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Linear evolution of fluctuations (relativistic case)

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Recall that in Newtonian case we had,

$$\dot{\rho} \equiv \frac{\partial \delta \rho}{\partial t} = -3H \delta \rho - 3 \bar{\rho} \delta H \quad (\text{Continuity})$$

$$\delta \dot{H} = -2H \delta H - \frac{4\pi G}{3} \delta \rho - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\nabla_r^2 \delta \rho}{\bar{\rho}} \quad (\text{Euler})$$

here $\delta H \equiv \frac{\bar{v}_r \cdot \bar{v}}{3} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{1}{3} \bar{v} \cdot \bar{v} \equiv \frac{\theta}{3a}$

for we assumed MAT dominated universe - let's assume for generality that

$$\bar{\rho} \propto a^{-3(1+w)} \quad w = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} & \text{RAD} \\ 0 & \text{MAT} \\ -1 & \text{VACUUM} \end{cases}$$

here $w \equiv \bar{p}/\bar{\rho}$ defines equation of state

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\bar{\rho}} = -3(1+w) H \bar{\rho}$$

in relativistic case the equations of motion are the same (in the so-called "Newtonian" conformal gauge) if we just replace

$\bar{\rho} \rightarrow \bar{\rho} + \bar{p}$ and the Newtonian equations! Then, (from $\nabla_{\mu T}^{\mu \nu} = 0$)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\delta \rho} = -3H \delta \rho - 3(\bar{\rho} + \bar{p}) \delta H \\ \delta \dot{H} = -2H \delta H - \frac{4\pi G}{3} \delta \rho - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\nabla_r^2 \delta \rho}{\bar{\rho} + \bar{p}} \end{cases}$$

[This is a lame way of doing this, sorry we don't have time for deriving this from GR, see 4.3. in Padmanabham]

we will $\delta \rho = \bar{\rho} \delta$ with time we can discuss $k/aH \ll 1$ solutions as well.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Continuity reads } -3(1+w) H \bar{\rho} \delta + \bar{\rho} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial t} = -3H \bar{\rho} \delta - \frac{(\bar{\rho} + \bar{p})}{a} \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{ad } \tau = dt \\ H = \dot{\tau} \end{matrix} \quad \boxed{\frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau} = -(1+w) \theta + 3w H \delta}$$

when equation is,

$$-\frac{H}{a} \frac{w'}{\theta} + \frac{1}{a} \dot{\theta} = -\frac{2H}{a} \theta^{w'} - 4\pi G \bar{\rho} \delta - \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\nabla^2 \delta_p}{\bar{\rho} + \bar{p}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial \delta_k}{\partial \tau} + H \theta_k = -\frac{3}{2} H^2 \delta_k + \frac{h^2 c_s^2}{1+w} \delta_k}$$

we for simplicity we assume $\Omega = 1$.

Now, let's find 2nd order diff equation for δ_k :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial \tau^2} = -w' \theta - (1+w) \left[-H \theta - \frac{3}{2} H^2 \delta + \frac{h^2 c_s^2}{1+w} \delta \right] + 3w' H \delta + 3w H \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau}$$

where $' \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}$ - Recall that,

$$\begin{cases} H' = -\frac{3}{2} H^2 (1+w) + H^2 & \text{(Friedman equation)} \\ w' = 3H (w - c_s^2) (1+w) & \text{(From } \bar{p} = w \bar{\rho} \text{ and } \dot{\bar{p}} = c_s^2 \dot{\bar{\rho}} \text{)} \end{cases}$$

Then, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \delta_k}{\partial \tau^2} &= -3H (w - c_s^2) \frac{(1+w)}{(1+w)} \left[3w H \delta - \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau} \right] + \frac{(1+w)}{(1+w)} H \left[3w H \delta - \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau} \right] \\ &+ (1+w) \frac{3}{2} H^2 \delta - h^2 c_s^2 \delta + 9H^2 (w - c_s^2) (1+w) \delta + \\ &+ 3w H^2 \left[1 - \frac{3}{2} (1+w) \right] \delta + 3w H \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau} \\ &= H^2 \delta \left[\underbrace{6w + \frac{3}{2} (1+w) (1-3w)}_{3w + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{9}{2} w^2} \right] - h^2 c_s^2 \delta + H \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau} [6w - 1 - 3c_s^2] \end{aligned}$$

