

# STRING-DUST DISTRIBUTIONS WITH THE KERR-NUT SYMMETRY

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## Abstract

We attempt to solve the Einstein equations for string dust and null flowing radiation for the general axially symmetric metric, which we believe is being done for the first time. We obtain the string-dust and radiating generalizations of the Kerr and the NUT solutions. There also occurs an interesting case of radiating string-dust which arises from string-dust generalization of Vaidya's solution of a radiating star.

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Two empty space solutions of Einstein's equations admitting twisting, shear-free and geodetic null rays are well-known in the literature. They are the Kerr solution [1] and the so called Taub-NUT solution [2]. They are remarkable solutions, the former has important astrophysical applications while the latter is interesting on the formal grounds. Vaidya [3] has expressed the usual Kerr metric in the form

$$ds^2 = 2(du + k \sin^2 \alpha d\beta)dt - (r^2 + k^2 \cos^2 \alpha)(d\alpha^2 + \sin^2 \alpha d\beta^2) - \left(1 + \frac{2mr}{r^2 + k^2 \cos^2 \alpha}\right)(du + k \sin^2 \alpha d\beta)^2 \quad (1.1)$$

where  $u = t - r$  and  $m$  and  $k$  are arbitrary constants indicating mass and rotation parameters of the Kerr particle. On the other hand the NUT solution is given by

$$ds^2 = 2(du - 2b \cos \alpha d\beta)dr - (r^2 + b^2)(d\alpha^2 + \sin^2 \alpha d\beta^2) - \left(1 + \frac{2mr - 2b^2}{r^2 + b^2}\right)(du - 2b \cos \alpha d\beta)^2 \quad (1.2)$$

where constants  $m$  and  $b$  are the parameters of the NUT source. It can be easily verified that the Schwarzschild solution will result when  $k = 0$  in (1.1) or  $b = 0$  in (1.2). The Kerr solution is asymptotically flat while the NUT is not.

Further Vaidya et al [4] have synthesized the two into one by writing

$$ds^2 = 2(du + g \sin \alpha d\beta)dx - M^2(d\alpha^2 + \sin^2 \alpha d\beta^2) - 2L(du + g \sin \alpha d\beta)^2 \quad (1.3)$$

with  $g = g(\alpha)$ ,  $M$  and  $L$  are functions of  $u, x$  and  $\alpha$ . The coordinate  $x = t$  for the Kerr and  $x = r$  for the NUT, and  $u = t - r$  always. In this framework they have obtained some radiating solutions; i.e. Kerr or NUT source with outflowing null radiation.

In this paper we wish to find for the metric (1.3) solutions of the equation

$$R_{ik} = -8\pi K(u_i u_k - g_{ik} - w_i w_k) - 8\pi \sigma \zeta_i \zeta_k \quad (1.4)$$

momentum of the flowing null radiation of density  $\sigma$  while the first corresponds to the energy-momentum tensor

$$T_{ik} = K(u_i u_k - w_i w_k) \quad (1.5)$$

which is supposed to describe a string-dust distribution [5]. The string-dust generalization of the Schwarzschild field is well known and some exact solutions have been obtained [6-8] of the equation (1.4). It is perhaps for the first time axially symmetric (metric (1.4)) solutions of this equation are being attempted.

Alternatively one of us [9] would like to interpret the first term in (1.4) as defining the Machian vacuum. Eqn.(1.5) implies  $R_{ik}u^i u^k = 0$  and  $T_0^0 = T_1^1 = K$ , the rest of  $T_i^k = 0$ . This means that the gravitational charge  $(\rho + 3p)$  density of the distribution (1.5) is zero implying no influence on free particles. Though it does not produce gravitational force on free particles, the distribution (1.5) does produce non-zero curvature which in spherical symmetry corresponds to constant (non-zero) gravitational potential [9,10]. It is argued that by defining the vacuum by the first term in (1.4), the Schwarzschild field can be made consistent with Mach's Principle in the sense that homogeneous and isotropic matter distribution in the Universe lying exterior to a spherical cavity centred at the mass point can manifest itself by producing a constant potential. This is why it is called the equation for the Machian vacuum [9].

