A topologically flat thick 2-brane on higher dimensional black hole backgrounds

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We present a numerical solution for a topologically flat two-dimensional thick brane on a higher dimensional, spherically symmetric black hole background. The present solution is the last, missing part of the complete set of solutions for the thickness corrected brane-black hole problem in an arbitrary number of dimensions. We show that the two-dimensional case is special compared to all the higher dimensional solutions in the topologically Minkowskian family as being nonanalytic at the axis of the system. We provide the numerical solution in the near horizon region and make a comparison with the infinitely thin case.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The study of higher dimensional black holes, branes, and their interactions is an active field of research in several different areas of modern theoretical physics [1–4]. One interesting direction, which has been first introduced by Frolov [2], is to consider a brane-black hole (BBH) toy model for studying merger and topology changing transitions in higher dimensional classical general relativity [5,6] or in certain strongly coupled gauge theories [3,7] through the AdS/CFT correspondence [8]. Generalizations of the BBH model by studying thickness corrections to the Dirac-Nambu-Goto effective brane action [9–11] from higher order curvature terms have also been studied recently, first by perturbative approaches [12,13] and later within an exact description [14].

The results of the perturbative approaches concluded that there is a "symmetry breaking" between the two topologically different solution families, as regular perturbative solutions do not exist for Minkowskian embedding topologies except in the special case of a 2-brane. The problem, on the other hand, can be solved regularly for any brane dimensions in the black hole embeddings. This virtual symmetry breaking phenomenon obtained a simple resolution in Ref. [13], where it was pointed out that perturbative thick solutions break down around their thin counterparts for Minkowski topologies, because the thin solutions are not analytic at the axis of the system. Motivated by this observation, in Ref. [14], a general family of thick solutions could be provided for both topologies within a nonperturbative numerical approach for all but one exceptional case. The exception, mysteriously, turned out to be the same case where the regular perturbative solution existed, namely, the two-dimensional, topologically flat case.

The above findings of Ref. [14] naturally raised the question: How can a regular perturbative solution exist in the same single case where the regular nonperturbative solution cannot be found?

In the present paper, we provide the answer to this question and obtain the so-far missing solution of the topologically flat 2-brane in an arbitrary number of bulk dimensions for the thick-BBH system. By including this solution, we complete the full set of solutions of the problem that we started presenting first with a perturbative approach in Ref. [13] and continued with a nonperturbative description in Ref. [14]. The present work, therefore, is the final part of the series of papers we addressed to the thickness corrected BBH problem, and we kindly refer the reader also to Refs. [13,14] for the more detailed model setups and for all those definitions, notations, and results that might be missing here and would make the present paper completely self-contained.

The plan of the paper is as follows. In Sec. II, we provide a short overview on the thin- and thick-BBH model setups. In Sec. III, we obtain the special case of the 2-brane equation, and in Sec. IV, we analyze its regularity conditions for flat topology. In Sec. V, we provide the nonperturbative, numerical solution of the problem in the near horizon region, and in Sec. VI, we draw our conclusions.

II. THE BRANE-BLACK HOLE SYSTEM

Let us overview quickly the most important properties of the thin-BBH system introduced by Frolov in Ref. [2] and its thickness corrected generalization provided in Ref. [13].

A. The thin model

We consider static brane configurations in the background of a static, spherically symmetric bulk black hole. The metric of an *N*-dimensional, spherically symmetric black hole spacetime is

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$$ds^{2} = g_{ab}dx^{a}dx^{b} = -fdt^{2} + f^{-1}dr^{2} + r^{2}d\Omega_{N-2}^{2}, \quad (1)$$

where f = f(r) and $d\Omega_{N-2}^2$ is the metric of an (N-2)dimensional unit sphere. One can define coordinates θ_i (i = 1, ..., N-2) on this sphere with the relation

$$d\Omega_{i+1}^2 = d\theta_{i+1}^2 + \sin^2 \theta_{i+1} d\Omega_i^2.$$
⁽²⁾

The explicit form of f is not important; it is only assumed that f is zero at the horizon r_0 , and it grows monotonically to 1 at the spatial infinity $r \rightarrow \infty$, where it has the asymptotic form [15]

$$f = 1 - \frac{r_0}{r^{N-3}}.$$
 (3)

In the zero thickness case, the test brane configurations in an external gravitational field can be obtained by solving the equation of motion coming from the Dirac-Nambu-Goto (DNG) action [9–11]:

$$S = \int d^D \zeta \sqrt{-\det \gamma_{\mu\nu}},\tag{4}$$

where $\gamma_{\mu\nu}$ is the induced metric on the brane

$$\gamma_{\mu\nu} = g_{ab} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial \zeta^{\mu}} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial \zeta^{\nu}},\tag{5}$$

and ζ^{μ} ($\mu = 0, ..., D - 1$) are coordinates on the brane world sheet. The brane tension does not enter into the brane equations; thus for simplicity it can be put equal to 1. It is also assumed that the brane is static and spherically symmetric, and its surface is chosen to obey the equations

$$\theta_D = \dots = \theta_{N-2} = \pi/2. \tag{6}$$

With the above symmetry properties the brane world sheet can be defined by the function $\theta_{D-1} = \theta(r)$, and we shall use coordinates ζ^{μ} on the brane as

$$\zeta^{\mu} = \{t, r, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\} \text{ with } n = D - 2.$$
(7)

The parameter n denotes the number of dimensions in which the brane is rotationally symmetric. In this paper, we consider the special case of n = 1, i.e. a threedimensional brane world sheet, that is, a two-dimensional, axisymmetric brane embedded into the higher dimensional black hole spacetime.