Since we are assuming $\Omega = 1$, solutions will depend on time only through \underline{a} , so it is convenient to use \underline{a} as a time

variable:

$$\frac{1}{H} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \ln a} \quad \frac{1 - \frac{3}{2}(1+w)}{H^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{H^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{(\partial \ln a)^2} + \left(\frac{1}{H^2} \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \ln a}$$

then:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial \ln a^2} + \left[1 - \frac{3}{2}(1+w) \right] \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \ln a} = (6w - 1 - 3c_s^2) \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \ln a} - \frac{h^2 c_s^2}{H^2} \delta + \delta \left[3w + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{9}{2} w^2 \right]$$

~~$\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial \ln a^2} + \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2}w + \frac{3}{2}w^2 \right] \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \ln a} + \left[\frac{9}{2}w^2 - 3w - \frac{3}{2} \right] \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \ln a} + \frac{h^2 c_s^2}{H^2} \delta = 0$~~

$$\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial \ln a^2} + \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{15}{2}w + 3c_s^2 \right] \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \ln a} + \left[\frac{9}{2}w^2 - 3w - \frac{3}{2} \right] \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \ln a} + \frac{h^2 c_s^2}{H^2} \delta = 0$$

For matter: $c_s^2 = w = 0$, and $\frac{h^2}{H^2} \ll 1$ [either $c_s = 0$ for DARK MATTER or at scales larger than Jeans]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial \ln a^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \ln a} - \frac{3}{2} \delta = 0$$

try $a^p \Rightarrow p^2 + \frac{p}{2} - \frac{3}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow p = 1, -3/2$

The usual growing and decaying modes (also for scales larger than Hubble radius!)

For radiation: $c_s^2 = w = 1/3$

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{15}{2}w + 3c_s^2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{5}{2} + 1 = -1$$

$$\frac{9}{2}w^2 - 3w - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{2} - 1 - \frac{3}{2} = -2$$

Then:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial a^2} - \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial a} - 2\delta + \frac{k^2}{3H^2} \delta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial a^2} - \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial a} = \left(2 - \frac{k^2}{3H^2}\right) \delta}$$

So if $\frac{k^2}{3H^2} \ll 2$ ~~for scales larger than Hubble~~ scales larger than Hubble (which is equivalent to Jeans length in RAD)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial a^2} - \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial a} - 2\delta = 0 \Rightarrow \delta \propto a^p$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 - p - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{p = 2, -1}$$

So perturbations in RAD, for $\frac{k}{aH} \ll 1$ behave as

$$\delta_k \approx A_k a^2 + B_k a^{-1}$$

however, in the opposite limit, when $\frac{k^2}{H^2}$ is large

$$\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial a^2} - \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial a} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial a^2} = -\frac{k^2}{3H^2} \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial a^2} = -\frac{k^2}{3H^2 a^4} \delta}$$

Now, in RAD $H^2 \sim \rho_R \sim a^{-4} \Rightarrow H^2 a^4 = \text{const.}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\delta \propto \exp\left[\pm i \frac{k a}{\sqrt{3} H a^2}\right]} \quad \frac{k}{aH} \gg 1$$

again, sound waves.

Evolution of CDM during radiation era

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We now consider the evolution of fluctuations on dark matter component when it becomes smaller than Hubble radius during RAD.

At scales $\lambda \ll H^{-1}$ radiation is smooth (recall that Jeans length for RAD is $\sim H^{-1}$); but during RAD era ρ is dominated by $\bar{\rho}_R$, so it ~~also~~ dominates the evolution of Hubble constant.

