

Yang–Mills solutions on Minkowski space via non-compact coset spaces

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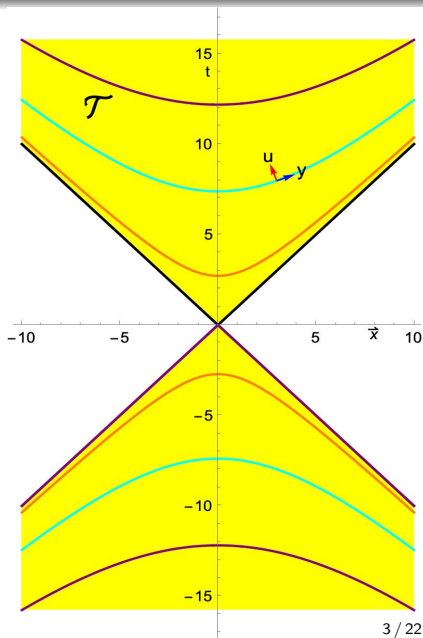
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The 2-sheeted hyperboloid H_ℓ^3 with radius ℓ can be embedded in Minkowski space $\mathbb{R}^{1,3}$ in the metric $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(-, +, +, +)_{\mu\nu}$ as

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} Y^\mu Y^\nu = -\ell^2, \quad \mu, \nu = 0, 1, 2, 3. \quad (1)$$

We choose to make our coordinates on the hyperbola $Y^\mu \in H_\ell^3$ and inside the lightcone $X^\mu \in \mathcal{T}$ dimensionless using the global length scale ℓ :

$$y^\mu := \frac{Y^\mu}{\ell}, \quad \& \quad x^\mu := \frac{X^\mu}{\ell}. \quad (2)$$



The interior of the lightcone \mathcal{T} can be foliated with unit-hyperboloids $H^3 := H_{\ell=1}^3$ using the following maps:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{\mathcal{T}} : \mathbb{R} \times H^3 &\rightarrow \mathcal{T}, & (u, y^\mu) &\mapsto e^u y^\mu =: x^\mu \\ \varphi_{\mathcal{T}}^{-1} : \mathcal{T} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times H^3, & x^\mu &\mapsto \left(\ln \sqrt{-\eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu}, \frac{x^\mu}{\sqrt{-\eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

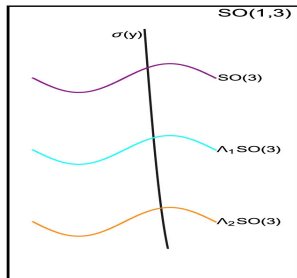
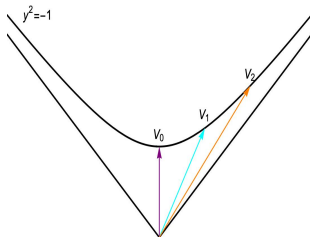
with $e^u = \sqrt{-\eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu}$. Convention: $x^0=t, x^1=x, x^2=y, x^3=z$.

The metric on \mathcal{T} becomes conformal to that of a Lorentzian cylinder $\mathbb{R} \times H^3$:

$$ds_{\mathcal{T}}^2 = e^{2u} (-du^2 + ds_{H^3}^2). \quad (4)$$

Canonical rotation (J_a) and boost (K_a) generators of $SO(1, 3)$:

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & K_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & K_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ J_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & J_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & J_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$



- A given timelike vector V_i on the hyperbola can be brought to the vector $V_0 = (1, 0, 0, 0)^T$ via a boost Λ_i .
- The vector V_i is uniquely associated with a coset $\Lambda_i SO(3)$ due to the fact that its stabilizer is nothing but $\Lambda_i SO(3) \Lambda_i^{-1}$.
- The hyperbola H^3 is the curve σ , parameterised by y , that passes through every coset once.
- Alternatively, H^3 is *the* orbit under the adjoint action of the Lorentz group $SO(1, 3)$ on the coset space.

