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Einstein constraints: A dynamical approach

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The Einstein constraint equations describe the space of initial data for the evolution equations, dictating how space should curve within spacetime. Under certain assumptions, the constraints reduce to a scalar quasilinear parabolic equation on the sphere with various singularities, and nonlinearity being the prescribed scalar curvature of space. We focus on self-similar solutions of Schwarzschild type. Those describe, for example, the initial data of black holes. We give a detailed study of the axially symmetric solutions, since the domain is now one dimensional and nodal properties can be used to describe certain asymptotics of the rescaled selfsimilar solutions. In particular, we mention examples for certain prescribed scalar curvatures.