

1 Boltzmann Equation for Harmonic Oscillators

- (a) The full time derivative of the distribution function can be written as

$$\frac{df(t, x, p)}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{dp}{dt} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p}.$$

By the definition of momentum, we have

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{p}{m},$$

and the equation of motion of the harmonic oscillator can be written as

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = -\kappa x.$$

The collisionless Boltzmann equation for the harmonic oscillator then is

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{p}{m} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - \kappa x \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} = 0 \quad (1)$$

An equilibrium distribution function satisfies $\partial f / \partial t = 0$. It is claimed that the distribution function is then only a function of the energy. To show that $f(E)$ is indeed a solution, consider

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p}{m} \frac{\partial f(E)}{\partial x} - \kappa x \frac{\partial f(E)}{\partial p} &= \frac{df}{dE} \left[\frac{p}{m} \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} - \kappa x \frac{\partial E}{\partial p} \right] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) First, integrate Eq. (1) over all momentum. The $\partial f / \partial p$ term vanishes after integrating by parts and noticing that $f = 0$ at $p = \pm\infty$ (there are no particles with infinite momentum!). Hence, we find

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(nv)}{\partial x} = 0.$$

This is the continuity equation. To get the Euler equation, first multiply by p/m and then integrate over all momentum. This gives

$$\frac{\partial(nv)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} \frac{p^2}{m^2} f + \frac{\kappa x}{m} n = 0,$$

where the last term follows from integration by parts. The integral over p^2 yields two terms: *i*) a bulk velocity term, nv^2 , and *ii*) a pressure term, P . Using the continuity equation, we get

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\kappa x}{m} = 0.$$

2 Boltzmann Hierarchy

We start from the Boltzmann equation in Fourier space

$$\Theta' + ik\mu\Theta = \Phi' - ik\mu\Psi + \Gamma[\Theta_0 - \Theta + i\mu v_e]. \quad (2)$$

Let us remind ourselves of the dependencies of the variables:

temperature perturbation $\Theta(\eta, \mathbf{k}, \mu = \hat{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}})$ The temperature perturbation depends on wavevector \mathbf{k} and on the relative angle between photon propagation direction $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$ and wavevector $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ quantified by $\mu = \hat{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}$.

temperature monopole $\Theta_0(\eta, \mathbf{k})$ The temperature monopole is the angular average of the above temperature perturbation and thus independent of the direction cosine μ .

metric perturbations $\Psi(\eta, \mathbf{k})$ and $\Phi(\eta, \mathbf{k})$ The metric perturbations only depend on the wavevector of the perturbation but not on the photons direction of propagation. They are thus independent of μ .

electron velocity $v_e(\eta, \mathbf{k})$

Let us furthermore remind ourselves of the definition of the multipole moments

$$\Theta_l(\eta, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{(-i)^l} \int \frac{d\mu}{2} \mathcal{P}_l(\mu) \Theta(\eta, \mathbf{k}, \mu).$$

Let us first consider the general case $l \geq 2$ and consider the monopole and dipole explicitly later. We first multiply the Boltzmann Equation (2) with $\mathcal{P}_l(\mu)$, $l \geq 2$ and integrate over μ . The $\mu\Psi$ and μv_e terms are dipoles and don't contribute. The Φ' and $\Gamma\Theta_0$ terms are monopoles and don't contribute either. For the $\mu\mathcal{P}(\mu)\Theta(\eta, \mathbf{k}, \mu)$ term we can now use the recursion relation

$$\mu\mathcal{P}_l(\mu) = \frac{(l+1)}{(2l+1)}\mathcal{P}_{l+1}(\mu) + \frac{l}{(2l+1)}\mathcal{P}_{l-1}(\mu).$$

$$\Theta'_l + k \left(\frac{l+1}{2l+1}\Theta_{l+1} - \frac{l}{2l+1}\Theta_{l-1} \right) = -\Gamma\Theta_l.$$

For the $l = 0$ case, we simply integrate the Boltzmann Equation (2) over μ . The $ik\mu\Theta$ term leads to a monopole, the dipole terms $\mu\Psi$ and μv_e do not contribute and the $\Gamma[\Theta_0 - \Theta]$ terms cancel. In summary, we have

$$\Theta'_0 + k\Theta_1 = +\Phi'.$$

Finally, for the $l = 1$ case, we multiply the Boltzmann equation with $\mathcal{P}_1(\mu) = \mu$ and integrate. Now, the dipole terms $\mu\Psi$ and μv_e do contribute, but the monopoles vanish. The μ^2 term can be rewritten as a sum of a monopole and quadrupole

$$\mu^2 = \mu\mathcal{P}_1 = \frac{2}{3}\mathcal{P}_2 + \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{P}_0,$$

which follows either from the recursion relation or the explicit form of the Legendre polynomials. We thus have

$$3\Theta'_1 + 2k\Theta_2 = k\Theta_0 - k\Psi - \Gamma(3\Theta_1 + v_b).$$

Based on the tight coupling approximation, we can furthermore ignore the quadrupole Θ_2 and arrive at the desired result.

