

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

General Relativity

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Aims

General relativity and applications.

Contents

- 1) Principles and equations of general relativity.
- 2) Elements of differential geometry.
- 3) Black hole physics.
- 4) Elements of cosmology.

Detailed program

- 1) Summary of special relativity. Minkowski spacetime.
- 2) Equivalence principle. Accelerated observers.
- 3) Elements of differential geometry. Curvature. Geodesics.
- 4) Physics on curved spaces. Curvature and gravity. Einstein's equations. Rudiments of Hamiltonian treatment.

Vielbein formalism.
5) Gravitational waves. Black holes: Schwarzschild, charged, rotating solutions. Definition of mass in general relativity. Causality.
6) Elements of cosmology. De Sitter and anti-de Sitter spaces.
Prerequisites
Undergraduate degree in physics.
Teaching form
Lessons, 6 credits.
Textbook and teaching resource
Lecture notes available at https://www.dropbox.com/s/t84lftb2llgb87w/GR.pdf?dl=0P
Semester
First semester
Assessment method
Written and oral exam. Exercises and problems on the course's topics.
Office hours
By appointment