Damietta University
Faculty of Science
Mathematical Department
Time: Two Hours



Fourth level Mathematics Students Final first term Exam 2022/2023 General Relativity Date: 9/1/2023

Answer the following questions: (Total Degree: 70 marks)

- 1- Explain the equivalent between Active gravitational mass and Passive gravitational mass (10 marks)
- 2- Prove that the components of the Christoffel symbols $\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\beta}$ is not a tensor. (10 marks)
- 3- Calculate Christoffel symbols for the field in the form of surface of sphere with unit radius, where the metric of this field is given by

$$ds^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta \, d\phi^2$$

(10 marks)

4- Derive the geodesic equations.

(10 marks)

5- Explain the Length contraction in a gravitational field.

(10 marks)

6- Derive the differential equations the orbit of the planets in a Schwartzschild spacetime, where the Schwartzschild timeline element is given by

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

(10 marks)

7- Show how the general theory of relativity explains the phenomenon of bending light.

(10 marks)

With Best Wishes

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