

Light cones are in the directions for which  $ds^2 < 0 \Rightarrow$

$dv > 0$	$dv < 0$
and	or
$-x dv + dx < 0$	$-x dv + dx > 0$
(1)	(2)

For  $x < 0$ , (1)  $\Rightarrow 2 dx < x dv < 0$ , so light cones are tilted to the left, and we can't cross

from  $x < 0$  to  $x > 0$ .

We notice that  $\partial_v$  has norm  $\partial_v \cdot \partial_v = g_{vv} = -x \begin{cases} < 0 \text{ for } x > 0 \text{ timelike} \\ > 0 \text{ for } x < 0 \text{ spacelike} \end{cases}$

so for  $x > 0$ ,  $\partial_v$  is in the light cone

$x < 0$  " " outside "

18. Consider the three-dimensional space with the line element

$$dS^2 = \frac{dr^2}{(1 - 2M/r)} + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2).$$

(a) Calculate the radial distance between the sphere  $r = 2M$  and the sphere  $r = 3M$ .

(b) Calculate the spatial volume between the two spheres in part (a).

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(a) As we move along the radial distance  $d\theta = d\phi = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \int_{2M}^{3M} \frac{dr}{(1 - \frac{2M}{r})^{1/2}} = r \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{1/2} + 2M \tan^{-1} \left[ \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{1/2} \right] \Bigg|_{2M}^{3M} \\ &= M \left[ \sqrt{3} + 2 \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} \right] \approx 3.049 M \end{aligned}$$

(b) The determinant of the metric is

$$g = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2M}{r}} \cdot r^2 \cdot r^2 \sin^2\theta \Rightarrow \sqrt{g} = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1/2} r^2 \sin\theta$$

$$V = \int \sqrt{g} dr d\theta d\phi = \int_{2M}^{3M} dr \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1/2} r^2 \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = 4\pi \int_{2M}^{3M} dr r^2 \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1/2}$$

$$V = 4\pi \frac{1}{6} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1/2} (2r^3 + Mr^2 + 5M^2r - 30M^3) + 5M^3 \operatorname{arctan} \left[ \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1/2} \right] \Big|_{2M}^{3M}$$

$$= 2\pi M^3 \left[ 16\sqrt{3} + \ln(362 + 209\sqrt{3}) \right] \approx 215.50 M^3$$

19. The surface of a sphere of radius  $R$  in four flat Euclidean dimensions is given by

$$X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 + W^2 = R^2.$$

(a) Show that points on the sphere may be located by coordinates  $(\chi, \theta, \phi)$ , where

$$X = R \sin \chi \sin \theta \cos \phi, \quad Z = R \sin \chi \cos \theta,$$

$$Y = R \sin \chi \sin \theta \sin \phi, \quad W = R \cos \chi.$$

(b) Find the metric describing the geometry on the surface of the sphere in these coordinates.

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$$(a) \quad X^2 + Y^2 = R^2 \sin^2 \chi \sin^2 \theta$$

$$X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 = R^2 \sin^2 \chi (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) = R^2 \sin^2 \chi$$

$$X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 + W^2 = R^2 (\sin^2 \chi + \cos^2 \chi) = R^2$$

$$(b) \quad dX = \frac{\partial X}{\partial \chi} d\chi + \frac{\partial X}{\partial \theta} d\theta + \frac{\partial X}{\partial \phi} d\phi = R \cos \chi \sin \theta \cos \phi d\chi + R \sin \chi \cos \theta \cos \phi d\theta - R \sin \chi \sin \theta \sin \phi d\phi$$

$$dY = R \cos \chi \sin \theta \sin \phi d\chi + R \sin \chi \cos \theta \sin \phi d\theta + R \sin \chi \sin \theta \cos \phi d\phi$$

$$dZ = R \cos \chi \cos \theta d\chi - R \sin \chi \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$dW = -R \sin \chi d\chi$$

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 + dw^2$$

$$dw^2 = R^2 \sin^2 \chi dx^2$$

$$dz^2 = R^2 \left[ \cos^2 \chi \cos^2 \theta dx^2 + \sin^2 \chi \sin^2 \theta d\theta^2 - 2 \cos \chi \sin \chi \cos \theta \sin \theta dx d\theta \right]$$

$$dy^2 = R^2 \left[ \cos^2 \chi \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi dx^2 + \sin^2 \chi \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \chi \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi d\phi^2 \right.$$

$$+ 2 \cos \chi \sin \chi \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin^2 \phi dx d\theta$$