The consideration of eqn. (1.4) can also be motivated by the fact that very close to the big-bang singularity, the Universe is in highly dense state and hence its matter content can have very unusual and exotic properties to allow for viscous effects, heat flux, null radiation flow, string-dust etc. Some cylindrical models

find the axially symmetric solutions of eqn. (1.4).

## 2. Field Equations

For the metric (1.3) we introduce the orthogonal tetrads as

$$\theta^1 = du + g \sin \alpha d\beta, \quad \theta^2 = M d\alpha,$$

$$\theta^3 = M \sin \alpha d\beta, \quad \theta^4 = dx - L \theta^1$$

and in what follows all the quantities will be referred to the tetrad frame. The Ricci components of the metric (1.3) are given in the Appendix I [4]. Let us note that  $g_\alpha = \partial g / \partial x^\alpha$ ,  $M_{xu} = \partial^2 2M / \partial x \partial u$  etc. and

$$2f = g_\alpha + g \cot \alpha \tag{2.1}$$

and a new variable  $y$  is defined by  $g d\alpha = dy$ .

We employ the comoving coordinates to write

$$u_a = (1, 0, 0, 1/2), \quad w_a = (1, 0, 0, -1/2), \quad \zeta_a = (1, 0, 0, 0)$$

where the null radiation is taken to flow along the  $\theta^1$  - direction.

For the metric (1.3), eqns. (1.4) imply  $R_{23} = 0$  and  $R_{22} = R_{33}$  and the following system of equations.

$$R_{44} = 0, \quad R_{42} = 0, \quad R_{43} = 0 \tag{2.2}$$

$$R_{41} = 0 \tag{2.3}$$

$$R_{12} = 0, \quad R_{13} = 0 \quad (2.4)$$

$$R_{22} = -8\pi K \quad (2.5)$$

$$R_{11} = -8\pi\sigma \quad (2.6)$$

Eqns. (2.2) involve the only one function  $M$  (App. I) and their solution is given by

$$M^2 = \frac{f}{Y}(X^2 + Y^2) \quad (2.7)$$

where  $X = X(x, u, y)$  and  $Y = Y(u, y)$  and they satisfy the conditions

$$X_x = -1, \quad X_y = Y_u, \quad X_u = -Y_y. \quad (2.8)$$

Next consider (2.3) which can be solved for the metric function  $2L$ ,

$$2L = -\frac{Y_u}{Y}X + 2G + \frac{2FX + 2EY}{X^2 + Y^2} \quad (2.9)$$

where  $E, F$ , and  $G$  are functions of  $u$  and  $y$  satisfying the relation

$$E = -2YG - YY_y \quad (2.10)$$

From (2.7) - (2.10), it follows after a lengthy algebraic manipulations,

$$E_u = F_y, \quad E_y = -F_u \quad (2.11)$$

Then the string density is given by (2.5),

$$8\pi K = \frac{1}{(X^2 + Y^2)} \left[ 2G + \frac{Y}{f} \left\{ \frac{g^2}{2} \nabla^2 \ln(Y/f) - f_y + 3f \frac{Y_y}{Y} + 1 \right\} \right] \quad (2.12)$$

where  $\nabla^2 = \partial^2/\partial u^2 + \partial^2/\partial y^2$ . Using the above relations, (2.6) will give the null radiation density  $\sigma$ , the expression for which is quite lengthy and it is given in the Appendix II.

For finding the explicit solutions we have to obtain  $X, Y$  and  $f$  from eqns. (2.8), (2.10) and (2.11). For further investigation we shall assume  $f = Y$ .

### 3. The case $f = Y$

If  $f = Y$ , then  $Y$  becomes a function of  $y$  alone. Eqns. (2.7) and (2.8) then give

$$M^2 = X^2 + Y^2, \quad X = au - x, \quad Y = -ay + b \quad (3.1)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants of integration.

