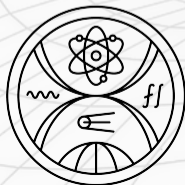


Teleparallel Regularization of Gravitational Action

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https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/9802157, Kleban 1999

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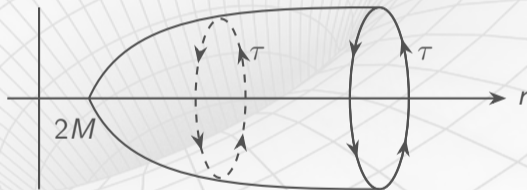
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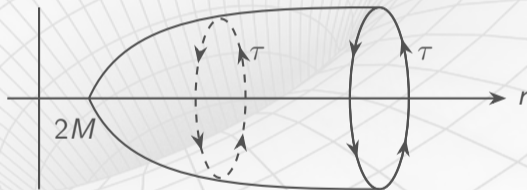
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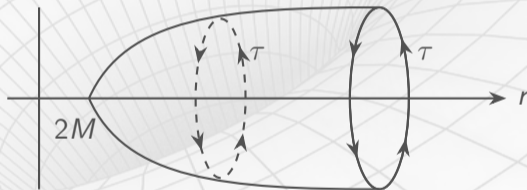
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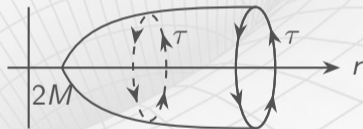
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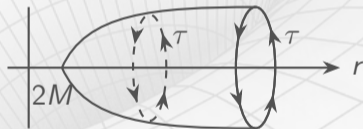
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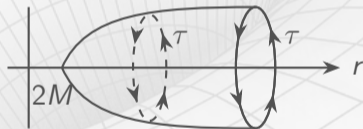
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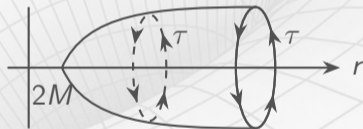
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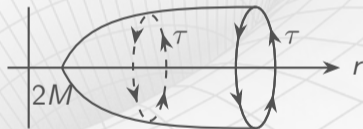
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