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$$dx^2 = R^2 \left[ \cos^2 \chi \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi dx^2 + \sin^2 \chi \cos^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \chi \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi d\phi^2 \right.$$

$$+ 2 \sin \chi \cos \chi \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos^2 \phi dx d\theta$$

$$- 2 \sin \chi \cos \chi \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi dx d\phi$$

$$- 2 \sin^2 \chi \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi d\theta d\phi \left. \right]$$

$$ds^2 = R^2 \left[ d\chi^2 + \sin^2\chi d\theta^2 + \sin^2\chi \sin^2\theta d\phi^2 \right]$$

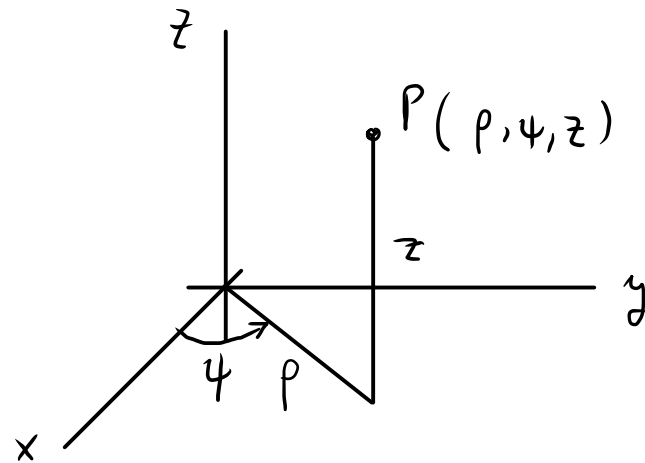
20. *Make the cover* Consider the two-dimensional geometry with the line element

$$d\Sigma^2 = \frac{dr^2}{(1 - 2M/r)} + r^2 d\phi^2.$$

Find a two-dimensional surface in three-dimensional flat space that has the same intrinsic geometry as this slice. Sketch a picture of your surface. (*Comment:* This is a slice of the Schwarzschild black-hole geometry to be discussed in Chapter 12. It is also the surface on the cover of this book.)

Embed in 3d flat space with cylindrical coordinates  $(\rho, \psi, z)$

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 \\ &= d\rho^2 + \rho^2 d\psi^2 + dz^2 \end{aligned}$$



We will make an axisymmetric embedding  $z = z(\rho)$ , so

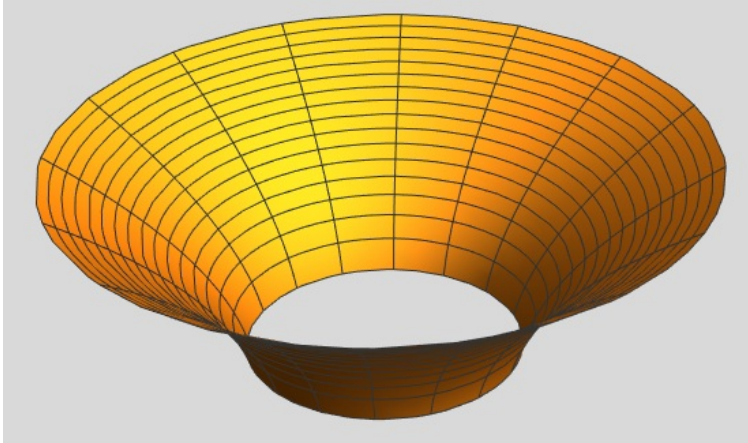
$$d\Sigma^2 = d\rho^2 + \rho^2 d\psi^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho}\right)^2 d\rho^2 = \left[1 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho}\right)^2\right] d\rho^2 + \rho^2 d\psi^2$$

So we should have  $\psi = \phi$  and  $\rho = r$

$$1 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho}\right)^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{\rho}\right)^{-1} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho}\right)^2 = -1 + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2M}{\rho}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho}\right)^2 = \frac{2M/\rho}{1 - \frac{2M}{\rho}} = \frac{2M}{(\rho - 2M)} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho} = \sqrt{2M} (\rho - 2M)^{-1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = \int d\rho \sqrt{2M} (\rho - 2M)^{-1/2} = 2\sqrt{2M} (\rho - 2M)^{1/2}$$





