

10.3 Equations of Motion

Calculate $\Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\sigma} (\partial_{\nu} g_{\sigma\lambda} + \partial_{\lambda} g_{\sigma\nu} - \partial_{\sigma} g_{\nu\lambda})$

for perturbed metric in Newtonian gauge

Example: $\Gamma_{00}^0 = \frac{1}{2} g^{0\sigma} (\partial_0 g_{\sigma 0} + \partial_0 g_{\sigma 0} - \partial_{\sigma} g_{00})$

$$= \frac{1}{2} g^{00} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} g_{00}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} a^{-2} (1 - 2\psi) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [a^2 (1 + 2\psi)]$$

$$= (1 - 2\psi) [\mathcal{H}(1 + 2\psi) + \psi']$$

$$= \mathcal{H} + \psi' + \mathcal{O}(\psi^2)$$

Similarly: $\Gamma_{i0}^0 = \partial_i \psi$

$$\Gamma_{00}^i = \partial^i \psi$$

$$\Gamma_{ij}^0 = \mathcal{H} \delta_{ij} - [\dot{\Phi} + 2\mathcal{H}(\Phi + \psi)] \delta_{ij}$$

$$\Gamma_{j0}^i = [\mathcal{H} - \dot{\Phi}] \delta_j^i$$

$$\Gamma_{jk}^i = -\delta_j^i \partial_k \Phi - \delta_k^i \partial_j \Phi + \delta_{jk} \partial^i \Phi$$

Now consider E-p conservation:

$$0 = \nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu}_{\nu} = \partial_{\mu} T^{\mu}_{\nu} + \Gamma_{\mu\alpha}^{\mu} T^{\alpha}_{\nu} - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\alpha} T^{\mu}_{\alpha}$$

Consider $v=0$ and make use of $E-p$ conservation for background ($\bar{\rho}' = -3\mathcal{H}(\bar{\rho} + \bar{p})$) to find continuity eq.

$$\delta \dot{\rho} = -3\mathcal{H}(\delta \rho + \delta p) + 3\dot{\Phi}(\bar{\rho} + \bar{p}) - \partial_i q^i \quad (C1)$$

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 dilution due to relativistic local fluid
 expansion effect flow

For $v=i$ find Euler eq.

$$\dot{q}^i = -4\mathcal{H}q^i - (\bar{\rho} + \bar{p})\partial^i \Psi - \partial^i \delta p \quad (C2)$$

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 redshift of force terms
 momenta

Note: If there are several (non-interacting) fluids, these eqs. apply to each individually and to their sum

Special cases:

- Matter ($P_m=0$): $\delta'_m = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}_m + 3\dot{\Phi}$

$$\dot{\vec{v}}_m = -\mathcal{H}\vec{v}_m - \vec{\nabla}\Psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta''_m + \mathcal{H}\delta'_m = \nabla^2 \Psi + 3(\ddot{\Phi} + \mathcal{H}\dot{\Phi})$$

- Radiation ($P_r = \frac{1}{3} \epsilon_r$): $\delta_r' = -\frac{4}{3} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}_r + 4 \bar{\Phi}'$

$$\vec{v}_r' = -\frac{1}{4} \vec{\nabla} \delta_r - \vec{\nabla} \Psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_r'' - \frac{1}{3} \nabla^2 \delta_r = \frac{4}{3} \nabla^2 \Psi + 4 \bar{\Phi}''$$

Every perfect fluid satisfies $\delta P_a = c_{s,a}^2 \delta \epsilon_a$
↑
 adiabatic sound speed

$\Rightarrow$ 2 eqs. for 2 perturbations ($\delta \epsilon_a$ & v_a) if
 metric perturbations known

Evolution of metric determined by Einstein eqs.

$$G^\mu{}_\nu = R^\mu{}_\nu - \frac{1}{2} \delta^\mu{}_\nu R = 8\pi G T^\mu{}_\nu$$