The 2-sheeted unit hyperboloid H^3 can be realized as the coset space G/H with $G = SO(1, 3)$ and $H = SO(3)$ using the following maps

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\mathcal{T}} : SO(1, 3)/SO(3) &\rightarrow H^3, & [\Lambda] &\mapsto \Lambda_{0\mu} = y^\mu \\ \alpha_{\mathcal{T}}^{-1} : H^3 &\rightarrow SO(1, 3)/SO(3), & y^\mu &\mapsto [\Lambda_{\mathcal{T}}], \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where

$$\Lambda_{\mathcal{T}} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \gamma\beta \\ \gamma\beta^T & \mathbb{1} + (\gamma - 1)\frac{\beta\otimes\beta}{\beta^2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\beta^i = \frac{y^i}{y^0}, \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \vec{\beta}^2}}. \quad (8)$$

Notice that the generic expression of the boost $\Lambda_{\mathcal{T}}$ (7) can be obtained by exponentiation with boost generators K_a :

$$\Lambda_{\mathcal{T}} = \exp(\eta_a K_a) ; \quad \beta_i = \frac{\eta_i}{\sqrt{\eta^2}} \tanh \sqrt{\eta^2}. \quad (9)$$

The exterior of the lightcone \mathcal{S} can be foliated with de Sitter space dS_3 of radius ℓ obeying

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} Y^\mu Y^\nu = \ell^2 . \quad (10)$$

We again work with dimensionless coordinates e.g. $y^\mu := Y^\mu/\ell$. To see the foliation explicitly we note down the following maps

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_S : \mathbb{R} \times dS_3 &\rightarrow \mathcal{S} , & (u, y^\mu) &\mapsto e^u y^\mu =: x^\mu \\ \varphi_S^{-1} : \mathcal{S} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times dS_3 , & x^\mu &\mapsto \left(\ln \sqrt{\eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu} , \frac{x^\mu}{\sqrt{\eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu}} \right) , \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where $e^u = \sqrt{\eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu}$. The metric of \mathcal{S} under this map becomes conformal to a Euclidean cylinder $\mathbb{R} \times dS_3$:

$$ds_S^2 = e^{2u} (du^2 + ds_{dS_3}^2) , \quad (12)$$

where $ds_{dS_3}^2$ is the metric on dS_3 induced from (10), and the parameter u is spatial.

For the coset $SO(1,3)/SO(1,2)$ associated with the base vector $(0,0,0,1)$, the splitting (20) is realized by

$$I_a \in \{J_1, J_2, K_3\} \quad \text{and} \quad I_i \in \{K_1, K_2, J_3\}. \quad (13)$$

The following map illustrate the equivalence between dS_3 and $SO(1,3)/SO(1,2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_S : SO(1,3)/SO(1,2) &\rightarrow dS_3, & [\Lambda] &\mapsto \Lambda_{0\mu} =: y^\mu \\ \alpha_S^{-1} : dS_3 &\rightarrow SO(1,3)/SO(1,2), & y^\mu &\mapsto [\Lambda_S], \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where the representative element Λ_S is defined as follows

$$\Lambda_S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + (\gamma - 1) \frac{\beta_1^2}{\beta^2} & -(\gamma - 1) \frac{\beta_1 \beta_2}{\beta^2} & (\gamma - 1) \frac{\beta_1 \beta_3}{\beta^2} & \beta_1 \gamma \\ (\gamma - 1) \frac{\beta_1 \beta_2}{\beta^2} & 1 - (\gamma - 1) \frac{\beta_2^2}{\beta^2} & (\gamma - 1) \frac{\beta_2 \beta_3}{\beta^2} & \beta_2 \gamma \\ -(\gamma - 1) \frac{\beta_1 \beta_3}{\beta^2} & (\gamma - 1) \frac{\beta_2 \beta_3}{\beta^2} & 1 - (\gamma - 1) \frac{\beta_3^2}{\beta^2} & -\beta_3 \gamma \\ \beta_1 \gamma & -\beta_2 \gamma & \beta_3 \gamma & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

with

$$\beta_a = \frac{y^{a-1}}{y^3}, \quad \beta^2 = -\eta_{ab}\beta^a\beta^b, \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \quad (16)$$

Notice the presence of the 3-dimensional Minkowski metric $\eta_{ab} = \text{diag}(1, 1, -1)_{ab}$ due to the fact that the stabilizer $SO(1, 2)$ here is nothing but the isometry group of $\mathbb{R}^{1,2}$.