3 Anisotropies from Tensors

(a) With $P^\mu = dx^\mu/d\lambda$, it follows that

$$\frac{d\eta}{d\lambda} = \frac{\epsilon}{a^2}, \quad \frac{dx^i}{d\lambda} = \hat{p}^i - \frac{1}{2}h_j^i \hat{p}^j.$$

The geodesic equation in conformal time then is

$$\frac{\epsilon}{a^2} \frac{dP^\mu}{d\eta} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\mu P^\nu P^\rho = 0.$$

The 0-component is

$$\frac{\epsilon}{a^2} \frac{d}{d\eta} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{a^2} \right) + \frac{\epsilon^2}{a^4} \left[\Gamma_{00}^0 + \Gamma_{ij}^0 \left(\hat{p}^i - \frac{1}{2}h_k^i \hat{p}^k \right) \left(\hat{p}^j - \frac{1}{2}h_l^j \hat{p}^l \right) \right] = 0.$$

Substituting the given expressions for Γ_{00}^0 and Γ_{ij}^0 , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d \ln \epsilon}{d\eta} &= +\mathcal{H} - \left(\mathcal{H}\delta_{ij} + \mathcal{H}h_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}h'_{ij} \right) \left(\hat{p}^i - \frac{1}{2}h_k^i \hat{p}^k \right) \left(\hat{p}^j - \frac{1}{2}h_l^j \hat{p}^l \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}h'_{ij} \hat{p}^i \hat{p}^j, \end{aligned}$$

where in the second line we have dropped all terms beyond linear order in h_{ij} .

- (b) Assuming that tight-coupling holds until recombination, we can neglect the temperature quadrupole at last scattering. The only tensor-induced contribution to the temperature anisotropies then comes from the free-streaming effect:

$$\frac{d\Theta}{d\eta} = \frac{d \ln \epsilon}{d\eta} = -\frac{1}{2} h'_{ij} \hat{p}^i \hat{p}^j.$$

Integrating the Boltzmann equation along the line-of-sight, we find

$$\tilde{\Theta}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \equiv \Theta(\eta_0, \mathbf{x}_0 \equiv \mathbf{0}, \hat{\mathbf{n}} = -\hat{\mathbf{p}}) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\eta_*}^{\eta_0} d\eta' h'_{ij}(\eta', \mathbf{x}(\eta')) \hat{n}^i \hat{n}^j,$$

where $\mathbf{x}(\eta') \equiv \chi(\eta') \hat{\mathbf{n}}$. Writing h'_{ij} in terms of its Fourier transform, we get

$$\tilde{\Theta}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\eta_*}^{\eta_0} d\eta' \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} h'_{ij}(\eta', \mathbf{k}) \hat{n}^i \hat{n}^j e^{-ik\chi(\eta') \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}} \quad (\star).$$

- (c) It is convenient to expand the tensor mode in its two helicity components

$$h_{ij}(\eta, \mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\lambda=\pm} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} h_{\lambda}(\eta, \mathbf{k}) \epsilon_{ij}^{\lambda}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}).$$

We first consider the special case $\mathbf{k} = k\hat{\mathbf{z}}$. In that case, the explicit form of the polarization tensor is

$$\epsilon^{\pm}(\hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \pm i & 0 \\ \pm i & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Contracting this with $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{ij}^{\pm}(\hat{\mathbf{z}}) \hat{n}^i \hat{n}^j &= \frac{1}{2} (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \pm i & 0 \\ \pm i & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi} = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi}{15}} Y_{2\pm 2}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}). \end{aligned}$$

The contribution of the Fourier mode $\mathbf{k} = k\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ to the integral in (\star) therefore is

$$\sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{15}} h'_{\pm}(\eta, k\hat{\mathbf{z}}) Y_{2\pm 2}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) e^{-ik\chi \cos \theta}.$$

Using the Rayleigh plane-wave expansion for the exponential and expressing $P_l(\cos \theta)$ in terms of $Y_{L0}(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$, this can be written as

$$\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{15}} h'_{\pm}(\eta, k\hat{\mathbf{z}}) \times \sum_{L \geq 0} (-i)^L \sqrt{2L+1} j_L(k\chi) Y_{2\pm 2}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) Y_{L0}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}).$$

Next, we replace the product of the two spherical harmonics by a sum over spherical harmonics weighted by Wigner $3j$ symbols

$$\sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3}} h'_{\pm}(\eta, k\hat{\mathbf{z}}) \sum_{L \geq 0} \left[(-i)^L (2L+1) j_L(k\chi) \times \sum_{l \geq 2} \sqrt{2l+1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & L & l \\ \mp 2 & 0 & \pm 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & L & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Y_{l\pm 2}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \right].$$

Writing out the $3j$ symbols explicitly and using a recursion relations for Bessel functions to express $j_{l\pm 2}$ in terms of j_l , gives

$$\sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{15}} h'_{\pm}(\eta, k\hat{\mathbf{z}}) Y_{2\pm 2}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) e^{-ik\chi \cos \theta} = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} h'_{\pm}(\eta, k\hat{\mathbf{z}}) \sum_l \alpha_l \frac{j_l(k\chi)}{(k\chi)^2} Y_{l\pm 2}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}),$$

where $\alpha_l \equiv (-i)^l \sqrt{2l+1} \sqrt{(l+2)!/(l-2)!}$.

