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## **Conservation, Non-conservation Laws and Gravitational Energy-momentum in General Relativity**

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We show that because in a curved spacetime parallel transportations of  $(r,s)$ - tensors with  $r+s>0$  depend on paths, one cannot add up  $(r,s)$ -tensors at different points to get a definite sum  $(r,s)$ -tensor when  $r+s>0$ . However, when restricted to an infinitesimal spacetime region, one still can add up  $(r,s)$ -tensors at different points to get a definite sum  $(r,s)$ -tensors, if neglecting higher order infinitesimals. Due to these sound facts from geometry, we cannot talk about the sum of  $(r,s)$ - tensors distributing on a finite or infinite hypersurface, nor the net increase of  $(r,s)$ -tensors in a finite or infinite spacetime region, if  $r+s>0$ ; but we still can talk about the sum of  $(r,s)$ -tensors distributing on an infinitesimal hypersurface element, or the net increase of  $(r,s)$ -tensor in an infinitesimal spacetime region, when neglecting higher order infinitesimals. Therefore, denoting by  $\mathbb{F}$  the flux density  $(r+1,s)$ - tensor field of  $(r,s)$ - tensor  $Q$ , the conservation law of  $Q$  in curved spacetime can only be “the covariant divergence of  $\mathbb{F}$  vanishes everywhere”. It reads, “the net increase of tensor  $Q$  in any infinitesimal 4-dimensional neighborhood is zero”.

In particular, matter energy-momentum  $P$  is a  $(1,0)$ -tensor, denote its flux density field by  $T$ . The conservation law for  $P$  in GR cannot be anything else but “the covariant divergence of  $T$  vanishes everywhere”. It reads, the net increase of matter energy-momentum in any infinitesimal spacetime region is zero. This means matter fields and matter particles exchange energy-momentum with each other, but not with anything else including gravitational field.

Force, or interaction in physics, always means exchange of energy-momentum. Now that the gravitational field does not exchange energy-momentum with matter fields and matter particles. So, gravitational field does not carry energy- momentum, it is not a force field, and gravity is not a natural force.

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