We have: Newtonian evolution ($\lambda \ll H^{-1}$), but gravity due to 2 components

$$\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial \tau^2} + \mathcal{H} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau} = 4\pi G a^2 \delta \rho_{\text{TOT}} = 4\pi G a^2 [\bar{\rho}_M \delta + \bar{\rho}_R \delta_R] \\ \approx 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_M \delta$$

Let new Friedmann equation is,

$$\mathcal{H}^2 = \frac{8\pi G a^2}{3} (\bar{\rho}_R + \bar{\rho}_M)$$

It is convenient to work with time variable $x = a/a_{\text{EQ}}$

$$\Rightarrow x \bar{\rho}_R = \bar{\rho}_M \quad (\text{recall } \bar{\rho}_R \sim a^{-4}, \bar{\rho}_M \sim a^{-3})$$

$$dx = \frac{da}{a_{\text{EQ}}} = \frac{a}{a_{\text{EQ}}} da = \frac{a}{a_{\text{EQ}}} \frac{da}{d\tau} d\tau = x \mathcal{H} d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{H} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau} = \mathcal{H}^2 x \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x}$$

$$\mathcal{H}^2 = \frac{8\pi G a^2}{3} \bar{\rho}_M \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) \Rightarrow 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_M = \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{H}^2 \frac{x}{1+x}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial \tau^2} = \mathcal{H} x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\mathcal{H} x \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x} \right) = \mathcal{H}^2 x^2 \frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial x^2} + \mathcal{H}^2 x \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x} + \mathcal{H} x^2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x}$$

We need to get $\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x}$, From Friedmann equation get

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$$2H dH = d\alpha \left(\frac{8\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_m}{3} \right) \left[\frac{2}{x} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x} \right) - \frac{3}{x} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x} \right) - \frac{1}{x^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{d\bar{\rho}_m}{d\alpha} = -3 \frac{\bar{\rho}_m}{x}$$

$$\frac{H^2}{1 + \frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\delta H}{\delta \alpha} = \frac{H^2}{1 + \frac{1}{x}} \frac{1}{2H} \left[-\frac{1}{x} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x} \right) - \frac{1}{x^2} \right] = -\frac{x}{2} \frac{x+2}{x(x+1)}$$

then, we have:

$$2x^2 \frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial x^2} + 2x \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x} - \frac{x^2 (x+2)}{2x(x+1)} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{x}{1+x} \delta$$

$$2x - \frac{x(x+2)}{2(x+1)} = \frac{x(3x+2)}{2(x+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{2x(1+x) \frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial x^2} + (3x+2) \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x} = 3\delta}$$

$$x \equiv a/a_{eq}$$

the solution can be guessed by setting $\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \delta \propto 3x+2$, or ~~Wanted~~

~~$$\delta_{\vec{k}}^+ = A_{\vec{k}} (3x+2)$$~~

we can see that this becomes the usual growing mode in MAT era, for $x \gg 1$, $\delta \propto a$. In the RAD era, however, $x \ll 1$ and growth is suppressed, this is because extra contribution to H speeds up the expansion of the universe leading to slower growth.

Thus, even though $\lambda > \lambda_J$ the dark matter perturbations do not grow significantly during RAD era (for scales $\lambda < H^{-1}$).

Remember for $\lambda > H^{-1}$, $\delta \propto a^2$ during RAD era. To do the matching @ $\lambda = H^{-1}$, we need to derive the decaying mode.

This is found by taking $\delta = (3x+2)f$ and solving for f :

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$$\delta_{\vec{k}} = B_{\vec{k}} \left[(3x+2) \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x} + 1}{\sqrt{1+x} - 1} \right) - 6\sqrt{1+x} \right]$$

which gives:

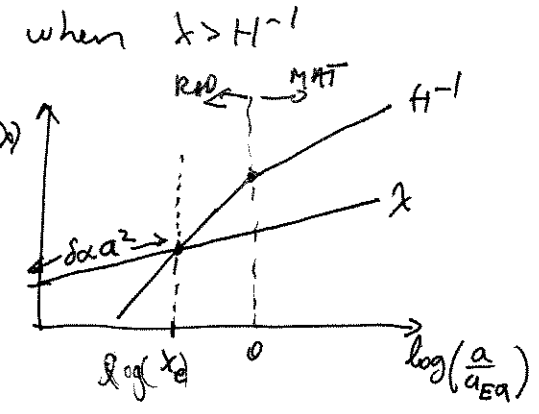
$$\delta_{\vec{k}} \approx \begin{cases} B_{\vec{k}} \left(2 \ln \frac{4}{x} - 6 \right) & x \ll 1 \\ \frac{8}{15} B_{\vec{k}} \frac{1}{x^{3/2}} & x \gg 1 \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

