Charged rotating black holes in six-dimensional gauged supergravity

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Abstract
We obtain non-extremal charged rotating black holes in six-dimensional $SU(2)$ gauged supergravity with two independent angular momenta and one $U(1)$ charge. These include supersymmetric black holes without naked closed timelike curves.

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1. Introduction

Black hole solutions of gauged supergravity theories are of interest because they provide gravitational backgrounds for studying the AdS/CFT correspondence [1–3] (see [4] for a review), which relates string theory or M-theory on $\text{AdS}_D \times X$, for some compact manifold $X$, to a $(D−1)$-dimensional conformal field theory on the boundary of AdS. Numerous charged and rotating AdS black holes in various dimensions have been constructed over the past few years; for a review, see for example [5, 6]. These have focused on supergravities in spacetime dimensions $D = 4, 5, 7$. There are examples of both supersymmetric and non-supersymmetric black holes in all of these dimensions. All known solutions make the simplification to Abelian gauge fields in the Cartan subgroup, which is of the form $U(1)^k$, of the full gauge group. Furthermore, these solutions all employ one of three additional simplifying strategies: setting some of the $U(1)$ charges equal, setting all of the angular momenta equal or restricting to supersymmetric solutions. In these dimensions, a black hole with all angular momenta and $U(1)$ charges independent is not currently known.

Six dimensions is a slightly different case. There is an $\mathcal{N} = 4$, $SU(2)$ gauged supergravity theory that can be obtained from dimensional reduction of massive type IIA supergravity on $S^5$ (more precisely, a hemisphere of $S^5$) [7]. The theory has half-maximal supersymmetry and admits an AdS$_6$ vacuum that has a ten-dimensional interpretation as the near-horizon limit of...
a localized D4–D8 brane configuration. Through the AdS/CFT correspondence, the theory is expected to be dual to a $D = 5, \mathcal{N} = 2$ superconformal field theory.

Here, we obtain the first charged and rotating AdS black holes of this gauged supergravity theory. The solution has two independent angular momenta and one independent $U(1)$ charge, i.e. the maximum number possible. We compute the thermodynamic quantities and find that there are supersymmetric solutions. There are supersymmetric black holes without naked closed timelike curves; these are the first known supersymmetric AdS$_6$ black holes.

2. Black hole solution

The bosonic fields of $D = 6, \mathcal{N} = 4$, SU(2) gauged supergravity are a graviton, a two-form potential, a one-form potential, the gauge potentials of SU(2) Yang–Mills theory and one scalar. The bosonic Lagrangian is

\[
\mathcal{L}_b = R \star 1 - \frac{1}{2} \star d\varphi \wedge d\varphi - \frac{1}{2} X^{-2} (\star F_{(2)} \wedge F_{(2)} + \star F_{(1)} \wedge F_{(1)}) - \frac{1}{2} X^4 \star F_{(3)} \wedge F_{(3)}
\]

\[
+ g^2 (9 X^2 + 12 X^{-2} - X^{-6}) \star 1
\]

\[
- A_{(2)} \wedge (\frac{1}{2} dA_{(1)} \wedge dA_{(1)} + \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} A_{(2)} \wedge dA_{(1)} + \frac{g^2}{3} A_{(2)} \wedge A_{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} F_{(2)} \wedge F_{(2)})
\]

(2.1)

where $F_{(2)} = dA_{(1)} + \sqrt{2} g A_{(2)}, F_{(1)} = dA_{(1)} + (3/\sqrt{2}) g \epsilon_{ijk} A_{(1)} \wedge A_{(1)}$ and $X = e^{-\varphi/\sqrt{2}}$.

