



On Spherically Symmetric Solutions of the Einstein-Maxwell Field Equations

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Abstract. In literature many solution of Einstein-Maxwell's equations have been found. We consider the spherically symmetric geometry and classify the solutions of Einstein-Maxwell's equations by considering the null/non-null electromagnetic field and isotropic/anisotropic matter with the help of Segre type of spherical symmetric spacetime.

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1 Introduction

A fundamental task of General Relativity is to find solutions of the Einstein field equations. In the literature, a number of solutions of these equations have been discussed [1]. The Mathematics Subject Classification MSC2010 [2] gives a detail scheme to classify mathematics by subject, however in this paper we used Segre type to classify the solutions of the Einstein-Maxwell field equations. The Einstein field equations along with the Maxwell equations are known as the Einstein-Maxwell field equations given as

$$T_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu}, \quad (1)$$

$$(\sqrt{-g}(F^{\mu\nu}))_{,\nu} = j^{\mu}\sqrt{-g}, \quad (2)$$

where $T_{\mu\nu}$ is the stress energy tensor, $R_{\mu\nu}$ is the Ricci tensor, R is the Ricci scalar, $g_{\mu\nu}$ is the metric tensor, g is the determinate of metric tensor, $F^{\mu\nu}$ is the electromagnetic tensor, and j^{μ} is the current density.

The metric for spherically symmetric non-static space-time is given as

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\nu}dt^2 + e^{2\lambda}dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2), \quad (3)$$

where $\nu = \nu(t, r)$ and $\lambda = \lambda(t, r)$. While the static spherically symmetric metric is given as

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\nu(r)}dt^2 + e^{2\lambda(r)}dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2). \quad (4)$$

The metric can be written in terms of null tetrad $(k^a, l^a, m^a, \bar{m}^a)$ [1].

$$g_{ab} = 2m_{(a}\bar{m}_{b)} - 2k_{(a}l_{b)}, \quad k^a l_b = -1, \quad m^a \bar{m}_b = 1, \quad (5)$$

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where

$$k^a = 1/\sqrt{2}(-e^{-\nu}\partial/\partial t - e^{-\lambda}\partial/\partial r), \quad (6)$$

$$l^a = 1/\sqrt{2}(-e^{-\nu}\partial/\partial t + e^{-\lambda}\partial/\partial r), \quad (7)$$

$$m^a = 1/r\sqrt{2}(\partial/\partial\theta + \frac{i}{\sin\theta}\partial/\partial\phi), \quad (8)$$

$$\bar{m}^a = 1/r\sqrt{2}(\partial/\partial\theta - \frac{i}{\sin\theta}\partial/\partial\phi). \quad (9)$$

The trace free part of the Ricci tensor $S_{ab} = R_{ab} - \frac{1}{4}Rg_{ab}$ can be written as 3×3 Hermitian matrix ϕ_{ij} ($i, j = 0, 1, 2$)

$$\phi_{00} = \frac{1}{2}S_{ab}k^ak^b, \quad \phi_{01} = \frac{1}{2}S_{ab}k^am^b, \quad \phi_{02} = \frac{1}{2}S_{ab}m^am^b, \quad (10)$$

$$\phi_{11} = \frac{1}{4}S_{ab}(k^al^b + m^a\bar{m}^b), \quad \phi_{12} = \frac{1}{2}S_{ab}l^am^b, \quad \phi_{22} = \frac{1}{2}S_{ab}l^al^b. \quad (11)$$

If we know the Segre type of the spacetime we can find out the non-zero components of ϕ_{ab} .

The electromagnetic tensor F_{ab} is given

$$F_{ab} = A_{a,b} - A_{b,a}, \quad (12)$$

where A_a is the potential vector for the electromagnetic field. Also $F_{0i} = E_i$ and $F_{ij} = cB_{ij}$, where E_i is the electric field and c is the speed of light and B_{ij} is the magnetic field.

