1 Kerr-Newman spacetime

This notebook demonstrates a few capabilities of SageMath in computations regarding Kerr-Newman spacetime. The corresponding tools have been developed within the SageManifolds project.

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\textit{NB:} a version of SageMath at least equal to 9.1 is required to run this notebook:

```python
[1]: version()
[1]: 'SageMath version 9.2.beta13, Release Date: 2020-09-21'
```

First we set up the notebook to display mathematical objects using LaTeX rendering:

```python
[2]: %display latex
```

and we initialize a time counter for benchmarking:

```python
[3]: import time
    time0 = time.perf_counter()
```

Since some computations are quite heavy, we ask for running them in parallel on 8 threads:

```python
[4]: Parallelism().set(nproc=8)
```

1.1 Spacetime manifold

We declare the Kerr-Newman spacetime (or more precisely the part of it covered by Boyer-Lindquist coordinates) as a 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold $M$:

```python
[5]: M = Manifold(4, 'M', latex_name=r'\mathcal{M}', structure='Lorentzian')
```

We then introduce the standard Boyer-Lindquist coordinates as a chart $\text{BL}$ (for Boyer-Lindquist) on $M$, via the method \texttt{chart()}, the argument of which is a string (delimited by r"..." because of the backslash symbols) expressing the coordinates names, their ranges (the default is $(-\infty, +\infty)$) and their LaTeX symbols:
The component

\[ g = \textit{M}.\text{metric()} \]

The metric is defined by its components in the coordinate frame associated with
Boyer-Lindquist coordinates, which is the current manifold’s default frame:

\[ r^2 + (a \cos(\theta))^2 \]

\[ \Delta = r^2 - 2mr + a^2 + q^2 \]

\[ g[0, 0] = -1 + (2m - 2q^2)/\rho^2 \]

\[ g[0, 3] = -a \sin(\theta)(\Delta + 2m - 2q^2)/\rho^2 \]

\[ g[1, 1], g[2, 2] = \rho^2/\Delta, \rho^2 \]

\[ g[3, 3] = (r^2 + a^2 + (2m^2 - 2q^2)(a \sin(\theta))^2)/\rho^2 \]

\[ g = \textit{M}.\text{metric()} \]

The list of the non-vanishing components:

\[ g_{tt} = -\frac{a^2 - 2mr}{a^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + r^2} - 1 \]

\[ g_{t\phi} = \frac{(q^2 - 2mr)a \sin(\theta)^2}{a^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + r^2} \]

\[ g_{rr} = \frac{a^2 + q^2 - 2m + r^2}{a^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + r^2} \]

\[ g_{\theta\theta} = a^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + r^2 \]

\[ g_{\phi\phi} = -\frac{(q^2 - 2mr)a^2 \sin(\theta)^2}{a^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + r^2} - a^2 - r^2 \sin(\theta)^2 \]

The component \( g^{tt} \) of the inverse metric:
The lapse function:

\[ N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-(g_{\text{inverse}}[[0,0]])}} \]

Scalar field on the 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold \( M \)

\[ N.\text{display()} \]

\[ M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \]

\( (t, r, \theta, \phi) \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{a^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + r^2 \sqrt{a^2 + q^2 - 2mr + r^2}}}{\sqrt{a^2 + q^2 + r^2 + (a^2 + q^2 - 2a^2mr + a^2r^2)\sin(\theta)^2}} \]

Electromagnetic field tensor

Let us first introduce the 1-form basis associated with Boyer-Lindquist coordinates:

\[ (\mathcal{M}, (dt, dr, d\theta, d\phi)) \]

The electromagnetic field tensor \( F \) is formed as [cf. e.g. Eq. (33.5) of Misner, Thorne & Wheeler (1973)]

\[ F = q/\rho^2 \times (r^2 - a^2 \cos(\theta)^2) \times \text{dB}[1].\text{wedge( dB[0] - a*\sin(\theta)^2* dB[3] - dB[0] )} + \]

\[ 2q/\rho^2 \times a*r*\cos(\theta)*\sin(\theta)* dB[2].\text{wedge( (r^2+a^2)* dB[3] - a* dB[0] )} \]

\[ F.\text{set_name('F')} \]

\[ F.\text{display()} \]

\[ F = \left( \frac{a^2q \cos(\theta)^2 - qr^2}{a^4 \cos(\theta)^4 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + r^4} \right) dt \wedge dr + \left( \frac{2a^2qr \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta)}{a^4 \cos(\theta)^4 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + r^4} \right) dt \wedge d\theta + \]

\[ \left( \frac{a^3q \cos(\theta)^2 - aqr^2}{a^4 \cos(\theta)^4 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + r^4} \right) dr \wedge d\phi + \left( \frac{2(a^3qr + aq^3) \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta)}{a^4 \cos(\theta)^4 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + r^4} \right) d\theta \wedge d\phi \]