Background satisfies $\bar{G}^\mu{}_\nu = 8\pi G \bar{T}^\mu{}_\nu$

$$\Rightarrow \delta G^\mu{}_\nu = 8\pi G \delta T^\mu{}_\nu$$

Long and tedious calculation: $a^2 \delta G^0{}_0 = 2 \nabla^2 \bar{\Phi} - 6 \mathcal{H}(\bar{\Phi}' + \mathcal{H} \Psi)$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^2 \bar{\Phi} - 3 \mathcal{H}(\bar{\Phi}' + \mathcal{H} \Psi) = 4\pi G a^2 \delta \epsilon} \quad (E1)$$

total density perturbation $\delta \epsilon = \sum_a \delta \epsilon_a$

$\hookrightarrow$ Relativistic version of Poisson eq.

Space-space part of Einstein eq. gives

$$\text{I) } \bar{\Phi} - \Psi = 0 \quad (\text{for perfect fluid with } \Pi = 0)$$

$$\text{II) } \bar{\Phi}'' + 3\mathcal{H}\bar{\Phi}' + (2\mathcal{H}' + \mathcal{H}^2)\bar{\Phi} = 4\pi G a^2 \delta\rho \quad (E2)$$

Time-space part of Einstein eq. gives

$$\bar{\Phi}' + \mathcal{H}\bar{\Phi} = -4\pi G a^2 q \quad (E3)$$

Remember: Einstein eq. implies E - p conservation for sum of perturbations

$\Rightarrow$ Not all eqs. independent

$\hookrightarrow$ For n non-interacting fluids we have $2n+1$ indep. eqs. for $2n+1$ perturb.

For $n=1$ (single fluid) we use $\delta\rho = c_s^2 \delta g$ to get

$$\bar{\Phi}'' + 3\mathcal{H}\bar{\Phi}' + (2\mathcal{H}' + \mathcal{H}^2)\bar{\Phi} = c_s^2 [\nabla^2 \bar{\Phi} - 3\mathcal{H}(\bar{\Phi}' + \mathcal{H}\bar{\Phi})]$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi}'' + 3\mathcal{H}\bar{\Phi}'(1 + c_s^2) + \underbrace{[2\mathcal{H}' + \mathcal{H}^2(1 + 3c_s^2)]}_{=0} \bar{\Phi} - c_s^2 \nabla^2 \bar{\Phi} = 0$$

(Einstein eq. for background)

$$\Rightarrow \Phi'' + 3\mathcal{H}(1 + c_s^2)\Phi' - c_s^2 \nabla^2 \Phi = 0$$

Go to Fourier space ($\partial_i \rightarrow ik_i$)

$$\Phi'' + 3\mathcal{H}(1 + c_s^2)\Phi' + c_s^2 k^2 \Phi = 0$$

↳ Each Fourier mode evolves independently

Examples:

1) Matter domination ($c_s^2 = 0$)

$$\Phi'' + 3\mathcal{H}\Phi' = 0 \quad \text{with } \mathcal{H} = \frac{2}{\eta}$$

Solution a: $\Phi = \text{const} = \bar{\Phi}_i$

Solution b: $\Phi \sim \eta^{-5} \sim a^{-5/2}$

↳ "decaying" solution

$\Rightarrow$ negligible for initial conditions with small perturbations

2) Radiation domination ($c_s^2 = 1/3$)

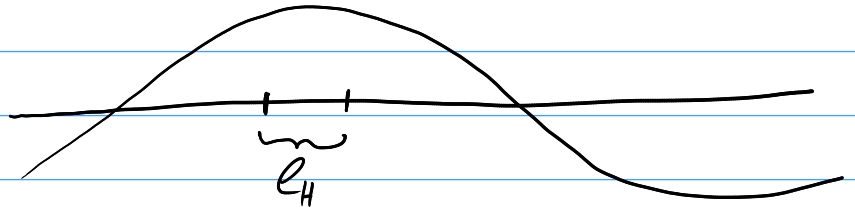
$$\Phi'' + 4\mathcal{H}\Phi' + \frac{1}{3}k^2\Phi = 0 \quad \text{with } \mathcal{H} = 1/\eta$$