We have two cases when the trace of the stress energy tensor is zero, $T = 0$ and when the trace $T \neq 0$. For the spherically symmetric geometry only non-null electromagnetic field is possible due to its spherical symmetry, where if $\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ and $\mathbf{E}^2 = \mathbf{B}^2$, then field is null otherwise it is non-null. The stress energy tensor T we choose is given by

$$T_j^i = \text{diag}(-\rho - \frac{E^2}{2}, p_r - \frac{E^2}{2}, p_t + \frac{E^2}{2}, p_t + \frac{E^2}{2}), \quad (13)$$

where $E = E(r)$, $p_r = p_r(r)$ is radial pressure and $p_t = p_t(r)$ is the transverse pressure. The Einstein-Maxwell field equations for static spherically symmetric metric, are

$$\frac{1}{r^2}(r(1 - e^{-2\lambda})') = \rho + \frac{E^2}{2}, \quad (14)$$

$$-\frac{1}{r^2}(r(1 - e^{-2\lambda}) + \frac{2v'}{r}e^{-2\lambda}) = p_r - \frac{E^2}{2}, \quad (15)$$

$$e^{-2\lambda}(v'' + v'^2 + \frac{v'}{r} + v'\lambda' - \frac{\lambda'}{r}) = p_t + \frac{E^2}{2}, \quad (16)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{r^2}e^{-\lambda}(r^2E)'. \quad (17)$$

2 Traceless Electromagnetic Field

For traceless field we have $T = 0$, we have

$$e^{-2\lambda}(2\nu'' + 2\nu'^2 - 2\lambda'\nu' + \frac{4}{r}\nu' - \frac{4}{r}\lambda' + \frac{2}{r^2}) - \frac{2}{r^2} = 0, \quad (18)$$

By adding matter to the electromagnetic field, the spacetime is classified into

1. Isotropic
2. Anisotropic

2.1 Isotropic Spacetime

If the pressure is same in all directions then it is called isotropic pressure i.e. radial pressure and transverse pressure are equal, $p_r = p_t$. For isotropic case the Einstein-Maxwell field equations are

$$\frac{1}{r^2}(r(1 - e^{-2\lambda})') = \rho + \frac{E^2}{2}, \quad (19)$$

$$-\frac{1}{r^2}(r(1 - e^{-2\lambda}) + \frac{2v'}{r}e^{-2\lambda}) = p - \frac{E^2}{2}, \quad (20)$$

$$e^{-2\lambda}(v'' + v'^2 + \frac{v'}{r} + v'\lambda' - \frac{\lambda'}{r}) = p + \frac{E^2}{2}, \quad (21)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{r^2}e^{-\lambda}(r^2 E)'. \quad (22)$$

For the traceless electromagnetic field (without source) to be non-null, we have ϕ_{11} is the only non-zero component of the Segre tensor S_{ab} [1, 2]. The non-zero components of ϕ_{ij} for the metric (3) are

$$\phi_{00} = \frac{1}{2r}e^{-2\lambda}(\nu' + \lambda'), \quad (23)$$

$$\phi_{22} = \frac{1}{2r}e^{-2\lambda}(\nu' + \lambda'), \quad (24)$$

$$\phi_{11} = \frac{1}{4}e^{-2\lambda}(\nu'' + \nu'^2 - \nu'\lambda' - \frac{1}{4r^2}) + \frac{1}{4r^2}. \quad (25)$$

Using $\phi_{11} = 0$ in the Einstein-Maxwell field equations we get $\nu' + \lambda' = 0$ which gives $p_r = -\rho$. Using non-null condition $\nu' = -\lambda'$ in $T = 0$ we get

$$r^2(e^{-2\lambda})'' + 4r(e^{-2\lambda})' + 2e^{-2\lambda} - 2 = 0, \quad (26)$$

which is a Cauchy-Euler Equation. Solving it we get

$$e^{-2\lambda} = \frac{c_1}{r^2} + \frac{c_2}{r} + 1. \quad (27)$$

Using this we get the solution of the Einstein-Maxwell system

$$p = 0, \rho = 0, E^2 = \frac{2c_1}{r^2}, \quad (28)$$

$$\sigma = 0, e^{2\nu} = \frac{c_1}{r^2} + \frac{c_2}{r} + 1. \quad (29)$$

So the metric in this case becomes

$$ds^2 = -(\frac{c_1}{r^2} + \frac{c_2}{r} + 1)dt^2 + (\frac{c_1}{r^2} + \frac{c_2}{r} + 1)^{-1}dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2), \quad (30)$$

if we choose $c_1 = Q^2$ and $c_2 = -M$, where Q is the charge and M is the Mass then it is Reissner-Nordstrom metric, as this metric is the most general metric containing mass and charge for spherically symmetric static metric. Hence the Reissner-Nordstrom metric is the unique solution of the Einstein-Maxwell field equations for the non-null and electric field without source with isotropic matter.

