
**AN ANALYSIS OF AN ANALOGY OF HOW THE THEORY OF
RELATIVITY WOULD BE TRUE.OR FALSEBY ALBERT EINSTEIN,
AS A TEACHING METHOD FOR RAISING HYPOTHESES IN
CONCEPTUAL PHYSICS**

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SUMMARY

This article is intended to do the Analysis of an Analogy of How the Theory of Relativity Would Be Trueor Falseby Albert Einstein,as a didactic approach to hypothesis formulation in the Conceptual Physics of Einstein's Theory of General Relativityand the Theory of Viscosity in Fluid Mechanics in University Physics, such as Newton's Law ofFluids and Reynolds' LawofFluidsthroughconceptualepistemologyandmodelbuildingforknowledgeconstructionand the necessary analyses in the construction of a theoretical calculation model and computational simulation.a practical and didactic conceptual approachfor complexityof knowledge.

INTRODUCTION

The intention of this article is to analyze the assumption that the Theory of General Relativity could be proven true, given that...as oGravitational waves are ripples in the fabric of spacetime, predicted by Albert Einstein in 1916.The first direct detection occurred inSeptember 2015by the observatoryLIGO, proving the collision of two black holes 1.3 billion light-years away. Since then, more than 90 cosmic events have been recorded.[2].Knowing that in the Theory of General Relativity and in Astrophysics the calculations are advancedand computational, predominantly in simulations of the Theory of General Relativity and Astrophysics, such as the behavior of the cosmos, an example is the Portuguese physicist Vitor Cardoso. The Portuguese physicist Vitor Cardoso (professor at Instituto Superior Técnico and Instituto Niels Bohr) leads cutting-edge studies on Einstein's General Relativity. He uses supercomputers to simulate blackhole collisions.and gravitational

waves, testing the limits of the theory under extreme conditions[3]. And the astronomical observations likened to the instrument Lucifer the former name of an astronomical instrument (an infrared camera and spectrograph) installed in [Large Binocular Telescope](#) (LBT), on Mount Graham, Arizona (USA). The instrument was renamed to LUCI in 2012 due to public controversies, which would be necessary for a real study of Astronomy and Astrophysics[4]. But highlighting that one can use verifiable empirical data in scientific journals and analogies of prototype simulations that can become computational, as an example simulating a neutron star requires supercomputers equipped with tens or even hundreds of thousands of processors (CPU cores). The calculations are so complex that the merger of two neutron stars, lasting only 1.5 seconds in real life, can consume up to 130 million hours of processing[5]. For example, mathematics uses **definitions, axioms, conjectures** and **theorems** as essential tools of its logical structure. This mechanism serves to build mathematical knowledge deductively; analyses in Physics and Astrophysics can proceed in this way. How to **Schrödinger equation** It is the mathematical basis that models and solves the structure of the electron cloud. In quantum mechanics, the electron does not have a fixed trajectory; the equation calculates its... **wave function** (ψ), whose square (ψ^2) reveals the region of **probability** to find it — what we know as an electron cloud or orbital cloud.

The example from cosmology discussed in this article will be that of two galaxies in the Theory of General Relativity in its encounter according to the theory of the Doppler effect and gravitational lensing with the deductive process of the expansion of the universe and the Big Bang Theory [1][6][7] and the Theory of Viscosity with the process of Newton-Reynolds Equation[8][9] approached in a way that draws an analogy with epistemology, shaping a theoretical model of calculation and computational simulation, for example, a processor like in a common home computer of a student and an independent student of Mathematics and Physics, who may use more processors depending on the needs of the epistemological conceptual model created and raised in the research. Therefore, the question presented in the article is useful for understanding the concepts and constructing conceptions of the reality of Physics for the absorption and construction of knowledge. Understandings such as the philosophy of Karl Popper and Thomas Kuhn in the construction of the philosophy of teaching can be addressed as support in the pre-analysis proposed in the article; both authors serve in such a way that the history of the construction of science and revolutions Scientific revolutions occurred, highlighting specific moments and characteristics of their historical context, especially within the socio-cultural context. The socio-cultural context is crucial for scientific revolutions, such as English mercantilism with

Isaac Newton and Adam Smith, following the European Renaissance. The Napoleonic Wars and...the engineer Joseph Fourier, just as the Second World War and the development of Nuclear Physics by the Allies and the Axis, like a smartphone revolution in today's specific socio-cultural context, like many political issues disseminated throughout the world, constantly create scientific revolutions that are transformed according to what Karl Popper and Thomas Kuhn analyzed in their theories of philosophy of education.

Thomas Kuhn's Theory in *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*

Thomas Kuhn developed his theory of scientific change in the book *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. He argued that science does not progress through a simple, continuous accumulation of knowledge. Instead, scientific development occurs through periods of stability followed by revolutionary changes in scientific thinking.

The Concept of a Paradigm

The **paradigm** is a set of theories, methods, assumptions, and standards that guide scientific research. It provides a framework for understanding the world and solving scientific problems.

Examples of paradigms include:

- Newtonian Mechanics in classical physics.
- Heliocentrism in astronomy.

Stages of Scientific Change

1. Normal Science

Scientists work within an accepted paradigm, conducting experiments and solving problems that fit the existing framework.

2. Anomalies

Researchers begin to discover observations that cannot be explained by the current paradigm.

3. Crisis

As anomalies accumulate, confidence in the existing paradigm weakens. Scientists start searching for alternative explanations.

4. Scientific Revolution

A new paradigm emerges that explains the anomalies more successfully than the old one.

5. ParadigmShift

The scientific community adopts the new paradigm, fundamentally changing how scientists understand and investigate nature.

Example:TheCopernicanRevolution

A classic example is the replacement of the geocentric model of Claudius Ptolemy by the heliocentric model proposed by Nicolaus Copernicus. This shift transformed astronomy and changed humanity's view of the universe.

