Exact Models of Charged Black Holes II. Axisymmetric Stationary Horizons

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Abstract. Using the formalism developed in the preceding paper, all axisymmetric stationary horizons are described. It is found that the bifurcate-type horizons (such as Schwarzschild) are as numerous as about four functions of one variable, while the extremetype ones (such as extreme Kerr) only as about two functions of one variable. On the other hand, there is exactly one axisymmetric stationary space-time containing a given bifurcate-type horizon, in comparison to a whole family (at least as numerous as two functions of one variable) of such space-times for a given extreme-type one.

The total mass m and angular momentum am of the corresponding black hole could in principle be computed from the invariants describing the bifurcate-type horizons, because the horizons determine their space-time uniquely, but a definite way of computation will probably be difficult to find. On the other hand, the Kerr-Newman-like parameters m and a are easily defined and computed for any extreme-type horizon, but their physical meaning remains so far obscure.

1. Introduction and Summary

In the previous paper [1], a simple classification of symmetry properties of the perfect horizons [2] has been achieved. In the present paper, we find all horizons of the first few most symmetric classes which can be imbedded in electrovacuum space-times. We use the notation introduced in [1]; this paper will be referred to as I hereafter [e.g., the Eq. (x) of [1] will be denoted I(x)].

In Section 2, the spherically symmetric horizons are investigated. They are found to form a three-parameter family that contains the Reissner-Norstrøm horizons with $m^2 > e^2 + h^2$ (m is the mass, e the electric and h the magnetic charge) and bifurcates in two two-parameter subfamilies at $m^2 = e^2 + h^2$, the first being the extreme Reissner-Nordstrøm one, and the second being formed by the horizons in the homogeneous space-times $S_m^2 \times P_m^2$. Here S_m^2 , P_m^2 is the 2-sphere and 2-pseudosphere, respectively, of radius m and \times denotes the Cartesian product

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