With this parametrization the induced metric on the brane is

$$\gamma_{\mu\nu}d\zeta^{\mu}d\zeta^{\nu} = -fdt^2 + \left[\frac{1}{f} + r^2\dot{\theta}^2\right]dr^2 + r^2\sin^2\theta d\Omega_n^2,$$
(8)

where, and throughout this paper, a dot denotes the derivative with respect to r and the action (4) reduces to

$$S = \Delta t \mathcal{A}_n \int \mathcal{L}_0 dr, \qquad (9)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = r^n \sin^n \theta \sqrt{1 + f r^2 \dot{\theta}^2},\tag{10}$$

where Δt is the interval of time and $\mathcal{A}_n = 2\pi^{n/2}/\Gamma(n/2)$ is the surface area of a unit *n*-dimensional sphere.

B. Thickness corrections

In the case of a thick brane, the curvature corrected effective brane action was obtained by Carter and Gregory in Ref. [16], and the corrections to the thin DNG action are induced by small thickness perturbations as

$$S = \int d^{D} \zeta \sqrt{-\det \gamma_{\mu\nu}} \bigg[-\frac{8\mu^{2}}{3\ell} (1 + C_{1}R + C_{2}K^{2}) \bigg],$$
(11)

where *R* is the Ricci scalar, *K* is the extrinsic curvature scalar of the brane, and the coefficients C_1 and C_2 are expressed by the wall thickness parameter ℓ as

$$C_1 = \frac{\pi^2 - 6}{24}\ell^2, \qquad C_2 = -\frac{1}{3}\ell^2.$$
 (12)

The parameter μ is related to the thickness by

$$\ell = \frac{1}{\mu\sqrt{2\lambda}},\tag{13}$$

which originates from a field theoretical domain-wall model where μ is the mass parameter and λ is the coupling constant of the scalar field.

After integrating out the spherical symmetric part and the time dependence on the introduced static, spherically symmetric, higher dimensional black hole background, one obtains (see also [13])

$$S = \Delta t \mathcal{A}_n \int \mathcal{L} dr, \qquad (14)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{8\mu^2}{3\ell} \mathcal{L}_0[1 + \varepsilon\delta], \qquad (15)$$

where we introduced the notations

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\ell^2}{L^2}, \qquad \delta = aK^2 + bQ,$$
 (16)

with

$$Q = K_b^a K_a^b, \qquad a = \frac{\pi^2 - 14}{24} L^2, \qquad b = \frac{6 - \pi^2}{24} L^2.$$
(17)

Here *L* is the relevant dynamical length scale of the system which has to be large compared to the thickness parameter ℓ in order for (11) to remain valid. The explicit expressions of the curvature scalars *K* and *Q* are given in Eqs. (35) and (36) of Ref. [13].

For a detailed introduction of both the thin- and thick-BBH systems, please refer to Refs. [2,13].

III. THE 2-BRANE EQUATION

From this section on, we will focus only on the case of the topologically flat or Minkowskian 2-brane. In two dimensions "topologically flat" is synonymous with "topologically Minkowskian," and we retain both terms for the sake of elegant variation.

In order to obtain the 2-brane equation of motion, first we observe that the thickness corrected DNG-brane action is a function of the second derivative of θ , and thus the Euler-Lagrange equation of the problem has the form (see, for example, [17])

$$\frac{d^2}{dr^2} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \ddot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta} = 0.$$
(18)

From (18) the actual equation of motion becomes

$$\theta^{(4)} + T_1 \theta^{(3)} + T_2(\ddot{\theta}, \dot{\theta}, \theta, f^{(3)}, \ddot{f}, \dot{f}, f, r) = 0, \quad (19)$$

where, in the two-dimensional (n = 1) case

$$T_{1} = \frac{1}{rfF^{2}} [6f + 4r\dot{f} + 2rf\cot\theta\dot{\theta} - r^{2}f(4f + r\dot{f})\dot{\theta}^{2} + 2r^{3}f^{2}\cot\theta\dot{\theta}^{3} - 10r^{3}f^{2}\dot{\theta}\,\ddot{\theta}], \qquad (20)$$

with

$$F = \sqrt{1 + fr^2\dot{\theta}},\tag{21}$$

and T_2 is given in the appendix.

As it is immediate to see, (19) is a 4th-order, highly nonlinear equation, and it is probably impossible to present its solutions in closed, analytic form. Hence, the goal of this paper is to provide a regular, numerical solution of (19) in arbitrary bulk dimensions for flat topology.

IV. REGULARITY AND BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

It was pointed out first in Ref. [13] that the brane solutions obtained by Frolov in Ref. [2] are regular but not analytic (or smooth) at the axis of the thin-BBH system for the Minkowski embedding branch. In fact, they are not even differentiable at that point and thus belong to the class of C^0 functions only. According to this property, and since we found that the perturbative approach broke down around these solutions for the thick case, we concluded that the thick brane solutions must behave significantly differently at the axis of the system; namely, we expected them to be smooth there. It was surprising, however, that in the single case of the 2-brane a regular perturbative solution existed. We gave a detailed analysis of this solution in Ref. [13].

In Ref. [14], approaching the problem by a new, nonperturbative numerical method, we looked for the missing solutions of the Minkowski branch in the class of analytic functions. We obtained regular boundary conditions at the axis of the system by considering the series expansion of the exact 4th-order equation of motion around $\theta = 0$. With this method we successfully provided all the missing, topologically Minkowskian solutions of the thick-BBH system, except in the curious case of the 2-brane again.

