# f(R,T) gravity and Gödel's Solution

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# f(R,T) gravity

- f(R,T) gravity is a modified theory of gravition
- ▶ In 2011, Harko et al. [1] developed the f(R, T) gravity.
- f(R,T) gravity generalizes the f(R) gravity

The action for f(R, T) gravity is given as

$$S = \frac{1}{2k} \int \sqrt{-g} \left[ f(R,T) + 2kL_m \right] d^4x$$
 (1)

Let us define the energy-momentum tensor as

$$T_{ab} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta(\sqrt{-g}L_m)}{\delta g^{ab}}$$
(2)

Further, assume that the Lagrangian density  $L_m$  depends on the metric tensor components  $g_{ab}$ , and not on its derivatives. Thus we have

$$T_{ab} = g^{ab} L_m - 2 \frac{\partial L_m}{\partial g_{ab}} \tag{3}$$

Varying the action S as in (1) with respect to the metric components, the modified field equations for f(R, T) gravity are expressed as

$$f_{R}(R,T)R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2}f(R,T)g_{ab} + (g_{ab}\Box - \nabla_{a}\nabla_{b})f_{R}(R,T) = T_{ab} - f_{T}(R,T)(T_{ab} + \Theta_{ab})$$
(4)

where

$$\Theta_{ab} = g_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\delta T_{\alpha\beta}}{\delta g^{ab}} = -2T_{ab} + g_{ab}L_m - 2g^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial^2 L_m}{\partial g^{ab} \partial g^{\alpha\beta}}$$

For the matter Lagrangian  $L_m = -p$  we arrive at

$$\Theta_{ab} = -2T_{ab} - pg_{ab} \tag{5}$$

Therefore, the modified field equations (4) finally take the form

$$f_{R}(R,T)R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2}f(R,T)g_{ab} + (g_{ab}\Box - \nabla_{a}\nabla_{b})f_{R}(R,T) =$$

$$(1 + f_{T}(R,T))T_{ab} + pf_{T}(R,T)g_{ab}$$
(6)

This field equations reduces to

- f(R) gravity field equations when f(R,T)=f(R)
- GR field equations when f(R, T)=f(R) = R

In literature we found three forms of f(R, T) as

$$G_{ab} = [1 + 2h_T(T)]T_{ab} + [2ph_T(T) + h(T)]g_{ab}$$
(7)

 $f(R,T) = f_1(R) + f_2(T)$ :

$$G_{ab} = G_{eff}T_{ab} + T_{ab}^{eff} \tag{8}$$

where

$$G_{eff} = \frac{1}{f_1'(R)} (1 + f_2'(T))$$

and

$$T_{ab}^{eff} = \frac{1}{f_1'(R)} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (f_1(R) - Rf_1'(R) + f_2(T))g_{ab} - (g_{ab}\Box - \nabla_a\nabla_b)f_1'(R) \right]$$

$$f(R,T) = f_1(R) + f_2(R)f_3(T):$$

$$[f_1'(R) + f_2'(R)f_3(T)]R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2}f_1(R)g_{ab} + (g_{ab}\Box - \nabla_a\nabla_b)[f_1'(R) + f_2'(R)f_3(T)] =$$

$$(1 + f_2(R)f_3'(T))T_{ab} + \frac{1}{2}f_2(R)f_3(T)g_{ab}$$
(9)

## Gödel metric

Gödel [2] had proposed a stationary cosmological model with rotation in the form (coordinates {t, x, y, z}, a = constant).

$$ds^{2} = a^{2} \left( dt^{2} - 2e^{x} dt dy + \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} dy^{2} - dx^{2} - dz^{2} \right)$$
(10)

- In the Gödel's model, the matter is described as dust with the energy density ρ
- Cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  is nontrivial and negative
- The angular velocity  $\omega$  of the cosmic rotation in (10) is

$$\omega^2 = \frac{1}{2a^2} = 4\pi G\rho = -\Lambda \tag{11}$$

G as Newton's gravitational constant.

The Gödel metric (10) represents a particular case of a wider family of stationary cosmological models described by

$$ds^{2} = dt^{2} - 2\sqrt{\sigma}e^{mx}dtdy - (dx^{2} + ke^{2mx}dy^{2} + dz^{2})$$
(12)

here m > 0,  $\sigma > 0$  and k are constant parameters. The line element (12) is called the model with rotation of the Gödel type.