So far, we have only considered Fourier modes with \mathbf{k} parallel to $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$. The contribution from a general Fourier mode is obtained by rotating the previous result. We are told that this gives

$$h'_{ij}(\eta, \mathbf{k}) \hat{n}^i \hat{n}^j e^{-ik\chi \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}} = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} h'_{\pm}(\eta, \mathbf{k}) \sum_l \alpha_l \frac{j_l(k\chi)}{(k\chi)^2} \sum_m D_{m\pm 2}^l(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \quad (\star\star),$$

and that an explicit form of the Wigner D matrices won't be needed.

(d) We write the temperature anisotropy in a harmonic expansion

$$\tilde{\Theta}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = a_{lm} Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}).$$

The angular power spectrum is then defined as $\langle a_{lm} a_{l'm'}^* \rangle = C_l \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$. We find the a_{lm} 's by substituting (**) into (*):

$$a_{lm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\lambda} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} (-i)^l \Theta_l^\lambda(\mathbf{k}) \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2l+1}} D_{m\pm 2}^l(\hat{\mathbf{k}}),$$

where

$$\Theta_l^\lambda(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{2l+1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{(l+2)!}{(l-2)!}} \int_{\eta_*}^{\eta_0} d\eta' h'_\lambda(\eta', \mathbf{k}) \frac{j_l(k\chi)}{(k\chi)^2} \quad (\dagger).$$

To obtain the power spectrum, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a_{lm} a_{l'm'}^* \rangle &= (-i)^{l-l'} \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{(2l+1)(2l'+1)}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda\lambda'} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_l^\lambda(\mathbf{k}) \\ h_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_{l'}^{\lambda'}(\mathbf{k}') \\ h_{\lambda'}(\mathbf{k}') \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &\quad \times \langle h_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) h_{\lambda'}^*(\mathbf{k}') \rangle D_{m\lambda}^l(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) D_{m'\lambda'}^{l'}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}'). \end{aligned}$$

Using

$$\langle h_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) h_{\lambda'}^*(\mathbf{k}') \rangle = \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} \Delta_h^2(k) \delta_D(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \delta_{\lambda\lambda'} \quad \text{and} \quad \Theta_l^\lambda(k) \equiv \frac{\Theta_l^\lambda(\mathbf{k})}{h_\lambda(\mathbf{k})},$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a_{lm} a_{l'm'}^* \rangle &= \frac{(-i)^{l-l'}}{\sqrt{(2l+1)(2l'+1)}} \int d \ln k |\Theta_l^\lambda(k)|^2 \Delta_h^2(k) \underbrace{\int d\hat{\mathbf{k}} D_{m\lambda}^l(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) D_{m'\lambda'}^{l'}(\hat{\mathbf{k}})}_{\frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}} \\ &= \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'} \frac{4\pi}{(2l+1)^2} \int d \ln k |\Theta_l^\lambda(k)|^2 \Delta_h^2(k). \end{aligned}$$

The final result for the angular power spectrum therefore is

$$C_l = \frac{4\pi}{(2l+1)^2} \int d \ln k |\Theta_l^\lambda(k)|^2 \Delta_h^2(k) \quad (\dagger\dagger).$$

To evaluate (††) we need an expression for the tensor mode function in (†). The universe is matter dominated at recombination and thereafter. The tensor mode functions then satisfy

$$h_\lambda(\eta, \mathbf{k}) = 3h_\lambda(\eta_i, \mathbf{k}) \frac{j_1(k\eta)}{k\eta} \quad \rightarrow \quad h'_\lambda(\eta, \mathbf{k}) = -3kh_\lambda(\eta_i, \mathbf{k}) \frac{j_2(k\eta)}{k\eta}.$$

Substituting this into (†), we get

$$\Theta_l^\lambda(k) = -\frac{3}{4}(2l+1) \sqrt{\frac{(l+2)!}{(l-2)!}} \int_{\eta_*}^{\eta_0} k d\eta' \frac{j_2(k\eta')}{k\eta'} \frac{j_l(k(\eta_0 - \eta'))}{(k(\eta_0 - \eta'))^2} \quad (\ddagger).$$

