudotensors \hat{t}^{ri} in general relativity satisfying the following conservation law:

$$\left[(-g)^{\frac{n}{2}} (\hat{t}^{ri} + T^{ri}) \right]_{,i} = 0 \quad (1)$$

for $n=1$ and $n=2$ are the complexes of Stachel [8] and Landau-Lifshitz [3,9-11], respectively. On the other hand, Einstein [4,10,12] and Möller [13-16] published pseudotensors verifying the continuity equation:

$$\left[(-g)^{\frac{n}{2}} (\hat{t}_r^i + T_r^i) \right]_{,i} = 0 \quad (2)$$

for $n=1$. Our contribution is to exhibit a complex with the property (2) when $n=2$; in fact, its expression is given by:

$$\hat{t}_r^i = \hat{t}_r^i \Big|_M + \frac{1}{8\pi\sqrt{-g}} \left[\left(\sqrt{-g}_{,jk} - \sqrt{-g}_{,c} \Gamma^c{}_{jk} \right) g_{kr} + \sqrt{-g}_{,k} \Gamma_{krj} + \sqrt{-g}_{,j} \Gamma_{krk} \right] g^{jk} g^{jk} - g^{jk} g^{jk} \quad (3)$$

being $\hat{t}_r^i \Big|_M$ the Möller's pseudotensor. In other paper we will elaborate applications of (3) for metrics of interest in general relativity.

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