The resulting Einstein equation is

\[
G_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_a \varphi \nabla_b \varphi - \frac{1}{4} \nabla^c \varphi \nabla_c \varphi_{ab} + X^{-2} \left( \frac{1}{2} F_{a}^{\ e} F_{eb} - \frac{1}{8} F^{cd} F_{cd ab} \right)
\]

\[
+ X^{-2} \left( \frac{1}{2} F_{a}^{\ e} F_{eb} - \frac{1}{8} F^{cd} F_{cd ab} \right) + X^4 \left( \frac{1}{4} F_{a}^{\ e} F_{eb} - \frac{1}{24} F_{cd}^{\ e} F_{cd ab} \right)
\]

\[
+ \frac{g^2}{2} (9 X^2 + 12 X^{-2} - X^{-6}) g_{ab}.
\]

(2.2)

The remaining field equations are

\[
\Box \varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} X^{-2} (F_{ab} F_{ab} + F_{ab} F_{ab}^{\ i}) - \frac{1}{3 \sqrt{8}} X^4 F_{ab}^{abc} F_{abc} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} g^2 (3 X^2 - 4 X^{-2} + X^{-6}),
\]

\[
d(X^{-2} \star F_{(2)}) = - F_{(2)} \wedge F_{(3)},
\]

\[
d(X^{-2} \star F_{(1)} + \frac{3 g}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_{ijk} X^{-2} A_{(1) i} \wedge \star F_{K j}) = - F_{(2)} \wedge F_{(3)},
\]

\[
d(X^4 \star F_{(3)}) = - \frac{1}{2} F_{(2)} \wedge F_{(2)} - \frac{1}{2} F_{(2)} \wedge F_{(2)} - \sqrt{2} g X^{-2} \star F_{(2)},
\]

(2.3)

We shall truncate to the sector with $A_{(1)}^{\ i} = A_{(1)}^{\ i} = 0$, so that only a single $U(1)$ field of the SU(2) gauge group is excited: $A_{(1)}^{\ i} \neq 0$. By a gauge transformation $A_{(2)} \rightarrow A_{(2)} + d\Lambda_{(1)}$, $A_{(1)} \rightarrow A_{(1)} - \sqrt{2} g \Lambda_{(1)}$, which is possible for $g \neq 0$, we shall also take $A_{(1)} \equiv 0$. We then rescale and relabel $A_{(1)} \rightarrow \sqrt{2} A_{(1)}$, so then $F_{(2)} \rightarrow \sqrt{2} F_{(2)}$. The bosonic field equations can be obtained from the Lagrangian

\[
\mathcal{L}_b = R \star 1 - \frac{1}{2} \star d\varphi \wedge d\varphi - X^{-2} (\star F_{(2)} \wedge F_{(2)} + \star F_{(1)} \wedge F_{(1)}) - \frac{1}{2} X^4 \star F_{(3)} \wedge F_{(3)}
\]

\[
+ g^2 (9 X^2 + 12 X^{-2} - X^{-6}) \star 1 - F_{(2)} \wedge F_{(2)} \wedge A_{(2)} - \frac{g^2}{3} A_{(2)} \wedge A_{(2)} \wedge A_{(2)},
\]

(2.4)

where $F_{(2)} = dA_{(1)}$. 

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A charged and rotating black hole solution is
\[
\begin{align*}
 ds^2 &= H^{1/2} \left[ \frac{(r^2 + y^2)(r^2 + z^2)}{R} \, dt^2 + \frac{(r^2 + y^2)(y^2 - z^2)}{Y} \, dy^2 + \frac{(r^2 + z^2)(z^2 - y^2)}{Z} \, dz^2 \\
&- \frac{R}{H^2(r^2 + y^2)(r^2 + z^2)} \, A^2 \\
&+ \frac{Y}{(r^2 + y^2)(r^2 + z^2)} \left( \frac{dr}{\psi_1} + \frac{d\psi_1}{r^2} - \frac{qrA}{H(r^2 + y^2)(r^2 + z^2)} \right)^2 \\
&+ \frac{Z}{(r^2 + y^2)(r^2 + z^2)} \left( \frac{dy}{\psi_2} + \frac{d\psi_2}{r^2} - \frac{qrA}{H(r^2 + y^2)(r^2 + z^2)} \right)^2 \right].
\end{align*}
\]

