

83(6) : Calculation of Light Deflection due to Gravitation

The relevant semi-classical ECE wave equation leads to:

$$(p^\mu + \epsilon G^\mu)(p_\mu + \epsilon G_\mu) = m^2 c^2 - (1)$$

where p^μ is the photon energy-momentum and m the photon mass. The gravitational interaction is given by ϵG^μ , where ϵ is to be determined. From previous work the interaction kinetic energy is:

$$T_{\text{int}} = \frac{\epsilon G^{(0)2} c^2}{mc^2(1+\gamma) + \epsilon c G^{(0)}} \quad - (2)$$

$$\rightarrow \epsilon c G^{(0)} \quad - (3)$$

in the limit:

$$\epsilon G^{(0)} \gg mc(1+\gamma) \quad - (4)$$

Now identify:

$$T_{\text{int}} = \epsilon c G^{(0)} = 4 \frac{G m M}{r} \quad - (5)$$

where G is Newton's constant and M is the mass of a particle that attracts the photon mass. Here r is the distance between the particles.

By unit analysis:

$$T_{\text{int}} = T \quad (1)$$

2) where ω is angular velocity and J is angular momentum. So:

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{4GM}{r} \frac{1}{J} \quad - (7)$$

$$\theta = \frac{4GM}{r} \int \frac{1}{J} dt \quad - (8)$$

Now identify:

$$\int \frac{1}{J} dt = \frac{1}{nc^2} = \frac{1}{\hbar\omega} \quad - (9)$$

to find

$$\theta = \frac{4GM}{rc^2} \quad - (10)$$

It has been assumed that:

$$J = \hbar, \quad \int dt = \frac{1}{\omega} \quad - (11)$$

Here

$$\hbar\omega = nc^2 \quad - (12)$$

is the de Broglie equation of a photon.

Eq (10) is the relativistic deflection of light due to gravity.