One can also obtain Λ_S , analogous to the previous case (9), by exponentiating the coset generators $l_a \in \mathfrak{m}$ with parameters κ_a :

$$\Lambda_S = \exp(\kappa_1 J_1 + \kappa_2 J_2 + \kappa_3 K_3) \quad (17)$$

and employing the following identification

$$\beta_a := \frac{\kappa_a}{\sqrt{\kappa^2}} \tan \sqrt{\kappa^2}; \quad \kappa^2 = \eta^{ab} \kappa_a \kappa_b. \quad (18)$$

For reductive coset spaces G/H the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$ with structure constants $f_{AB}{}^C$:

$$[I_A, I_B] = f_{AB}{}^C I_C \quad \text{with} \quad A, B, C = 1, \dots, 6, \quad (19)$$

admits the following splitting into a Lie subalgebra \mathfrak{h} and an orthogonal complement \mathfrak{m} such that $[\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m}] \subset \mathfrak{m}$:

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{m} \implies \{I_A\} = \{I_i\} \cup \{I_a\} \quad \text{with} \quad a = 1, 2, 3 \quad \text{and} \quad i = 4, 5, 6. \quad (20)$$

In effect, we get the following splitting of the Lie algebra

$$[I_i, I_j] = f_{ij}{}^k I_k, \quad [I_i, I_a] = f_{ia}{}^b I_b \quad \text{and} \quad [I_a, I_b] = f_{ab}{}^i I_i + f_{ab}{}^c I_c, \quad (21)$$

where $f_{ab}{}^c = 0$ for the symmetric spaces. The Cartan–Killing metric is given by

$$g_{AB} = -\text{tr}_{\text{ad}}(I_A I_B) = f_{AD}{}^C f_{CB}{}^D. \quad (22)$$

The Maurer–Cartan one-forms are given by

$$g^{-1} dg = \tilde{e}^A I_A \quad \text{for } g \in G, \quad (23)$$

which can be pulled back to the coset space G/H using any local section $\sigma : G/H \supset U \rightarrow G$ satisfying $\pi \circ \sigma = \text{Id}_U$ to obtain

$$e^A = \sigma^* \tilde{e}^A. \quad (24)$$

These one-forms split into

$$\{e^A\} = \{e^i\} \cup \{e^a\}, \quad (25)$$

where $e^i = e_a^i e^a$ are linearly dependent on the three e^a in terms of some real functions e_a^i . These one-forms satisfy the following structure equations consistent with (21):

$$de^a + f_{ib}{}^a e^i \wedge e^b = 0, \quad de^i + \frac{1}{2} f_{jk}{}^i e^j \wedge e^k + \frac{1}{2} f_{ab}{}^i e^a \wedge e^b = 0. \quad (26)$$

For the coset $SO(1,3)/SO(3)$ we have $l_i = J_i$ and $l_a = K_a$ such that

$$f_{ij}{}^k = \varepsilon_{i-3j-3k-3}, \quad f_{ia}{}^b = \varepsilon_{i-3ab} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{ab}{}^i = -\varepsilon_{abi-3}. \quad (27)$$

The Cartan–Killing metric, in this case, splits as follows:

$$g_{ij} = 4\delta_{i-3j-3}, \quad g_{ab} = -4\delta_{ab} \quad \text{and} \quad g_{ia} = 0. \quad (28)$$

Moreover, the Maurer–Cartan one-forms $\Lambda_{\mathcal{T}}^{-1}d\Lambda_{\mathcal{T}} = e^a l_a + e^i l_i$ are given by

$$e^a = \left(\delta^{ab} - \frac{y^a y^b}{y^0(1+y^0)} \right) dy^b, \quad e^i = \varepsilon_{i-3ab} \frac{y^a}{1+y^0} dy^b. \quad (29)$$

Notice that $e^0 := du$ & e^a provides, locally, an orthonormal-frame on the cotangent bundle $T^*(U \subset \mathbb{R} \times H^3)$:

$$ds_{\text{cyl}}^2 = -du^2 + ds_{H^3}^2 = -e^0 \otimes e^0 + \delta_{ab} e^a \otimes e^b. \quad (30)$$

They are pulled back to Minkowski space $\mathbb{R}^{1,3}$ via $\varphi_{\mathcal{T}}$ (3).

For the Lie algebra (13) of $SO(1,3)/SO(1,2)$ we have

$$f_{ij}{}^k = \varepsilon_{i-3 j-3 k-3} (1-2\delta_{k6}), \quad f_{ia}{}^b = \varepsilon_{i-3 a b} (1-2\delta_{a3}), \quad f_{ab}{}^i = \varepsilon_{a b i-3}, \quad (31)$$

where the indices for the terms inside the bracket are not summed over. These structure coefficients produce the following Cartan–Killing metric (22)

$$g_{ij} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{i-3 j-3}, \quad g_{ab} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}_{ab}, \quad g_{ia} = 0. \quad (32)$$

