

Article

Not peer-reviewed version

Gravity and Probability

[Rohit Dhormare](#)*

Posted Date: 14 April 2025

doi: 10.20944/preprints202504.1030.v1

Keywords: Ricci tensor; energy-momentum tensor; probability theory; gravitational field; geometric probability; Gravity and Probability



Preprints.org is a free multidisciplinary platform providing preprint service that is dedicated to making early versions of research outputs permanently available and citable. Preprints posted at Preprints.org appear in Web of Science, Crossref, Google Scholar, Scilit, Europe PMC.

Copyright: This open access article is published under a Creative Commons CC BY 4.0 license, which permit the free download, distribution, and reuse, provided that the author and preprint are cited in any reuse.

Article

Gravity and Probability

Rohit Dhormare

431003, India; orcid: 0009-0008-2670-5216; rohitdhormare,edu@gmail.com

Abstract: This work explores the interplay between gravity and probability. Specifically, we investigate how the probability distribution of a physical system can become distorted in the presence of a gravitational field. Drawing upon fundamental principles of probability theory, we analyze the modifications introduced by active gravitational influences. Our study leverages key concepts from general relativity, including the Ricci tensor and the energy-momentum tensor, to provide a theoretical framework for understanding this distortion. By proposing a geometric interpretation of probability, this work aims to stimulate new perspectives on the structure and behavior of probabilistic systems.

Keywords: Ricci tensor; energy-momentum tensor; probability theory; gravitational field; geometric probability

1. Introduction

The general theory of relativity, formulated by Albert Einstein, revolutionized our understanding of gravity by introducing the concept of space-time as a dynamic, curved fabric. In this framework, mass and energy distort the geometry of space-time, and this distortion is what we perceive as gravitational force. This elegant geometric model deepened our understanding of gravity and provided a powerful visual and conceptual framework for physical interactions.

Inspired by this analogy, we extend the geometric framework of general relativity beyond its traditional domain to the realm of probability. Specifically, we explore the idea that the relationship between mass and curvature in general relativity may have a conceptual counterpart in probability theory. We propose that probabilistic systems may be understood through a similar "fabric" analogy—where probability is not simply a scalar measure of uncertainty, but a dynamic entity that may be shaped and distorted by underlying structures, much like space-time.

In this conceptual framework, systems with certain probabilistic properties can be seen as deforming an abstract probability-space fabric. In this fabric, "curvature" represents likelihood, informational weight, or influence within a system. This approach challenges the conventional interpretation of probability as a purely mathematical abstraction and opens the door to a deeper, possibly geometric or relativistic interpretation of probabilistic behavior.

We aim to construct an analogy between gravity and probability and examine whether probability might be context-dependent—altered by an underlying structure akin to space-time curvature. If successful, this model may offer new insights into how probabilities evolve in physical systems, particularly in domains where gravitational and quantum effects intersect.

2. The Probabilistic Manifold

We begin with a space (or manifold) defined over n coordinates:

$$\Phi = \{x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n\}$$

This manifold may be interpreted as an abstract configuration space over which a system evolves. Let an object with momentum components p_{ip} traverse this manifold. Interpreting these momentum components probabilistically, we assert a normalization condition:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i) = 1$$

This condition is analogous to a conservation law—suggesting the total probability flux across all directions in the space is conserved in the absence of external influences.

3. Anomalies and Curvature

We now introduce an anomaly condition in the form of curvature:

$$R_{uv} > 0$$

Here, R_{uv} Denotes components of the Ricci tensor, a central object in general relativity encoding information about curvature due to mass-energy distributions. A positive Ricci component indicates converging geodesics, which typically signifies the presence of gravitational attraction.

In our analogy, this curvature corresponds to an external influence that distorts the probabilistic manifold—analogue to how mass distorts space-time. In other words, probability is no longer conserved in the conventional sense; rather, it experiences deformation as it flows through curved regions of this abstract space.

4. Deformation and Extension of Probability

To accommodate the effect of curvature, we extend the original normalization equation. Let Γ Be a region of deformation in the probabilistic fabric. Then the modified equation becomes:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i) + p(\Gamma) = 1$$

Here, $p(\Gamma)$ represents the probability contribution arising from the deformation—interpreted as a geometric or physical "stress" on the system that alters probability distribution.

However, under the influence of strong curvature, we may observe a violation of traditional normalization:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i) - p(\Gamma) > 1$$

This expresses a scenario where probability densities become concentrated—perhaps indicating a localization or focusing of outcomes due to gravitational-like effects.

This deformation can be associated with curvature through a proportionality condition:

$$\delta P(\Gamma) \propto \int_{\Gamma} R_{uv} dv$$

Where the integral expresses the accumulated curvature across the deformation region. This links geometric features of the manifold directly to probabilistic outcomes.

5. Breakdown of Universality

Traditionally, probability theory assumes universality—the notion that probabilities are conserved and context-independent. However, our model suggests that in the presence of curvature, this universality breaks down. Probabilities are no longer static quantities but dynamic measures shaped by geometry. This deformation may provide a new lens for examining phenomena where

classical probability laws seem insufficient—such as in gravitational singularities, black holes, or quantum-gravitational regimes.

This insight also hints at deeper connections between general relativity and quantum mechanics. If probability can be understood geometrically, and geometry is influenced by physical content, then perhaps quantum probabilities themselves are not merely axiomatic but emergent from a deeper geometric substrate.

6. Conclusion

Probability may not be purely a function of state—it may also be a function of geometry. When geometry deforms due to gravitational influence, probabilities "deform" with it, leading to a breakdown of conservation as traditionally understood. This work proposes a conceptual model in which probability distributions are shaped by curvature in a manner analogous to mass and energy shaping spacetime.

By approaching probability from a geometric perspective, we may uncover hidden structures that influence outcomes in ways not previously accounted for. While this work remains theoretical and exploratory, it opens up a promising direction for reconciling probabilistic reasoning with geometric and physical principles, potentially aiding in the search for a unified framework encompassing gravity and quantum mechanics.

References

1. Einstein, A. (1916). *The Foundation of the General Theory of Relativity*.
2. Jaynes, E. T. (2003). *Probability Theory: The Logic of Science*.
3. Amari, S.-I., & Nagaoka, H. (2000). *Methods of Information Geometry*.
4. Wald, R. M. (1984). *General Relativity*.
5. Penrose, R. (2004). *The Road to Reality: A Complete Guide to the Laws of the Universe*.

Disclaimer/Publisher's Note: The statements, opinions and data contained in all publications are solely those of the individual author(s) and contributor(s) and not of MDPI and/or the editor(s). MDPI and/or the editor(s) disclaim responsibility for any injury to people or property resulting from any ideas, methods, instructions or products referred to in the content.