













Zel'dovich Approximation
$$\vec{x} = \vec{q} + D(t) \vec{u}(\vec{q})$$
 $\vec{u}(\vec{q}) = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi(\vec{q})$ $\psi(\vec{q}) = \frac{2}{3Da^2H^2\Omega} \phi_{lin}(\vec{q})$















Zel'dovich Formalism



Illustration:

Caustic formation of weblike matter distribution according to the Zel'dovich formalism.

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Adhesion Approximation













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The spherical model (Gunn & Gott 1972) describes the evolution of a spherical mass distribution. It forms THE reference point for all further evaluations of structure formation.

- Because of Birkhoff's theorem we may see the evolution of each individual mass shell as due only to the integrated mass distribution within its radius.
- As long as two mass shells are not crossing e.g. due to the faster infall of an outer shell into an overdensity -- the motion of a shell – with radius r -- is simply that of an individual spherical shell attracted by a point mass M(r), with M(r) the integrated mass within radius r.
- Perhaps not surprisingly, the equations of motion for the mass shells are the same as that of Friedmann-Robertson-Walker universes for an equivalent density parameter Ω(r).
- These equations of motion for each mass shell can be solved analytically for any decently behaving mass profile (i.e. the mass profile should be sufficiently centrally concentrated to prevent shell crossing).
- The spherical model is equally valid for overdensities as well as for underdensities.



The motion is fully determined by the average mass density $\Delta(\textbf{r},t)$ within a radius r,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(r,t) &= \frac{3}{r^3} \int_0^r \left[\frac{\rho(y,t)}{\rho_u(t)} - 1 \right] y^2 \, dy & 1 + \Delta_{ci} &= \Omega_i \left[1 + \Delta(t_i, r_i) \right] \\ &= \frac{3}{r^3} \int_0^r \delta(y,t) \, y^2 \, dy \,, \qquad \alpha_i &= \left(\frac{v_i}{H_i r_i} \right)^2 - 1 \,. \end{aligned}$$

and by the the peculiar velocity $v_{\text{pec},i}$ of the shell. For this we usually take the peculiar velocity predicted by linear theory for the growing mode.

$$v_{pec,i} = -\frac{H_i r_i}{3} f(\Omega_i) \Delta(r_i, t_i)$$

$$\alpha_i = -\frac{2}{3}f(\Omega_i)\Delta(r_i, t_i) \,.$$

It is convenient to describe the density perturbation with respect to a EdS Universe, in terms of Δ_i and the velocity perturbation with respect to the Hubble expansion in terms of parameter α_i .

Spherical Model

The solutions for the scale factor of overdense/underdense shells can be written in the same parameterized form, by means of shell angle Θ , as we know from the solutions for FRW universes,

$$\mathcal{R}(\Theta_r) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 + \Delta_{ci}}{(\alpha_i - \Delta_{ci})} & (\cosh \Theta_r - 1) & \Delta_{ci} < \alpha_i, \\ \\ \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 + \Delta_{ci}}{(\Delta_{ci} - \alpha_i)} & (1 - \cos \Theta_r) & \Delta_{ci} > \alpha_i, \end{cases}$$

with time dependence specified by

$$t(\Theta_r) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 + \Delta_{ci}}{(\alpha_i - \Delta_{ci})^{3/2}} & (\sinh \Theta_r - \Theta_r) & \Delta_{ci} < \alpha_i \\\\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 + \Delta_{ci}}{(\Delta_{ci} - \alpha_i)^{3/2}} & (\Theta_r - \sin \Theta_r) & \Delta_{ci} > \alpha_i \end{cases}$$

The corresponding peculiar velocity of the shell

$$v_{pec}(r,t) = v(r,t) - H_u(t)r(t),$$

can be inferred from

$$v_{pec}(r,t) = H_u(t)r(t) \left\{ \frac{g(\Theta_r)}{g(\Theta_u)} - 1 \right\}$$

with

$$g(\Theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sinh \Theta (\sinh \Theta - \Theta)}{(\cosh \Theta - 1)^2} & \text{open} \,, \\ \\ \frac{2}{3} & \text{critical} \,, \\ \\ \frac{\sin \Theta (\Theta - \sin \Theta)}{(1 - \cos \Theta)^2} & \text{closed} \end{cases}$$







Having determined the evolution of the radius and velocity of each spherical shell of the density perturbation, we may then proceed to derive the corresponding evolution of the density profile of the shell. Here we limit ourselves to the integrated density profile Δ (r,t),

$$1 + \Delta(r, t) = \frac{1 + \Delta_i(r_i)}{\mathcal{R}^3} \frac{a(t)^3}{a_i^3},$$

whose solution can be specified in terms of a density function $f(\theta)$,

$$1 + \Delta(r, t) = f(\Theta_r) / f(\Theta_u),$$



In the "imaginary" situation in which the overdensity would have continued to evolve linearly, it would have reached an overdensity dictated by the linear growth factor D(t) for the corresponding background Universe. For the situation of an Einstein-de Sitter Universe, with

$$D \propto (t/t_0)^{2/3}$$

a mass overdensity reaches its turnaround at a linear overdensity

$$\Delta_{lin}(z_{\rm ta}) = \delta_{\rm ta} = (3/5)(3\pi/4)^{2/3} \approx 1.062.$$

The consequences of this finding are truely wonderful: the cosmologist may resort to the primordial density field, search for the peaks in this Gaussian field, and assuming they are spherical (which they are not at all), and identify the ones that reach turnaround at some redshift z. Even more useful is the equivalent case for final collapse.

































