

Appendix A Christoffel Symbol Calculations

For reference the metric is:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} -a^2 & & & \\ & a^2 & & \\ & & a^2 r^2 & \\ & & & a^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6a)$$

and the equation for calculating Christoffel symbols is:

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} \left[\frac{\partial g_{\mu\beta}}{\partial x^{\nu}} + \frac{\partial g_{\nu\beta}}{\partial x^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial g_{\mu\nu}}{\partial x^{\beta}} \right].$$

The non-zero $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^0$ values are:

$$\Gamma_{00}^0 = \frac{1}{2} g^{00} \left[\frac{\partial g_{00}}{\partial x^0} + \frac{\partial g_{00}}{\partial x^0} - \frac{\partial g_{00}}{\partial x^0} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-1}{a^2} \right) [-2a\dot{a}] = \frac{\dot{a}}{a},$$

$$\Gamma_{11}^0 = \frac{1}{2} g^{00} \left[\frac{\partial g_{10}}{\partial x^1} + \frac{\partial g_{10}}{\partial x^1} - \frac{\partial g_{11}}{\partial x^0} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-1}{a^2} \right) [-2a\dot{a}] = \frac{\dot{a}}{a},$$

$$\Gamma_{22}^0 = \frac{1}{2} g^{00} \left[\frac{\partial g_{20}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial g_{20}}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial g_{22}}{\partial x^0} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-1}{a^2} \right) [-2a\dot{a}r^2] = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2,$$

$$\Gamma_{33}^0 = \frac{1}{2} g^{00} \left[\frac{\partial g_{30}}{\partial x^3} + \frac{\partial g_{30}}{\partial x^3} - \frac{\partial g_{33}}{\partial x^0} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-1}{a^2} \right) [-2a\dot{a}r^2 \sin^2 \theta] = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2 \sin^2 \theta.$$

The non-zero $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^1$ values are:

$$\Gamma_{01}^1 = \frac{1}{2} g^{11} \left[\frac{\partial g_{01}}{\partial x^1} + \frac{\partial g_{11}}{\partial x^0} - \frac{\partial g_{01}}{\partial x^1} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} \right) [2a\dot{a}] = \frac{\dot{a}}{a},$$

$$\Gamma_{10}^1 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a},$$

$$\Gamma_{22}^1 = \frac{1}{2} g^{11} \left[\frac{\partial g_{21}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial g_{21}}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial g_{22}}{\partial x^1} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} \right) [-2a^2 r] = -r,$$

$$\Gamma_{33}^1 = \frac{1}{2} g^{11} \left[\frac{\partial g_{31}}{\partial x^3} + \frac{\partial g_{31}}{\partial x^3} - \frac{\partial g_{33}}{\partial x^1} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} \right) [-2a^2 r \sin^2 \theta] = -r \sin^2 \theta.$$

The non-zero $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^2$ values are:

$$\Gamma_{02}^2 = \frac{1}{2} g^{22} \left[\frac{\partial g_{02}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial g_{22}}{\partial x^0} - \frac{\partial g_{02}}{\partial x^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2 r^2} \right) [2a\dot{a}r^2] = \frac{\dot{a}}{a},$$

$$\Gamma_{20}^2 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a},$$

$$\Gamma_{12}^2 = \frac{1}{2} g^{22} \left[\frac{\partial g_{12}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial g_{22}}{\partial x^1} - \frac{\partial g_{12}}{\partial x^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2 r^2} \right) [2a^2 r] = \frac{1}{r},$$

$$\Gamma_{21}^2 = \frac{1}{r},$$

$$\Gamma_{33}^2 = \frac{1}{2} g^{22} \left[\frac{\partial g_{32}}{\partial x^3} + \frac{\partial g_{32}}{\partial x^3} - \frac{\partial g_{33}}{\partial x^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2 r^2} \right) [-a^2 r^2 (2 \sin \theta \cos \theta)] = -\sin \theta \cos \theta.$$

The non-zero $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^3$ values are:

$$\Gamma_{03}^3 = \frac{1}{2} g^{33} \left[\frac{\partial g_{03}}{\partial x^3} + \frac{\partial g_{33}}{\partial x^0} - \frac{\partial g_{03}}{\partial x^3} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right) [2a \dot{a} r^2 \sin^2 \theta] = \frac{\dot{a}}{a},$$

$$\Gamma_{30}^3 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a},$$

$$\Gamma_{13}^3 = \frac{1}{2} g^{33} \left[\frac{\partial g_{13}}{\partial x^3} + \frac{\partial g_{33}}{\partial x^1} - \frac{\partial g_{13}}{\partial x^3} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right) [2a^2 r \sin^2 \theta] = \frac{1}{r},$$

$$\Gamma_{31}^3 = \frac{1}{r},$$

$$\Gamma_{23}^3 = \frac{1}{2} g^{33} \left[\frac{\partial g_{23}}{\partial x^3} + \frac{\partial g_{33}}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial g_{23}}{\partial x^3} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right) [a^2 r^2 (2 \sin \theta \cos \theta)] = \cot \theta,$$