(e) Since gravitational waves decay inside horizon, we expect the tensor-induced CMB spectrum to drop off on small scales. Let's see how this is reflected in the result (‡). This integral is non-negligible only when $k\eta' \sim 2$ and $k(\eta_0 - \eta') \sim l$ simultaneously, since otherwise at least one of the two Bessel functions is close to zero. Both conditions can be satisfied simultaneously only if

$$l \lesssim 2 \frac{\eta_0}{\eta_*} \sim 2\sqrt{z_* + 1} \sim 60.$$

Finally, let us show that our result (‡) corresponds to $l(l+1)C_l = \text{const.}$ on large scales. Let us approximate $j_2(x)/x$ by $\delta_D(x-2)$. We then get

$$\Theta_l^\lambda(k) \sim -\frac{3}{4}(2l+1)\sqrt{\frac{(l+2)!}{(l-2)!}} \frac{j_l(k\eta_0-2)}{(k\eta_0-2)^2} \quad \text{for } \eta_* < k^{-1} < \eta_0.$$

The restriction on wavenumbers is such that only gravitational waves that enter the horizon between last-scattering and today contribute. Assuming a scale-invariant primordial tensor spectrum, $\Delta_h^2 = A_t$, the angular power spectrum becomes

$$\begin{aligned} C_l &\sim \frac{\pi}{4} \frac{(l+2)!}{(l-2)!} A_t \int_{1/\eta_0}^{1/\eta_*} d \ln k \frac{j_l^2(k\eta_0-2)}{(k\eta_0-2)^4} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} \frac{(l+2)!}{(l-2)!} A_t \int_0^{\eta_0/\eta_*-1} \frac{dx}{x+2} \frac{j_l^2(x)}{x^4}, \end{aligned}$$

where we substituted $x \equiv k\eta_0 - 2$ in the second line. For $l \gg 1$, but $l \ll 60$, the integral is dominated by $x \sim l$, and we can replace $x+2$ by x in the integrand and extend the upper limit of integration to ∞ . Using

$$\int_0^\infty dx \frac{j_l^2(x)}{x^5} = \frac{4}{15} \frac{(l-2)!}{(l+2)!} \frac{1}{(l+3)(l-2)},$$

we find

$$C_l \sim \frac{\pi}{15} \frac{A_t}{(l+3)(l-2)}.$$

Hence, $l(l+1)C_l \approx \text{const.}$, as expected.

4 Recombination, last scattering, and the visibility function

(a) The optical depth to Thomson scattering back to redshift z is

$$\tau(z) = \int_{t(z)}^{t_0} c \bar{n}_e \sigma_T dt' = \int_0^z \frac{c \bar{n}_e \sigma_T}{(1+z')H(z')} dz', \quad (3)$$

where we have used $1+z = a_0/a \Rightarrow dz/dt = -(1+z)H(z)$. Since $\bar{n}_e \sigma_T$ is such a rapidly-falling function of z , the optical depth is dominated by the upper end of the integration range. The universe is well approximated as being matter dominated then, so that

$$H(z) \approx H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m} (1+z)^{3/2}, \quad (4)$$

where Ω_m is the *current* matter density parameter. Substituting into Eq. (3), we have

$$\tau(z) \approx 9.2 \times 10^4 \int_0^z \left(\frac{z'}{1000} \right)^{12.1} z'^{-5/2} dz' \quad (5)$$

$$= 0.27(z/1000)^{10.6}. \quad (6)$$

Note that we have approximated $1+z$ as z when substituting for $H(z)$ in the integrand.

(b) The derivative of the optical depth with respect to z is

$$\frac{d\tau}{dz} = \frac{0.27 \times 10.6}{1000} \left(\frac{z}{1000} \right)^{9.6}, \quad (7)$$

so that the redshift visibility is

$$g(z) = 2.86 \times 10^{-3} \left(\frac{z}{1000} \right)^{9.6} \exp[-0.27(z/1000)^{10.6}]. \quad (8)$$

This is plotted in Fig. 1.

(c) Solving $\tau(z_*) = 1$ gives

$$z_* = 1000 \exp \left[-\frac{\ln 0.27}{10.6} \right] = 1130. \quad (9)$$

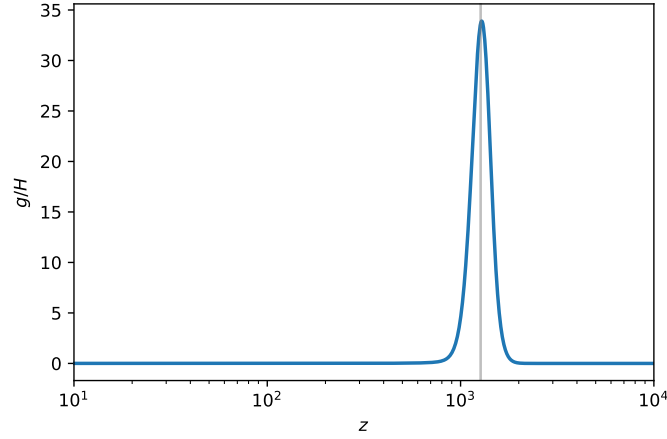


Figure 1: Redshift visibility function, $g(z) = (d\tau/dz)e^{-\tau}$.

