

# On eikonal and black hole entropy

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We formulate the eikonal equation in (3+1)-dimensional spherically symmetric curved space-time using Clebsch variables. We assume that the mass is the mass of a black hole and it is related to a black hole entropy through its area.

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The static spherically symmetric curved space-time (gravitational field) described by the Schwarzschild metric<sup>1</sup>, an interval, can be written as

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right) c^2 dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi \quad (1)$$

where  $r$  is the spatial (radial) coordinate, the distance from the centre of a mass of the massive body (such as a black hole, a massive star) to the points (these points have the same distance from the centre) where the Schwarzschild metric is being evaluated, and

$$r_s = \frac{2GM}{c^2} \quad (2)$$

is the Schwarzschild radius,  $M$  is the mass of the spherically symmetric body,  $G$  is the gravitational constant, and  $c$  is the speed of light in flat space-time. Equation (1) is also known as the Schwarzschild solution<sup>2</sup> (to Einstein field equation). The Schwarzschild solution holds outside the surface of the massive body that is producing the gravitational field, where there is no matter<sup>2</sup>.

In our previous work<sup>3</sup>, we found that the eikonal equation in (3+1)-dimensional spherically symmetric curved space-time can be written below

$$\left| \partial_\mu \left\{ \frac{c}{f_\theta} \int f \partial_\nu q f^* dx^\nu + ct \right\} \right| = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}\right)^{-1} \quad (3)$$

where  $f \partial_\nu q = \vec{A}_\nu$  is the  $U(1)$  gauge potential,  $f$ ,  $q$  are Clebsch variables,  $f^*$  is the conjugate complex of  $f$ , and  $f_\theta$  is angular frequency. Eq.(3) shows explicitly the relation between the mass of the spherically symmetric body that is producing the spherically symmetric gravitational field and the  $U(1)$  gauge potential which represents the existence of the light ray.

The relation between a black hole entropy and its area can be written as<sup>4</sup>

$$S_{bh} = \frac{\eta k A}{l_p^2} \quad (4)$$

where  $S_{bh}$  is the entropy of a black hole,  $A$  is the area of a black hole,  $k$  is the Boltzmann's constant,  $\eta$  is a constant

number of order unity,  $l_p$  is the Planck length

$$l_p = \left(\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}\right)^{1/2} \quad (5)$$

$\hbar = h/2\pi$ ,  $h$  is the Planck constant.

The surface area of a spherically symmetric black hole can be written as

$$A = 4\pi r_s^2 \quad (6)$$

By substituting eq.(2) to (6) we obtain

$$A = 4\pi \left(\frac{2GM}{c^2}\right)^2 \quad (7)$$

By substituting eq.(7) into (4), we obtain

$$S_{bh} = \frac{4\pi\eta k}{l_p^2} \left(\frac{2GM}{c^2}\right)^2 \quad (8)$$

By substituting (5) into (8), we obtain

$$S_{bh} = \frac{16\pi\eta k}{\hbar c} GM^2 \quad (9)$$

or

$$M = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{16\pi\eta k G} S_{bh}} \quad (10)$$

By substituting (10) into (2), we obtain

$$r_s = l_p \sqrt{\frac{S_{bh}}{4\pi\eta k}} \quad (11)$$

Eq.(11) relates the Schwarzschild radius to a black hole entropy.

If we replace eq.(2) with (11) then we can write eq.(3) as

$$\left| \partial_\mu \left\{ \frac{c}{f_\theta} \int f \partial_\nu q f^* dx^\nu + ct \right\} \right| = \left(1 - \frac{l_p}{r} \sqrt{\frac{S_{bh}}{4\pi\eta k}}\right)^{-1} \quad (12)$$

Eq.(12) is the eikonal equation that describes the light ray propagation in static spherically symmetric space-time with the distance  $r$  from the centre related to the entropy of a black hole. It relates the  $U(1)$  gauge potential to the entropy of a black hole. Does it mean that the  $U(1)$  gauge potential shares similar properties with the entropy?

If we take  $r = r_s$  then eqs.(1), (12) become

$$ds^2 = \infty \quad (13)$$

and

$$\left| \partial_\mu \left\{ \frac{c}{f_\theta} \int f \partial_\nu q f^* dx^\nu + ct \right\} \right| = \infty \quad (14)$$

respectively. Eqs.(13), (14) show us that there exist the

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