- Gödel [3] himself outlined a more physical expanding generalizations of (10), although without giving explicit solutions.
- Considerable numbers of exact and approximate models with rotation and with or without expansion were developed
- Maitra [4] provided a cylindrically symmetric inhomogeneous stationary dust-filled world with rotation and shear.
- Wright [5] presented inhomogeneous cylindrically symmetric solution for dust plus cosmological term.

- Schucking and Ozsvath [5, 6],discussed a series of paper dealing with spatially homogeneous models with expansion, rotation and shear
- however, that it is impossible to combine pure rotation and expansion in a solution of the general relativity field equations for a simple physical matter source, such as a perfect fluid
- There are two ways to overcome that difficulty: one should either take a more general energy-momentum or to add cosmic shear
- The possibility of combining cosmic rotation with expansion was the first successful step towards a realistic cosmology.

Now generalized model is obtained from (12) by introducing the time-dependent scale factor R(t)

$$ds^{2} = dt^{2} - 2\sqrt{\sigma}R(t)e^{mx}dtdy - R(t)(dx^{2} + ke^{2mx}dy^{2} + dz^{2}) \quad (13)$$

The metric (13) is usually called the Gödel type model with rotation and expansion and also known as Gödel-Obukhov line element.

#### **Investigated Problems**

#### Problems

- Gödel metric, known as a simplest metric allowing for the closed time-like curves (CTCs) is compatible with this theory or not.
- Smallness of the Cosmological constant  $\Lambda$

Let us consider the Gödel metric in the form

$$ds^{2} = a^{2} \left[ dt^{2} - dx^{2} + \frac{1}{2}e^{2x}dy^{2} - dz^{2} + 2e^{x}dtdy \right], \qquad (14)$$

where a is a positive number. The non-zero components of the Ricci tensor for the Gödel metric (14) are expressed as

$$R_{22} = e^{2x}, R_{24} = R_{42} = e^{x}, R_{44} = 1.$$

The Ricci scalar or scalar curvature  $R = g^{ij}R_{ij}$  is  $R = 1/a^2$ .

We consider the energy momentum tensor in the following form

$$T_{ij} = (\rho + p)u_i u_j + (p + \Lambda)g_{ij}, \qquad (15)$$

Here *u* is the unit vector along the *t* line with  $u_i = (a, 0, ae^x, 0)$ ,  $\rho$ , *p* and  $\Lambda$  represent the energy density, pressure and cosmological constant, respectively. The non-zero components of the energy momentum tensor are

$$T_{11} = -(p + \Lambda)a^{2}$$

$$T_{22} = (\rho + \frac{3p}{2} + \frac{\Lambda}{2})a^{2}e^{2x}$$

$$T_{33} = -(p + \Lambda)a^{2}$$

$$T_{44} = (\rho + 2p + \Lambda)a^{2}$$

$$T_{24} = (\rho + 2p + \Lambda)a^{2}e^{x}$$
(16)

The trace of the energy momentum tensor is expressed as  $T = \rho + 5p + 4\Lambda$ .

## Solutions under various functional forms

Motivations:

- Singh et al.[7] investigated the cosmological constant in f(R, T) gravity by considering f(T) = μT<sup>2</sup> for the class f(R,T) = R + f(T).
- Pettorino et al.[8] devoted their study to class of extended quintessence cosmologies, in which scalar field act as dark energy and coupled to the Ricci scalar exponentially.
- Harko and Lobo [9] proposed the exponential dependence of Hilbert–Einstein action by replacing *R* with  $\Lambda e^{\frac{R+2L_m}{\Lambda}}$ , where  $L_m$  is the the matter Lagrangian.
- Moraes et al.[10] discussed the issue of cosmic acceleration in  $f(R,T) = R + e^T$  gravity.
- Godani and Samanta [11] presented the existence of a wormhole solution in  $f(R, T) = R + 2\alpha \ln T$  gravity, where  $\alpha$  is a constant.