$$\Gamma_{32}^3 = \cot \theta.$$

Appendix B Ricci Tensor and Scalar Calculations

For reference the non-zero Christoffel symbols are:

$$\Gamma_{00}^0 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}, \Gamma_{01}^1 = \Gamma_{10}^1 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}, \Gamma_{02}^2 = \Gamma_{20}^2 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a},$$

$$\Gamma_{11}^0 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}, \Gamma_{22}^1 = -r, \Gamma_{12}^2 = \Gamma_{21}^2 = \frac{1}{r},$$

$$\Gamma_{22}^0 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2,$$

$$\Gamma_{33}^0 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2 \sin^2 \theta, \Gamma_{33}^1 = -r \sin^2 \theta, \Gamma_{33}^2 = -\sin \theta \cos \theta,$$

$$\Gamma_{03}^3 = \Gamma_{30}^3 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}, \Gamma_{13}^3 = \Gamma_{31}^3 = \frac{1}{r}, \Gamma_{23}^3 = \Gamma_{32}^3 = \cot \theta,$$

and the Riemann tensor equation is:

$$R_{\beta\mu\nu}^{\alpha} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{\mu}} \Gamma_{\nu\beta}^{\alpha} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{\nu}} \Gamma_{\mu\beta}^{\alpha} + \Gamma_{\mu\gamma}^{\alpha} \Gamma_{\nu\beta}^{\gamma} - \Gamma_{\nu\gamma}^{\alpha} \Gamma_{\mu\beta}^{\gamma}.$$

The R_{00} Ricci equation is

$$R_{00} = R_{000}^0 + R_{010}^1 + R_{020}^2 + R_{030}^3,$$

and the pertinent Riemann tensors are:

$$R_{00} = 0,$$

$$R_{010}^1 = 0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 - \frac{\ddot{a}}{a},$$

$$R_{020}^2 = 0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 - \frac{\ddot{a}}{a},$$

$$R_{030}^3 = 0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 - \frac{\ddot{a}}{a}.$$

$$\rightarrow R_{00} = -3 \left[\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 \right].$$

The R_{11} Ricci equation is

$$R_{11} = R_{101}^0 + R_{111}^1 + R_{121}^2 + R_{131}^3,$$

and the pertinent Riemann tensors are:

$$R_{101}^0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) - 0 + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2,$$

$$R_{111}^1 = 0,$$

$$R_{121}^2 = 0 - \left(\frac{-1}{r^2} \right) + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{r^2} \right) = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2,$$

$$R_{131}^3 = 0 - \left(\frac{-1}{r^2} \right) + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{r^2} \right) = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2.$$

$$\rightarrow R_{11} = \left[\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 \right].$$

The R_{22} Ricci equation is

$$R_{22} = R_{202}^0 + R_{212}^1 + R_{222}^2 + R_{232}^3,$$

and the pertinent Riemann tensors are:

$$R_{202}^0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2 \right) - 0 + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2 \right) - \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2 \right) \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) = \left[\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 \right] r^2,$$

$$R_{212}^1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} (-r) - 0 + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2 \right) - (-r) \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 r^2,$$

$$R_{222}^2 = 0,$$

$$R_{232}^3 = 0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \cot \theta + \left[\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2 \right) + \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) (-r) \right] - \cot^2 \theta,$$

$$= \csc^2 \theta + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 r^2 - 1 - \cot^2 \theta = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 r^2.$$

$$\rightarrow R_{22} = \left[\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 \right] r^2.$$

The R_{33} Ricci equation is

$$R_{33} = R_{303}^0 + R_{313}^1 + R_{323}^2 + R_{333}^3,$$

and the pertinent Riemann tensors are:

$$R_{303}^0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right) - 0 + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right) - \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right) \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) =$$

$$\left[\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 \right] r^2 \sin^2 \theta,$$

$$R_{313}^1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} (-r \sin^2 \theta) - 0 + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right) - (-r \sin^2 \theta) \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta,$$

$$R_{323}^2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} (-\sin \theta \cos \theta) - 0 + \left[\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right) + \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) (-r \sin^2 \theta) \right] - [(-\sin \theta \cos \theta)(\cot \theta)]$$

$$= (-\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta,$$

$$R_{33}^3 = 0.$$

$$\rightarrow R_{33} = \left[\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 \right] r^2 \sin^2 \theta.$$

The Ricci scalar is:

$$R = R_0^0 + R_1^1 + R_2^2 + R_3^3.$$

$$\begin{aligned} R &= -\frac{1}{a^2} \left[-3\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + 3\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 \right] + \frac{1}{a^2} \left[\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 \right] + \frac{1}{a^2 r^2} \left[\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 \right] r^2 + \frac{1}{a^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \left[\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 \right] r^2 \sin^2 \theta \\ &= 6 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a^3}. \end{aligned}$$