The list of non-vanishing components:

\[ F.\text{display_comp()} \]
Let us verify that the covariant derivative of the Levi-Civita connection $\nabla_g$ associated with the Lorentzian metric $g$ on the manifold $M$ vanishes identically:

\[
\begin{align*}
F_{tr} &= \frac{a^2q \cos(t) - qr^2}{a^4 \cos(t)^2 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4} \\
F_{t\theta} &= \frac{a^4 \cos(t)^4 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4}{2a^2q \cos(t) \sin(t)} \\
F_{r\theta} &= \frac{-a^4 \cos(t)^4 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4}{a^2q \cos(t)^2 - qr^2} \\
F_{t\phi} &= \frac{-a^4 \cos(t)^4 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4}{(a^4 \cos(t)^2 - qr^2) \sin(t)^2} \\
F_{\phi\theta} &= \frac{-a^4 \cos(t)^4 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4}{a^4 \cos(t)^2 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4} \\
F_{\phi r} &= \frac{-a^4 \cos(t)^4 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4}{(a^4 \cos(t)^2 - qr^2) \sin(t)^2} \\
F_{\phi\phi} &= \frac{-a^4 \cos(t)^4 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4}{a^4 \cos(t)^2 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4} \\
\end{align*}
\]

The Hodge dual of $F$:

\[
\begin{align*}
\star F &= \frac{2a^2q \sqrt{\cos(t) + 1} \sqrt{\cos(t) + 1} \cos(t)}{(a^4 \cos(t)^2 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4) \sin(t)} \; dt \wedge dr + \left( \frac{(a^4 \cos(t)^2 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4) \sqrt{\cos(t) + 1} \sqrt{\cos(t) + 1}}{a^4 \cos(t)^2 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4} \right) \; dt \wedge d\theta + \frac{2a^2q \sqrt{\cos(t) + 1} \sqrt{\cos(t) + 1} \cos(t)}{(a^4 \cos(t)^2 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4) \sin(t)} \; dr \wedge d\phi + \left( \frac{(a^4 \cos(t)^2 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4) \sqrt{\cos(t) + 1} \sqrt{\cos(t) + 1}}{a^4 \cos(t)^2 + 2a^2r^2 \cos(t)^2 + r^4} \right) \; d\theta \wedge d\phi.
\end{align*}
\]

Maxwell equations

Let us check that $F$ obeys the two (source-free) Maxwell equations:

\[
\begin{align*}
F &= 0 \\
\star F &= 0
\end{align*}
\]

Levi-Civita Connection

The Levi-Civita connection $\nabla$ associated with $g$:

\[
\begin{align*}
nabla = g.\text{connection}() \\
\text{print}(\text{nabla})
\end{align*}
\]

Levi-Civita connection $\nabla_g$ associated with the Lorentzian metric $g$ on the 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold $M$ lets us verify that the covariant derivative of $g$ with respect to $\nabla$ vanishes identically:

\[
\begin{align*}
nabla(g) &= 0 \\
\text{True}
\end{align*}
\]
Another view of the above property:

$$\nabla_g g = 0$$

The nonzero Christoffel symbols (skipping those that can be deduced by symmetry of the last two indices):

$$\Gamma^t_{rr} = \frac{a^4 m + a^2 q^2 r + q^4 r^3 - m r^4 - (a^4 m + a^2 q^2 r + q^4 r^3) \sin(\theta)^2}{2 m r^5 - r^6 \left( (a^6 + a^4 q^2 r - 2 a^4 m + a^4 r^2) \cos(\theta)^4 + 2 (2 a^2 m r^3 + a^2 r^4 - (a^4 + a^2 q^2 r) r^2) \cos(\theta)^2 \right)}$$

$$\Gamma^t_{r\theta} = \frac{a^4 \cos(\theta)^4 + 2 a^2 r^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + r^4}{a^4 q^4 r^4 + a^2 m + a^2 q^2 - 2 a^2 m r + a^2 m^2}$$

$$\Gamma^t_{r\phi} = \frac{a^4 \cos(\theta)^4 + 3 a^2 r^4 \cos(\theta)^4 + 3 a^2 r^4 \cos(\theta)^4 \sin(\theta)^2}{a^4 \cos(\theta)^4 + 3 a^2 r^4 \cos(\theta)^4 \sin(\theta)^2 + r^6}$$