Incommensurability

Kuhn argued that different paradigms may be **incommensurable**, meaning they are based on different concepts and standards. As a result, scientists working within different paradigms may interpret the same evidence differently.

Significance

Kuhn's theory had a major impact on the philosophy and history of science. It emphasized that scientific progress is not always gradual and that major advances often occur through revolutionary changes in thought.

Summary

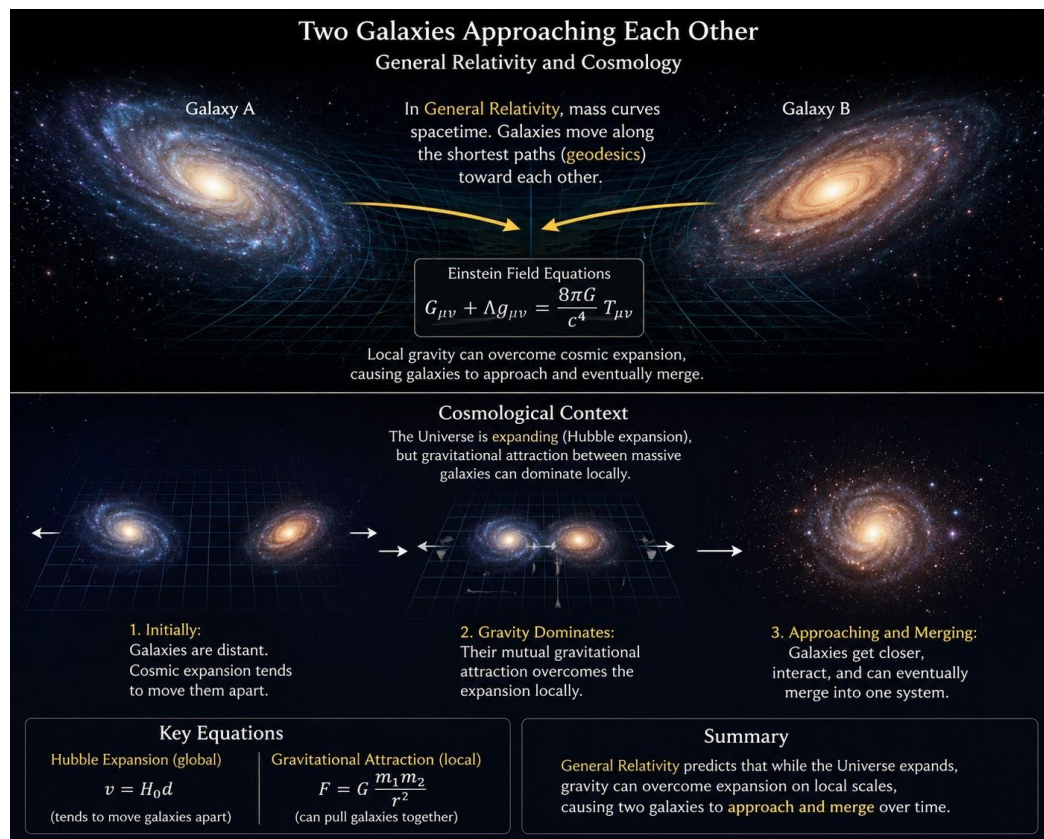
AccordingtoKuhn,scientificdevelopmentfollowsthispattern:

Normal Science → Anomalies → Crisis → Scientific Revolution → Paradigm Shift → New Normal Science

His central idea is that science advances through periodic revolutions that replace old paradigms with new ones, leading to profound changes in our understanding of the world.

TheoreticalFramework[1][6][7][8][9]:

In**GeneralRelativity**, twogalaxies can moveapartbecause **spaceitself isexpanding**.This is one of the foundations of modern astrophysics and cosmology.



General Relativity and Galaxies

The theory developed by Albert Einstein in 1915 describes gravity as the curvature of spacetime caused by mass and energy.

The fundamental equation is:

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

This is known as Hubble's Law.

- v = recession velocity
- d = distance between galaxies
- H_0 = Hubble constant

Example:

If two galaxies are 100 million light-years apart and $H_0 \approx 70 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$, they will retreat from each other due to cosmic expansion.

Astrophysical Interpretation

Observations by Edwin Hubble showed that distant galaxies exhibit a **redshift**:

$$z = \frac{\lambda_{\text{observed}} - \lambda_{\text{emitted}}}{\lambda_{\text{emitted}}}$$

The greater the redshift, the faster the galaxy is moving away.

Age of the Universe

Using the expansion rate, astronomers estimate the age of the universe to be about: 13.8 billion years

This value is supported by observations from the Planck spacecraft and other cosmological measurements.

Important Point

General Relativity does **not** say galaxies are flying through space away from each other like bullets. Instead, the **space between galaxies expands**, increasing their separation over time. This is the basis of the modern **Big Bang Theory**.

For the analysis and analogy of Albert Einstein's Theory of General Relativity in the theory of Astrophysics and Cosmology, the Theory of Viscosity Fluids is used, the presentation of which will be given below:

Viscosity:

Viscosity is a property of fluids (liquids and gases) that measures their resistance to flowing or being deformed.