The latter is what we expect, $\delta \propto a^{3/2}$ during MAT era -

how much does a mode that enters well in the RAD era ($x_{\text{enter}} \equiv x_e \ll 1$) grow until $x=1$? Since the mode has been super-hubble for a long time, we assume that by the time it enters is in the growing mode for $\lambda > H^{-1}$, i.e.

$$\delta(x) \equiv x^2 \quad \text{for } x < x_e \quad \text{when } x > H^{-1}$$

this is the same as for RAD perturbations, we are here assuming adiabatic (or curvature) perturbations, more on this later] however, this mode will not correspond merely to a growing mode $(3x+2)$ by the time it becomes sub-hubble, it will be a linear combination of growing and decaying modes - To find that combination we impose matching conditions:-



since $x_e \ll 1$ we can use the approx (*)

At $x = x_e$:

$$\begin{cases} x_e^2 = 2A - 6B + 2B \ln \frac{4}{x_e} \\ 2x_e = 3A - 2B \frac{1}{x_e} \end{cases} \quad \left(\delta^{\text{outside}} = \delta^{\text{inside}} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x}^{\text{outside}} = \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x}^{\text{inside}} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow B \approx -x_e^2$

$$x_e^2 - 6x_e^2 = 2A - 2x_e^2 \ln(4/x_e)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{x_e^2}{2} \left[2 \ln\left(\frac{4}{x_e}\right) - 5 \right] \quad (A \text{ is } \mathcal{O}(x_e^2) \text{ so throwing away } 3A \text{ was OK to solve for } B)$$

once it crosses we have conversion into growing and decaying modes:

$$\delta(x) = x_e^2 \left[\ln\left(\frac{4}{x_e}\right) - \frac{5}{2} \right] (3x+2) - x_e^2 \left[(3x+2) \ln \frac{\sqrt{1+x} + 1}{\sqrt{1+x} - 1} - 6\sqrt{1+x} \right]$$

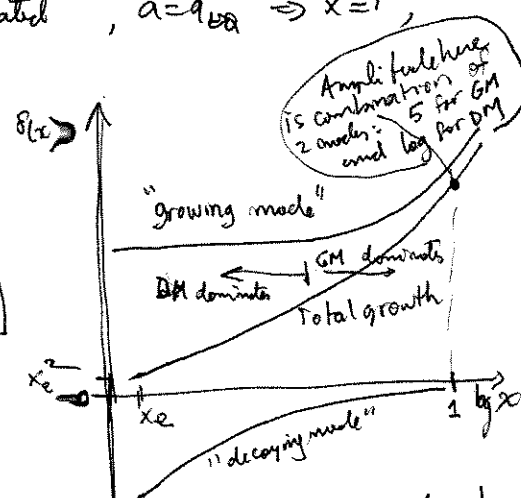
$$\approx x_e^2 \ln(x_e^{-1}) (3x+2)$$

$x_e \ll 1$

Note the negative sign!

by the time the universe becomes MAT dominated, $a = a_{EQ} \Rightarrow x = 1$, we have an amplification

$$\frac{\delta(x=1)}{\delta(x_e)} = \frac{5x_e^2 \ln(x_e^{-1})}{x_e^2} = 5 \ln\left(\frac{a_{EQ}}{a_{enter}}$$



which is only logarithmic! (This only holds for $x_e \ll 1$, as $x_e \rightarrow 1$ growth is dominated by x)

Note that ~~the~~ the amplification factor depends on the wavelength of the mode (through a_{enter}), so different modes will be amplified slightly differently, leading to a change in the power spectrum.

Summarizing the evolution of perturbations: (Radiation, Dark Matter, baryons)

Epoch	δ_R	δ_{DM}	δ_B
$k/k_H \ll 1$ $\lambda > H^{-1}$, RAD era	a^2	a^2	a^2
$k/k_H > 1$ $\lambda < H^{-1}$, RAD era	oscillates	$\ln a$	oscillates
" $\lambda < H^{-1}$, before DEC	"	a	"
" $\lambda < H^{-1}$, after DEC	"	a	a (For $\lambda > \lambda_{Jeans}^B$)

Y-axis: δ

(these we did not show, but can be shown to hold for adiabatic perturb.) only well into RAD era, universe expands too fast and RAD is smooth on those scales i.e. DM is not dominant

Coupled to δ'_5