Cornell 3.4  $x = uv \cos \phi$   $y = uv \sin \phi$   $z = \frac{1}{2}(u^2 - v^2)$

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$$

• Compute  $g_{\mu\nu}$  in the  $(u, v, \phi)$  coordinate system

• if  $V^\mu = v \partial_u - u \partial_v$  compute the components of  $V_\mu$  and  $V_\mu V^\mu$

• if  $U^\mu = \sin \phi \partial_u - \cos \phi \partial_v$  compute  $V_\mu U^\mu$

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$$dx = v \cos \phi du + u \cos \phi dv - uv \sin \phi d\phi$$

$$dy = v \sin \phi du + u \sin \phi dv + uv \cos \phi d\phi$$

$$dz = u du - v dv$$

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$$dx^2 = v^2 \cos^2 \phi du^2 + u^2 \cos^2 \phi dv^2 + u^2 v^2 \sin^2 \phi d\phi^2 \\ + 2uv \cos^2 \phi du dv - 2uv^2 \cos \phi \sin \phi du d\phi - 2u^2 v \cos \phi \sin \phi dv d\phi$$

$$dy^2 = v^2 \sin^2 \phi du^2 + u^2 \sin^2 \phi dv^2 + u^2 v^2 \cos^2 \phi d\phi^2 \\ + 2uv \sin^2 \phi du dv + 2uv^2 \sin \phi \cos \phi du d\phi + 2u^2 v \sin \phi \cos \phi dv d\phi$$

$$dz^2 = u^2 du^2 + v^2 dv^2 - \cancel{2uv} du dv$$

$$dx^2 + dy^2 = v^2 du^2 + u^2 dv^2 + u^2 v^2 d\phi^2 + \cancel{2uv} du dv$$

$$dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 = (u^2 + v^2)(du^2 + dv^2) + u^2 v^2 d\phi^2$$

$$(g_{\mu\nu}) = \begin{pmatrix} u^2 + v^2 & & \\ & u^2 + v^2 & \\ & & u^2 v^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(g^{\mu\nu}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{u^2 + v^2} & & \\ & \frac{1}{u^2 + v^2} & \\ & & \frac{1}{u^2 v^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$V^r = [v, -u, 0]$$

$$V_u = g_{uu} V^u = (u^2 + v^2) v$$

$$V_v = g_{vv} V^v = -(u^2 + v^2) u$$

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$$V^r V_r = g_{\mu\nu} V^\mu V^\nu =$$

$$= (u^2 + v^2) v^2 + (u^2 + v^2) u^2 = (u^2 + v^2)^2$$

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$$V_\phi = g_{\phi\phi} V^\phi = 0$$

$$U^r = [\sin\phi, -\cos\phi, 0]$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_\mu U^\mu &= g_{\mu\nu} V^\mu U^\nu = g_{uu} V^u U^u + g_{uv} V^v U^v \\ &= (u^2 + v^2) v \sin\phi + (u^2 + v^2) (-u) (-\cos\phi) \\ &= (u^2 + v^2) [v \sin\phi + u \cos\phi] \end{aligned}$$

Carroll §2.7, Misner Space

$$(i) \quad ds^2 = 0 \Rightarrow -dt^2 - \frac{2}{t} dt dx + dx^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dt}{dx}\right)^2 + \frac{2}{t} \left(\frac{dt}{dx}\right) - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{dx} = -\frac{1}{t} \pm \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{t^2}}$$

$$\text{Define } \rho_1(t) = -\frac{1}{t} + \left(1 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right)^{1/2} \quad \frac{dt}{dx} = \rho_1(t)$$

$$\rho_2(t) = -\frac{1}{t} - \left(1 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right)^{1/2} \quad \frac{dt}{dx} = \rho_2(t)$$