Basic Idea

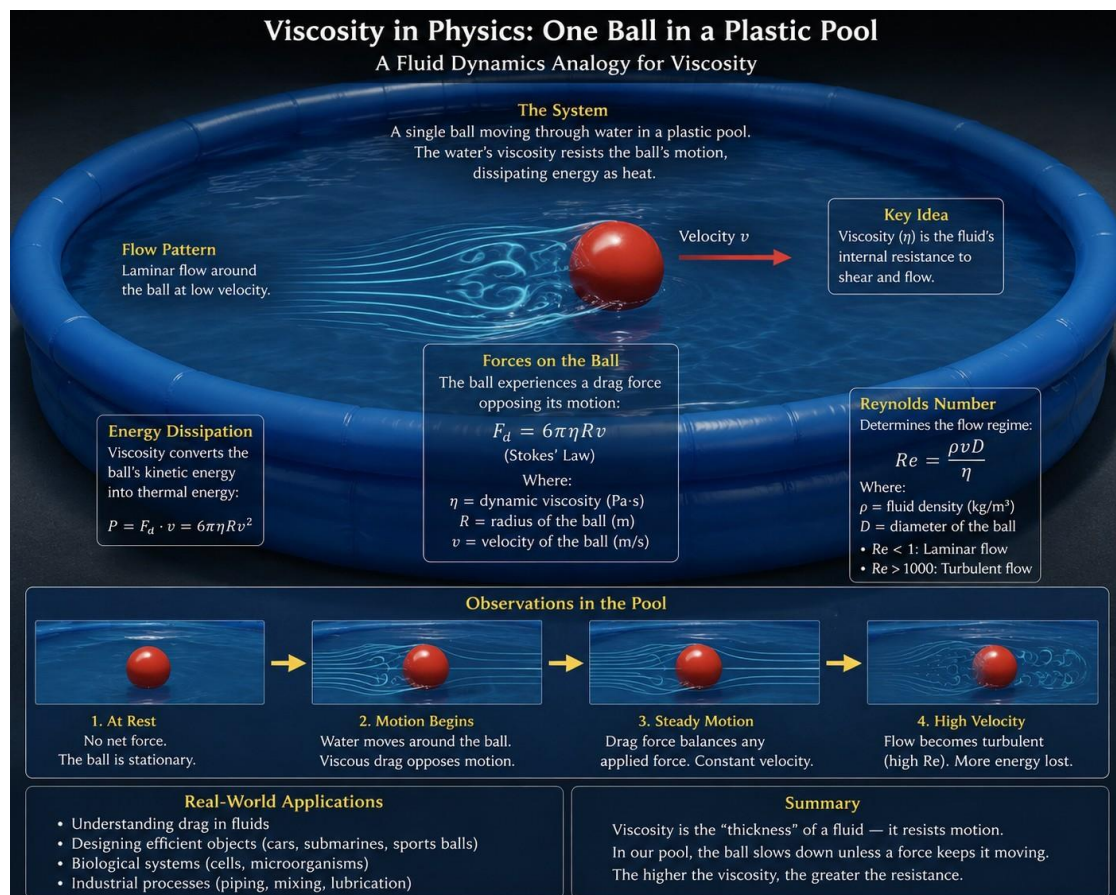
A fluid with **high viscosity** flows slowly because its internal friction is large. Examples:

- Honey → high viscosity
- Motor oil → medium viscosity
- Water → low viscosity
- Air → very low viscosity

What Causes Viscosity?

Viscosity arises from interactions between molecules:

- **In liquids**, molecules attract one another, creating internal friction.
- **In gases**, molecules transfer momentum through collisions, producing resistance to flow.



When different layers of a fluid move at different speeds, viscosity acts to reduce the difference in velocity.

Example: A Ball in Water

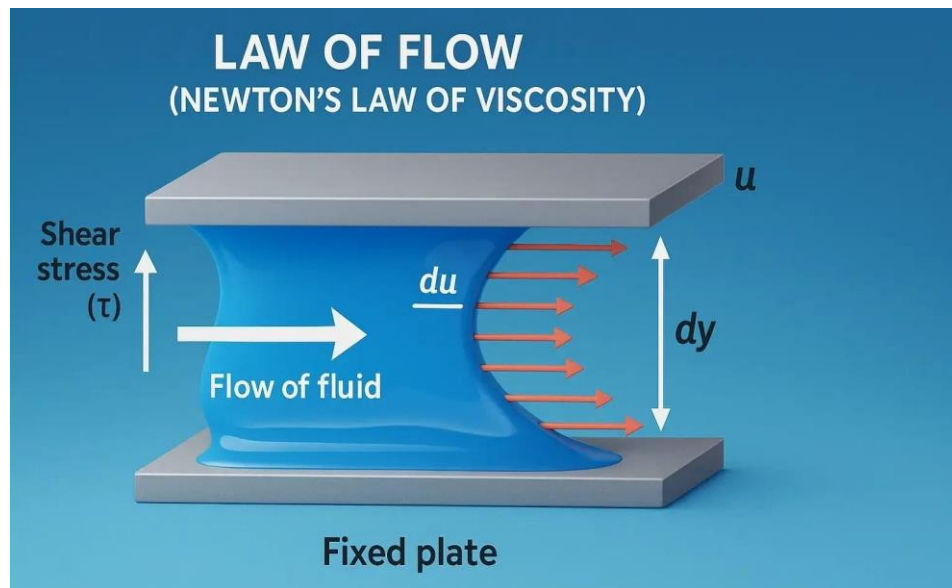
If a small ball moves through water:

- The water exerts a drag force on the ball.
- The drag increases with viscosity.
- The ball slows down because kinetic energy is converted into heat. For slow motion of a sphere:

$$F_d = 6\pi\mu R v$$

This is known as **Stokes' Law**, developed by George Gabriel Stokes.

Newton's Law of Viscosity



For many fluids:

$$\tau = \mu \frac{dv}{dy}$$

where:

- τ = shear stress (force per unit area)
- μ = dynamic viscosity
- dv/dy = velocity gradient between fluid layers

This equation states that the frictional force increases as adjacent layers move faster relative to one another.