To quantify the width of the visibility function, σ_z , we evaluate the second derivative of $-\ln g$:

$$\begin{aligned} -\ln g &= \text{const.} - 9.6 \ln z + 0.27 \left(\frac{z}{1000} \right)^{10.6} \\ \Rightarrow -\frac{d^2 \ln g}{dz^2} &= \frac{9.6}{z^2} + \frac{10.6 \times 9.6 \times \tau(z)}{z^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Evaluating this at z_* , and equating this to $1/\sigma_z^2$, we have

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_z^2} = \frac{9.6 \times 11.6}{z_*^2} \Rightarrow 2\sigma_z = 214. \quad (11)$$

(d) Taking the duration of last scattering as the redshift interval $\Delta z = 2\sigma_z = 214$, we can convert to a magnitude of conformal time, $\Delta\eta$, using

$$a d\eta = dt = -\frac{dz}{(1+z)H(z)} \Rightarrow \Delta\eta \approx \frac{\Delta z}{H(z_*)}, \quad (12)$$

where we have set $a_0 = 1$. Assuming matter domination around z_* , we use Eq. (4) to find

$$\Delta\eta = \frac{\Delta z}{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m} (1+z_*)^{3/2}} = 46 \text{ Mpc}, \quad (13)$$

where we have used $H_0 = 67 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ and $\Omega_m = 0.3$ (and have been careful to reinstate the required factor of c).

5 Non-Gaussianity

First we need the spherical multipoles g_{lm} :

$$g_{lm} = 4\pi i^l \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} F(\mathbf{k}) j_l(kr) Y_{lm}^*(\hat{\mathbf{k}}). \quad (14)$$

If we now form the three-point correlator, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \langle g_{l_1 m_1} g_{l_2 m_2} g_{l_3 m_3} \rangle &= (4\pi)^3 i^{l_1+l_2+l_3} \int \prod_{i=1}^3 \left[\frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}_i}{(2\pi)^3} j_{l_i}(k_i r) Y_{l_i m_i}^*(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_i) \right] \langle F(\mathbf{k}_1) F(\mathbf{k}_2) F(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle \\ &= \frac{(4\pi)^3}{(2\pi)^3} i^{l_1+l_2+l_3} \int \prod_{i=1}^3 \left[\frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}_i}{(2\pi)^3} j_{l_i}(k_i r) Y_{l_i m_i}^*(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_i) \right] \\ &\quad \times B_F(k_1, k_2, k_3) \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3). \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Following the hint, we write the delta-function in integral form,

$$\delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\mathbf{x} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \cdot \mathbf{x}}, \quad (16)$$

and expand the plane waves with the Rayleigh expansion to find

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) &= 2^3 \int dx x^2 \prod_{i=1}^3 \left[\sum_{l'_i m'_i} i^{l'_i} j_{l'_i}(k_i x) Y_{l'_i m'_i}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_i) Y_{l'_i m'_i}^*(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \right] \\ &= 2^3 \int dx x^2 \sum_{l'_1 m'_1} \sum_{l'_2 m'_2} \sum_{l'_3 m'_3} \prod_{i=1}^3 \left[i^{l'_i} j_{l'_i}(k_i x) Y_{l'_i m'_i}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_i) \right] \mathcal{G}_{l'_1 l'_2 l'_3}^{m'_1 m'_2 m'_3}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

In the last line, we have performed the integral over $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ using the definition of the Gaunt integral given in the question. (We note that this integral is real, and vanishes unless $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 0$ and $l_1 + l_2 + l_3$ is even. The latter condition follows from parity.) Finally, we substitute back into Eq. (15). Isolating the angular integrals over $\hat{\mathbf{k}}_i$, and using orthonormality of the spherical harmonics,

$$\int d\hat{\mathbf{k}} Y_{l' m'}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) Y_{l m}^*(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) = \delta_{l' l} \delta_{m' m}, \quad (18)$$

we find (after sorting out all the factors of 2π)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle g_{l_1 m_1} g_{l_2 m_2} g_{l_3 m_3} \rangle &= \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \right)^3 (-1)^{l_1 + l_2 + l_3} \mathcal{G}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{m_1 m_2 m_3} \\ &\quad \times \int dx x^2 \int \prod_{i=1}^3 [dk_i k_i^2 j_{l_i}(k_i r) j_{l_i}(k_i r)] B_F(k_1, k_2, k_3). \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

The prefactor $(-1)^{l_1 + l_2 + l_3} = 1$ due to Gaunt integral, so we can read off the reduced bispectrum

$$b_{l_1 l_2 l_3} = \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \right)^3 \int dx x^2 \int \prod_{i=1}^3 [dk_i k_i^2 j_{l_i}(k_i r) j_{l_i}(k_i r)] B_F(k_1, k_2, k_3). \quad (20)$$

