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The energy-momentum tensor for a perfect fluid is

$$T_{ij}^{\text{fluid}} = \rho p \delta_{ij} + (p + E) \frac{v_i v_j}{1 - v^2} \quad (j = 1, 2, 3)$$

$$T_{i0} = (p + E) \frac{v_i}{1 - v^2}$$

$$T_{00} = \frac{(E + p v^2)}{1 - v^2}$$

$v$  is the fluid velocity

$E$  specific energy

$p$  is pressure

The velocity four vector

$$U^i = \frac{dx^i}{dt} = (1 - v^2)^{-1/2} v$$

$$U^0 = \frac{dt}{dt} = (1 - v^2)^{-1/2}$$

So that an observer in laboratory coordinates  $x^i$  sees fluid move with velocity  $v^i$ . (speed of light = 1)

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The conservation laws are

$$T_{\alpha\beta}{}_{;\beta} = 0$$

where  $;$  denotes covariant differentiation.

Just to see that they agree with an usual fluid conservation laws we first write things out in a flat metric, i.e.

$$\frac{\partial T_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x^\beta} = 0.$$

$$\frac{\partial T_{00}}{\partial x^0} + \frac{\partial T_{01}}{\partial x^1} + \frac{\partial T_{02}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial T_{03}}{\partial x^3} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{E + p/v^2}{1 - v^2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left( \frac{(p + E)v_i}{1 - v^2} \right) = 0$$

when  $|v| \ll 1$  this gives to leading order

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (E) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} ((p + E)v_i) = 0$$

which is the desired form in the

non-relativistic Euler eqns for conservation of energy.

Next we write

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} T_{0i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} T_{1i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} T_{2i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} T_{3i} = 0$$

which gives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( (p+E) \frac{v_i}{1-|v|^2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \left( p \delta_{ij} + (p+E) \frac{v_i v_j}{1-|v|^2} \right)$$

Again if  $|v| \ll 1$  the leading order

approximation is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( (p+E) \frac{v_i}{1-|v|^2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (p \delta_{ij} + (p+E) v_i v_j) = 0$$

An equation of state that links

the relativistic and non-relativistic cases is

$$E = \rho + (\gamma-1)^{-1} p$$

where  $\rho$  is the gas density

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A low pressure approximation is the

non-relativistic case yields

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho v_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho \delta_{ij} + \rho v_i v_j) = 0$$

i.e. the usual non-relativistic momentum

balance.

Finally the conservation of mass

(sometimes called the continuity equation)

if written separately ~~is~~ is

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho (1 - v^2)^{-1/2}) + \text{div} (\rho \underline{v} (1 - v^2)^{-1/2}) = 0$$

which for  $|v| \ll 1$  gives the

standard equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho + \text{div} (\rho \underline{v}) = 0.$$

But note in fact it was included as our low

velocity energy equation with  $\mathbb{E} \approx \mathbb{S}$ .

In summary the non-relativistic limit of the relativistic ideal fluid Euler equations yields the usual Euler equations of gas dynamics.

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We can rewrite the equation for the energy-momentum tensor in the convenient form

$$T^{\alpha\beta} = \rho \gamma^{\alpha\beta} + (p + \frac{1}{3}\rho) U^{\alpha} U^{\beta}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^{\alpha\beta} &= +1 & \alpha = \beta = 1, 2, 3, \\ &= -1 & \alpha = \beta = 0, \\ &= 0 & \alpha \neq \beta \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that  $\gamma^{\alpha\beta}$  are

just the components of the Lorentzian

metric. Hence the relativistic generalization in the presence of gravitation

that is used is simply

$$T^{\alpha\beta} = \rho g^{\alpha\beta} + (p + \frac{1}{3}\rho) U^{\alpha} U^{\beta}$$

Furthermore if the fluid is assumed

as rest with respect to the universe with

$v_i = 0$  we have

$$T^0 = 1,$$

$$T^i = 0.$$

To study the conservation laws for energy-momentum tensor even more

carefully let us assume metric  $g$

for general relativity takes the form

Friedmann - Robertson - Walker metric

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + R^2(t) \left\{ \frac{dr^2}{1 - Kr^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2\theta d\phi^2 \right\}$$

$K$  is a constant which takes on the values  $+1$ ,  $0$ , or  $-1$ .