Units

Dynamic viscosity is measured in:

Pa.s (Pascal-seconds)

Water at room temperature has a viscosity of approximately:

0.001 Pa.s

Example: Ball in Water

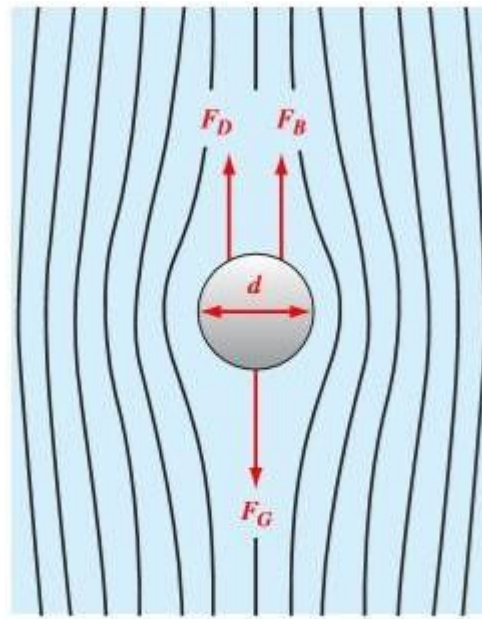


FIGURE P1.22

When a ball moves through water, viscosity creates a drag force that opposes the motion. For slow motion of a small sphere:

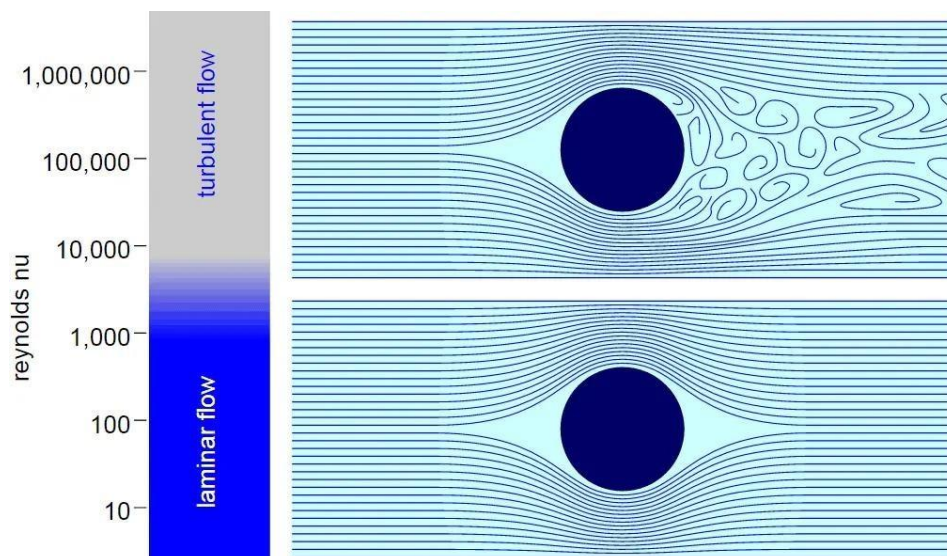
Stokes' law

$$F_d = 6\pi\mu Rv$$

R is the radius of the ball. v speed of the ball

μ viscosity of the fluid.

Reynolds Number



Viscosityalsodetermineswhetherflowissmoothorturbulent.

$Re = \rho v D / \mu$ Low Re

laminar(smooth)flow High Re

turbulentflow

Viscosityisessentialin:

- Bloodcirculation
- Aircraftaerodynamics
- Ocean currents
- Lubricationinengines
- Planetaryatmospheres
- Accretiondisksaroundblack holes

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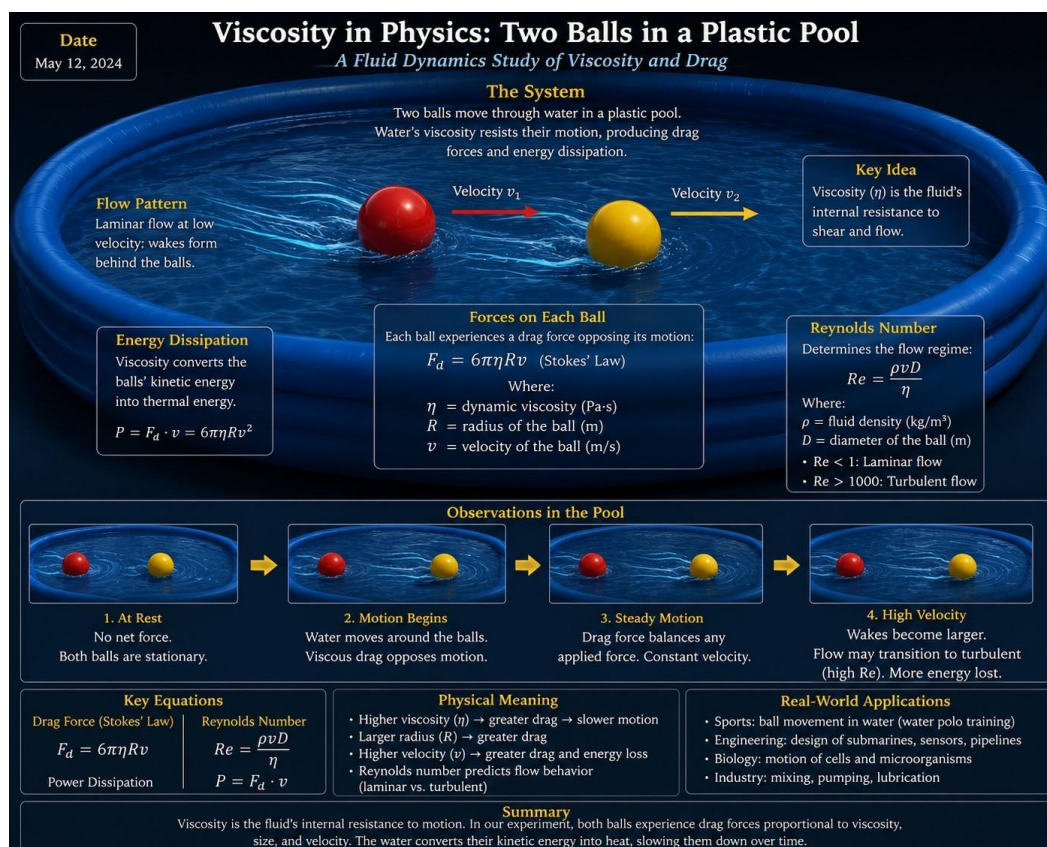
Viscosityistheinternalfrictionofafluid. Itresistsmotion,convertsmechanicalenergyintoheat, and determines how easily liquids and gases flow. Higher viscosity means greater resistance to movement and slower flow.