where
\[
X = H^{-1/4}, \quad A(1) = \frac{2mr}{H(r^2 + y^2)(r^2 + z^2)} A,
\]
\[
A(2) = \frac{q}{H(r^2 + y^2)(r^2 + z^2)} \left[ - \frac{yz[2r(2r^2 + y^2 + z^2) + q]}{H} \, dr \wedge A \\
+ \left( \frac{dr}{\psi_1} + \frac{d\psi_1}{r^2} - \frac{qrA}{H(r^2 + y^2)(r^2 + z^2)} \right) dy \\
+ \left( \frac{dy}{\psi_2} + \frac{d\psi_2}{r^2} - \frac{qrA}{H(r^2 + y^2)(r^2 + z^2)} \right) dz \right],
\]
\[
(2.5)
\]
where
\[
R = (r^2 + a^2)(r^2 + b^2) + g^2[r(r^2 + a^2) + q][r(r^2 + b^2) + q] - 2mr,
\]
\[
Y = -(1 - g^2y^2)(a^2 - y^2)(b^2 - y^2), \quad Z = -(1 - g^2z^2)(a^2 - z^2)(b^2 - z^2),
\]
\[
H = 1 + \frac{qr}{(r^2 + y^2)(r^2 + z^2)}, \quad q = 2ms^2, \quad s = \sinh \delta, \quad c = \cosh \delta,
\]
\[
A = \frac{dr}{\psi_1} + \frac{dy}{\psi_2}.
\]

We have presented the solution most concisely by using Jacobi–Carter coordinates. To compute thermodynamic quantities, we use angular velocities measured with respect to a non-rotating frame at infinity and move to Boyer–Lindquist time and azimuthal coordinates \( t, \phi_1, \phi_2 \) through the coordinate change
\[
\begin{align*}
 t' &= t - a^2 \phi_1 - b^2 \phi_2, \\
 \phi_1 &= -g^2 \tilde{t} + a^2 \tilde{\phi_1} + b^2 \tilde{\phi_2}, \\
 \phi_2 &= g^2 \tilde{t} - \widetilde{\phi_1} - \widetilde{\phi_2},
\end{align*}
\]
\[
(2.7)
\]
where
\[
\tilde{t} = \frac{t}{S_a}, \quad \tilde{\phi_1} = \frac{\phi_1}{S_a(a^2 - b^2)}, \quad \tilde{\phi_2} = \frac{\phi_2}{S_a(b^2 - a^2)},
\]
\[
(2.8)
\]
with \( S_a = 1 - a^2 g^2 \) and \( S_b = 1 - b^2 g^2 \). \( \phi_1 \) and \( \phi_2 \) are canonically normalized, with period \( 2\pi \), and \( t \) is also canonically normalized. The other coordinates are \( r \) as the usual radial coordinate, and \( y \) and \( z \) representing the latitudinal coordinates. The ranges of \( y \) and \( z \) can be taken as \(-a \leq y \leq a \leq z \leq b\), or with appropriate permutations and sign changes. \( y \) and \( z \) are useful coordinates for describing the round metric on \( S^2 \), because they parameterize direction cosines in a rather symmetric manner [8]. One could replace \( y \) and \( z \) with latitudinal spherical polar coordinates to see that singularities at \( y = z \) and when \( a = b \) can be removed, and that the gauge potential is globally defined.

The solution has five parameters: \( m \) mass parameter; \( r \) two angular rotation parameters, \( a \) and \( b \), that describe rotation in orthogonal 2-planes; \( \delta \) a charge parameter; and a gauge-coupling
constant $g$. It is the most general black hole solution of this six-dimensional $SU(2)$ gauged supergravity theory that is known. More general gauge fields would require non-Abelian gauge fields.

In the absence of rotation, with $a = b = 0$, our solution reduces to the static solution of [7]. In the absence of charge, with $\delta = 0$, our solution reduces to the six-dimensional Kerr–AdS metric [9, 10], as presented in [8]. In the absence of gauging, with $g = 0$, our solution reduces to the two-charge Cvetic–Youm solution [11], but with both charges equal and presented, up to a gauge transformation of $A_{(2)}$, as in [6].