Two null lines  
starting at each event

(ii) Consider a null vector  $V^\mu = (V^0, V^1) \equiv (V^t, V^x)$

$$V^\mu V_\mu = g_{\mu\nu} V^\mu V^\nu = 0 \Rightarrow -\cos\lambda (V^0)^2 - 2\sin\lambda V^0 V^1 + \cos\lambda (V^1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{V^0}{V^1}\right)^2 + \frac{2}{t} \left(\frac{V^0}{V^1}\right) - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{V^0}{V^1} = \rho_1(t)$$

$$\frac{V^0}{V^1} = \rho_2(t)$$

Notice that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} p_1(t) = -0 + (1+0)^{1/2} = 1$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} p_2(t) = -0 - (1+0)^{1/2} = -1$$

so we take  $V^t = (p_1, 1) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow -\infty} (1, 1)$

$$U^t = (-p_2, -1) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow -\infty} (1, -1)$$

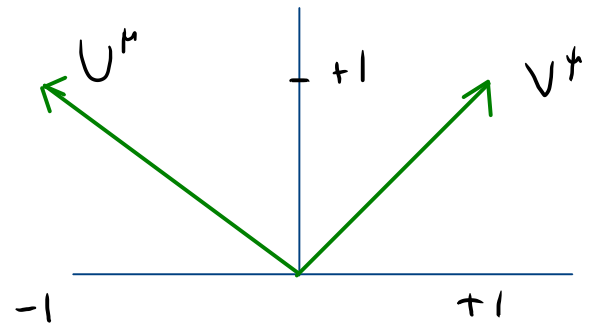
so 
$$V^t = \left( -\frac{1}{t} + \left(1 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right)^{1/2}, 1 \right)$$

$$U^t = \left( \frac{1}{t} + \left(1 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right)^{1/2}, -1 \right)$$

We want

for  $t < 0$

$t < 0$



Now we will try to define  $(V, U)$  to be continuous across the  $t=0$  line

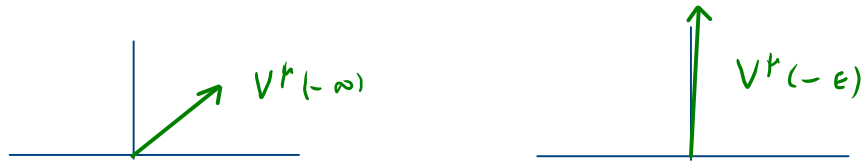
For  $t < 0$  
$$V^t = \left( -\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t} (1+t^2)^{1/2}, 1 \right)$$

$$U^t = \left( \frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t} (1+t^2)^{1/2}, -1 \right)$$

For  $t = -\epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  infinitesimal

$$V^\mu = \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} (1 + \epsilon^2)^{1/2}, 1 \right) \approx \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \right), 1 \right) = \left( \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}, 1 \right)$$

As  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$   $V^0 \rightarrow +\infty$  and  $V^\mu$  points in the  $+t$ -direction



$$U^\mu = \left( -\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} (1 + \epsilon^2)^{1/2}, -1 \right) \approx \left( -\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \right), -1 \right) \approx \left( \frac{\epsilon}{2}, -1 \right)$$

As  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$   $\Rightarrow U^0 \rightarrow 0^+$



In order to have continuous vector fields at  $t=0$ , we define

$$V^\mu = (-p_2, -1) = \left( \frac{1}{t} + \left( 1 + \frac{1}{t^2} \right)^{1/2}, -1 \right)$$

$$U^\mu = (-p_1, -1) = \left( \frac{1}{t} - \left( 1 + \frac{1}{t^2} \right)^{1/2}, -1 \right) \quad t > 0$$

Taking the limit  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ , set  $t = \epsilon > 0$

$$V^\mu = \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} (1 + \epsilon^2)^{1/2}, -1 \right) \approx \left( \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}, -1 \right)$$

$$U^\mu = \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} (1 + \epsilon^2)^{1/2}, -1 \right) \approx \left( -\frac{\epsilon}{2}, -1 \right)$$

$$\text{So } V^\mu \underset{t < 0}{\approx} \left( \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}, +1 \right) \rightarrow \underset{t > 0}{\left( \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}, -1 \right)}$$