Eqns. (2.8), (2.10) and (2.11) will then lead to

$$Y \nabla^2 G - 2aG_y = 0 \quad (3.2)$$

of which we take the particular solution,

$$2G = \text{const.} = c \quad (3.3)$$

Then (2.11) will give

$$E = (a - c)Y, \quad F = a(a - c)U + N \quad (3.4)$$

where  $N$  is a constant of integration.

in view of (2.1) will read as

$$(1 - z^2)Y_{zz} - 2zY_z + 2aY = 0, \quad z = \cos\alpha \quad (3.5)$$

As seen by Vaidya et al [4], this equation admits a power series solution for  $a \geq -1/8$ . Writing  $2a = n(n + 1)$ , it takes to the familiar Legendre equation,

$$(1 - z^2)Y_{zz} - 2zY_z + n(n + 1)Y = 0 \quad (3.6)$$

which can be solved for  $Y$ . In view of  $gd\alpha = dy$ , (3.1) gives the remaining metric potential,

$$g = -\frac{1}{a}Y_\alpha = \frac{1}{a}Y_z \sin\alpha \quad (3.7)$$

Thus the metric (1.3) is completely determined for the field equations (1.4). The string dust and the null radiation densities are then given by

$$8\pi K = -\left(\frac{2a - c - 1}{X^2 + Y^2}\right) \quad (3.8)$$

and

$$8\pi\sigma = \frac{2a(a - c)}{X^2 + Y^2} \quad (3.9)$$

It should be noted that  $K = 0$  for  $1 + c = 2a$  and we recover the radiating case of Vaidya et al [4]. On the other hand  $\sigma = 0$  for  $a = 0$  or  $a = c$  presenting a string-dust spacetime.

When  $n$  is a positive integer, we can take the solution of (3.6) in the form

$$Y = AP_n(z) + BQ_n(z) \quad (4.1)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants, and  $P_n(z)$  and  $Q_n(z)$  are respectively the Legendre and associated Legendre polynomials of order  $n$ .

The metric (1.3) is then given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 2L &= c + \frac{2(a-c)(Y^2 + auX) + 2NX}{X^2 + Y^2} \\ g\sin\alpha &= \frac{1}{a} \left( A \frac{dP_n}{dz} + \frac{BdQ_n}{dz} \right) \sin^2\alpha \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4.2)$$

where  $X = au - x$  and  $Y$  as given in (4.1). Here  $x$  is a timelike coordinate and hence replace  $x$  by  $t$  in  $X$  as well as in (1.3).

When  $1 + c = 2a$ , the string-dust density vanishes and we recover the radiating Kerr metric [4] for  $B = 0$  while  $A = 0$  gives the associated radiating Kerr metric [15]. The associated Legendre function  $Q_n(z)$  has a singularity on the axis  $\alpha = 0$ , so would have the associated metric. The radiation density vanishes for  $a = 0$  or  $a = c$  but  $a = 0$  leads to  $g = 0$  in view of (3.1) and (2.1) and hence  $a = c$  for the radiation free string-dust solution. Then

$$8\pi K = \frac{1-c}{X^2 + Y^2} \quad (4.3)$$

which means  $c \leq 1$  for  $K \geq 0$ . Here we have  $X = cu - t$ ,  $Y = -cy + b$ , the time dependence in  $X$  is spurious can be removed by  $X = R = (c-1)t - cr$ , the new radial coordinate. We now take  $B = 0$  to seek the string-dust generalization of the Kerr metric, which results when  $c = 1$ , i.e.  $n = 1$  and from (4.1)  $Y = AP_1(z) = A\cos\alpha$ . For the string-dust we shall hence have to take  $n > 1$ ,



straight way to get to the Kerr metric from the string-dust because (4.1) admits different solutions in the two cases for  $n = 1, 2$ . Since  $n = 2$  implies  $c = 3$ , from (4.3) the string density  $K$  will be negative and so would be the case for all  $n > 1$ . Following the standard procedure [16], we can bring the metric to the standard Boyer-Lindquist form,

