The essence of gravity theory and the Einstein's "greatest mistake"

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The affine formulation of General Relativity Theory is presented. From this point of view the cosmological constant is not an option but a necessary element of the field dynamics. Moreover, it is obvious why the Einstein's attempt (1925) to unify gravity with electromagnetism, based on the concept of an asymmetric metric tensor "g+f", could not work, while a different, entirely new unification pattern looks natural. Finally, there is a room for dark matter, not just by "adding new terms" to the existing theory but by taking into account the natural geometric structure of spacetime.