Applications

Viscosityisimportantin:

- Aircraftandautomobiledesign
- Bloodflowinarteries
- Oil pipelines
- Weatherandoceancirculation
- Lubricantsinmachinery
- Astrophysicaldisksaroundstarsandblack holes

Summary



Viscosity is the **internal friction of a fluid**. It determines how easily a liquid or gas flows, how much drag objects experience while moving through it, and whether a flow remains smooth or becomes turbulent. It is one of the central concepts of **fluid mechanics** and **hydrodynamics**.

Physical Explanation

When one layer of fluid moves relative to another, molecules interact and produce internal friction. This friction opposes the motion and is called **viscosity**.

Imagine a swimming pool:

- If a plastic ball moves through water, the water resists its motion.
- This resistance is caused by viscosity.
- The ball loses kinetic energy because some energy is dissipated as heat.

VISCOSITY – The resistance to flow
Viscosity is a property of liquids that describes their resistance to flow. A fluid with high viscosity (like honey) is thick and moves slowly. A fluid with low viscosity (like water) is thin and flows easily. Water has moderate viscosity, which resists the motion of objects moving through it.



How viscosity affects motion in water:

- When a ball moves through water, water molecules in front of it have to move out of the way.
- Viscosity causes internal friction between layers of water, creating drag (resistance).
- This drag slows the ball down.
- The more viscous the fluid, the greater the resistance.

Examples of Viscosity (Dynamic Viscosity at 20°C)

Fluid	Dynamic Viscosity (Pa·s)
Honey	10.0
Motor Oil	0.29
Water	0.001
Air	0.000018

TWO SHIPS IN THE PORT OF HAMBURG, GERMANY
Two container ships navigate the waters of Hamburg harbor on a collision course but adjust their paths in time to avoid impact.

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HOW VISCOSITY AFFECTS SHIPS IN WATER

- As a ship moves through water, it must push water molecules out of the way.
- Viscosity causes internal friction between layers of water, creating drag (resistance).
- This drag slows the ship down and requires more engine power.
- The more viscous the fluid, the greater the resistance.

VISCOSITY VISUALIZED

Low viscosity (water): Layers move easily

High viscosity (honey): Layers move slowly and stick together

EXAMPLES OF VISCOSITY (Dynamic Viscosity at 20°C)

Fluid	Dynamic Viscosity (Pa·s)
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Motor Oil	0.29
Water (Sea Water)	0.0012
Air	0.000018

WHY IT MATTERS IN REAL LIFE

- Viscosity affects fuel consumption: more drag = more fuel.
- It influences ship design: hull shape is optimized to reduce drag.
- It plays a role in safety: understanding water resistance helps prevent collisions.

TYPICAL SHIP DATA (Example)

Length: 300 m
Displacement: 100,000 tons
Service Speed: 24 knots (≈ 12.3 m/s)
Required Power to Overcome Drag: $\approx 30,000 - 40,000$ kW

Curvature of Space-Time in the Theory of Relativity [1][6][7]

The curvature of space-time is the central idea of the General Theory of Relativity, developed by Albert Einstein in 1915.

According to General Relativity:

- Space and time are not separate entities but form a four-dimensional structure called **space-time**.
- Massive objects such as the Sun, Earth, and planets bend or curve the space-time around them.
- What we perceive as **gravity** is actually the motion of objects following the curved geometry of space-time.

