

Summary

Large-scale super-horizon solution (drop k terms)

Assumes $k\eta \ll 1$, mode crosses horizon deep in RD, so valid for $a \ll a_{eq}$, $a \sim a_{eq}$, $a \gg a_{eq}$

$\Phi \sim \text{constant}$ but drops by $\frac{1}{10}$ ($\Phi \rightarrow \frac{9}{10} \Phi$) at matter-radiation equality even if mode is super-horizon

Large-scale horizon crossing solution (Φ constant) Valid for $a \gg a_{eq}$, $k\eta \ll 1$

$\Phi \sim \text{constant}$ is also a solution
(valid for $a \gg a_{eq}$)

$$\delta \propto a$$

Small-scale horizon crossing solution (neglect δ)

Valid for $a \ll a_{eq}$, $k\eta \gg 1$, mode crosses deep during RD.

$$\Phi = 3\Phi_p \left(\frac{\sin(k\eta/\sqrt{3}) - (k\eta/\sqrt{3}) \cos(k\eta/\sqrt{3})}{(k\eta/\sqrt{3})^3} \right) \quad \text{decay + oscillations}$$

$$\delta(k, \eta) = A\Phi_p \ln(Bk\eta) \quad \text{logarithmic growth}$$

Small-scale sub-horizon solution (neglect δ)

Valid for $a \sim a_{eq}$, $a \gg a_{eq}$, $k\eta \gg 1$

Mestorino's equation

$$\delta(y) \begin{cases} D_1(y) = y + \frac{2}{3} & y = \frac{a}{a_{eq}} & D_1(a) \propto a \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} D_2(y) = D_1(y) \ln \left[\frac{\sqrt{1+y} + 1}{\sqrt{1+y} - 1} \right] - 2\sqrt{1+y} & \propto y^{-3/2} \text{ (late time)} \end{cases}$$

Now we can solve them...

Numerical results and fits

- Splitting everything together we can get the transfer function
On small scales $\delta(k, y) = C_1 D_1(y) + C_2 D_2(y)$ can find C_1 explicitly (see Rodelson)

$$\rightarrow \delta(k, a) = \frac{3A\Phi_p(k)}{2} \ln \left[\frac{4B e^{-3a_{eq}}}{a_H} \right] D_2(a)$$

where $a_H H = k$, a_H scale factor when k crosses horizon

$$\frac{a_{eq}}{a_H} = \frac{\sqrt{2} k}{k_{eq}}$$

Recalling definition of transfer function

$$\delta(k, a) = \frac{3 k^2}{5 \Omega_m H_0^2} \Phi_p(k) T(k) D_2(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(k) = \frac{5 \delta(k, a) \Omega_m H_0^2}{3 k^2 \Phi_p(k) D_2(a)} = \frac{5 A \Omega_m H_0^2}{2 k^2 a_{eq}} \ln \left[\frac{4 B e^{-3 \sqrt{2} k}}{k_{eq}} \right]$$

for $k \gg k_{eq}$

$$\boxed{T(k) \approx \frac{12 k_{eq}^2}{k^2} \ln \left[\frac{k}{8 k_{eq}} \right]} \quad \text{for } k \gg k_{eq}$$

So on small scales $T(k) \propto \frac{\ln k}{k^2}$

• and $P(k) \propto P_{prim}(k) T^2(k) \propto k^{n_s} T^2(k) \propto \frac{\ln k}{k^{4-n}} \propto \frac{\ln k}{k^3}$ for $n_s = 1$
on large scales $P(k) \propto k^{n_s} \sim k$

Growth function

At late times ($z \lesssim 30$) all modes we care about entered horizon.

But we can use the $y \gg 1$ limit of Mészáros equation only if $\Omega_m = 1$, in which case all modes experience the same growth factor (k does not enter). When DB dominates we need to generalize this

We started from: (for $\Omega_m = 1$)

$$\begin{cases} \delta' + \frac{ikv}{aH} = -3\Phi' \\ v' + \frac{v}{y} = \frac{ik\Phi}{aH} \\ k^2\Phi = \frac{3y}{2(y+1)} a^2 H^2 \delta \end{cases}$$