It was obvious, of course, that a perturbative solution cannot exist without the existence of a nonperturbative solution, and also, since explicitly constructed, field theoretical domain-wall solutions [18,19] clearly exist in the case of the 2-brane, we suspected that the lack of this solution must lie somewhere in the validity of the applied method. Nevertheless, we were so enthusiastic with providing the whole family of the missing solutions in the C^{∞} class at the axis, that it did not occur in our mind at the time that the two-dimensional case might be special in the topologically Minkowskian family as being the only one which is nonanalytic at the axis.

The main result of the present paper is the observation that the two-dimensional solution of the thick-BBH system is, in fact, a special one in the topologically Minkowskian family as being C^0 (or, as we will soon see, maximum C^1) function at the axis of the system. All the other dimensional solutions are C^{∞} . This also explains why it was only the two-dimensional case where a perturbative solution could exist around the thin solution.

In the remainder of this section, we analyze the asymptotic behavior of (19) near the axis of the system. We obtain the necessary boundary conditions from regularity requirements and show that these conditions can always be fulfilled in order to obtain a regular solution.

Asymptotic analysis

We know from the above considerations that a regular solution of the problem must exist although an analytic solution could not be found at the axis of the system. Thus the point r_1 on the axis, where $\theta(r_1) = 0$, must be a *regular singular point* of the differential equation (19). Even though (19) is highly nonlinear, general results from the theory of *local* analysis of linear differential equations can be applied, because we know from physical considerations that (19) should not develop any nontrivial singular points in its domain.

Hence, if a solution is not analytic at a regular singular point (see, e.g., [20]), its singularity must be either a pole or an algebraic or logarithmic branch point, and there is always at least one solution of the form

$$\theta(r) = (r - r_1)^{\alpha} A(r), \qquad (22)$$

where α is a number called the *indical exponent* and A(r) is a function which is analytic at r_1 and has a convergent Taylor series.

In the general case, α can be any number that solves (19). In our specific case, however, the thin solution, around which a regular perturbative solution existed, had the asymptotic form near r_1 (see [2,13])

$$\theta(r) = \eta \sqrt{r - r_1} + \cdots, \qquad (23)$$

and, similarly, the corresponding perturbative solution (see [13]) near the same point had the asymptotic form

$$\theta_{\text{thick}} \equiv \theta_{\text{thin}} + \varepsilon \varphi = (\eta + \varepsilon \kappa) \sqrt{r - r_1} + \cdots, \quad (24)$$

where φ is the perturbation function and η and κ are coefficient functions defined in Ref. [13]. Thus, in order to obtain the nonperturbative thick solution, we also chose α to be 1/2, in accordance with the perturbative results. This choice will also have the advantage of naturally fixing the free boundary condition in the next section for a unique numerical solution.

With $\alpha = 1/2$, from (22) we obtain that the asymptotic form of $\theta(r)$ near the axis is

$$\theta(r) = A_1 \sqrt{r - r_1} + A_2 (r - r_1)^{3/2} + A_3 (r - r_1)^{5/2} + A_4 (r - r_1)^{7/2} + \cdots$$
(25)

Plugging this expression and its derivatives into (19), one can obtain the following asymptotic behavior:

$$\frac{c_5}{(r-r_1)^{5/2}} + \frac{c_3}{(r-r_1)^{3/2}} + \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{r-r_1}} + c_0 + \dots = 0, \quad (26)$$

where the coefficient functions c_i are polynomial expressions of A_i with dependences

$$c_1 = c_1(A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4),$$
 $c_3 = c_3(A_1, A_2, A_3),$
 $c_5 = c_5(A_1, A_2).$

In order to obtain a regular solution, we need to require for the c_i coefficient functions to disappear at r_1 . From the explicit forms of c_i , one can find that the coefficient A_1 can be chosen freely, and once it is fixed, the remaining coefficients A_2 , A_3 , and A_4 can be computed from the requirements that $c_i(r_1) = 0$. Consequently, the solution is uniquely determined by the parameter r_1 (i.e. the minimal distance parameter), and the explicit values of the coefficients A_2 , A_3 , and A_4 can be immediately obtained from the $c_i(r_1) = 0$ equations. (This procedure is, of course, necessary before the numerical setup.) For the question of existence, the $c_i(r_1) = 0$ equations are always soluble, as it turns out that these are linear equations for the A_i



FIG. 1 (color online). The picture shows a sequence of near horizon $\Delta \theta(r)$ curves in 4 dimensions with the minimum horizon distance range $1.01 \le r_1 \le 2$.

coefficients. The explicit forms of the coefficients A_2 , A_3 , and A_4 as successive functions of A_1 and r_1 are given in the appendix.

In conclusion, we found that a regular two-dimensional solution can always be given for the exact problem, and a unique solution is completely determined by the regularity requirements once the coefficient A_1 is fixed. Since we are free to choose A_1 , it can also be put to 0, for example. In this case the asymptotic form (25) starts with

$$\theta(r) = A_2(r - r_1)^{3/2} + \cdots,$$
 (27)

whose solution is a C^1 function; however, in all other cases the solution of (19) is C^0 at r_1 .

V. NUMERICAL SOLUTION NEAR THE HORIZON

For illustrating the obtained results, we provide the numerical solution of the two-dimensional flat problem. With the experiences we gained from the analysis of the thick-BBH system in Refs. [13,14], it is not too difficult to obtain the numerical solution here, after the initial conditions for this specific case have been clarified.