For $k\eta \ll 1$, i.e. $k \ll \mathcal{H}$, neglect final term

$\Rightarrow \Phi = \text{const} \quad (k \ll \mathcal{H})$

↳ "superhorizon mode"

Interpretation: Wavelength $\lambda = \frac{2\pi a}{k}$ large compared to particle horizon $\ell_H = 1/H$



$\Rightarrow$ each causally connected region nearly homogeneous
 $\Rightarrow$ superhorizon mode "frozen"

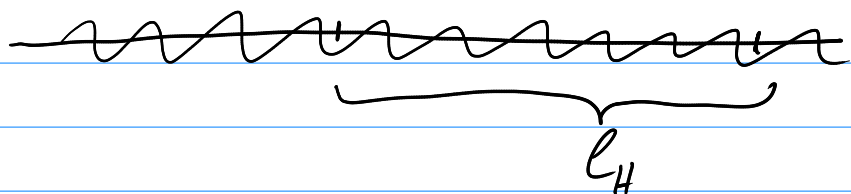
For $k\eta \gg 1$ define $f(\eta) = a^2(\eta) \Phi(\eta)$

$$\Rightarrow f'' + \frac{1}{3}k^2 f - \underbrace{2\mathcal{H}'f + 4\mathcal{H}^2 f}_{\text{can be neglected}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\eta) = A \cdot \cos\left(\frac{k\eta}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{k\eta}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$\overset{a \sim \eta}{\Rightarrow} \Phi(\eta) = \frac{A'}{\eta^2} \cos\left(\frac{k\eta}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \frac{B'}{\eta^2} \sin\left(\frac{k\eta}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \quad (k \gg \mathcal{H})$$

$\hookrightarrow$ "subhorizon mode" with $\lambda \ll \ell_H$



$\Rightarrow$ oscillations with decreasing amplitude

Note: General solution during RD:

$$\bar{\Phi}(\gamma) = A \frac{j_1(\gamma)}{\gamma} + B \frac{n_1(\gamma)}{\gamma} \quad \left(\gamma \equiv \frac{k\eta}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

with $j_1(\gamma) = \frac{\sin \gamma}{\gamma^2} - \frac{\cos \gamma}{\gamma}$

$$n_1(\gamma) = -\frac{\cos \gamma}{\gamma^2} - \frac{\sin \gamma}{\gamma}$$

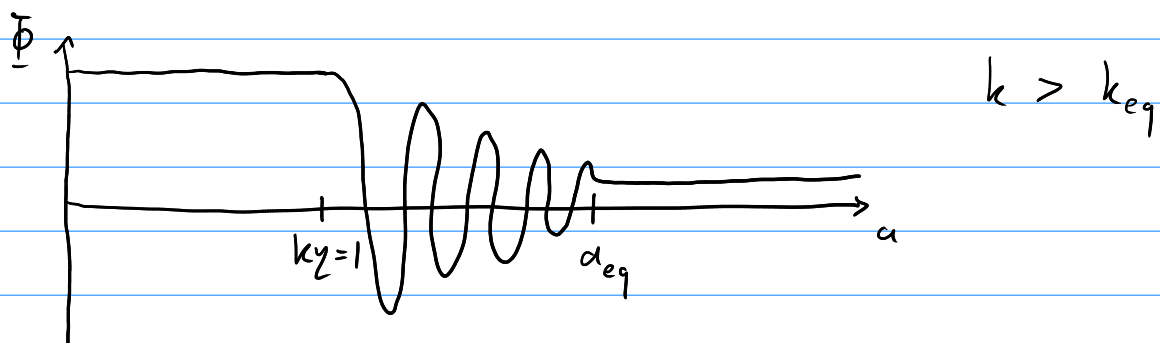
For $\gamma \rightarrow 0$: $j_1(\gamma) \approx \frac{\gamma}{3}$, $n_1(\gamma) \approx -\frac{1}{\gamma^2}$