↓ Exercise ($y \rightarrow a$, neglect radiation)

$$\left[\frac{d^2\delta}{da^2} + \left(\frac{d \ln(k)}{da} + \frac{3}{a} \right) \frac{d\delta}{da} - \frac{3\Omega_m k_0^2}{2a^2 H} \delta = 0 \right]$$

Two solutions: $\delta \propto H$ but this is decaying since $\frac{dH}{da} \leq 0$
growing mode

Try $u \equiv \frac{\delta}{H}$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 u}{da^2} + 3 \left[\frac{d \ln(k)}{da} + \frac{1}{a} \right] \frac{du}{da} = 0$$

Integrate: $v \equiv \frac{du}{da}$ $\frac{dv}{da} + 3 \left(\frac{d \ln(k)}{da} + \frac{1}{a} \right) v = 0$

$$\rightarrow \frac{dv}{v} = -3 \int \frac{H(H)}{da} da \Rightarrow \int \frac{da}{a} = -3 \ln 4 - 3 \ln a = \ln((aH)^{-3})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{da}{da} \propto (aH)^{-3} \Rightarrow u(a) \propto \int_0^a \frac{da'}{(a'H(a'))^3} = \frac{\delta}{H}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\delta \propto D_1(a) \propto H(a) \int_0^a \frac{da'}{[a'H(a')]^3}}$$

Fixing the proportionality constant

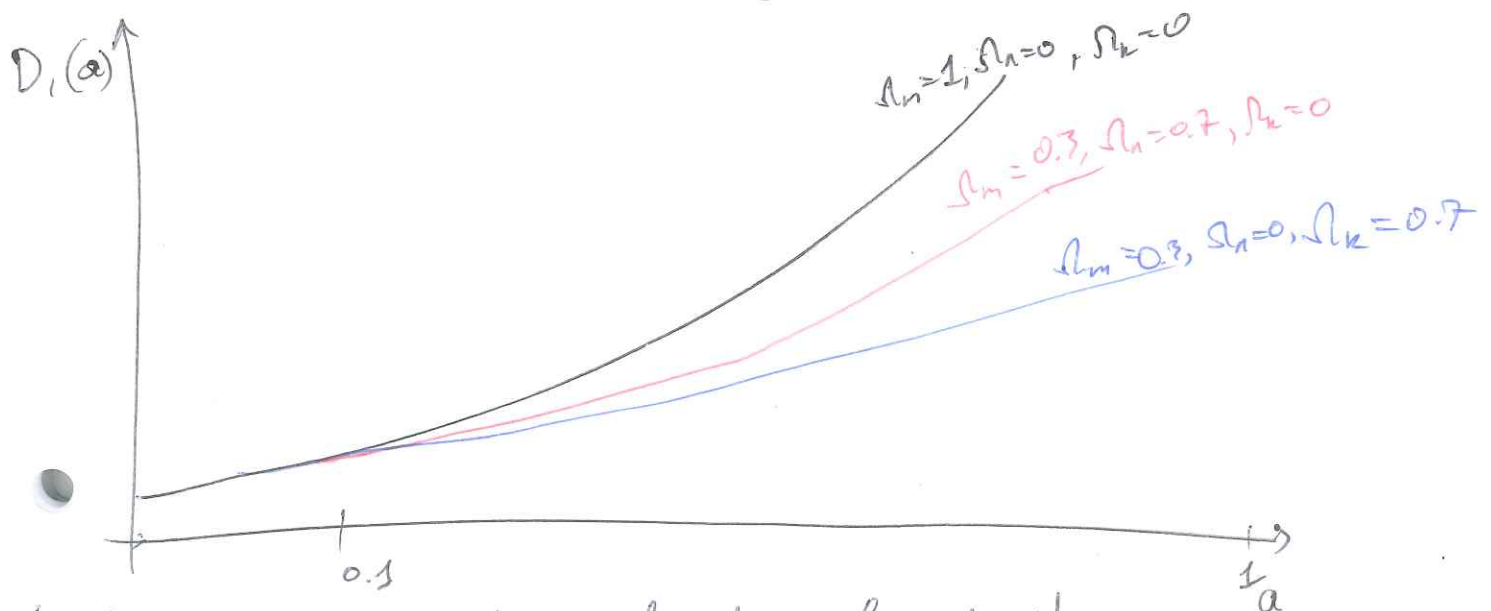
$$\delta_1(a) = \frac{5\Omega_m}{2} \frac{H(a)}{H_0} \int_0^a \frac{da'}{\left(\frac{a'H(a')}{H_0}\right)^3}$$

Check flat, no universe

$$\delta \propto H(a) \int_0^a \frac{da'}{[a'H(a')]^3} \propto a^{-3/2} \int \frac{da'}{[a] a^{-3/2}]^3} \propto a^{-3/2} \int \frac{da'}{a^{-3/2}}$$

$$\propto a^{-3/2} a^{5/2} \propto a$$

$\delta \propto a$ as we know



Dark energy slows down structure formation!