To find this solution, we have been particularly helped by the structure of similar gauged supergravity solutions in other dimensions, as summarized in [6]. As mentioned, one difference to note is that the two-form potential $A_{(2)}$ here does not coincide with the $(D - 4)$-form potential $A_{(D - 4)}$ presented in [6]. However, the two potentials differ by an exact form, thus give rise to the same field strength. If desired, one can perform a gauge transformation so that the two potentials coincide and then, in the notation of (2.1), we have non-vanishing $A_{(1)}$.

3. Thermodynamics

The outer black hole horizon is located at the largest root of $R(r)$, say at $r = r_*$. Its angular velocities, $\Omega_a$ and $\Omega_b$, are constant over the horizon and are obtained from the Killing vector

$$\ell = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \Omega_a \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_1} + \Omega_b \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_2}$$

that becomes null on the horizon. The angular momenta, $J_a$ and $J_b$, are given by the Komar integrals

$$J_i = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int_{S^{D-4}} \star dK_i,$$

where $K_i$ is the one-form obtained from the Killing vector $\partial/\partial \phi_i$. The electrostatic potential, which is also constant over the horizon, is $\Phi = \ell \cdot A_{(1)}|_{r=r_*}$. The conserved electric charge is, for our normalization,

$$Q = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{S^{D-4}} (X^{-2} \star F_{(2)} + F_{(2)} \wedge A_{(2)}),$$

although for our solution only $\star F_{(2)}$ contributes. The horizon area $A$ is obtained by integrating the square root of the determinant of the induced metric on a time slice of the horizon:

$$\det g(y, z, \phi_1, \phi_2)|_{r=r_*} = \left[\left(r_*^2 + a^2\right)^2\left(r_*^2 + b^2\right) + q r_*\right]^7 (y^2 - z^2)^2 / \Sigma_\phi^2 \Sigma_\eta^2 b^2 (a^2 - b^2)^2.$$

The surface gravity $\kappa$, again constant over the horizon, is given by $\ell^b \nabla_b l^a = \kappa \ell^a$ evaluated on the horizon. As usual, we take the temperature to be $T = \kappa / 2\pi$ and the entropy to be $S = A/4$.

One finds that $T dS + \Omega_a dJ_a + \Omega_b dJ_b + \Phi dQ$ is an exact differential, and so we may integrate the first law of black hole mechanics

$$dE = T dS + \Omega_a dJ_a + \Omega_b dJ_b + \Phi dQ,$$

to obtain an expression for the thermodynamic mass $E$. There are other methods of computing the mass of AdS black holes: see, for example, [12, 13].
In summary, we find the thermodynamic quantities

\[ E = \frac{\pi}{3\Xi_a \Xi_b} \left[ 2m \left( \frac{1}{\Xi_a} + \frac{1}{\Xi_b} \right) + q \left( 1 + \frac{\Xi_a}{\Xi_b} + \frac{\Xi_b}{\Xi_a} \right) \right], \]

\[ S = \frac{2\pi^2 \left( (r^2_a + a^2)(r^2_b + b^2) + qr \right)}{3\Xi_a \Xi_b}, \]

\[ T = \frac{2(1 + g^2 r^2)(2r^2_a + a^2 + b^2) - (1 - g^2 r^2)(r^2_a + a^2)(r^2_b + b^2) + 4g g^2 r^3_a - q^2 g^2}{4\pi r\left( (r^2_a + a^2)(r^2_b + b^2) + qr \right)}, \]

\[ J_a = \frac{2\pi m a (1 + \Xi_b s^2)}{3\Xi_a \Xi_b}, \quad \Omega_a = \frac{a\left( (1 + g^2 r^2)(r^2_a + b^2) + q g^2 r_a \right)}{(r^2_a + a^2)(r^2_b + b^2) + qr}, \]

\[ J_b = \frac{2\pi m b (1 + \Xi_a s^2)}{3\Xi_a \Xi_b}, \quad \Omega_b = \frac{b\left( (1 + g^2 r^2)(r^2_b + a^2) + q g^2 r_b \right)}{(r^2_a + a^2)(r^2_b + b^2) + qr}, \]

\[ Q = \frac{2\pi m c s}{\Xi_a \Xi_b}, \quad \Phi = \frac{2m c r}{r (r^2_a + a^2)(r^2_b + b^2) + qr}. \]