Under rotation of $g(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$, we have $g_{lm} \rightarrow \sum_{m'} D_{mm'}^l g_{lm'}$. If the correlator is to be invariant under such rotations, we must have

$$\langle g_{l_1 m_1} g_{l_2 m_2} g_{l_3 m_3} \rangle = \sum_{m'_1 m'_2 m'_3} D_{m_1 m'_1}^{l_1} D_{m_2 m'_2}^{l_2} D_{m_3 m'_3}^{l_3} \langle g_{l_1 m'_1} g_{l_2 m'_2} g_{l_3 m'_3} \rangle \quad (21)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{G}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{m_1 m_2 m_3} = \sum_{m'_1 m'_2 m'_3} D_{m_1 m'_1}^{l_1} D_{m_2 m'_2}^{l_2} D_{m_3 m'_3}^{l_3} \mathcal{G}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{m'_1 m'_2 m'_3}. \quad (22)$$

Taking the complex conjugate of both sides, recalling that the Gaunt integral is real, and using unitarity of the rotation matrices – $D_{mm'}^{l*}(R) = D_{m'm}^l(-R)$, where $-R$ is the inverse rotation to R – Eq. (22) is equivalent to the requirement that

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\hat{\mathbf{n}} \prod_{i=1}^3 Y_{l_i m_i}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) &= \int d\hat{\mathbf{n}} \prod_{i=1}^3 \left[\sum_{m'_i} D_{m'_i m_i}^{l_i}(-R) Y_{l_i m'_i}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \right] \\ &= \int d\hat{\mathbf{n}} \prod_{i=1}^3 \hat{D}^{-1} Y_{l_i m_i}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}). \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

The value of actively-rotated function at $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is the same as the value of the original function at the back-rotated position, i.e., $\hat{D}^{-1} Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = Y_{lm}(\hat{D}\hat{\mathbf{n}})$. Using this in the right-hand side of Eq. (23), and noting that since rotations are orthogonal transformations $d(\hat{D}\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = d\hat{\mathbf{n}}$, establishes the truth of this requirement.

6 CMB Polarization – Correlation Functions

In Fourier space we can invert the relations for $E(\mathbf{l})$ and $B(\mathbf{l})$ to get

$$Q(\mathbf{l}) = E(\mathbf{l}) \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) - B(\mathbf{l}) \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) \quad (24)$$

$$U(\mathbf{l}) = E(\mathbf{l}) \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) + B(\mathbf{l}) \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) \quad (25)$$

Taking the Fourier transform yields

$$Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{(2\pi)^2} [E(\mathbf{l}) \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) - B(\mathbf{l}) \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}})] e^{i\mathbf{l}\cdot\boldsymbol{\theta}} \quad (26)$$

$$U(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{(2\pi)^2} [E(\mathbf{l}) \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) + B(\mathbf{l}) \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}})] e^{i\mathbf{l}\cdot\boldsymbol{\theta}} \quad (27)$$

From the definition of the correlation function we get

$$\begin{aligned} C_Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &\equiv \langle Q(\boldsymbol{\theta})Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}') \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}'}{(2\pi)^2} [E(\mathbf{l}) \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) - B(\mathbf{l}) \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}})] \times \right. \\ &\quad \left. [E(\mathbf{l}') \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}'}) - B(\mathbf{l}') \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}'})] e^{i\mathbf{l}\cdot\boldsymbol{\theta}} e^{i\mathbf{l}'\cdot\boldsymbol{\theta}'} \right\rangle \\ &= \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}'}{(2\pi)^2} [\langle E(\mathbf{l})E(\mathbf{l}') \rangle \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}'}) + \\ &\quad \langle B(\mathbf{l})B(\mathbf{l}') \rangle \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}'})] e^{i\mathbf{l}\cdot\boldsymbol{\theta}} e^{i\mathbf{l}'\cdot\boldsymbol{\theta}'} \\ &= \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}'}{(2\pi)^2} [(2\pi)^2 C_{El} \delta(\mathbf{l} + \mathbf{l}') \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}'}) + \\ &\quad (2\pi)^2 C_{Bl} \delta(\mathbf{l} + \mathbf{l}') \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}'})] e^{i\mathbf{l}\cdot\boldsymbol{\theta}} e^{i\mathbf{l}'\cdot\boldsymbol{\theta}'} \\ &= \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{(2\pi)^2} [C_{El} \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}})^2 + C_{Bl} \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}})^2] e^{i\mathbf{l}\cdot(\boldsymbol{\theta}+\boldsymbol{\theta}')} \\ &= \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{(2\pi)^2} [C_{El} \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}})^2 + C_{Bl} \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}})^2] e^{i\boldsymbol{\theta} \cos \phi_{\mathbf{l}}}, \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where we used the fact that E - and B -modes are not correlated. We also fixed the frame to have $\boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\theta}' \parallel \mathbf{e}_x$ yielding $\mathbf{l} \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta} = l\theta \cos \phi_{\mathbf{l}}$ and redefined $\boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\theta}' \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}$. Similarly, for $U(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ we find

$$C_U(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{(2\pi)^2} [C_{El} \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}})^2 + C_{Bl} \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}})^2] e^{i\boldsymbol{\theta} \cos \phi_{\mathbf{l}}} \quad (29)$$