Beyond cold DM

Here we approximated $m \approx DM$. But there is also:

Baryons

- suppress $P(k)$ on small scales (pressure) → b-y coupling
- acoustic oscillations

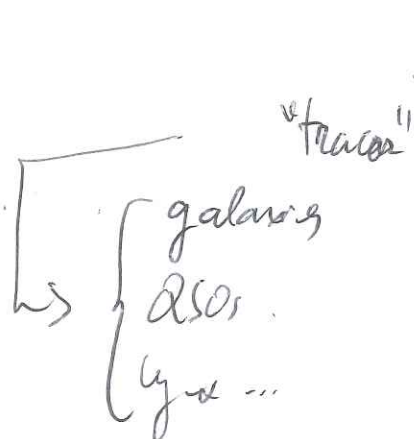
massive neutrinos

- power suppression on small scales

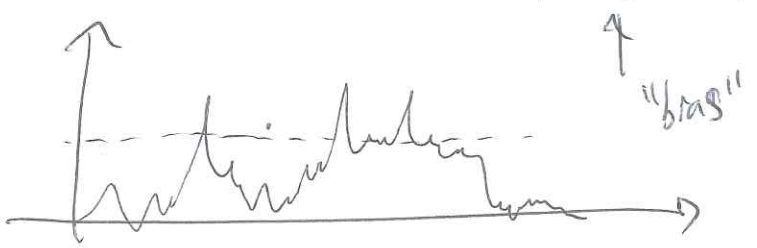
Dark energy

- turnover $\sim P(k)$ indirect effect due to lower Ω_m
- $\delta \propto \frac{\Phi}{\Omega_m}$ raises $P(k)$ at Φ fixed
- growth of δ and Φ affected

Note: we don't measure $P_m(k)$, but $P_x(k)$



On large scales $P_x(k) \approx P_m(k)$



ANISOTROPIES

- Previously studied matter inhomogeneities (δ), now care about photon anisotropies (CMB)