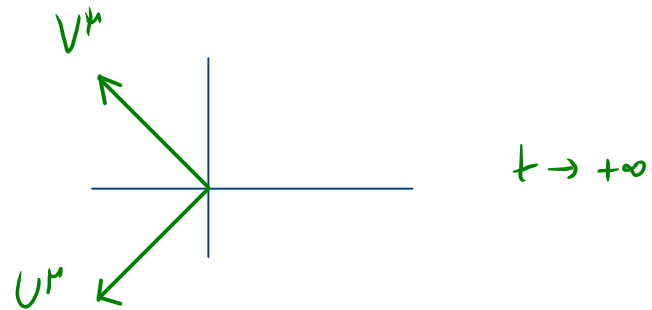
$$U^\mu \underset{t < 0}{\approx} \left( \frac{\epsilon}{2}, -1 \right) \rightarrow \underset{t > 0}{\left( -\frac{\epsilon}{2}, -1 \right)}$$

When  $t \rightarrow +\infty$

$$V^\mu \approx \left( \frac{1}{t} + 1 + \frac{1}{2t^2} + \dots, -1 \right) \rightarrow (1, -1)$$

$$U^\mu \approx \left( \frac{1}{t} - 1 - \frac{1}{2t^2} + \dots, -1 \right) \rightarrow (-1, -1)$$

and the light cone rotates continuously



To avoid infinities you may define

$$\hat{V}^\mu = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{p_1}{\sqrt{1+p_1^2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+p_1^2}} \right) & t < 0 \\ (1, 0) & t = 0 \\ \left( -\frac{p_2}{\sqrt{1+p_2^2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+p_2^2}} \right) & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

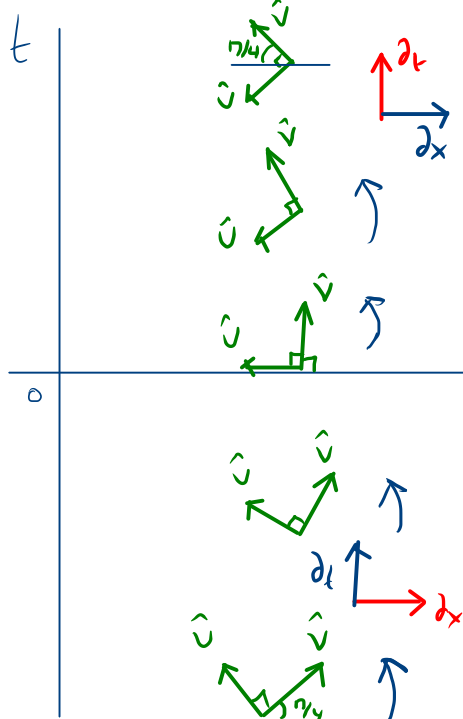
$$\hat{U}^\mu = \begin{cases} \left( -\frac{p_2}{\sqrt{1+p_2^2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1+p_2^2}} \right) & t < 0 \\ (0, -1) & t = 0 \\ \left( -\frac{p_1}{\sqrt{1+p_1^2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1+p_1^2}} \right) & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

Notice that when we draw  $\hat{V}^\mu, \hat{U}^\mu$  in the  $t-x$  diagram, the Euclidean angle between them is always  $90^\circ$ :

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\hat{V} \cdot \hat{U}}{|\hat{V}| |\hat{U}|} = \frac{V^0 U^0 + V^1 U^1}{1 \cdot 1} = \frac{-1 - p_1 p_2}{\sqrt{(1+p_1^2)(1+p_2^2)}} = \frac{(-1) - (-1)}{\sqrt{\dots}} = 0 \quad t < 0$$

$$\frac{1 + p_1 p_2}{\sqrt{(1+p_1^2)(1+p_2^2)}} = \frac{1 + (-1)}{\sqrt{\dots}} = 0 \quad \text{since } p_1 p_2 = -1$$