As we discussed earlier, we are free to choose the coefficient A_1 in the asymptotic solution (25). Nevertheless, in order to be completely consistent with our previous perturbative results in the flat 2-brane case, we make the choice

$$A_1 = \eta + \varepsilon \kappa \tag{28}$$

that was forced upon us by regularity requirements for the perturbations. Having fixed this freedom, the remaining three conditions A_2 , A_3 , and A_4 are determined, as discussed in the previous section, and the corresponding numerical solution is unique.

In obtaining the numerical solution we used the MATHEMATICA® NDSOLVE function. The integration range went from r_1 until 1000 to check the accordance with the corresponding perturbative solution.

The configurations of the perturbative thick 2-brane solutions in the near horizon region have been presented in Ref. [13]. Since the effects of the nonlinearities are really small even in the gravitationally strong, near horizon region, the overall global picture of the thickness corrected brane configurations remains very similar to the perturbative case. To make, however, the small effects visible, we plot in Figs. 1 and 2 the difference function

$$\Delta \theta(r) = \theta(r) - \theta_{\rm DNG}(r),$$

of the present thick and the original thin solutions in 4 and 5 dimensions. $\Delta \theta(r)$ is the exact analog of the perturbation function $\varepsilon \varphi(r)$ defined in (24).

Comparing the results with the corresponding plots of the perturbative solutions in Ref. [13], we find that the general behavior of the $\Delta \theta(r)$ curves is essentially the same. This is, of course, what one expects. On the other hand, one also expects some differences coming from the A TOPOLOGICALLY FLAT THICK 2-BRANE ON HIGHER ...



FIG. 2 (color online). The same sequence of $\Delta \theta(r)$ curves as in Fig. 1 in 5 dimensions.

nonlinear regime of (19), and those are also present if we enlarge the very near horizon region of the individual curves. The main features of these differences are plotted in Figs. 3 and 4.

In Fig. 3, an interesting nonlinear effect appears compared to the perturbative solution. Instead of monotonically decreasing down to its global minimum, as φ does in the perturbative case, the $\Delta \theta(r)$ curve has an extra local pattern near the minimum horizon distance r_1 . The extra pattern is that the curve goes through some additional local extrema in this region before it finally tends to reach the global minimum, which is similar to the one in the perturbative



FIG. 3 (color online). Near horizon nonlinear effects on a $\Delta \theta(r)$ curve in 4 dimensions with minimum horizon distance $r_1 = 1.19744$.



FIG. 4 (color online). Near horizon nonlinear effects on a $\Delta\theta(r)$ curve in 4 dimensions with minimum horizon distance $r_1 = 1.2538$.

case. During these local differences, however, $\Delta \theta(r)$ remains negative in this whole region.

On the qualitatively similar curve in Fig. 4, the essential difference compared to Fig. 3 is that $\Delta\theta(r)$ develops a sign change in this region; that is, there are several intersections in the very near horizon region between the thick and thin solutions compared to the single intersection that is present in the case of the perturbative solution (see Fig. 6 in [13]).

With increasing horizon distance r, the above nonlinearities decay quickly, and the solution agrees very well with the perturbative results.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

In the present work, we studied the problem of a topologically flat 2-brane in a higher dimensional, thickness corrected BBH system. We provided a regular, nonperturbative, numerical solution for this special case based on earlier perturbative considerations [13]. The main result of this paper is the observation that the two-dimensional case of the problem is a special one as being nonanalytic at the axis of the system. This property makes it unique in the family of thick solutions, as in all other dimensions both the Minkowski and black hole embedding solutions are analytic in their entire domain.

We analyzed the asymptotic behavior of the solution and obtained that it is at most a C^1 , but in the general case it is only a C^0 function at the axis, just like the corresponding thin solutions. The initial conditions of the problem are not uniquely fixed by regularity requirements, and thus the solution we provided here is not unique. It is, however, perfectly consistent with our earlier perturbative results.

With the present paper, we have provided the complete set of solutions of the thick-BBH problem in a series of three consecutive papers. First, in Ref. [13], we obtained all possible perturbative solutions, and later, in Ref. [14], all nonperturbative solutions were given except the case of the flat 2-brane. The present work completes the set.

In Ref. [13], we analyzed the properties of a topology changing, quasistatic phase transition in the thick-BBH system. The obtained results in the present case, however, do not change our previous findings, and thus we do not consider the phase transition in this paper.

The result that thickness corrections change the analytic properties of the brane solutions at the axis of the system might have some physical consequences. Infinitely thin brane solutions, naturally, are very important in higher dimensional physics, but considering the present problem, one has the intuition that the thickness corrections, which are in agreement with field theoretic domain-wall models, made the thin-BBH system more stable in the sense that regular, analytic solutions could be provided in essentially all cases. Since small physical perturbations to any system are usually proportional to the derivatives of the unperturbed solution, it is very possible that the thin-BBH solutions are not entirely stable against small perturbations in the Minkowski branch. (Stability properties of the BBH system for the analytic black hole embedding solutions have been studied, for example, in Ref. [21].) This property, however, has been cured by the thickness corrections, and it is somehow in accordance with our physical expectations.

The special case of the 2-brane as "remaining" nonanalytic after thickness corrections, thus, is an unexpected property, which makes it physically interesting. So much the more that thick 2-branes, i.e. thin walls on black hole backgrounds in standard four-dimensional general relativity, are certainly real, physical objects.

The fact that these solutions are essentially different from the corresponding ones in higher dimensions is remarkable.