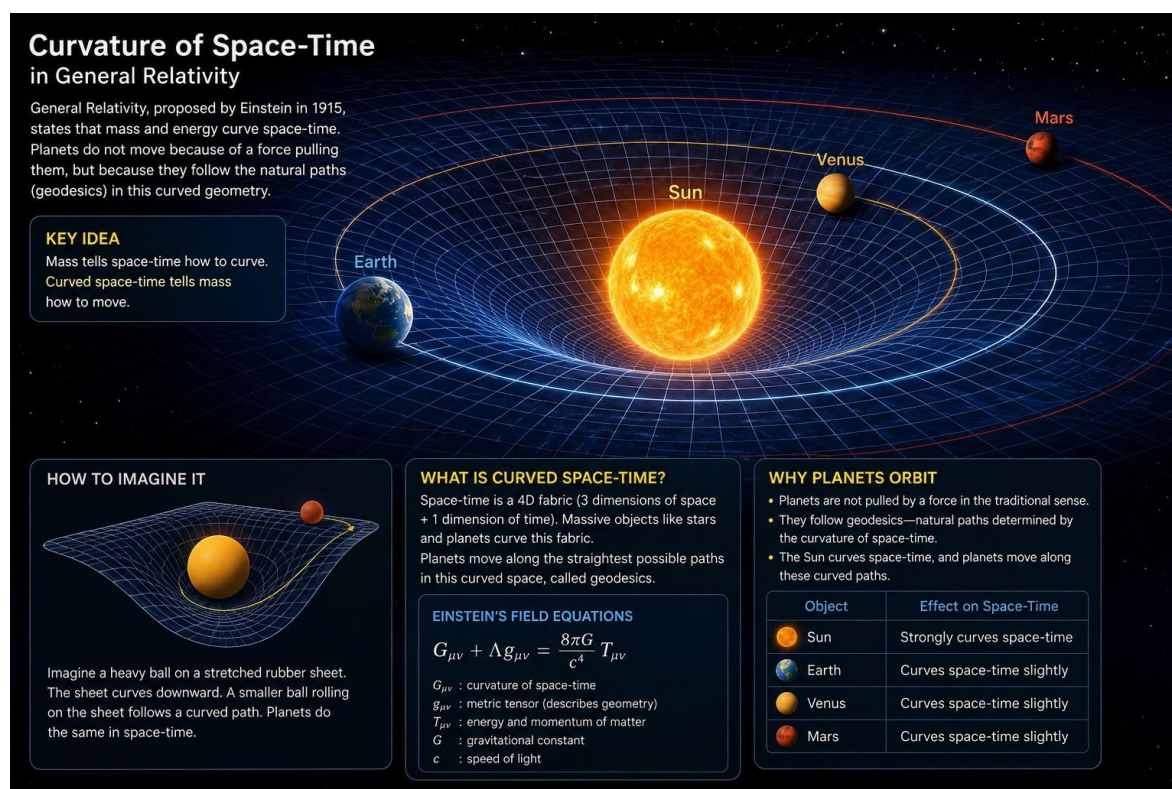
Einstein's Idea

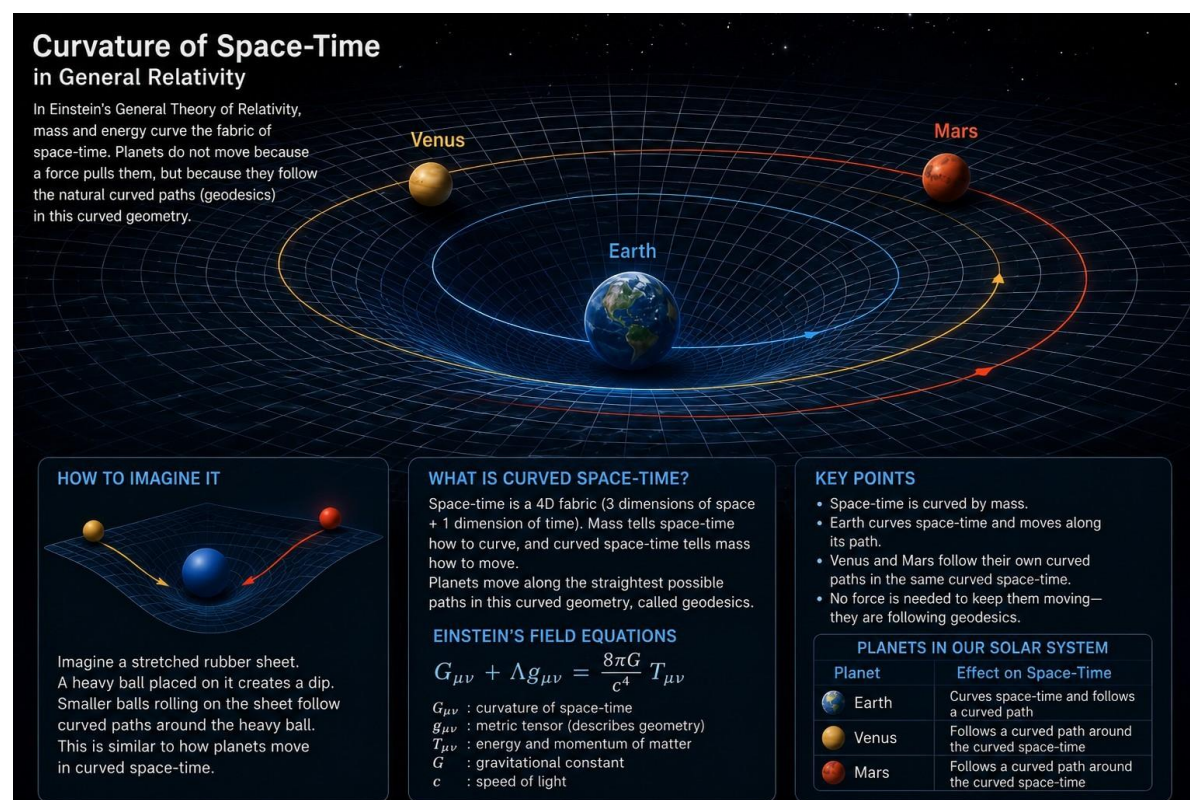
Einstein summarized the relationship between matter and space-time as:

"Matter tells space-time how to curve, and space-time tells matter how to move."

For example:

- The **Sun** creates a deep curvature in space-time because of its large mass.
- The **Earth** moves around the Sun by following a curved path in this distorted space-time.
- The same principle explains the motion of **Mars**, **Venus**, moons, comets, and even light.





Visual Analogy

Imagine a stretched rubber sheet:

If a heavy ball is placed on the sheet, it creates a depression. Smaller balls rolling nearby move along curved paths because the surface is distorted. Although this analogy is only two-dimensional, it helps visualize how mass curves space-time.

Effects of Space-Time Curvature

1. Planetary Orbits

- Earth, Venus, and Mars orbit the Sun because they move through curved space-time.

2. Gravitational Lensing

- Light bends when passing near massive objects such as stars or galaxies.

3. Time Dilation

- Time runs more slowly in stronger gravitational fields.