For the linear combinations of the two correlation functions we get

$$\begin{aligned} C_Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + C_U(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{(2\pi)^2} (C_{El} + C_{Bl}) e^{i\boldsymbol{\theta} \cos \phi_{\mathbf{l}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty l \, dl \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_{\mathbf{l}} (C_{El} + C_{Bl}) e^{i\boldsymbol{\theta} \cos \phi_{\mathbf{l}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty l \, dl (C_{El} + C_{Bl}) J_0(l\theta), \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - C_U(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{(2\pi)^2} (C_{El} - C_{Bl}) [\cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}})^2 - \sin(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}})^2] e^{i\boldsymbol{\theta} \cos \phi_{\mathbf{l}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty l \, dl \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_{\mathbf{l}} (C_{El} - C_{Bl}) e^{i\boldsymbol{\theta} \cos \phi_{\mathbf{l}}} e^{-4i\phi_{\mathbf{l}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty l \, dl (C_{El} - C_{Bl}) J_4(l\theta), \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

where we used the following formula for Bessel functions:

$$\frac{(-i)^n}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{iy \cos \phi} e^{-in\phi} d\phi = J_n(y) \quad (32)$$

For the correlation between Q -modes and temperature we have

$$C_C(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \equiv \langle Q(\boldsymbol{\theta})T(\boldsymbol{\theta}') \rangle \quad (33)$$

$$= \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{(2\pi)^2} C_{Cl} \cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) e^{i\boldsymbol{\theta} \cos \phi_{\mathbf{l}}} \quad (34)$$

Here we made use of Eq. (25) and used the fact that $\langle B(\mathbf{l})T(\mathbf{l}') \rangle = 0$. We can now express $\cos(2\phi_{\mathbf{l}}) = e^{2i\phi_{\mathbf{l}}}/2 + e^{-2i\phi_{\mathbf{l}}}/2$ and use the relation $J_n(y) = (-1)^n J_{-n}(y)$ for the Bessel functions to obtain

$$C_C(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int l \, dl C_{Cl} J_2(l\theta). \quad (35)$$

7 Stokes parameters (quick question)

i)

$$(E_x, E_y) = \mathcal{E}(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

$$Q = E_x^2 - E_y^2 = \mathcal{E}^2(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) = \mathcal{E}^2 \cos 2\theta$$

$$U = 2E_x E_y = \mathcal{E}^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \mathcal{E}^2 \sin 2\theta$$

ii)

$$(E_x, E_y) = \mathcal{E}(1, \pm i)$$

$$Q = |E_x|^2 - |E_y|^2 = 0$$

$$U = 2\Re(E_x E_y^*) = 0$$

$$V = 2\Im(E_x E_y^*) = \mp 1$$

8 Lensing Deflection

Let us consider a photon geodesic parametrized by the affine parameter λ . The photon momentum is then given by $P^\mu = dx^\mu/d\lambda$. For the relation between path length and conformal time, we have $d\eta = (1 - 2\Phi) dl$ and thus

$$P^i = \frac{dx^i}{d\lambda} = \frac{dx^i}{dl} \frac{dl}{d\eta} \frac{d\eta}{d\lambda} = P^0(1 + 2\Phi)n^i. \quad (36)$$

Calculating the derivative wrt the affine parameter λ , we obtain

$$\frac{dP^i}{d\lambda} = \frac{dn^i}{dl}(1 + 4\Phi)(P^0)^2 + \frac{dP^0}{d\lambda} n^i(1 + 2\Phi) + 2n^i(P^0)^2 \left(\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial\eta} + n^j \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial x^j} \right) \quad (37)$$

We can now employ the geodesic equation $dP^\mu/d\lambda = -\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu P^\alpha P^\beta$ and solve for the derivative of the photon direction. We have

$$\frac{dn^i}{dl} = -(1 - 4\Phi)\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^i \frac{P^\mu}{P^0} \frac{P^\nu}{P^0} + n^i(1 - 2\Phi)\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^0 \frac{P^\mu}{P^0} \frac{P^\nu}{P^0} - 2n^i \partial_0 \Phi - 2n^i n^j \partial_j \Phi \quad (38)$$