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APPENDIX: COEFFICIENT FUNCTIONS

$$\begin{split} T_2 &= \frac{1}{64(a+b)\varepsilon f^2 r^4 F^4} \big[(\varepsilon \dot{f}^3 r^6 \dot{\theta}^3 (-8(10a+7b)+18(2a+3b)fr^2 \dot{\theta}^2+6(2a+b)f^2 r^4 \dot{\theta}^4+(a+b)f^3 r^6 \dot{\theta}^6) \\ &\quad -2\varepsilon \dot{f}^2 r^3 (-12(10a+7b)\dot{\theta}+2(126a+109b)fr^2 \dot{\theta}^3+90af^2 r^4 \dot{\theta}^5+3(13a+5b)f^3 r^6 \dot{\theta}^7+2(3a+b)f^4 r^8 \dot{\theta}^9 \\ &\quad -4(18a+17b)r\ddot{\theta}+(5a+b)f^3 r^7 \dot{\theta}^8 \cot\theta+2r \dot{\theta}^2 (3(46a+43b)fr^2\ddot{\theta}+(-26a-7b)\cot\theta) \\ &\quad -f^2 r^5 \dot{\theta}^6 \csc\theta (-23(a+b)\cos\theta+(5a+b)fr^2\ddot{\theta}\sin\theta)-2fr^3 \dot{\theta}^4 \csc\theta ((17a-4b)\cos\theta \\ &\quad +3(7a+10b)fr^2\ddot{\theta}\sin\theta))-4\dot{f}r (f^4 r^9 (2a\varepsilon+2(8a+3b)\varepsilon f+r^2+(a+b)\varepsilon \ddot{f}r^2)\dot{\theta}^9-12(2a+b)\varepsilon f^4 r^8 \dot{\theta}^8\cot\theta \\ &\quad -4\varepsilon (3(20a+19b)fr^2\ddot{\theta}+b\cot\theta)+2r\dot{\theta} (r^2-4(2a+b)\varepsilon \ddot{f}r^2+180(a+b)\varepsilon f^2 r^4 \ddot{\theta}^2+7a\varepsilon \cot^2\theta \\ &\quad -b\varepsilon \cot^2\theta-2\varepsilon f (6(5a+4b)+(28a+19b)r^2\ddot{\theta}\cot\theta)-8a\varepsilon \csc^2\theta) \end{split}$$

$$+ f^{3}r^{7}\dot{\theta}^{7}(16a\varepsilon + 4b\varepsilon + 18(5a + 2b)\varepsilon f + 5r^{2} + (9a + 5b)\varepsilon \ddot{f}r^{2} + 5a\varepsilon\cot^{2}\theta + b\varepsilon\cot^{2}\theta - 4a\varepsilon\csc^{2}\theta)$$

$$+ fr^{3}\dot{\theta}^{3}(17a\varepsilon + 7b\varepsilon + 7r^{2} + 12b\varepsilon \ddot{f}r^{2} - 60(a + b)\varepsilon f^{2}r^{4}\ddot{\theta}^{2} + 38a\varepsilon\cot^{2}\theta + 2\varepsilon f(2(82a + 63b))$$

$$- (47a + 26b)r^{2}\ddot{\theta}\cot\theta) - 41a\varepsilon\csc^{2}\theta - 3b\varepsilon\csc^{2}\theta) + 2\varepsilon f^{2}r^{4}\dot{\theta}^{4}\csc\theta((-127a - 55b)\cos\theta)$$

$$+ (29a - 7b)fr^{2}\ddot{\theta}\sin\theta) + 2\varepsilon f^{3}r^{6}\dot{\theta}^{6}\csc\theta((-49a - 18b)\cos\theta + 6(2a + b)fr^{2}\ddot{\theta}\sin\theta)$$

$$+ 6\varepsilon fr^{2}\dot{\theta}^{2}\csc\theta(-15(2a + b)\cos\theta + 2(47a + 43b)fr^{2}\ddot{\theta}\sin\theta) + f^{2}r^{5}\dot{\theta}^{5}\csc\theta((2a\varepsilon + 8b\varepsilon + 9r^{2}))$$