$$\begin{aligned}
ds^2 = & \frac{2c - \lambda}{c^2} dt^2 - (R^2 + Y^2)(9A^2 \cos^2 \alpha \sin^2 \alpha + (R^2 + Y^2)(2c - \lambda))^{-1} dR^2 \\
& - (R^2 + Y^2) d\alpha^2 - (R^2 + Y^2 + 9\frac{A^2}{c^2} \lambda \cos^2 \alpha \sin^2 \alpha) \sin^2 \alpha d\beta^2 \\
& + 6\frac{A}{c^2} (c - \lambda) \cos \alpha \sin^2 \alpha dt d\beta
\end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

where

$$\lambda = c + \frac{2mR}{R^2 + Y^2} \tag{4.5}$$

Similarly one can easily obtain the metric for the string-dust generalization of the associated Kerr metric. Clearly  $A$  is the rotation parameter and  $m$  is the mass.  $A = 0$  will give the Schwarzschild string-dust. The above metric apparently has many interesting properties, such as the inherent angular velocity  $w = -g_{03}/g_{33}$  vanishes at both  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\alpha = \pi/2$ , which will be considered separately [17].

## 5. The NUT- like solutions.

We now consider the equation (3.6) for  $0 \leq n \leq 1$ , a particular solution of which is given by [4],

$$Y = b[1 - n(n + 1)p_n(z)] \tag{5.1}$$

where  $p_n(z)$  stands for the sum of the infinite convergent series,

$$\frac{1}{2}z^2 + \frac{1}{4!}(2-n)(3+n)z^4 + \frac{1}{6!}(2-n)(4-n)(3+n)(5+n)z^6 + \dots \quad (5.2)$$

The metric functions  $2L$  as given by (4.2) and

$$g \sin \alpha = -2b \frac{dp_n}{dz} \sin^2 \alpha \quad (5.3)$$

where  $X = au - r$  (replacing the spacelike coordinate  $x$  by  $r$ ) and  $Y$  as given by (5.1). The solution is hence given by  $2L$  in (4.2), (5.1) and (5.3), with  $2a = n(n+1)$ . The series (5.2) diverges as  $z \rightarrow 1$  and consequently the solution has a singularity at  $\alpha = 0$ , for all  $n \neq 0$ . The axis is thus singular. The densities are as given by (3.8) and (3.9) with  $X$  and  $Y$  as given above. This is the string-dust generalization of the radiating NUT metric, discussed by Vaidya et al [4].

When  $a = 0$ , i.e.  $n = 0$ , the radiation density  $\sigma = 0$  (recall in the Kerr case the appropriate condition for  $\sigma = 0$  was  $a = c$ , while here it is  $a = 0$ ) and in that case the metric will describe the NUT with string-dust and is given by

$$ds^2 = 2(du - 2b \cos \alpha d\beta)dr - (r^2 + b^2)(d\alpha^2 + \sin^2 \alpha d\beta^2) - \left( c + 2 \frac{mr - cb^2}{r^2 + b^2} \right) (du - 2b \cos \alpha d\beta)^2 \quad (5.4)$$

where  $N = m$ . The string density is now given by

$$8\pi K = \frac{c + 1}{r^2 + b^2} \quad (5.5)$$

The above metric can be transformed to the  $BL$  form to read as

$$ds^2 = \lambda dt^2 - \lambda^{-1} dr^2 - (r^2 + b^2) d\alpha^2 - (r^2 + b^2 + 4\lambda b^2 \cos^2 \alpha \sin^2 \alpha) \sin^2 \alpha d\beta^2 + 4\lambda b \cos \alpha \sin^2 \alpha dt d\beta \quad (5.6)$$

the usual NUT metric on the other hand  $b = 0$  implies vanishing of rotation of the null congruence and we get the Schwarzschild string-dust.