So

$$g_{00} = -1, \quad g_{rr} = \frac{R^2(t)}{1 - Kr^2}, \quad g_{\theta\theta} = r^2 R^2(t), \quad g_{\phi\phi} = r^2 \sin^2\theta R^2(t)$$

$x_0 = t, x_1 = r, x_2 = \theta, x_3 = \phi$

A useful formula that simplifies the computations is the formula for the covariant divergence of a tensor:

$$T^{\mu\nu}_{;\mu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} (\sqrt{-g} T^{\mu\nu}) + \Gamma^{\nu\mu}_{\mu\lambda} T^{\lambda\mu}$$

where  $-g$  denotes the determinant of the metric  $g$ . ~~Another useful formula is~~

~~for the Christoffel symbols~~



\* Of course this just gives

~~$T^{\mu\nu}_{;\mu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} (\sqrt{-g} T^{\mu\nu}) + \Gamma^{\nu\mu}_{\mu\lambda} T^{\lambda\mu}$~~

$$T^{\mu\nu}_{;\mu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} [\sqrt{-g} (p g^{\mu\nu} + (p + \epsilon) \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu)] + \Gamma^{\nu\mu}_{\mu\lambda} [p g^{\lambda\mu} + (p + \epsilon) \sigma^\lambda \sigma^\mu]$$



and so the conservation law is

$$\begin{aligned} \circ \frac{\partial p}{\partial x^\mu} g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} (\sqrt{g} (p+\epsilon) \sigma^{\mu\nu}) \\ + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\nu} (p+\epsilon) \sigma^{\mu\lambda} \\ + p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} (\sqrt{g} g^{\mu\nu}) + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\nu} g^{\mu\lambda} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The terms in parenthesis are  
rewritten as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} g^{\mu\nu} + \cancel{\Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\nu}} \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\nu} g^{\mu\nu} + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\nu} g^{\mu\lambda}$$

which is the covariant derivative of the

metric tensor  $\cancel{\nabla_{\mu}} g^{\mu\nu}$  and

hence identically zero.

The the conservation law is

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x^\mu} g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} (\sqrt{g} (p+E) U^\mu U^\nu) + \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^\nu \left( (p+E) U^\mu U^\lambda \right) = 0$$

(This is just equation (14.2.18) in

the monograph of S. Weinberg, Gravitation and

Cosmology, John Wiley (1972).)

In the case  $\nu=1,2,3$ ,  $U^\nu=0$ ,  $\Gamma_{00}^\nu=0$

and all we have is

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x^\mu} g^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \nu=1,2$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x^1} \right) g^{11} = 0 \quad \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x^2} \right) g^{22} = 0 \quad \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x^3} \right) g^{33} = 0$$

$$\text{Hence} \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial x^1} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x^3} = 0$$

and  $p$  can only depend on  $x^0 = t$ .

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In the case  $v=0$  the equation is

$$-\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\sqrt{g} (p+E)) + \Gamma_{00}^0 (p+E) = 0$$

Again  $\Gamma_{00}^0 = 0$  and we have

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\sqrt{g} (p+E))$$

Since

$$g = \frac{R^6(t) r^4 \sin^2 \theta}{1 - Kr^2}$$

in the special case  $R=0$  we have

$$\sqrt{g} = R^3(t) r^2 \sin \theta$$

and the conservation law is now

$$R^3(t) \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (R^3(t) (p+E))$$

which is (17.2.19) in the book of  
S. Weinberg

Again an equation of state is needed

which we take as  $p$

$$p = \frac{E}{3}$$

(with <sup>the</sup> speed of light taken to be unity).

(This is just our previous equation

of state with  $\rho$  neglected and  $\gamma - 1 = \frac{1}{3}$ ,

i.e.  $\gamma = \frac{4}{3}$ . ~~The~~ The case  $\gamma = \frac{4}{3}$

is ~~the~~ choice noted by Weinberg

in equation (2.10.28) for ~~the~~ the

extremely relativistic case)

We substitute the equation of state

$p = \frac{E}{3}$  into the conservation law and

find

$$R^3(t) \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -4 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (R^3(t) p(t))$$

and so

$$R^3(t) \dot{p}(t)$$

$$R^3(t) \frac{dp(t)}{dt} = 4R^3(t) \frac{dp}{dt} + 12R^2(t) \frac{dR(t)}{dt} p(t)$$

$$-3R(t) \frac{dp}{dt} = 12 \frac{dR(t)}{dt} p(t),$$

$$-\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{p} \frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{dR}{dt},$$

$$\log R(t) + \frac{1}{4} \log p(t) = \text{const},$$

$$R(t)^4 p(t) = \text{const}.$$

One solution is  $R(t) = \text{const } t^{1/2}$  so that

$$p(t) = \frac{\text{const}}{t^2}. \quad \text{Notice}$$

$$\frac{\dot{R}(t)}{R(t)} = \frac{1}{2t} \equiv H(t)$$

where  $H(t)$  is the Hubble "constant"

which is obviously not really a

constant.