$$+ 24(a + b)\varepsilon \dot{f}r^{2} \sin\theta + 3\varepsilon f(2(3a + 4b)r^{2}\ddot{\theta}\cos\theta + 3(23a + 7b)\sin\theta))) - 8(-\cot\theta(r^{2} - 2a\varepsilon\dot{f}r^{2} + (a + b)\varepsilon\cot^{2}\theta - 2a\varepsilon\csc^{2}\theta - 2b\varepsilon\csc^{2}\theta) - fr(r\ddot{\theta}(-r^{2} + 2(10a + 9b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{2} + (-7a + b)\varepsilon\cot^{2}\theta + 8a\varepsilon\csc^{2}\theta) + r\dot{\theta}^{2}\cot\theta(3a\varepsilon - b\varepsilon + 4r^{2} + (5a + 4b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{2} + 4(a + b)\varepsilon\cot^{2}\theta - 9a\varepsilon\csc^{2}\theta - 9b\varepsilon\csc^{2}\theta) + \dot{\theta}(12(3a + 2b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{2} + 2(2a + b)\varepsilon f^{(3)}r^{3} + 1/2((9a + b)\varepsilon - 3r^{2} + ((-7a + b)\varepsilon + 3r^{2})\cos(2\theta))\csc^{2}\theta)) + 2f^{5}r^{7}\dot{\theta}^{6}\csc\theta(3(2a + b)\varepsilon r\dot{\theta}^{2}\cos\theta - 3(2a + b)\varepsilon\dot{\theta}\sin\theta + r^{2}(2a\varepsilon + b\varepsilon + r^{2} + a\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{2})\dot{\theta}^{3}\sin\theta - 3(2a + b)\varepsilon r\ddot{\theta}\sin\theta) - f^{2}r(r^{2}(-2a\varepsilon - 6b\varepsilon - 11r^{2} + 2(24a + 13b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+2(5a+2b)\varepsilon f^{(3)}r^{3})\dot{\theta}^{3}+r\dot{\theta}^{2}(r^{2}(4a\varepsilon-8b\varepsilon-3r^{2}+6(a+b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{2})\ddot{\theta}+3(15a+7b)\varepsilon\cot\theta) \\ &+6\varepsilon\dot{\theta}(a+b+(15a+11b)r^{2}\ddot{\theta}\cot\theta)+r^{3}\dot{\theta}^{4}\cot\theta(4(5a+2b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{2}-3/2(5a\varepsilon+9b\varepsilon-2r^{2}+(a\varepsilon-3b\varepsilon+2r^{2})\cos(2\theta))\csc^{2}\theta)+6(a+b)\varepsilon r\ddot{\theta}\csc\theta(2r^{2}\ddot{\theta}\cos\theta+9\sin\theta))-1/2f^{4}r^{5}\dot{\theta}^{2}(240(a+b)\varepsilon r^{2}\dot{\theta}\ddot{\theta}^{2}+240(a+b)\varepsilon r^{3}\ddot{\theta}^{3}-4\varepsilon\dot{\theta}^{3}(-9b+(20a+17b)r^{2}\ddot{\theta}\cot\theta)+2r^{2}\dot{\theta}^{5}(-26a\varepsilon-16b\varepsilon-9r^{2}+3(-a+b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{2}+2a\varepsilon f^{(3)}r^{3}-2a\varepsilon\cot^{2}\theta-8b\varepsilon\cot^{2}\theta+6b\varepsilon\csc^{2}\theta)-2r\dot{\theta}^{4}(2(22a+13b)\varepsilon\cot\theta+r^{2}\ddot{\theta}(8a\varepsilon+8b\varepsilon+r^{2}+4a\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{2}-2(a-b)\varepsilon\cot^{2}\theta+4a\varepsilon\csc^{2}\theta))\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{split} A_4 &= \frac{1}{188\,697\,600A_1^5(a+b)\varepsilon r^6} \big[32A_1^3r^3(-15\,263\,640A_2^3(a+b)\varepsilon r^3 + 1260A_1^2\varepsilon r(-491aA_2-608A_2b+2573aA_3r+2540A_3br) - 5040A_1A_2\varepsilon r^2(A_2(497a+503b)-4606A_3(a+b)r) \\ &+ 420A_1^5r(-65a\varepsilon - 38b\varepsilon + 6r^2) + A_1^9r^3(-6a\varepsilon - 34b\varepsilon + 7r^2) + 14A_1^7r^2(46a\varepsilon + 40b\varepsilon + 15r^2) \\ &+ 21A_1^6A_2r^3(222a\varepsilon - 38b\varepsilon + 65r^2) - 630A_1^3(2(71a+176b)\varepsilon + A_2^2r^3(27a\varepsilon - 41b\varepsilon + 17r^2)) \\ &+ 210A_1^4r^2(A_3r(983a\varepsilon + 1067b\varepsilon - 21r^2) + A_2(490a\varepsilon + 160b\varepsilon + 93r^2))) + (1/(f^3))7(-33\,177\,600(a+b)\varepsilon + A_1r(90A_1\varepsilon\dot{f}r(-512(616a+601b) - 128A_1^2(611a+581b)\dot{f}r^2) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &-32A_{1}^{4}(67a+119b)\dot{f}^{2}r^{4}+40A_{1}^{6}(3a+b)\dot{f}^{3}r^{6}-A_{1}^{8}(a+b)\dot{f}^{4}r^{8})+15f(-1536(4A_{1}(646a+631b)\varepsilon)+7383A_{2}(a+b)\varepsilon r+A_{1}^{3}r(19(a+b)\varepsilon+r^{2}))+A_{1}^{2}r^{2}(768A_{1}(267a+248b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r+6A_{1}^{6}(a+b)\varepsilon\dot{f}^{4}r^{6}(4A_{1}+15A_{2}r)+A_{1}^{4}\varepsilon\dot{f}^{3}r^{4}(-48A_{1}(47a+17b)+8(5a(A_{1}^{3}-96A_{2})+(A_{1}^{3}-150A_{2})b)r+21A_{1}^{3}(a+b)\ddot{f}r^{3})+16\dot{f}(120A_{1}^{3}r^{3}+3A_{1}^{3}(491a+685b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{3}-8\varepsilon(9138aA_{1}+8802A_{1}b+253aA_{1}^{3}r+28668aA_{2}r+163A_{1}^{3}br+28038A_{2}br))\end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &+8A_{1}^{2}\dot{f}^{2}r^{2}(240A_{1}(9a-5b)\varepsilon-48A_{2}(137a+148b)\varepsilon r-3A_{1}^{3}(83a+29b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{3}-4A_{1}^{3}r(53a\varepsilon+55b\varepsilon+9r^{2}))))\\ &+4A_{1}^{5}f^{3}r^{4}(90A_{1}^{2}\varepsilon\dot{f}^{2}r^{2}(A_{1}^{2}(41a+15b)+15A_{1}A_{2}(25a+9b)r+5(18A_{2}^{2}+5A_{1}A_{3})(3a+b)r^{2})\\ &+3\dot{f}(16A_{1}^{6}(2a+b)\varepsilon r^{2}-24480A_{2}^{2}(2a+b)\varepsilon r^{2}+720A_{1}\varepsilon r(87aA_{2}+36A_{2}b-14A_{3}(2a+b)r)\\ &+60A_{1}^{4}r(5a\varepsilon+2b\varepsilon+9r^{2})+30A_{1}^{3}r^{2}(25A_{3}r(2a\varepsilon+r^{2})+4A_{2}(97a\varepsilon+41b\varepsilon+30r^{2}))\\ &+180A_{1}^{2}(-8(2a+b)\varepsilon+15A_{2}^{2}(2a\varepsilon r^{3}+r^{5}))+15A_{1}^{2}\varepsilon r^{3}(2\ddot{f}(3A_{1}^{2}(20a+7b))\end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &+ 30A_{1}A_{2}(7a+3b)r + 5(18A_{2}^{2}+5A_{1}A_{3})(a+b)r^{2}) + A_{1}r(A_{1}(a+b)f^{(4)}r + 2f^{(3)}(A_{1}(11a+5b) \\ &+ 15A_{2}(a+b)r)))) + r(90A_{1}^{3}\varepsilon\ddot{f}^{2}r^{3}(A_{1}(9a+5b)+15A_{2}(a+b)r) + \ddot{f}(135A_{1}^{4}(a+b)\varepsilon f^{(3)}r^{4} \\ &+ 270A_{1}^{3}r^{3}(2A_{1}+5A_{2}r) + 4\varepsilon(1080A_{1}^{2}(3a+b)+15A_{1}(52aA_{1}^{3}-1788aA_{2}+15A_{1}^{3}b-828A_{2}b)r \\ &+ a(8A_{1}^{6}+2235A_{1}^{3}A_{2}-12240A_{2}^{2}-5040A_{1}A_{3})r^{2})) + 15A_{1}r(-192aA_{1}\varepsilon f^{(4)}r + f^{(3)}(-48A_{1}(19a+6b)\varepsilon \\ &- 2208aA_{2}\varepsilon r + A_{1}^{3}(38a\varepsilon r + 3r^{3}))))) - A_{1}f^{2}r(384(270A_{1}^{2}(249a+239b)\varepsilon)) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &+ 619\,200A_2^2(a+b)\varepsilon r^2 + 30A_1\varepsilon r(15A_2(697a+683b)-6682A_3(a+b)r) + 30A_1^4r(77a\varepsilon+55b\varepsilon-3r^2) \\ &+ 15A_1^3A_2r^2(247a\varepsilon+203b\varepsilon+7r^2) - A_1^6r^2(23a\varepsilon+3b\varepsilon+10r^2)) + A_1^2r^2(90A_1^4(a+b)\varepsilon\dot{f}^3r^4(6A_1^2+90A_2^2r^2) \\ &+ 5A_1r(12A_2+5A_3r)) + A_1^2\varepsilon\dot{f}^2r^2(8(-360A_1^2(8a+3b)+30A_1(5aA_1^3-939aA_2+A_1^3b-339A_2b)r \\ &+ (A_1^6+195A_1^3A_2-1530A_2^2-630A_1A_3)(5a+b)r^2) + 135A_1^3(a+b)r^3(A_1f^{(3)}r+\ddot{f}(8A_1+30A_2r))) \\ &+ 240A_1r(15A_1(49a+39b)\varepsilon f^{(3)}r+\ddot{f}(24A_1(52a-15b)\varepsilon-6A_2(457a+587b)\varepsilon r-3A_1^3(19a+7b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^3 \\ &- 2A_1^3r(76a\varepsilon+50b\varepsilon+9r^2))) + 6\dot{f}(-720A_1^3r^3(2A_1+9A_2r) - 16\varepsilon(60A_1^2(105a-4b)+20A_1(25aA_1^3-64b)+20A_1(25aA_1^$$