4. Black Holes

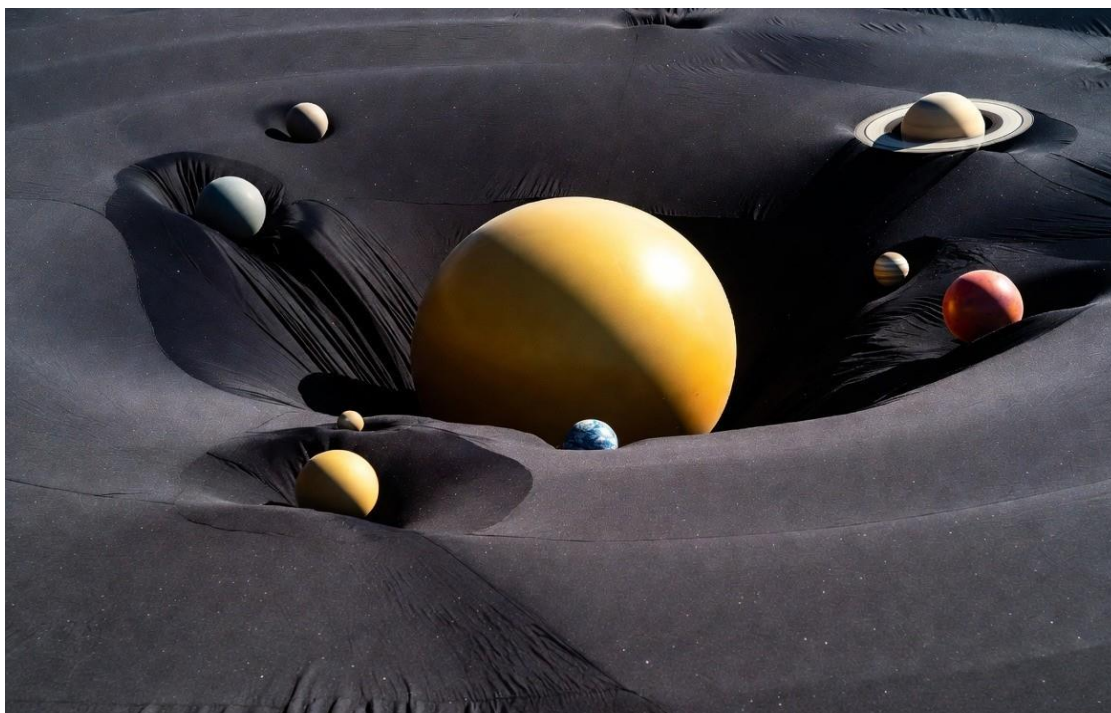
- Extremely massive objects can curve space-time so strongly that not even light can escape, creating a Black Hole.

CONCLUSION

In General Relativity, gravity is **not a force pulling objects together**. Instead, mass and

energy curve space-time, and objects move along the natural paths within that curved geometry. The Sun curves space-time around it, and planets such as Earth, Venus, and Mars follow those curved paths, producing their orbits.

A common example used in teaching the Theory of General Relativity and the curvature of spacetime is a Curtain Fabric Residential:



DISCUSSION

The purpose of this article is to discuss an analysis of the analogy between the viscosity theory of conceptual physics and the spacetime distortion of the theory of general relativity, in order to imagine if the theory of relativity...of The general statement would be TRUE or FALSE. The analogy of viscosity theory can be considered a prototype, similar to those used in architecture and civil engineering, but with a conceptual teaching theory. It's important to remember that the approach was didactic and easily absorbed by the reader, as the complete theory can be found in textbooks. This article aims to provide easy comprehension for the teaching of Conceptual Theoretical Physics. Starting from the Viscosity Theory approach in University Physics, it emphasizes that...spostgraduate conditions have-if Navier-Stokes Equations for fluids, in addition From the quantum mechanics of molecules to their behavior. With **definitions, axioms, conjectures and theorems ASTROPHYSICS and COSMOLOGY** It is possible to verify, through deductive means, the complexity of Conceptual Physics Theories,

such as in the Teaching Theory of Gaston Bachelard [13][14][15]:

"L'esprit scientifique nous interdit d'avoir une opinion sur des questions que nous ne comprenons pas, sur des questions que nous ne savons pas formuler avec clarté. Avant tout, il faut savoir poser des problèmes. Et quoi qu'on dise, dans la vie scientifique, les problèmes ne se posent pas d'eux-mêmes. This is the sense that poses a problem that gives rise to a veritable scientific spirit." (The scientific mind forbids us from having an opinion on questions we do not understand...Above all, one must know how to pose problems. And whatever people say, in scientific life, problems do not arise of their own accord.)

"La raison doit obéir à l'objet, tout en lui imposant ses formes." (Reason must obey the object, while simultaneously imposing its forms upon it.)

"La science moderne est une science qui n'a pas peur des contradictions." (Modern science is a science that is not afraid of contradictions.)

In order to draw an analogy between the Theory of General Relativity and the Viscosity of Fluids, one can begin by analyzing the equations. A didactic method is to compare the equations of the two theories in their respective environments, such as the fluid of a swimming pool or dark matter with its space-time distortion. The existence of dark matter needs to be definitively proven. Although scientists have much indirect evidence that it makes up about 27% of the universe, it has never been isolated or directly detected in a laboratory. Dark matter is invisible because it does not interact with light or any other electromagnetic radiation, being perceptible only through its gravitational force. Astrophysicists arrived at this theory from three major observations: Galaxy rotation, gravitational lensing, and Simulations of the Universe.