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Note that with  $\rho(t) = \frac{\text{const}}{t^2}$  and

$$\mathbb{E} = 3p = \frac{3 \cdot \text{const}}{t^2} \quad \text{The}$$

~~stress~~ energy-momentum tensor is proportional

to  $\frac{1}{t^2}$  for this special solution.

For convenience take the equation

for  $R(t)$  to be simply

$$R(t) = t^{1/2}$$

(the constant can be scaled out). Then

the F-R-W metric is just (with  $k=0$ ):

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + t \left\{ dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \right\}$$

Next we make a change of independent as Smoller and Temple [PNAS, vol 106, no 34, Aug 25, 2009, 14213-14218] variables to change the above F-R-W metric

into one possessing a self-similar form.

We make the change of variables

$$\bar{t} = \psi_0 \left\{ 1 + \left( \frac{t^{1/2} r}{2} \right)^2 \right\} t$$

$$\bar{r} = t^{1/2} r$$

with  $\psi_0 = 1$  (again  $t$  can be scaled out)

$$\bar{t} = \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{r^2}{t} \right\} t = t + \frac{1}{4} r^2,$$

$$\bar{r} = t^{1/2} r.$$

If we solve for  $r$  and then eliminate  $r$

we see

$$\bar{t} = t + \frac{\bar{r}^2}{4t}$$

and hence  $t$  satisfies the quadratic

equation

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$$t^2 - t\bar{r} + \frac{\bar{r}^2}{4} = 0$$

So that

$$t = \frac{\bar{r} \pm (\bar{r}^2 - \bar{r}^2)^{1/2}}{2}, \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{t}{\bar{r}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 \pm \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{\bar{r}} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} \right)$$

and

$$r = \frac{\bar{r}}{t^{1/2}} = \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{\frac{\bar{r} \pm (\bar{r}^2 - \bar{r}^2)^{1/2}}{2}} \right)^{1/2}$$

An elementary calculation shows

$$2 dt = d\bar{r} \pm \frac{1}{2} (\bar{r}^2 - \bar{r}^2)^{-1/2} (2\bar{r} d\bar{r} - 2\bar{r} d\bar{r})$$

$$2 dt = d\bar{r} \pm (\bar{r}^2 - \bar{r}^2)^{1/2} (\bar{r} d\bar{r} - \bar{r} d\bar{r})$$

$$2 dt = d\bar{r} \pm \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{\bar{r}} \right)^2 \right)^{-1/2} \left( d\bar{r} - \frac{\bar{r}}{\bar{r}} d\bar{r} \right)$$

and



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$$t^{1/2} r = \bar{r}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2} dt r + t^{1/2} dr = d\bar{r}$$

$$t dr^2 = \left( d\bar{r} - \frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2} dt r \right)^2$$

$$= \left( d\bar{r} - \frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2} dt \bar{r} t^{-1/2} \right)^2$$

$$= \left( d\bar{r} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\bar{r}}{t} dt \right)^2$$

$$= \left( d\bar{r} - \frac{\bar{r}}{t} \frac{dt}{1 \pm (1 - \frac{\bar{r}^2}{t^2})^{1/2}} \right)^2$$

$$= \left( d\bar{r} - \left( \frac{\frac{\bar{r}}{t}}{1 \pm (1 - \frac{\bar{r}^2}{t^2})^{1/2}} \right) dt \right)^2$$

Finally set the similarity variable

$$\xi = \frac{\bar{r}}{t}$$

to see

$$2 dt = d\bar{r} \pm (1 - \xi^2)^{-1/2} (d\bar{r} - \xi d\bar{r}),$$

$$t dr^2 = \left( d\bar{r} - \left( \frac{\xi dt}{1 \pm (1 - \xi^2)^{1/2}} \right) \right)^2$$