$$-330aA_{2} + 6A_{1}^{3}b - 261A_{2}b)r + (a(7A_{1}^{6} + 1080A_{1}^{3}A_{2} - 30060A_{2}^{2} + 38265A_{1}A_{3}) + 3(3A_{1}^{6} + 190A_{1}^{3}A_{2} - 9780A_{2}^{2} + 13085A_{1}A_{3})b)r^{2}) + 5A_{1}^{3}\varepsilon r^{3}(-24A_{1}(19a + 7b)f^{(3)}r + \ddot{f}(-48A_{1}(51a + 19b) + 8(5aA_{1}^{3} - 588aA_{2} + A_{1}^{3}b - 204A_{2}b)r + 9A_{1}^{3}(a + b)\ddot{f}r^{3})))) - 24A_{1}^{5}f^{4}r^{3}(4(2a + b)\varepsilon(-180A_{1}^{2} + 1620A_{1}A_{2}r + (2A_{1}^{6} + 165A_{1}^{3}A_{2} - 3060A_{2}^{2} - 1260A_{1}A_{3})r^{2} - 75A_{1}^{2}(18A_{2}^{2} + 5A_{1}A_{3})r^{3}) - 60A_{1}^{2}r^{3}(3A_{1}^{2} + 90A_{2}^{2}r^{2} + 5A_{1}r(9A_{2} + 5A_{3}r)) - 15A_{1}^{2}\varepsilon r^{2}(2(8a + 3b)\dot{f}(A_{1}^{2} + 90A_{2}^{2}r^{2} + 5A_{1}r(6A_{2} + 5A_{3}r)) + r(2\ddot{f}(2A_{1}^{2}(11a + 3b) + 15A_{1}A_{2}(14a + 3b)r + 10a(18A_{2}^{2} + 5A_{1}A_{3})r^{2}) + A_{1}r(2aA_{1}f^{(4)}r + f^{(3)}(3A_{1}b + 20a(A_{1} + 3A_{2}r))))))))]]_{r,r},$$
(A2)