## 6. Discussion

There is an important difference between the string-dust generalizations of the Kerr (4.4) and the NUT (5.6). From (4.4), the Kerr metric does not result when string-dust is switched off by putting  $c = 1$ , while (5.6) yields the usual NUT metric for  $c = -1$ . It would not be possible to match (4.4) continuously to the Kerr metric where as (5.6) will match continuously across the boundary,  $r = r_0$  to the NUT metric with mass parameter  $\bar{m}$  being given as

$$\bar{m} = m + \frac{1+c}{2r_0^2}(r_0^2 + b^2) \quad (6.1)$$

We shall now consider an important particular case. Consider  $g = 0$ , the spacetime (1.3) then admits a null congruence which is geodesic as well as shear and twist free. Further take  $M = M(r)$ ,  $L = L(r, u)$ ,  $u = t - r$ , then  $R_{44} = 0$  determines  $M = r$  and eqns.  $R_{24} = R_{34} = R_{12} = R_{13} = 0$  become identities. Eqn.  $R_{14} = 0$  integrates to give

$$2L = c(u) - 2\frac{m(u)}{r} \quad (6.2)$$

where  $c(u)$  and  $m(u)$  are arbitrary functions of  $u$ . We have

$$8\pi K = \frac{c-1}{r^2}, \quad 8\pi\sigma = \frac{2m_u}{r^2} - \frac{c_u}{r} \quad (6.3)$$

and the metric reads

$$ds^2 = 2dudt - \left( c(u) - \frac{2m(u)}{r} \right) du^2 - r^2(d\alpha^2 + \sin^2\alpha d\beta^2). \quad (6.4)$$

results when  $c = 1$ . The string-density will not depend upon  $t$  for  $c = \text{const.} \neq 1$ . The Schwarzschild string-dust will follow when  $m$  and  $c$  are constants. The interesting case occurs when  $m = \text{const.}$  but  $c = c(u)$ . This is the radiating string-dust.

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$$R_{23} = 0$$

$$R_{24} = (g/M) \left[ (M_x/M)_y - (f/M^2)_u \right]$$

$$R_{34} = -(g/M) \left[ (M_x/M)_u + (f/M^2)_y \right]$$

$$R_{44} = (2/M) \left[ M_{xx} - f^2/M^3 \right]$$

$$R_{14} = (2/M) \left[ M_{xu} + (LM_x)_x + (Lf^2/M^3) \right] + L_{xx}$$

$$R_{12} = LR_{24} + (g/M) \left[ (L_x + M_u/M)_y + (2fL/M^2)_u \right]$$

$$R_{13} = LR_{34} + (g/M) \left[ -(L_x + M_u/M)_u + (2fL/M^2)_y \right]$$

$$R_{22} = R_{33} = (1/M^2) \left[ g^2(M_u/M)_u + g^2(M_y/M)_y - 1 \right. \\ \left. + 2f(M_y/M) + 4(f^2 L/M^2) - (M^2)_{ux} - \{L(M^2)_x\}_x \right]$$

$$R_{11} = L^2 R_{44} + (1/M^2) \left[ g^2(L_{uu} + L_{yy}) + 2fLy \right. \\ \left. + 2L_u M M_x + 4L M M_{xu} - 2L_x M M_u + 2M M_{uu} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{11} = & \frac{g^2 Y}{f(X^2 + Y^2)} \left[ \nabla^2 G - \frac{1}{2} X \left\{ \left( \frac{Y_u}{Y} \right)_{uu} + \left( \frac{Y_u}{Y} \right)_{yy} \right\} \right. \\
& \left. - X_u \left( \frac{Y_u}{Y} \right)_u - Y_u \left( \frac{Y_u}{Y} \right)_y \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{(X^2 + Y^2)} \left[ 3F \frac{Y_u}{Y} - 2XG_u + 2YG_y - 2F_u - 2X^2 Y_u^2 \right. \\
& \left. + X^2 \left( \frac{Y_u}{Y} \right)_u - XY \left( \frac{Y_u}{Y} \right)_y + 2XX_{uu} + 2YY_{uu} \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{(X^2 + Y^2)^2} \left[ 2E(XY_u - YX_u) - Y_u^2(X^2 + 3Y^2) + 2Y^2 X_u^2 \right. \\
& \left. - 2X(X^2 + 2Y^2)X_u \left( \frac{Y_u}{Y} \right) + 2GX(X^2 - Y^2) \left( \frac{Y_u}{Y} \right) \right. \\
& \left. - 4GY^2 X_u \right] - \left( \frac{Y_u}{Y} \right)_u
\end{aligned}$$