$$\Gamma^\phi_{rr} = \frac{(a^2 q^2 - a^2 m r + a^2 m^2 \cos(\theta)^4 + 3 a^2 r^4 \cos(\theta)^4 \sin(\theta)^2) \sin(\theta)^2}{a^2 \cos(\theta)^4 + r^2}$$

$$\Gamma^\phi_{r\theta} = \frac{2 a^2 \cos(\theta)^4 + r^2}{a^2 \cos(\theta)^4}$$

$$\Gamma^\phi_{r\phi} = \frac{(a^2 q^2 - a^2 m r + a^2 m^2 \cos(\theta)^4 + 3 a^2 r^4 \cos(\theta)^4 \sin(\theta)^2) \sin(\theta)^2}{a^2 \cos(\theta)^4 + 3 a^2 r^4 \cos(\theta)^4 \sin(\theta)^2 + r^6}$$

Killing vectors

The default vector frame on the spacetime manifold is the coordinate basis associated with Boyer-Lindquist coordinates:

$$\text{M.default_frame()} \text{ is BL.frame()}$$

[22]: nabla(g).display()

[23]: g.christoffel_symbols_display()

[24]: M.default_frame() is BL.frame()
Similarly, let us check that

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}
\]

is a Killing vector:

\[
\chi = \text{BL.frame()}[3] ; \chi
\]
Another way to check that $\xi$ and $\chi$ are Killing vectors is the vanishing of the Lie derivative of the metric tensor along them:

Field of symmetric bilinear forms $\text{Ric}(g)$ on the 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold $M$

Let us check that in the Kerr case, i.e. when $q = 0$, the Ricci tensor is zero:
The Riemann curvature tensor associated with $g$:

\[
R = g.\text{riemann()}
\]

print(R)

Tensor field Riem($g$) of type (1,3) on the 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold $M$.

The component $R^{0}_{101}$ of the Riemann tensor is

\[
R_{[0,1,0,1]}.
\]

while in the non-rotating limit (Reissner-Nordström spacetime), it is

\[
R_{[0,1,0,1]}.
\]

In the Schwarzschild limit, it reduces to

\[
R_{[0,1,0,1]}.
\]

Obviously, it vanishes in the flat space limit:

\[
R_{[0,1,0,1]}.
\]

Bianchi identity

Let us check the Bianchi identity $\nabla_{p}R^{l}_{ijkl} + \nabla_{k}R^{l}_{jp} + \nabla_{j}R^{l}_{pk} = 0$:

\[
\text{DR} = \text{nabla}(R) \quad \# \text{long (takes a while)}
\]

print(DR)
Tensor field nabla_g(Riem(g)) of type (1,4) on the 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold M

```python
[46]: for i in M.irange():
    for j in M.irange():
        for k in M.irange():
            for l in M.irange():
                for p in M.irange():
                    print(DR[i,j,k,l,p] + DR[i,j,l,p,k] + DR[i,j,p,k,l], end=' ')
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If the last sign in the Bianchi identity is changed to minus, the identity does no longer hold:

```python
[47]: DR[0,1,2,3,1] + DR[0,1,3,1,2] + DR[0,1,1,2,3]  # should be zero (Bianchi identity)
```

```
0
```

```python
[48]: DR[0,1,2,3,1] + DR[0,1,3,1,2] - DR[0,1,1,2,3]  # note the change of the second + to -
```

