

obs: ~~theoretically~~ for conformally invariant theories we have $T^a_a = 0$.

$$S = \int d^n x \underbrace{\sqrt{g}}_S \mathcal{L} \quad g_{ab} \rightarrow \Omega^2 g_{ab} \quad (\text{conformal transformation})$$

$$\sqrt{g} \rightarrow \sqrt{g} \Omega^{2n}$$

if $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \Omega^{-2n} \mathcal{L}$ we have $S \rightarrow S$, therefore

Varying S with respect to the metric:

$$\delta_\Omega S = 0.$$

$$\delta S = \int d^n x \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta g_{ab}} \delta g_{ab} = \int d^n x T^{ab} \delta g_{ab} = \int d^n x T^a_a \delta(\Omega^2) = 0 \neq \delta(\Omega^2)$$

for conf. trans: $\delta g_{ab} = (\delta \Omega^2) g_{ab}$ therefore $T^a_a = 0$

In the Maxwell's example: $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$, $\mathcal{L} = g^{ac} g^{bd} F_{ab} F_{cd}$

then for $g_{ab} \rightarrow \Omega^2 g_{ab}$,

$$\sqrt{g} \rightarrow \sqrt{g} \Omega^{2n}, \quad \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \frac{\Omega^{-2} \Omega^{-2} g^{ac} g^{bd} F_{ab} F_{cd}}{\Omega^{-4}}$$

$$S = \int \sqrt{g} g^{ac} g^{bd} F_{ab} F_{cd} d^4 x = \int d^4 x \sqrt{g} \Omega^4 \Omega^{-4} F_{ab} F^{ab} = S.$$

for $n \neq 4$, EM is not conformal inv.

• Cosmological constant: $T_{ab} \propto g_{ab} f(x)$

conservation of energy: $\nabla^a T_{ab} = \nabla^a (f g_{ab}) = \nabla^a f g_{ab} = \nabla^b f = 0 \rightarrow \underline{f \text{ is a constant.}}$

so: $8\pi T_{ab} = -\Lambda g_{ab}$

going to Einstein's eqn: $R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{ab} = 8\pi T_{ab} = -\Lambda g_{ab}$

$$R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{ab} + \Lambda g_{ab} = 0$$

it's a perfect fluid with $P = -\rho_E$

and $T_{ab} u^a u^b = \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi} = \rho_E$

$$T^a_a = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} = -4\rho_E$$

therefore: $\rho_{\text{eff}} = 2\rho_E + T = -2\rho_E$

has a negative effective mass density

$$\rho_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{\Lambda}{4\pi}$$