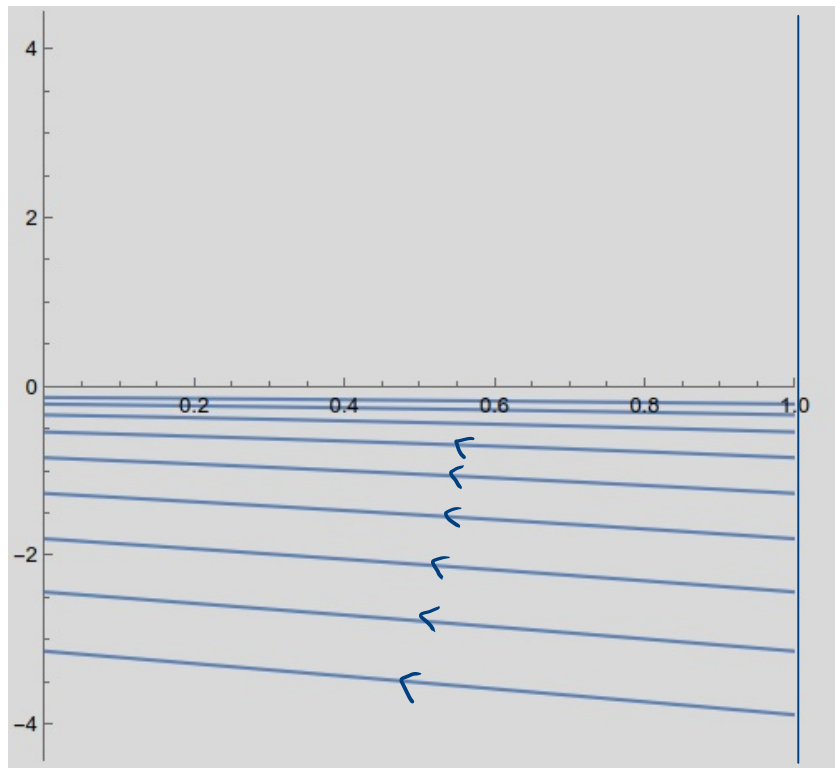


$\partial_t$  spacelike  
 $\partial_x$  timelike

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 flow of  
 time in  $-\partial_x$  direction

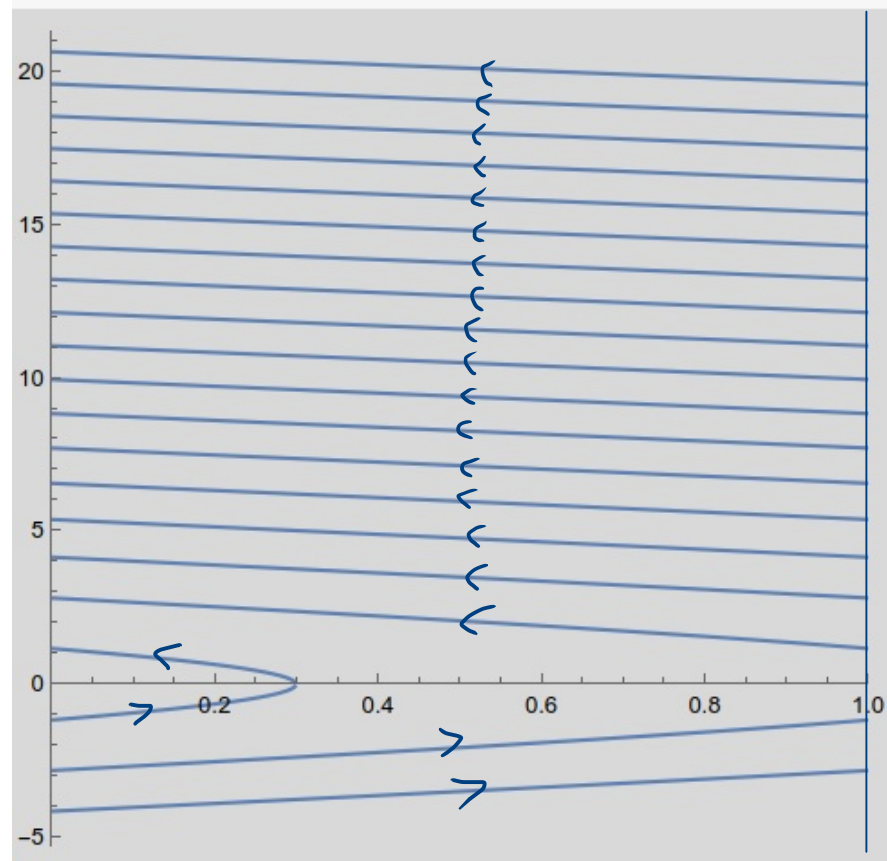
$\partial_t$  timelike  
 $\partial_x$  spacelike

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 flow of  
 time in  $+\partial_t$  direction



