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The basic method used for light deflection by gravitation was the null geodesic condition:

$$ds^2 = -g_{00} c^2 dt^2 + g_{11} dx^2 + g_{22} dy^2 + g_{33} dz^2 = 0 \quad - (1)$$

i.e. $g_{00} c^2 dt^2 = g_{11} dx^2 + g_{22} dy^2 + g_{33} dz^2 \quad - (2)$

Integrating:

$$g_{00} c^2 t^2 = g_{11} x^2 + g_{22} y^2 + g_{33} z^2 \quad - (3)$$

Without loss of generality consider the z axis only:

$$g_{00} c^2 dt^2 = g_{33} z^2 \quad - (4)$$

The ECE equation describing the deflection of light by gravitation is found from the Bianchi

identity: $d\Lambda T := R \wedge \nu - \omega \wedge T \quad - (5)$

and its Hodge dual:

$$d\Lambda \tilde{T} := \tilde{R} \wedge \nu - \omega \wedge \tilde{T} \quad - (6)$$

Here \wedge denotes the wedge product of Cartan's differential geometry. The general definition of the wedge product is given by Carroll in his chapter as the antisymmetrized tensor

2) product:

$$(A \wedge B)_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{p+q}} = \frac{(p+q)!}{p!q!} A_{[\mu_1 \dots \mu_p} B_{\mu_{p+1} \dots \mu_{p+q}]} \quad (7)$$

and as given in Carroll eq. (1.81) its symmetry is:

$$A \wedge B = (-1)^{pq} B \wedge A \quad (8)$$

It follows that:

$$\tilde{R} \wedge \omega = \omega \wedge \tilde{R} \quad (9)$$

because: $p=2, q=1 \quad (10)$

in eq. (8)

Therefore the light-like null geodesic condition is equivalent to:

$$\boxed{\tilde{R} \wedge \omega = -\omega \wedge \tilde{T}} \quad (11)$$

Restricting attention to the z axis eq (11)'s relevant tensor elements are:

$$\boxed{R^0_{\ 3}{}^{30} = -\omega^0_{\ 30} T^{030}} \quad (12)$$

This means that:

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{g} = 2c^2 R^0_{\ 3}{}^{30} \quad (13)$$

3) and the effective g is doubled for light interacting
 with any mass M , as observed in NASA Cassini.

Comparing eqs. (4) and (12):

$$R_{30}^{\circ} = \frac{1}{g_{33} z^2}, \quad - (14)$$

$$-\omega_{30}^{\circ} T^{030} = \frac{1}{g_{00} c^2 t^2}, \quad - (15)$$

Adopting the simplest possible spin connection

$$\omega_{30}^{\circ} = -\frac{1}{z} \quad - (16)$$

as in previous work or Coulomb's law (paper 63)

$$T^{030} = \frac{z}{g_{00} c^2 t^2} = z R_{30}^{\circ} \quad - (17)$$

so

$$R_{30}^{\circ} = \frac{1}{g_{33} z^2}, \quad T^{030} = \frac{1}{z g_{33}},$$

$$\omega_{30}^{\circ} = -\frac{1}{z}.$$