# Solution for $h(T) = \lambda T^2$

In this case, the modified field equations (6) take the form

$$G_{ab} = [1 + 4\lambda T]T_{ab} + \lambda T[4p + T]g_{ab}$$
(17)

The non-zero components of equation (17) for the Gödel metric (14) along with (16) are expressed as

$$-65 \lambda p^{2} + (-92 \Lambda \lambda - 18 \lambda \rho - 1) p - 32 \Lambda^{2} \lambda - 12 \Lambda \lambda \rho - \lambda \rho^{2} - \Lambda = \frac{1}{2a^{2}}$$

$$(18)$$

$$105 \lambda p^{2} + (124 \Lambda \lambda + 66 \lambda \rho + 3) p + 32 \Lambda^{2} \lambda + 44 \Lambda \lambda \rho + 9 \lambda \rho^{2} + \Lambda + 2 \rho = \frac{3}{2a^{2}}$$

$$(19)$$

$$85 \lambda p^{2} + (108 \Lambda \lambda + 42 \lambda \rho + 2) p + 32 \Lambda^{2} \lambda + 28 \Lambda \lambda \rho + 5 \lambda \rho^{2} + \Lambda + \rho = \frac{1}{2a^{2}}$$

$$(20)$$

Let us assume that the universe is filled with a perfect fluid and for simplicity, we choose the case in which the pressure is zero, i.e., p = 0. Thus the system of equations (18)-(20) reduce to

$$-32\Lambda^2\lambda - 12\Lambda\lambda\rho - \lambda\rho^2 - \Lambda = \frac{1}{2a^2}$$
(21)

$$32\Lambda^2\lambda + 44\Lambda\lambda\rho + 9\lambda\rho^2 + \Lambda + 2\rho = \frac{3}{2a^2}$$
(22)

$$32\Lambda^2\lambda + 28\Lambda\lambda\rho + 5\lambda\rho^2 + \Lambda + \rho = \frac{1}{2a^2}$$
(23)

For  $\lambda = 0$ , the system of equations (21)-(23) has a solution in the form  $\rho = \frac{1}{a^2}$  and  $\Lambda = -\frac{1}{2a^2}$ . This solution reduces to the solution of Santos [12] and Gödel [3].

For  $\lambda \neq 0$ . With the removal of the  $\Lambda^2$  term from the system of equations, we now have a single equation

$$4\,\lambda\,\rho^2 + (16\,\Lambda\,\lambda + 1)\,\rho = \frac{1}{a^2}.$$
(24)

This equation (24) has infinite solutions depending on  $\rho$  and/or  $\Lambda$ . Let us assume that [13]

$$\rho = \frac{1}{a^2 \left(1 + 2\lambda\right)} \tag{25}$$

is a solution of the equation. Then the corresponding cosmological constant is given as

$$\Lambda = \frac{-2 + a^2 (1 + 2\lambda)}{8 (1 + 2\lambda) a^2}$$
(26)

 $\rho$  and  $\Lambda$  satisfy the field equations under the constraint  $\lambda = -\frac{a^2+2}{4a^2}$ . Thus, these quantity takes the form

$$\rho = \frac{2}{a^2 - 2} \tag{27}$$

and

$$\Lambda = \frac{a^2 - 6}{8(a^2 - 2)}$$
(28)

The relationship between the matter energy density and cosmological constant for this model is expressed as

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$$\Lambda = \left(\frac{a^2 - 6}{16}\right)\rho\tag{29}$$

## Solution for $h(T) = \lambda \ln(T)$

In this case the modified field equations (6) take the form

$$G_{ab} = \left[\frac{T+2\lambda}{T}\right]T_{ab} + \lambda \left[\frac{2p+T\ln(T)}{T}\right]g_{ab}$$
(30)

The non-zero components of equation (30) for the Gödel metric (14) along with (16) are expressed as

$$\frac{\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda}{2a^2} = -(\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda + 2\lambda)(p + \Lambda)$$
$$-\lambda \left[2p + (\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda)\ln(\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda)\right] (31)$$
$$\frac{3(\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda)}{4a^2} = (\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda + 2\lambda)\left(\rho + \frac{3p}{2} + \frac{\Lambda}{2}\right)$$
$$+ \frac{\lambda}{2}\left[2p + (\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda)\ln(\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda)\right] (32)$$
$$\frac{\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda}{2a^2} = (\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda + 2\lambda)(\rho + 2p + \Lambda)$$
$$+ \lambda \left[2p + (\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda)\ln(\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda)\right] (33)$$