4. Supersymmetric solutions

The algebra of the supercharges \( \mathcal{Q} \) in \( D = 6, \mathcal{N} = 4 \) gauged supergravity is \( \{ \mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{Q} \} = \{ \overline{\mathcal{Q}}, \overline{\mathcal{Q}} \} = 0 \) and

\[ M := \{ \mathcal{Q}, \overline{\mathcal{Q}} \} = \frac{1}{2} J_{AB} \gamma^{AB} + Z, \]

where \( \gamma^{AB} \) are generators of \( SO(5, 2) \), the supercharges \( \mathcal{Q} \) are 8-component Dirac spinors of \( SO(5, 2) \) and \( Z \) is the central charge. We take

\[ J_{06} = g^3 E, \quad J_{12} = g^4 J_a, \quad J_{34} = g^4 J_b, \quad Z = g^3 Q, \]

so the eigenvalues of the Bogomolny matrix \( g^{-3} M \) are

\[ \lambda = E \pm J_a \pm J_b \pm Q. \]

After a choice of signs, we may take the BPS condition to be

\[ E - g J_a - g J_b - Q = 0, \]

which is satisfied if

\[ e^{2\lambda} = 1 + \frac{2}{(a + b)g} \]

or equivalently

\[ q = \frac{2m}{(a + b)g(2 + ag + bg)}. \]

Such supersymmetric solutions generally preserve \( 1/8 \) supersymmetry.

Imposing the BPS condition, the radial function in the metric is

\[ R = [g r^3 - (a + b + abg)r + q g]^2 + [(1 + ag + bg)r^2 - ab]^2, \]

which is a sum of two squares. At a horizon, \( R = 0 \), and so there are supersymmetric black holes if

\[ q = \frac{\Xi_a + \Xi_b(a + b)r_+}{(1 + ag + bg)g}. \]
where

$$r_s = \sqrt{\frac{ab}{1 + ag + bg}},$$

(4.9)

and we have denoted $\Xi_{a+} = 1 + ag$ and $\Xi_{b+} = 1 + bg$. Being supersymmetric, these black holes necessarily have zero temperature.

An alternative way of singling out these supersymmetric black holes from the supersymmetric solutions is to consider whether or not the spacetime suffers from the pathology of naked closed timelike curves (CTCs). We can write the metric in the form

$$ds^2 = H^{1/2} \left[ \frac{(r^2 + y^2)(r^2 + z^2)}{R} dr^2 + \frac{(r^2 + y^2)(y^2 - z^2)}{Y} dy^2 + \frac{(r^2 + z^2)(z^2 - y^2)}{Z} dz^2 + B_1(d\phi_1 + v_{10} dt)^2 + B_2(d\phi_2 + v_{21} d\phi_1 + v_{20} dt)^2 \right].$$

(4.10)

so that the periodic $\phi_i$ coordinates have been separated from a $dt^2$ term. There are closed timelike curves if any of $B_1$ or $B_2$ are negative. We do not, at this stage, require any detailed knowledge of the additional functions introduced, which can be straightforwardly computed; we have only used the fact that there is a simple expression for $\det(g_{ab})$. For supersymmetric solutions, the Killing vector

$$K = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + g \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_1} + g \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_2}$$