$\hookrightarrow$ decaying solution

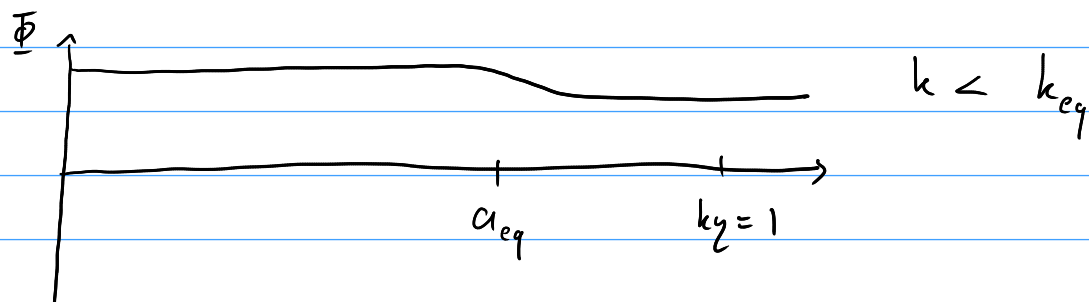
$$\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi}(\gamma) = 3\bar{\Phi}_i \left(\frac{\sin \gamma - \gamma \cos \gamma}{\gamma^3} \right)$$

Summary: Cosmological evolution of metric perturbations

- In very early Universe, ℓ_H is tiny
 $\Rightarrow$ almost all perturbations outside the horizon
 $\Rightarrow$ no evolution (modes frozen)
- As Universe expands, more and more modes enter the horizon and start oscillating
- Oscillations stop after M-R equality



- Modes that enter the horizon after M-R equality never oscillate



$$\lambda_0^{\text{eq}} = \frac{2\pi a_0}{k_{\text{eq}}} \approx 750 \text{ Mpc}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Perturbations relevant for the formation of galaxies ($\lambda \sim 10-100 \text{ kpc}$) enter horizon during RD

Comment: If the Universe contains a single fluid, matter perturbations are completely determined by metric perturbations via (E1)-(E3)

Example: MD ($\Phi = \Phi_i$)

$$(E1) \quad k^2 \Phi_i + 3 \mathcal{H}^2 \Phi_i = -4\pi G a^2 \delta g$$

$$k\eta \ll 1: \quad \text{Use } \mathcal{H}^2 = \frac{8\pi}{3} G \bar{\rho} a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = \frac{\delta g}{\bar{g}} = -2 \Phi$$

$$k\eta \gg 1: \quad \delta g \sim a^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = \frac{\delta g}{\bar{g}} \sim a$$

Summary

$$\delta g' = -3\mathcal{H}(\delta g + \delta p) + 3\dot{\Phi}'(\bar{s} + \bar{p}) - \partial_i q^i \quad (C1)$$

$$q^{i'} = -4\mathcal{H}q^i - (\bar{s} + \bar{p})\partial^i \bar{\Phi} - \partial^i \delta p \quad (C2)$$

$$\nabla^2 \bar{\Phi} - 3\mathcal{H}(\Phi' + \mathcal{H}\bar{\Phi}) = 4\pi G a^2 \delta g \quad (E1)$$

$$\bar{\Phi}'' + 3\mathcal{H}\bar{\Phi}' + (2\mathcal{H}' + \mathcal{H}^2)\bar{\Phi} = 4\pi G a^2 \delta p \quad (E2)$$

$$\bar{\Phi}' + \mathcal{H}\bar{\Phi} = -4\pi G a^2 q \quad (E3)$$