For pressure is zero (p = 0), the system of equations (31)-(33) reduce to

$$\frac{\rho + 4\Lambda}{2a^2} = -\left(\rho + 4\Lambda + 2\lambda\right)\Lambda - \lambda\left(\rho + 4\Lambda\right)\ln\left(\rho + 4\Lambda\right) \tag{34}$$

$$\frac{3(\rho+4\Lambda)}{4a^2} = (\rho+4\Lambda+2\lambda)\left(\rho+\frac{\Lambda}{2}\right) + \frac{\lambda}{2}(\rho+4\Lambda)\ln(\rho+4\Lambda)$$
(35)

$$\frac{\rho + 4\Lambda}{2a^2} = (\rho + 4\Lambda + 2\lambda)(\rho + \Lambda) + \lambda(\rho + 4\Lambda)\ln(\rho + 4\Lambda) \quad (36)$$

For  $\lambda = 0$ , the system of equations (34)-(36) reduces to

$$\frac{\rho + 4\Lambda}{2a^2} = -4\Lambda^2 - \Lambda\rho \tag{37}$$

$$\frac{3(\rho+4\Lambda)}{4a^2} = 2\Lambda^2 + \frac{9}{2}\Lambda\rho + \rho^2$$
(38)

$$\frac{\rho + 4\Lambda}{2a^2} = 4\Lambda^2 + 5\Lambda\rho + \rho^2 \tag{39}$$

Solution of the above system are  $(\rho, \Lambda) = \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{a^2}, -\frac{1}{2a^2}\right), \left(\frac{2}{a^2}, -\frac{1}{2a^2}\right) \right\}$ and  $\Lambda = -\frac{1}{4}\rho$ .

For  $\lambda \neq 0$  and the elimination of  $\lambda (\rho + 4\Lambda) \ln (\rho + 4\Lambda)$  from the system of equations, (34)-(36) reduce to a single equation

$$\frac{\rho + 4\Lambda}{a^2} = 4\Lambda\rho + 2\lambda\rho + \rho^2 \tag{40}$$

This equation has an infinite number of solutions depending on  $\rho$  and/or  $\Lambda$ . As a result of using  $\rho$  in the form (25), we get  $\rho < 0$  and  $\Lambda > 0$ , which represents unrealistic behavior of the physical parameters. Therefore, let us assume that

$$\rho = \frac{1}{a^2 \left(1 + k\lambda\right)} \tag{41}$$

is a solution of (40) where  $k \neq 2$  is a constant quantity which needs to be determined. The corresponding cosmological constant has the form

$$\Lambda = \frac{2a^2(k\lambda+1)-k}{4a^2(k\lambda+1)k}$$
(42)

 $\rho$  and  $\Lambda$  satisfy the field equations (34)-(36) under the constraint

$$\lambda = -\frac{2a^2 + k}{2a^2k\left(2\ln\left(\frac{2}{k}\right) + 1\right)}.$$
(43)

Therefore, the matter energy density  $\rho$  and cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  will take the form

$$\rho = \frac{4\ln(\frac{2}{k}) + 2}{4a^2\ln(\frac{2}{k}) - k}$$
(44)

$$\Lambda = \frac{(2a^2 - k)\ln(\frac{2}{k}) - k}{(4a^2\ln(\frac{2}{k}) - k)k}$$
(45)

For this model, the relationship between the matter energy density and the cosmological constant is as follows:

$$\Lambda = \frac{(2a^2 - k)\ln(\frac{2}{k}) - k}{(4\ln(\frac{2}{k}) + 2)k}\rho$$
(46)

We have the restriction on the parameters k and  $a^2$  as follows:  $k \in (0, 2)$  and  $\frac{k}{4\ln(\frac{2}{k})} < a^2 < \frac{k}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2\ln(\frac{2}{k})} + 1 \right)$  for the matter energy density  $\rho > 0$  and cosmological constant  $\Lambda < 0$ .

