

# Problems on General Relativity: 3

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**Problem 1.** Consider two stereographic projections,

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \supset \{(x', y', z') : x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2 = 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$(x', y', z') \mapsto (x, y)$  and  $(x', y', z') \mapsto (x'', y'')$  defined as follows:

$$(x, y) = \left( \frac{x'}{1 - z'}, \frac{y'}{1 - z'} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$(x'', y'') = \left( \frac{x'}{1 + z'}, \frac{y'}{1 + z'} \right). \quad (2)$$

Derive the map

$$\psi : (x'', y'') \mapsto (x, y) \quad (3)$$

and specify its domain.

**Problem 2.** Using the map (3) calculate the pullback

$$g'' := \psi^* g$$

of the metric tensor

$$g = \frac{4}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^2} (dx^2 + dy^2)$$

obtained by the pull back of the flat metric in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the inverse map  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  to (1). Can you explain the result?

**Problem 3.** Consider a general 1-form  $\omega_x(x, y)dx + \omega_y(x, y)dy$  and its pullback  $\omega'' := \psi^* \omega$ . Formulate necessary and sufficient conditions satisfied by the functions  $\omega_x, \omega_y$ , for the functions  $\omega''_{x''}(x'', y'')$  and  $\omega''_{y''}(x'', y'')$  to be well defined at  $(x'', y'') = (0, 0)$ .