The Maurer–Cartan one-forms $\Lambda_S^{-1} d\Lambda_S = e^a I_a + e^i I_i$ are

$$e^a = dy^{3-a} - \frac{y^{3-a}}{1+y^3} dy^3, \quad e^i = -\varepsilon_{i-3 a b} \frac{y^{3-a}}{1+y^3} dy^{3-b}, \quad (33)$$

that give rise to the following metric on the cylinder $\mathbb{R} \times dS_3$ (12)

$$\tilde{g} = e^0 \otimes e^0 + \eta_{ab} e^a \otimes e^b. \quad (34)$$

We shall consider our Yang–Mills theory on the Lorentzian cylinder $\mathbb{R} \times G/H$ and the solution obtained therein would be transported back to Minkowski space owing to conformal invariance of the theory in 4D.

For the gauge group G a generic connection one-form \mathcal{A} in “temporal” gauge $\mathcal{A}_0 = 0$ is written as

$$\mathcal{A} = e^i I_i + e^a X_a , \quad (35)$$

which after imposing G -invariance¹ leads to

$$[I_i, X_a] = f_{ia}{}^b X_b . \quad (36)$$

Furthermore, for the symmetric spaces obeying $[\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}] \subset \mathfrak{h}$ like H^3 and dS_3 the G -invariance makes X_a proportional to I_a :

$$\mathcal{A} = e^i I_i + \phi(u) e^a I_a . \quad (37)$$

¹D. Kapetanakis & G. Zoupanos, *Phys. Rept.* **219** (1992) 1.

The field strength $\mathcal{F} = d\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A}$ for the above connection \mathcal{A} takes the following form ($\dot{\phi} := \partial_u \phi$)

$$\mathcal{F} = \dot{\phi} l_a e^0 \wedge e^a + \frac{1}{2}(\phi^2 - 1) f_{ab}{}^i l_i e^a \wedge e^b . \quad (38)$$

The Yang–Mills action simplifies to that of a mechanical ‘particle’ moving in a Newtonian potential $V(\phi)$ for both cases:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{YM} &= -\frac{1}{2e^2} \int_{\mathbb{R} \times H^3/dS_3} \text{tr}_{\text{ad}}(\mathcal{F} \wedge *\mathcal{F}) \\ &= \frac{12}{e^2} \int_{\mathbb{R} \times H^3/dS_3} \text{dvol} \left(\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi) \right) ; \quad V(\phi) = -\frac{1}{2}(\phi^2 - 1)^2 , \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

which has the following equation of motion

$$\ddot{\phi} = 2\phi(\phi^2 - 1) . \quad (40)$$

This equation admits a generic solution $\phi_{\epsilon, u_0}(u)$ characterized by its energy $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi)$ and by a shift parameter u_0 in terms of the Jacobi sine function

$$\phi_{\epsilon, u_0}(u) = f_-(\epsilon) \operatorname{sn}(f_+(\epsilon)(u - u_0), k) \quad (41)$$

with

$$f_{\pm}(\epsilon) = \sqrt{1 \pm \sqrt{-2\epsilon}}, \quad k^2 = \frac{f_-(\epsilon)}{f_+(\epsilon)} \quad (42)$$

Special cases, including the “kink”, of $\phi_{\epsilon, u_0}(u)$ are as follows:

$$\phi = \begin{cases} 0, & \epsilon = -\frac{1}{2} \\ \tanh(u - u_0), & \epsilon = 0 \\ \mp 1, & \epsilon = 0; u_0 \rightarrow \pm\infty \end{cases} . \quad (43)$$

It is a straightforward exercise to pull the orthonormal-frame on $\mathbb{R} \times H^3$ back to \mathcal{T} with the map $\varphi_{\mathcal{T}}$ (3) to get ($r = \sqrt{\vec{x}^2}$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^0 &:= du = \frac{t dt - r dr}{t^2 - r^2}, \\
 e^a &= \frac{dx^a}{\sqrt{t^2 - r^2}} - \frac{x^a (\sqrt{t^2 - r^2} - t) dr}{r(t^2 - r^2)} - \frac{x^a dt}{t^2 - r^2},
 \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

which yields the veirbein components $e^0 = e^0_{\mu} dx^{\mu}$ & $e^a = e^a_{\mu} dx^{\mu}$.
The colour electric $E_i := F_{0i}$ and magnetic $B_i := \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{ijk} F_{jk}$ fields comes out to be