This question addresses the differentiation between spacetime distortion and dark matter (which needs to be proven), defining that...**THE dark matter** It is a mysterious and invisible substance that makes up most of the mass of the universe, while **space-time distortion**. It is the physical effect of deformation of the pThe very "fabric" of the universe (like a mattress sinking under a weight), caused by any object that possesses mass. The fundamental difference between the two concepts lies in the fact that...**dark matter** It is the "cause" (the invisible mass), and the **space-time distortion** It is the "effect" (the gravitational consequence of that mass). Light is an electromagnetic wave that travels through the vacuum

of space at about 300,000 km/s. Phenomena such as **Doppler effect** and the **gravitational lenses** They prove that this light is stretched, shortened, and bent by cosmic movements and gravity, allowing us to map the universe.

1. Propagation of Light in Space

- **No need for a middleman:** Unlike sound, which needs air or water to propagate, light is an electromagnetic wave and travels perfectly in the vacuum of space.
- **Constant speed:** In a vacuum, light travels at the speed limit of the universe (approximately 299.792 km/s).

2. Doppler Effect in Space

The Doppler effect is the change in the perceived frequency or wavelength of a wave when there is relative motion between the source and the observer. In a vacuum, it alters the color of starlight.

- **Redshift:** If a star or galaxy is moving away from us, its light is stretched and its spectrum shifts towards the color red.
- **Blueshift:** If the object is approaching, the light is compressed and the spectrum shifts towards blue.
- **Expansion of the Universe:** This effect formed the basis for the discovery that the Universe is expanding.

3. Gravitational Lenses

Gravitational lenses function like natural telescopes. Predicted by Albert Einstein's Theory of General Relativity, they occur because very massive bodies (such as black holes or galaxies) distort the fabric of spacetime around them.

- **How it works:** When the light from a distant star or galaxy passes near this enormous mass, its path is bent.
- **Visual result:** Light can be magnified, distorted, or even generate multiple images of the same object, creating perfect rings or arcs in the sky.

M Model of Two Colliding Galaxies in Analogy to the Conceptual Theory of Viscosity:

With these concepts about cosmology of space-time distortion and the meaning of Dark Matter in comparison with the Theory of Viscosity from Conceptual Physics **viscosity** It is the physical property that measures a fluid's resistance to flow. It acts as "internal friction" between the fluid's layers when it is in motion, determining whether it is "thinner" (like water) or "thicker" (like honey). Some key words are: THE CAUSE and EFFECT of gravity

and the curvature of spacetime (Dark Matter and Spacetime Distortion) and the RESISTANCE of fluid VISCOSITY. Starting from the analysis of the comparison of equations, an analogy from Conceptual Physics for a reflection on the aspects of the equations, in their specific behaviors of Physical meanings, in this work the conceptual approach is the Physics of Fluids in University teaching, if addressing Quantum Mechanics. As an approach for teaching young people and, what can be said, a pre-analysis of the viscosity analogy before delving into the Concept of Quantum Mechanics of Molecules. This pre-analysis is useful for creating a prototype, and through the viscosity analogy, a model of two galaxies colliding is created. In the fact that the **dark matter** It is the "cause" (the invisible mass), and the **space-time distortion** It is the "effect" (the gravitational consequence of that mass). Concurrently with the viscosity theory describes **internal resistance** that a fluid (like water) offers to the flow. When a ball is in water, this property generates friction between the layers of the liquid and the surface of the object, creating a force opposing the movement. The process involves identifying what the analogy could be. Using the prototype or model... from the conceptual analysis of physics. Based on the theory of viscosity, a computational model is created, both for the theoretical calculation as for the graphical simulation, for a processor, is presented in a simple way, as explained in the introduction regarding the conditions of computers and processors.

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In epistemology, analogy functions as an essential cognitive mechanism for understanding, modeling, and justifying scientific and philosophical knowledge. It builds bridges between the familiar and the unknown, allowing the formulation of hypotheses based on comparisons of relationships between phenomena. The equations above justify the possibility of analyzing epistemology by creating a model for knowledge construction through an analogy between two theories: the Viscosity of Fluids and the Theory of General Relativity. The model would be derived from the justification of the viscosity equations using Albert Einstein's equation from the Theory of General Relativity, which describes gravity as the curvature of spacetime caused by mass and energy. From this, with the appropriate Astrophysics book, such as an example in [16] it is possible to construct the concepts of the models which according to definitions, theorems, conjectures and axioms raise a deductive hypothesis. The outcome of the knowledge model of epistemology's analogy in the construction of knowledge proposed in the article is therefore deductively derived. Thus, the outcome of the model of theoretical calculations and computational simulation is formed within the epistemological model.

The Role of Analogy in Knowledge Construction

- **Explanation of the invisible:** When faced with phenomena inaccessible to direct experience, analogy suggests paths to understanding.
- **Scientific modeling:** Models are often constructed by analogy (e.g., the analogy of the brain with a computer).
- **Concept building:** It serves as an amalgam for structuring new theories, connecting already established notions to new perceptions of reality.

Epistemological Limits and Critiques

Despite their heuristic usefulness, the use of analogies in epistemology requires rigor, as they carry risks:

- **Epistemological obstacles:** As philosophers like Gaston Bachelard have pointed out, excessive analogies can generate false images that hinder scientific progress.

- **Provisional:** An analogy does not constitute formal proof, but rather an indication that two things share characteristics, which often supports... **arguments by analogy** and **inductive reasoning**.

CONCLUSION

Therefore, a hypothesis for analyzing the Theory of General Relativity in a didactic manner is concluded. In order to build knowledge of the Conceptual Physics of Epistemological Conceptions of Teaching Philosophy, breaking through epistemological obstacles. This article uses Albert Einstein's Theory of General Relativity to help understand Astrophysics and advanced Cosmology in higher education. It emphasizes that this article serves as a brief approach and abstraction of the concepts of the Theory of General Relativity, along with the Theory of Viscosity from Fluid Mechanics, in the construction of advanced theoretical calculations and possibilities for computational simulations of the behavior of the Theory of General Relativity in Cosmology and Astrophysics.

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