Light ray that starts in the  $\hat{U}^M$  direction for  $t < 0$ . The slope approaches zero and the curve has as limit the  $t=0$  circle

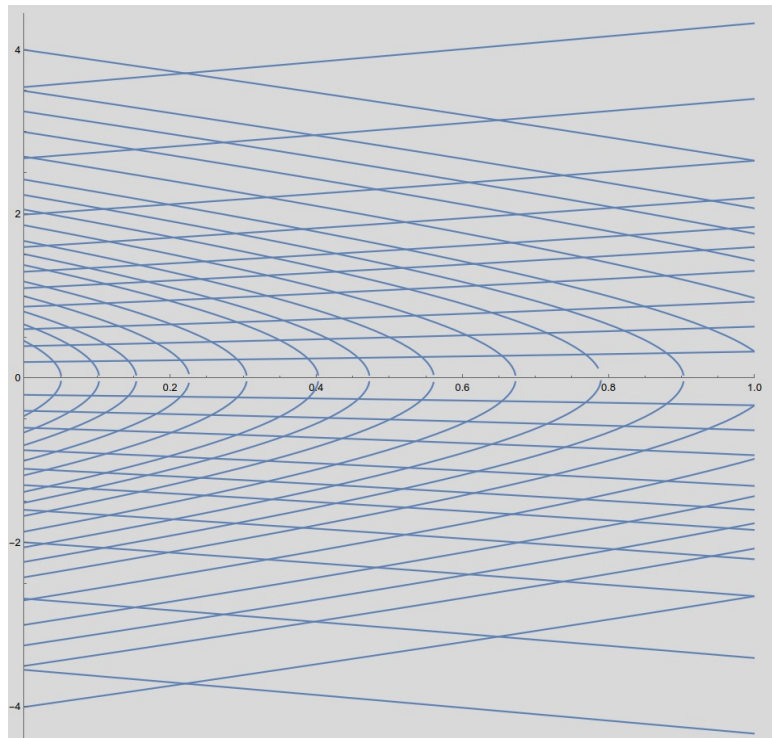
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Light ray starting at  $t < 0$  in the direction of  $\hat{V}^\mu$ . Starts at slope  $+45^\circ$ . When approaching the  $t=0$  circle, at some point  $\hat{V}^\mu$  becomes vertical and crosses to the  $t > 0$  region. Then it moves in the  $-x$  direction, as  $V^\mu$  does! For large enough  $t$ , it moves in the  $135^\circ$  direction.

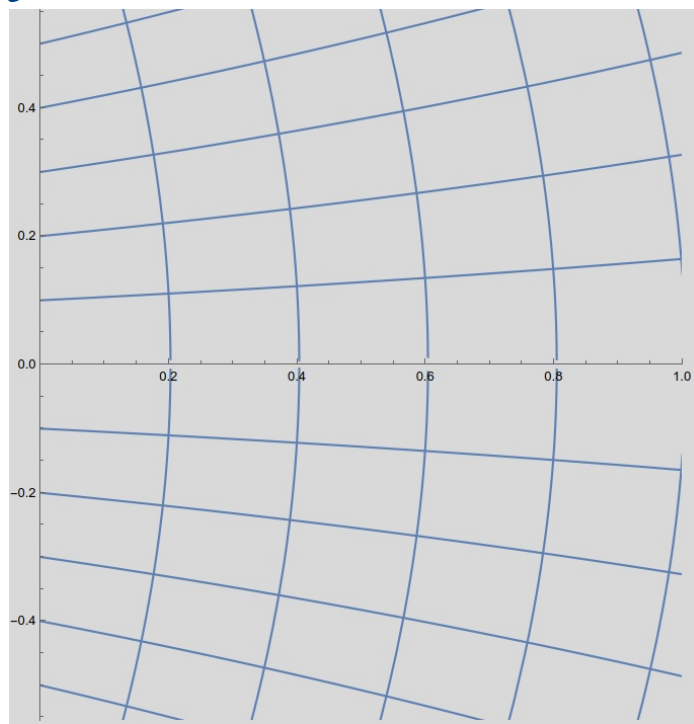
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Samples of light rays in spacetime. The left figure is not to scale, and the  $90^\circ$  light cone is not obvious. The right figure is a detail, and you can see that the lines cross at  $90^\circ$ .  
 ↳ to scale