2.2 Anisotropic Spacetime

The radial and transverse pressures are not equal in anisotropic case. Using $\nu' = -\lambda'$ in Eqs.(14, 15), we get

$$p_r = -\rho, \quad (31)$$

Till now radial pressure p_r is taken positive but the condition of non-null electromagnetic field gives the negative radial pressure which corresponds to the dark energy. Solving further we get

$$p_t = -p_r, \quad (32)$$

the tangential pressure is negative times radial pressure, which is physically not possible for the spherically static geometry also we must have $\frac{dp_r}{dr} < 0$ and $\frac{dp_t}{dr} < 0$ [4]. So there is no solution of the Einstein-Maxwell field equations for non-null sourceless electric field with anisotropic matter.

3 Electromagnetic Field With $T \neq 0$

If the trace T of the stress energy tensor is non-zero i.e. $T \neq 0$ then one needs to be careful in order to find out the relation between null/non-null field with its Segre type. Here, we are adding matter with non-null electromagnetic field. To find out the Segre type we need to write the stress energy tensor for this case and find out its Segre type. In [4] the Segre type for the non-null electromagnetic field along with the perfect fluid is discussed. If the fluid velocity vector u and the null principle directions of the electromagnetic field are coplanar then the Segre type is $[1, 1(11)]$ and non-zero components of ϕ_{ab} are $\phi_{00} = \phi_{22}$ and ϕ_{11} and if they are non-coplanar then Segre type is $[1, 111]$. In our case, Segre type is $[1, 1(11)]$.

3.1 Isotropic Spacetime

Many solutions for isotropic pressure have been obtained in literature. In this case the Einstein-Maxwell equations are

$$\frac{1}{r^2}(r(1 - e^{-2\lambda}))' = \rho + \frac{E^2}{2}, \quad (33)$$

$$-\frac{1}{r^2}(r(1 - e^{-2\lambda}) + \frac{2v'}{r}e^{-2\lambda}) = p - \frac{E^2}{2}, \quad (34)$$

$$e^{-2\lambda}(v'' + v'^2 + \frac{v'}{r} + v'\lambda' - \frac{\lambda'}{r}) = p + \frac{E^2}{2}, \quad (35)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{r^2}e^{-\lambda}(r^2 E)'. \quad (36)$$

3.2 Anisotropic Spacetime

For anisotropic case the Einstein-Maxwell equations are [14-17]. Many solutions of the Einstein-Maxwell equations have been obtained by assuming different types of equations of state. Thirukkanesh et al. [6], Feroze [4], Mak et al. [7], J. M. Sunzu et al. [8] and M. Malaver [9] assumed linear equation of state $p_r = \alpha\rho - \beta$. Feroze et al. [10, 11] considered quadratic equation of state $p_r = \alpha\rho^2 + \beta\rho - \gamma$, Maharaj et al. [12] also assumed quadratic equation of state of the form $p_r = \gamma\rho^2 + \alpha\rho - \beta$. Mafa Takisa et al. [13] assumed the polytropic equation of state $p_r = k\rho^\Gamma$, where $\Gamma = 1 + \frac{1}{\eta}$ and η is the polytropic index. Manuel Malaver [14] assumed Van der Waals modified equation of state $p_r = \alpha\rho^2 + \frac{\gamma\rho}{1+\beta\rho}$, while in [15] Manuel Malaver assumed Van der Waals modified equation of state of type $p_r = \alpha\rho^{\Gamma+1} + \frac{\beta\rho^\Gamma}{1+\gamma\rho^\Gamma}$. Thirukkanesh et al. [16] assumed Van der Waals-type equation of state $p_r = \alpha\rho^2 + \frac{\gamma\rho}{1+\beta\rho} - B$. Also there are many other solutions are obtained as in [17–20].

4 Conclusion

We can classify the electromagnetic field into two categories, traceless and with trace. when we add matter with electric field then spacetime further can be classified into isotropic and anisotropic. By taking the static spherical symmetric spacetime we checked all possible solutions of the Einstein-Maxwell equations for each case. We found out independently that for isotropic spacetime with non-null traceless electric field, the Reissner-Nordstrom metric is the unique solution of the Einstein-Maxwell field equations and there is no solution for anisotropic spacetime with non-null traceless electric field. There exists many solutions for the isotropic/anisotropic spacetime with non-null electric field with $T \neq 0$. We also discussed the Segre type of each case.

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