$$A_{2} = \frac{1}{26880A_{1}(a+b)\varepsilon fr^{2}} [(-14592(a+b)\varepsilon + A_{1}^{2}r(3\varepsilon\dot{f}r(-16(29a+35b)+8A_{1}^{2}(5a+b)\dot{f}r^{2} - A_{1}^{4}(a+b)\dot{f}^{2}r^{4})24A_{1}^{2}f^{2}r(2A_{1}^{2}r^{3}+2(2a+b)\varepsilon(12+A_{1}^{2}r)+A_{1}^{2}\varepsilon r^{2}((8a+3b)\dot{f}+2a\ddot{f}r)) + 4f(-8(6(31a+28b)\varepsilon + A_{1}^{2}r(19a\varepsilon + 7b\varepsilon + 3r^{2})) + 3A_{1}^{2}r^{2}(\varepsilon\ddot{f}r(-32a+A_{1}^{2}(a+b)\dot{f}r^{2}) + \dot{f}(-48(2a+b)\varepsilon + A_{1}^{2}(3a+b)\varepsilon\dot{f}r^{2} + A_{1}^{2}r(2a\varepsilon + r^{2})))))]|_{r_{1}},$$
(A3)

$$\begin{split} A_{3} &= \frac{1}{1\,140\,480A_{1}^{3}(a+b)\varepsilon r^{4}} \big[(15\varepsilon(56\,576(a+b)+384A_{1}^{2}(74a+69b)\dot{f}r^{2}+32A_{1}^{4}(37a+57b)\dot{f}^{2}r^{4} \\ &\quad -8A_{1}^{6}(10a+3b)\dot{f}^{3}r^{6}+A_{1}^{8}(a+b)\dot{f}^{4}r^{8}))/f^{2}+120A_{1}^{5}fr^{3}(6A_{1}^{2}r^{3}(A_{1}+5A_{2}r)-2(2a+b)\varepsilon(12A_{1}+A_{1}^{3}r) \\ &\quad -84A_{2}r-15A_{1}^{2}A_{2}r^{2})+A_{1}^{2}\varepsilon r^{2}((8a+3b)\dot{f}(2A_{1}+15A_{2}r)+r(2aA_{1}f^{(3)}r+\ddot{f}(14aA_{1}+3A_{1}b+30aA_{2}r)))) \\ &\quad +(1/f)5A_{1}r(64(30A_{1}(101a+95b)\varepsilon+9372A_{2}(a+b)\varepsilon r+A_{1}^{3}r(79a\varepsilon+67b\varepsilon-9r^{2})) \\ &\quad +A_{1}^{2}r^{2}(-144A_{1}(35a+33b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r-3A_{1}^{4}(a+b)\varepsilon\dot{f}^{3}r^{4}(4A_{1}+15A_{2}r)+A_{1}^{2}\varepsilon\dot{f}^{2}r^{2}(24A_{1}(37a+13b) \\ &\quad -4(A_{1}^{3}-42A_{2})(5a+b)r \\ &\quad -9A_{1}^{3}(a+b)\ddot{f}r^{3})+16\dot{f}(12A_{1}(-30a+13b)\varepsilon+3A_{2}(517a+523b)\varepsilon r+12A_{1}^{3}(3a+b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{3} \end{split}$$

$$+ A_{1}^{3}r(40a\varepsilon + 34b\varepsilon + 9r^{2}))) + 4A_{1}^{2}r^{2}(4(180A_{1}^{2}(25a + 32b)\varepsilon + 180A_{1}A_{2}(173a + 172b)\varepsilon r + 123480A_{2}^{2}(a + b)\varepsilon r^{2} + 30A_{1}^{3}A_{2}r^{2}(37a\varepsilon + 65b\varepsilon - 7r^{2}) + 30A_{1}^{4}r(30a\varepsilon + 16b\varepsilon + 3r^{2}) + A_{1}^{6}r^{2}(6a\varepsilon - 14b\varepsilon + 5r^{2})) + 5A_{1}^{3}r^{2}(3A_{1}^{2}\varepsilon\dot{f}^{2}r^{2}(A_{1}(25a + 9b) + 15A_{2}(3a + b)r) + 3\dot{f}(8A_{1}(29a + 12b)\varepsilon - 336A_{2}(2a + b)\varepsilon r + 15A_{1}^{2}A_{2}r^{2}(2a\varepsilon + r^{2}) + 4A_{1}^{3}r(7a\varepsilon + 3b\varepsilon + 2r^{2}) + A_{1}^{2}\varepsilon r^{3}(A_{1}(a + b)f^{(3)}r + \ddot{f}(2A_{1}(7a + 3b) + 15A_{2}(a + b)r))) + r(-144aA_{1}\varepsilon f^{(3)}r + \ddot{f}(-72A_{1}(7a + 3b)\varepsilon - 672aA_{2}\varepsilon r + 3A_{1}^{3}(a + b)\varepsilon\ddot{f}r^{3} + A_{1}^{3}(22a\varepsilon r + 3r^{3})))))]|_{r_{1}}.$$

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