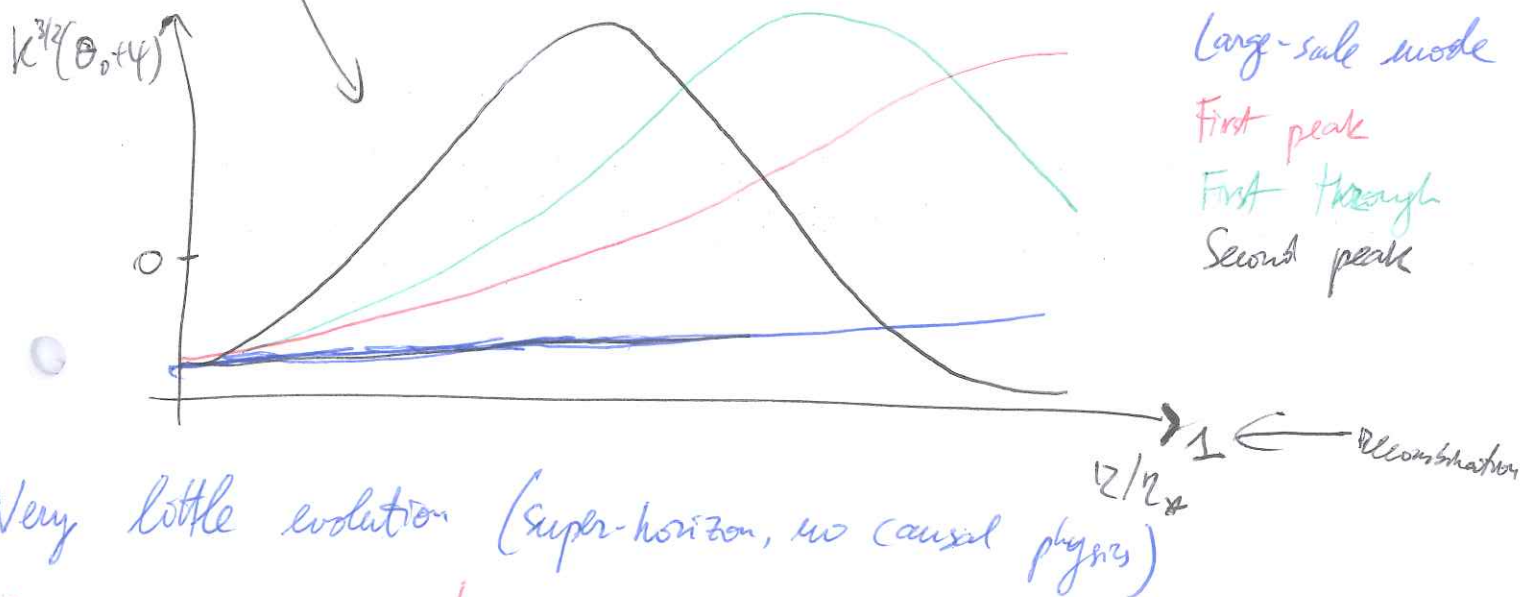
Overview

A posteriori, look at $k^{3/2}(\Theta_0 + \Psi)$

Amplitude of perturbations $\propto k^{-3/2}$

General feature: photon very little, perturbations remain quite linear (unlike δ)

Ψ accounts for redshift when climbing out of overdensities ($\Psi < 0$) or blueshift when climbing underdensities ($\Psi > 0$)
So we really observe $\Theta_0 + \Psi$



Very little evolution (super-horizon, no causal physics)

Reaches maximum at recombination \rightarrow expect large fluctuations on corresponding scales (for anisotropies)

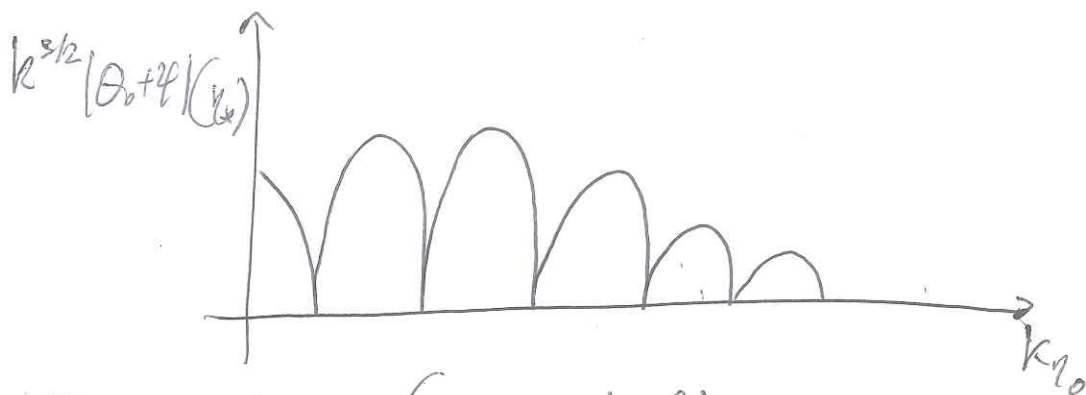
Amplitude at recombination zero (has done exactly half oscillation) \rightarrow expect small fluctuations

- One full oscillation by recombination

\rightarrow signatures of acoustic oscillations

So we expect a series of peaks and troughs in our anisotropy spectrum for smaller and smaller scales, whose modes entered horizon earlier.

Example: $k^{3/2} |\Theta_0 + \Psi|(\eta_0)$ vs $k\eta_0$ (snapshot at recombination)



If raise Ω_b (amount of b) odd peaks are higher than even peaks, and small-scale perturbations ($k\eta_0 \gtrsim 500$) are damped

Cartesian version of equations

$$\ddot{\Theta}_0 + k^2 c_s^2 \Theta_0 = F$$

pressure (restoring force)
 driving force

Forced harmonic oscillator

Review of forced harmonic oscillator

$$F = F_0 - kx \quad \rightarrow \quad \ddot{x} + \left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x = +\frac{F_0}{m} \rightarrow \text{drives to large } x$$