# Solution for $h(T) = \lambda e^T$

In this case the modified field equations (6) take the form

$$G_{ab} = \left[1 + 2\lambda e^T\right] T_{ab} + \lambda e^T \left[2p + 1\right] g_{ab}$$
(47)

The non-zero components of equation (47) for the Gödel metric (14) along with (16) are expressed as

$$\frac{1}{2a^2} = -\left(1 + 2\lambda e^{\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda}\right)(p + \Lambda) - \lambda e^{\rho + 5p + 4\Lambda}(2p + 1)$$
(48)

$$\frac{3}{4a^2} = \left(1 + 2\lambda e^{\rho+5\,p+4\,\Lambda}\right) \left(\rho + \frac{3p}{2} + \frac{\Lambda}{2}\right) + \frac{\lambda}{2} e^{\rho+5\,p+4\,\Lambda} \left(2\,p+1\right) \tag{49}$$
$$\frac{1}{2a^2} = \left(1 + 2\lambda e^{\rho+5\,p+4\,\Lambda}\right) \left(\rho + 2\,p+\Lambda\right) + \lambda e^{\rho+5\,p+4\,\Lambda} \left(2\,p+1\right) \tag{50}$$

For pressure is zero (p = 0), the system reduces to

$$\frac{1}{2a^2} = -\left(1 + 2\lambda e^{\rho + 4\Lambda}\right)\Lambda - \lambda e^{\rho + 4\Lambda}$$
(51)

$$\frac{3}{4a^2} = \left(1 + 2\lambda e^{\rho + 4\Lambda}\right) \left(\rho + \frac{\Lambda}{2}\right) + \frac{\lambda}{2} e^{\rho + 4\Lambda}$$
(52)

$$\frac{1}{2a^2} = \left(1 + 2\lambda e^{\rho + 4\Lambda}\right)(\rho + \Lambda) + \lambda e^{\rho + 4\Lambda}$$
(53)

For  $\lambda = 0$ , the system of equations (51)-(53) has solution

$$(\rho, \Lambda) = \left(\frac{1}{a^2}, -\frac{1}{2a^2}\right)$$

, which reduces to the solution of Santos [12] and Gödel [3]

For  $\lambda \neq 0$ , the elimination of  $\lambda e^{\rho+4\Lambda}$  from the above system of equations (51)-(53) reduces to a single equation

$$\rho \left( 1 + 2\lambda e^{\rho + 4\Lambda} \right) = \frac{1}{a^2}$$
(54)

Following the above procedure we have the Solution

$$\rho = \frac{1}{a^2 \left(1 + 2\lambda\right)} \tag{55}$$

$$\Lambda = -\frac{1}{4a^2 \left(1 + 2\lambda\right)} \tag{56}$$

These two parameters satisfy the field equations under the constraint  $\lambda = -\frac{1}{4a^2}$ . Thus,  $\rho$  and  $\Lambda$  takes the form

$$\rho = \frac{2}{2a^2 - 1}$$
(57)

and

$$\Lambda = -\frac{1}{2(2a^2 - 1)}$$
(58)

Based on this model, the matter energy density  $\rho$  and cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  are related as

$$\Lambda = -\frac{1}{4}\rho \tag{59}$$

#### **Concluding Remarks**

- The modified field equations are developed for various trace dependent functions h(T), including  $h(T) = \lambda T^2$ ,  $h(T) = \lambda \ln(T)$ , and  $h(T) = \lambda e^T$ .
- For all the discussed forms of h(T), the functional form f(R, T) = R + 2h(T) produced the same results as Santos [12] and Gödel [3] for  $\lambda = 0$ .
- For  $\lambda \neq 0$ , the cosmological constant depends on the matter and geometry for  $h(T) = \lambda T^2$  and  $h(T) = \lambda \ln(T)$ , but only on the matter for  $h(T) = \lambda e^T$ .
- The expressions in (28), (45) and (58) indicate the smallness of the cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  depending on *a* followed by the prescribed  $\lambda$ .
- ► It is noted that the  $\lambda$  parameter is a small negative quantity and depends on *a*. The parameter  $\lambda$  lies in the interval  $-0.5 < \lambda < -0.33$  and  $-\infty < \lambda < -0.5$  for  $h(T) = \lambda T^2$  and  $h(T) = \lambda e^T$ , respectively. For the scenario  $h(T) = \lambda \ln(T)$ , the range of  $\lambda$  is determined by *k*. We will use k = 1 and  $a^2 \in (0.36068, 1.2214)$  as an example, so  $-1 < \lambda < -0.59$ .
- In the considered form of h(T), we are able to find the solutions of the field equations for Gödel metric. Thus there is a possibility of arising the CTCs in f(R,T) gravity.

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