From the definition of the metric

$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta) \{ -(1 + 2\Phi) d\eta^2 + (1 - 2\Phi) \gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j \}. \quad (39)$$

we obtain for the Christoffel symbols

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{00}^0 &= \mathcal{H} + \partial_0 \Phi \\ \Gamma_{j0}^0 &= \partial_j \Phi \\ \Gamma_{jl}^0 &= (1 - 4\Phi) \gamma_{jl} \mathcal{H} - \gamma_{jl} \partial_0 \Phi \\ \Gamma_{00}^i &= \gamma^{ij} \partial_j \Phi \\ \Gamma_{j0}^i &= \delta_j^i \mathcal{H} - \partial_0 \Phi \delta_j^i \\ \Gamma_{jl}^i &= \frac{1}{2} \gamma^{im} (\partial_j \gamma_{lm} + \partial_l \gamma_{jm} - \partial_m \gamma_{jl}) \\ &\quad - (\delta_l^i \partial_j \Phi + \delta_j^i \partial_l \Phi - \gamma^{im} \gamma_{jl} \partial_m \Phi) \end{aligned}$$

Using **flat space** $\gamma_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$ and plugging into the above expression and using $P^i/P^0 = n^i(1 + 2\Phi)$ it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dn^i}{dl} &= -(1 - 4\Phi)\Gamma_{00}^i - (1 - 2\Phi)\Gamma_{j0}^i n^j - \Gamma_{jl}^i n^j n^l \\ &\quad + (1 - 2\Phi)\Gamma_{00}^0 n^i + \Gamma_{j0}^0 n^i n^j + (1 + 2\Phi)\Gamma_{jl}^0 n^i n^j n^l \\ &\quad - 2n^i \partial_0 \Phi - 2n^i n^j \partial_j \Phi \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

$$= 2n^i n^j \partial_j \Phi - 2\partial_i \Phi \quad (41)$$

Writing the above result in vector form and using $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 1$, we finally obtain

$$\frac{d\mathbf{n}}{dl} = 2\mathbf{n} \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi - 2\nabla \Phi = 2\mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{n} \times \nabla \Phi). \quad (42)$$

9 Lensing Bispectrum

Using the convolution theorem we have that in wavenumber space

$$\tilde{\Theta}(\mathbf{l}) = \Theta(\mathbf{l}) + \delta\Theta(\mathbf{l}) = \Theta(\mathbf{l}) + \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}'}{(2\pi)^2} \mathbf{l}' \cdot (\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{l}') \phi(\mathbf{l}') \Theta(\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{l}') \quad (43)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{\Theta}(\mathbf{l}_1) \tilde{\Theta}(\mathbf{l}_2) \tilde{\Theta}(\mathbf{l}_3) \rangle &= \langle \delta\Theta(\mathbf{l}_1) \Theta(\mathbf{l}_2) \Theta(\mathbf{l}_3) \rangle + 2 \text{ cyc.} \\ &= \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}'}{(2\pi)^2} \mathbf{l}' \cdot (\mathbf{l}_1 - \mathbf{l}') \langle \phi(\mathbf{l}') \Theta(\mathbf{l}_1 - \mathbf{l}') \Theta(\mathbf{l}_2) \Theta(\mathbf{l}_3) \rangle + 2 \text{ cyc.} \\ &= \left[\mathbf{l}_2 \cdot \mathbf{l}_3 P_{l_2}^{\phi\Theta} P_{l_3}^{\Theta\Theta} + \mathbf{l}_2 \cdot \mathbf{l}_3 P_{l_3}^{\phi\Theta} P_{l_2}^{\Theta\Theta} + 2 \text{ cyc.} \right] (2\pi)^2 \delta^{(D)}(\mathbf{l}_1 + \mathbf{l}_2 + \mathbf{l}_3) \\ &\approx 0 \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

$P_l^{\phi\Theta}$, vanishes for the Doppler and Sachs-Wolfe contributions which are created at recombination but has some large scale contributions from the integrated Sachs-Wolfe effect.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi(\mathbf{l}_1) \tilde{\Theta}(\mathbf{l}_2) \tilde{\Theta}(\mathbf{l}_3) \rangle &= \langle \phi(\mathbf{l}_1) \delta\Theta(\mathbf{l}_2) \Theta(\mathbf{l}_3) \rangle + \langle \phi(\mathbf{l}_1) \Theta(\mathbf{l}_2) \delta\Theta(\mathbf{l}_3) \rangle \\ &= \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}'}{(2\pi)^2} \mathbf{l}' \cdot (\mathbf{l}_2 - \mathbf{l}') \langle \phi(\mathbf{l}_1) \phi(\mathbf{l}') \Theta(\mathbf{l}_2 - \mathbf{l}') \Theta(\mathbf{l}_3) \rangle + \dots \\ &= \left[\mathbf{l}_1 \cdot \mathbf{l}_3 P_{l_1}^{\phi\phi} P_{l_3}^{\Theta\Theta} + \mathbf{l}_1 \cdot \mathbf{l}_2 P_{l_1}^{\phi\phi} P_{l_2}^{\Theta\Theta} \right] (2\pi)^2 \delta^{(D)}(\mathbf{l}_1 + \mathbf{l}_2 + \mathbf{l}_3) \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$