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$$t^{1/2} dr = \left( 1 \pm \frac{\xi(1-\xi^2)^{-1/2}}{2\nu} \right) dr \mp \frac{\xi(1-\xi^2)^{-1/2}}{2} dt$$

$$= (1-\xi^2)^{-1/2} \left( (1-\xi^2)^{1/2} \pm \frac{\xi}{2\nu} \right) dr \mp \frac{\xi}{2} dt$$

$$= \pm (1-\xi^2)^{-1/2} \left( \pm (1-\xi^2)^{1/2} + \frac{\xi}{2\nu} \right) dr - \frac{\xi}{2} dt$$

$$t^{1/2} dr = \pm \frac{\xi}{2\nu} (1-\xi^2)^{-1/2} \left( \pm (1-\xi^2)^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2\nu} \right) dr - \frac{dt}{2}$$

$$t^{1/2} dr = \pm \frac{\xi}{2\nu} (1-\xi^2)^{-1/2} \left( \left( \frac{\nu\xi-1}{\xi} + \frac{1}{2\nu} \right) dr - \frac{dt}{2} \right)$$

$$= \pm \frac{\xi}{2\nu} (1-\xi^2)^{-1/2} \left( \left( \nu - \frac{1}{\xi} + \frac{1}{2\nu} \right) dr - \frac{dt}{2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu - \frac{1}{\xi} + \frac{1}{2\nu} &= \frac{\nu^2 - \frac{\nu}{\xi} + \frac{1}{2}}{\nu} = \frac{\nu^2 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\nu^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}}{\nu} \\ &= \frac{\nu^2}{2\nu} = \frac{\nu}{2} \end{aligned}$$

In summary, we have

$$t^{1/2} dr = \pm \frac{\xi}{2\nu} (1-\xi^2)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{\nu}{2} dr - \frac{dt}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \pm \frac{\xi}{2\nu} (1-\xi^2)^{-1/2} \left( \nu \frac{dr}{dt} - \frac{dt}{2} \right)$$

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$$2 dt = \left( (1 \pm (1-\xi^2)^{1/2}) d\bar{t} \mp \xi (1-\xi^2)^{-1/2} d\bar{r} \right)$$

$$2 dt = (1+\xi^2)^{-1/2} \left( ((1+\xi^2)^{1/2} \pm 1) d\bar{t} \mp \xi d\bar{r} \right)$$

$$(1+v^2) = \frac{2v}{\xi}$$

$$v^2 + \frac{2v}{\xi} + 1 = 0$$

$$v = \frac{\frac{2}{\xi} \pm \left( \frac{4}{\xi^2} - 4 \right)^{1/2}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm (1-\xi^2)^{1/2}}{\xi}$$

$$v\xi = 1 \pm (1-\xi^2)^{1/2}$$

$$2 dt = (1+\xi^2)^{-1/2} \left( \pm 2\xi d\bar{t} \mp \xi d\bar{r} \right)$$

$$= \pm (1+\xi^2)^{-1/2} (v\xi d\bar{t} - \xi d\bar{r})$$

$$2 dt = \pm \xi (1+\xi^2)^{-1/2} (v d\bar{t} - d\bar{r})$$

$$t^{1/2} du = d\bar{r} - \frac{\xi dt}{1 \pm (1-\xi^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$= d\bar{r} \mp \frac{\xi^2 (1+\xi^2)^{-1/2} (v d\bar{t} - d\bar{r})}{2 (1 \pm (1-\xi^2)^{1/2})}$$

$$= d\bar{r} \mp \frac{\xi^2 (1+\xi^2)^{-1/2} (v d\bar{t} - d\bar{r})}{2v\xi}$$

$$t^{1/2} du = d\bar{r} \mp \frac{\xi (1+\xi^2)^{-1/2} (v d\bar{t} - d\bar{r})}{2v}$$

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Hence the metric is

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + t dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

$$= \frac{r^2}{4(1-r^2)} \left\{ (1-v^2) dt^2 + (v^2-1) dr^2 \right\}$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{(v^2-1)r^2}{4(1-r^2)} \left\{ -dt^2 + dr^2 \right\}$$