(4.11)

is the square of a Killing spinor $\epsilon$, i.e. $K^a = \bar{\epsilon} \gamma^a \epsilon$. If we define $K = \partial/\partial t$, and transform from the $t$ coordinate in favour of $\bar{t}$, then $d\phi_i \rightarrow d\phi_i + g d\bar{t}$. The $g_{\bar{t}t}$ component of the metric then gives

$$K^a K_a = H^{1/2} \left[ - \frac{RYZ}{H^2 \Xi_{a+}\Xi_{b+}a^2b^2(a^2 - b^2)^2 B_1 B_2} + B_2 [g(1 + v_{21}) + v_{20}]^2 + B_1 (g + v_{10})^2 \right].$$

(4.12)

Because of its spinorial square root, one can show from Fierz identities that $K$ is non-spacelike, and its norm can be expressed involving a sum of squares. In this case, we have

$$K^a K_a = -H^{-1/2} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{(1 + ag + bg)ag}{\Xi_{a+}\Xi_{b+}(a + b)} r^2_h \right) \left( \frac{r^2_h + y^2}{r^2_h + z^2} \right)^2 - \frac{g^2 y^2 z^2}{a^2 b^2} \left( 1 - \frac{(1 + ag + bg)ag}{\Xi_{a+}\Xi_{b+}(a + b)} r^2_h \right) \left( \frac{r^2_h + y^2}{r^2_h + z^2} \right)^2 \right],$$

(4.13)

where

$$r^2_h = \frac{ab}{1 + ag + bg}.$$

(4.14)

At a horizon, $R = 0$, and so, since the left-hand side of (4.12) is not positive there, in general $B_1$ or $B_2$ will be negative near a horizon, resulting in naked closed timelike curves. The exception is if the left-hand side vanishes at some radius $r = r_s$. Then we must have $r_s = r_h$, in agreement with (4.9), and then (4.8) must also hold, so we have the supersymmetric black hole. Hence there are no CTCs just outside the horizon, and, if furthermore the parameters
satisfy certain (complicated) inequalities, then there are no CTCs anywhere outside the horizon. For example, for arbitrary positive \( a \) and \( b \), taking \( g \) to be positive and small ensures that there are no naked closed timelike curves.

For these supersymmetric black holes, it is not possible for additional eigenvalues of the Bogomolny matrix to vanish without violating certain conditions: \(-1 < ag < 1\) and \(-1 < bg < 1\), for the correct signature, and \((a + b)g > 0\), to satisfy (4.5). Therefore all supersymmetric black holes preserve \( 1/8 \) supersymmetry.

In common with all other dimensions studied in the literature, we have found supersymmetric black holes in six-dimensional gauged supergravity; see references within [5] for supersymmetric black holes in other dimensions. However, in \( D = 5 \) and \( D = 7 \), there are also supersymmetric topological soliton solutions, which have a geometry that ends at some minimum radius \( r = r_0 \). In particular, see [14]; however, it has been argued that these are not regular [15]. Here, in \( D = 6 \), demanding a supersymmetric solution with zero horizon area gives \( r_0^2 = -a^2b^2g^2/(1 + ag + bg)^2 \). In even dimensions the radial coordinate \( r \) is real, whereas in odd dimensions one may continue \( r^2 \) to negative values, and so here in \( D = 6 \) no supersymmetric topological soliton is possible. Similarly, in \( D = 4 \), the other even dimension that has been studied, supersymmetric topological solitons were not found in [14, 16].

5. Symmetries and separability

Because the metric falls into the family considered in [17], it follows that there are two irreducible rank-2 conformal Killing–Stäckel tensors that the Hamilton–Jacobi equation for null geodesics separates, and that the massless Klein–Gordon equation separates. Furthermore, the conformally related metric \( d\tilde{s}^2 = H^{-1/2} ds^2 \) possesses a separability structure, with two irreducible rank-2 Killing–Stäckel tensors.

6. Discussion

We have found a non-extremal black hole solution of \( D = 6 \) gauged supergravity with the maximum number of independent angular momenta and Abelian charges. As such, it may be the unique black hole solution of the theory. The same remains to be done for gauged supergravities in dimensions \( D = 4, 5, 7 \); however, such solutions are expected to be rather more complicated. Such AdS black holes would be useful for studying the AdS/CFT correspondence.

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