```
0
```
1.1.1 Ricci scalar

The Ricci scalar \( R = g^{ab}R_{ab} \) of the Kerr-Newman spacetime vanishes identically:

\[
4 \left( (a^5q^2 - 6a^5mr + a^3q^2r^2 - 6a^3mr^3 + 5aq^2r^4 - 6amr^5) \cos(\theta) \right) \sin(\theta) - 2mr^7 - r^8 - (a^2 + q^4)r^6 - (a^2 + a^4q^2 - 2a^6mr + a^6r^2) \cos(\theta) + 3(a^4mr^3 - a^2r^4 - (a^2 + a^4q^2)r^2) \cos(\theta) + 3(2a^2mr^6 - a^2r^6 - (a^4 + a^2q^2)r^4) \cos(\theta)^2
\]

\[
2mr^7 - r^8 - (a^2 + q^4)r^6 - (a^2 + a^4q^2 - 2a^6mr + a^6r^2) \cos(\theta) + 3(a^4mr^3 - a^2r^4 - (a^2 + a^4q^2)r^2) \cos(\theta) + 3(2a^2mr^6 - a^2r^6 - (a^4 + a^2q^2)r^4) \cos(\theta)^2
\]

The invariant \( F_{ab}F^{ab} \) of the electromagnetic field:

\[
F_{\mu
u} = F_{\uparrow\downarrow}(g)
\]

\[
F^2 = F_{\uparrow\downarrow'}*F_{\mu\nu}^\downarrow\downarrow' \quad \text{print}(F^2)
\]

Scalar field on the 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold \( M \)

The energy-momentum tensor of the electromagnetic field:

\[
T = 1/(4*pi)*F_{\uparrow\downarrow'}*F_{\mu\nu}^\downarrow\downarrow' - 1/4*F^2 * g \quad \text{print}(T)
\]

Tensor field of type (0,2) on the 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold \( M \)
Check of the Einstein equation:

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{a^2 q^2 \cos(\theta)^2 - 2 a^2 q^2 - q^4 + 2 m q^2 r - q^2 r^2}{8 (\pi a^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + 3 \pi a^2 r^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + 3 \pi a^2 r^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + \pi r^2)}
& 0 \\
0 & \frac{q^2}{8 (2 m r^3 - \pi r^4 - (\pi a^2 + \pi q^2) r^2 - (\pi a^2 + \pi q^2) r^2 - (\pi a^2 + \pi a^2 q^2 - 2 \pi a^2 m r + \pi a^2 r^2) \cos(\theta)^2)}
\end{pmatrix}
\]

1.1.2 Kretschmann scalar

The tensor \( R^\phi \), of components \( R_{abcd} = g_{am} R^m_{\ bcd} \):

\[
\text{dR} = \text{R.\ down}(g)
\]

\[
\text{print}(\text{dR})
\]

Tensor field of type \((0,4)\) on the 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold \( M \)

The tensor \( R^i \), of components \( R^{abcd} = g^{bp} g^{cq} g^{dr} R^a_{\ pqr} \):

\[
\text{uR} = \text{R.\ up}(g)
\]

\[
\text{print}(\text{uR})
\]

Tensor field of type \((4,0)\) on the 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold \( M \)

The Kretschmann scalar \( K := R^{abcd} R_{abcd} \):

\[
\text{Kr\_scalar} = \text{uR}[\sim\text{i j k l}] * \text{dR}_[\sim\text{i j k l}]
\]

\[
\text{Kr\_scalar.\ display()}
\]

\[
\map{\mathcal{M}}{(t, r, \theta, \phi)}{\mathbb{R}}
\]

A variant of this expression can be obtained by invoking the factor() method on the coordinate function representing the scalar field in the manifold's default chart:

\[
\text{Kr} = \text{Kr\_scalar.\ coord\_function()}
\]

\[
\text{Kr.\ factor()}
\]

\[
\frac{8 (6 a^2 m^2 \cos(\theta)^2 - 7 a^4 q^4 \cos(\theta)^4 + 60 a^4 m q^2 r \cos(\theta)^4 - 90 a^4 m^2 r^2 \cos(\theta)^4 + 34 a^2 q^4 r^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + 120 a^2 m q^2 r^3 \cos(\theta)^2 + 90 a^2 m^2 r^4 \cos(\theta)^2 - 7 q^4 r^4 + 12 a^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + 12 r^2 + 2} {a^2 \cos(\theta)^2 + r^2}
\]

As a check, we can compare \( \text{Kr} \) to the formula given by R. Conn Henry, Astrophys. J. 535, 350 (2000):
The Schwarzschild value of the Kretschmann scalar is recovered by setting $a = 0$ and $q = 0$:

\[
Kr = 8/(r^{2}+(a\cos(th))^{2})^{6} \times \\
\left( 6m^{2}(r^{6} - 15r^{4}(a\cos(th))^{2} + 15r^{2}(a\cos(th))^{4} - \\
(a\cos(th))^{6} \\
- 12m^{2}q^{2}r^{4} - 10(a\cos(th))^{2} + 5(a\cos(th))^{4} \\
+ q^{4}(7r^{4} - 34(a\cos(th))^{2} + 7(a\cos(th))^{4} \right)
\]

Let us plot the Kretschmann scalar for $m = 1$, $a = 0.9$ and $q = 0.5$:

\[
K1 = Kr\cdot expr().subs(m=1, a=0.9, q=0.5) \\
plot3d(K1, (r, 1, 3), (th, 0, pi), axes_labels=['r', 'theta', 'Kr'])
\]

Total elapsed time: 913.9951457749994 s