The coefficient may be rewritten as

$$\frac{(v^2-1)}{4\left(\frac{1}{r^2}-1\right)} = \frac{(v^2-1)}{4\left(\frac{(1+v^2)^2}{4v^2}-1\right)}$$

$$= \frac{v^2-1}{\frac{(1+v^2)^2}{v^2}-4} = \frac{v^2(v^2-1)}{(1+v^2)^2-4v^2}$$

$$= \frac{v^2(v^2-1)}{1+2v^2+v^4-4v^2}$$

$$= \frac{v^2(v^2-1)}{(1-v^2)^2} = \frac{v^2}{v^2-1}$$

So

$$ds^2 = \frac{v^2}{v^2-1} \left\{ -dt^2 + dr^2 \right\}$$

The metric now takes the form

$$ds^2 = \frac{-dt^2}{1-v(\xi)^2} + \frac{dr^2}{1-v(\xi)^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

where  $v$  is defined by

$$v(\xi) =$$

$$\xi = \frac{2v(\xi)}{1+v(\xi)^2}$$

and  $d\Omega^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2$ .

Thus the metric has the form

$$ds^2 = -B(\bar{t}, \bar{r}) d\bar{t}^2 + \frac{1}{A(\bar{t}, \bar{r})} d\bar{r}^2 + \bar{r}^2 d\Omega^2$$

where  $A, B$  depend only on  $\frac{\bar{r}}{\bar{t}} = \xi$ .

{ The form of  $A, B$  given in these notes

has  $v$  replaced by  $\frac{1}{v}$  from Temple-Smoller eqn

(2.6). So there may be a typo in the derivation }

The above calculations have produced a

special solution of the Einstein equations.

This motivates us to follow Smoller

and Temple [3] and search for

the equations satisfied by  $A, B$

which depend only on  $\frac{r}{t}$ . First

we substitute the form of the metric

into the Einstein equations to obtain

the partial differential equations

$$\left\{ -r \frac{A_r}{A} + \frac{1-A}{A} \right\} = \frac{\kappa B}{A} v^2 T^{00}$$

~~$r \frac{B_r}{B} - \frac{1-A}{A}$~~

$$\frac{A_r}{A} = \frac{\kappa B}{A} r T^{01}$$

$$\left\{ r \frac{B_r}{B} - \frac{1-A}{A} \right\} = \frac{\kappa}{A^2} v^2 T^{11}$$



and thus we assume  $r^2 T^{00}, r^2 T^{01}, eR$

all scale to be functions of  $\xi$  so that

$\nu(\xi)$  is now an unknown. Hence

there are 3 unknowns,  $A, B, \nu$ .

If we set

$$G = \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{AB}}$$

we can eliminate  $B$  in favor of  $G$ . The

three ordinary differential equations for  $A, B, \nu$ .

also

Also the four velocity that

enters the energy-momentum tensor

now has the form

$$(U^0, U^1, 0, 0) \text{ where}$$

$$\frac{U^1}{U^0} = \nu \sqrt{AB}$$

to allow for desired self similarity.

The ODEs are



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$$\xi A_\xi = - \left[ \frac{4(1-A)v}{(3+v^2)G - 4v} \right] ,$$

$$\xi G_\xi = -G \left\{ \left( \frac{1-A}{A} \right) \frac{2(1+v^2)G - 4v}{(3+v^2)G - 4v} - 1 \right\} ,$$

$$\xi v_\xi = - \left( \frac{1-v^2}{2f \cdot \xi_D} \right) \left\{ (3+v^2)G - 4v + \frac{4 \left( \frac{1-A}{A} \right) \{ \cdot \}_N}{(3+v^2)G - 4v} \right\} ,$$

where

$$\{ \cdot \}_N = \left\{ -2v^2 + 2(3-v^2)vG - (3-v^4)G^2 \right\} ,$$

$$\{ \cdot \}_D = \left\{ (3v^2-1) - 4vG + (3-v^2)G^2 \right\} .$$

with energy  $E$  satisfying

$$KE = \frac{3(1-v^2)(1-A)G}{(3+v^2)G - 4v} \frac{1}{r^2} .$$

(Notice the momentum-energy tensor will be of the form  $\sim$  (function of  $\xi$ )  $t^{-2}$  as we desired.)

Notice that  $\xi$  does not enter the right hand sides of our system of ODEs.

Hence the change of independent variable

$$\xi = e^s$$

changes the non-autonomous system into an autonomous one, i.e.

$$\xi A_\xi = A_s, \text{ etc.}$$

~~Also note that the special solution~~

~~we derived initially via our change~~

~~of independent variables is now~~

~~with~~