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_a &= -\frac{1}{(t^2 - r^2)^{3/2}} \left[\varepsilon_{ab}{}^{k-3} x^b l_k + \left(\frac{x^a x^b}{r^2} (\sqrt{t^2 - r^2} - t) + t \delta^{ab} \right) l_b \right] \\
 B_a &= \frac{1}{(t^2 - r^2)^{3/2}} \left[\left(\frac{x^a x^{i-3}}{r^2} (\sqrt{t^2 - r^2} - t) + t \delta^{ai-3} \right) l_i - \varepsilon_{ab}{}^c x^b l_c \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

The stress-energy tensor on the cylinder $\mathbb{R} \times H^3$ has the form

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{cyl}} = -\frac{1}{2g^2} \text{tr} \left(\mathcal{F}_{\mu\alpha} \mathcal{F}_{\nu\beta} \eta^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{4} \eta_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}^2 \right); \quad \mathcal{F}^2 = \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu}, \quad (46)$$

and computes to

$$T^{\text{cyl}} = -\frac{6\epsilon}{g^2} (e^0 \otimes e^0 + \frac{1}{3} e^a \otimes e^a) \quad \implies \quad T^{\text{cyl}\mu}_{\mu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} T^{\text{cyl}}_{\mu\nu} = 0. \quad (47)$$

Pulling T^{cyl} back to the lightcone interior \mathcal{T} using the vierbein components $\{e^0_{\mu}, e^a_{\mu}\}$ yields a remarkably simple result:

$$T = C_{\mathcal{T}} \begin{pmatrix} 3t^2 + r^2 & -4tx & -4ty & -4tz \\ -4tx & t^2 + 4x^2 - r^2 & 4xy & 4xz \\ -4ty & 4xy & t^2 + 4y^2 - r^2 & 4yz \\ -4tz & 4xz & 4yz & t^2 + 4z^2 - r^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (48)$$

with $C_{\mathcal{T}} = -\frac{2\epsilon}{g^2(r^2-t^2)^2}$ and vanishing trace, as expected.

Again, the local orthonormal-frame on $\mathbb{R} \times dS_3$ can be pulled back to the exterior of lightcone \mathcal{S} via the map $\varphi_{\mathcal{S}}$ (11) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^0 &:= du = \frac{r dr - t dt}{r^2 - t^2}, \\
 e^a &= \frac{dy^{3-a}}{\sqrt{r^2 - t^2}} - \frac{y^{3-a} dy^3}{r^2 - t^2 + y^3 \sqrt{r^2 - t^2}} \\
 &\quad - \left(1 - \frac{y^3}{\sqrt{r^2 - t^2 + y^3}} \right) \frac{y^{3-a} e^0}{\sqrt{r^2 - t^2}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

This yields the veirbein components

$$e^0 = e^0_{\mu} dx^{\mu} \quad \text{and} \quad e^a = e^a_{\mu} dx^{\mu} \tag{50}$$

on the lightcone exterior \mathcal{S} .

As before, we compute the stress-energy tensor on the cylinder $\mathbb{R} \times dS_3$ to get

$$T^{\text{cyl}} = -\frac{2\epsilon}{g^2} (e^0 \otimes e^0 - e^1 \otimes e^1 - 3e^2 \otimes e^2 + e^3 \otimes e^3) , \quad (51)$$

which is traceless:

$$T_{\mu}^{\text{cyl}\mu} = \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{cyl}} = 0 . \quad (52)$$

Here again, we use the vierbein components $\{e_{\mu}^0, e_{\mu}^a\}$ to pull T^{cyl} back to \mathcal{S} :

$$T = C_{\mathcal{S}} \begin{pmatrix} 3t^2 + r^2 & -4tx & -4ty & -4tz \\ -4tx & t^2 + 4x^2 - r^2 & 4xy & 4xz \\ -4ty & 4xy & t^2 + 4y^2 - r^2 & 4yz \\ -4tz & 4xz & 4yz & t^2 + 4z^2 - r^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (53)$$

with $C_{\mathcal{S}} = -\frac{2\epsilon}{g^2(r^2-t^2)^3}$. This is again traceless, as required.

Summary and outlook

- We have obtained new YM solutions on the interior resp. exterior of lightcone using the Lorentz group $SO(1, 3)$ and stabilizer subgroup $SO(3)$ resp. $SO(1, 2)$.
- One has the coset $SO(1, 3)/ISO(2)$ for the null hypersurface, but there is no foliation and hence no dynamics.
- Yang–Mills dynamics can be explored on other related/unrelated coset spaces like $SO(2, 2)/SO(1, 2)$ and $G_2/SU(3)$ in future works.



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Thank You!

Questions?