\rightarrow restores to small x ($x \rightarrow 0$)

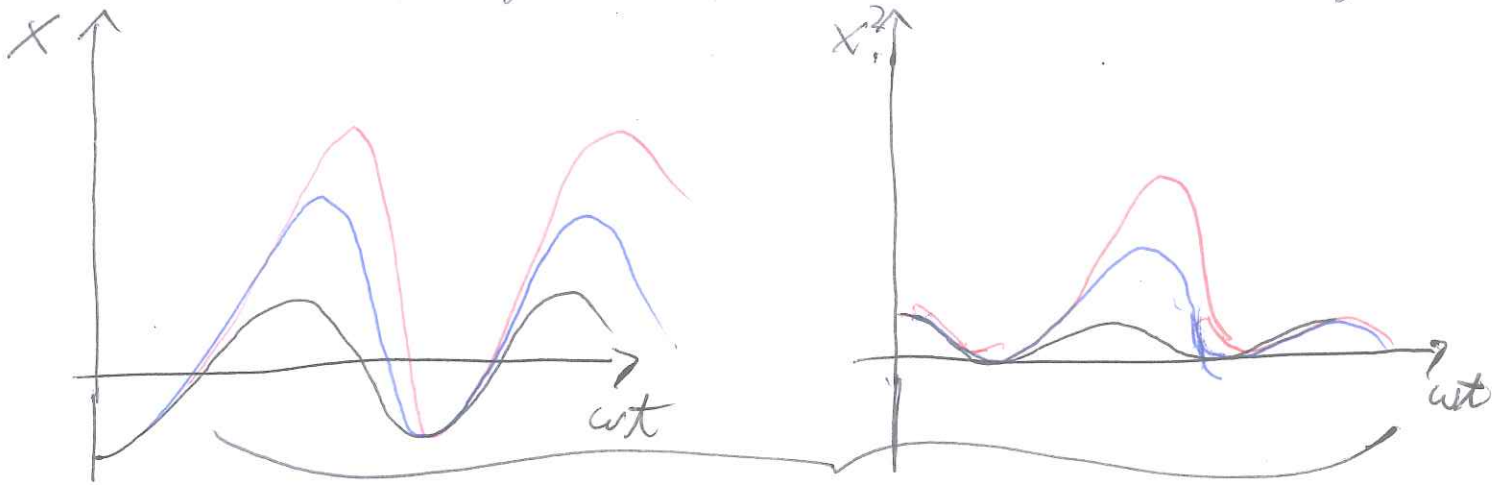
Full solution (if oscillator initially at rest)

$$x = A \cos(\omega t) + \frac{F_0}{m\omega^2} \quad \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

$$= A \cos(\omega t) + \frac{F_0}{K}$$

Effectively driving force sets oscillations around a new zero-point $x \neq 0$ (at $F_0 \neq 0$)

• For lower ω (higher m / lower k) zero-point shift larger



Unforced

Forced (high ω)

Forced (low ω)

↳ oscillations

symmetric around origin

even/odd peaks identical in x^2

↳ odd peaks higher

than even peaks

Peaks at $t = \frac{n\pi}{\omega}$, identical height in unforced case, odd peaks higher in forced case, especially for lower frequencies

• Even peaks correspond to negative positions (against driving force)

↳ $\ddot{\theta}_0 + k^2 c_s^2 \theta_0 = F$ explains

oscillations

larger even/odd disparity

as Ω_s is raised, since this lowers c_s^2 (lowers ω)

Peaks at $\frac{n\pi}{\omega}$ shifted to larger k as $\Omega_s \uparrow$ $c_s^2 \downarrow$ and spacing between peaks gets larger

(think: $\frac{n\pi}{\omega} \propto \frac{1}{\omega} \propto \frac{1}{k^2 c_s^2} \rightarrow c_s^2 \downarrow k \uparrow$)

Another way to understand this:

• first peak has been growing since entered horizon

$\Omega_b \uparrow \Rightarrow c_s^2 \downarrow \Rightarrow P \downarrow \Rightarrow$ growth easier (peak is higher!)
more overdense

• second peak corresponds to underdensity

$\Omega_b \uparrow \Rightarrow c_s^2 \downarrow \Rightarrow P \downarrow \Rightarrow$ harder to escape well (peak is lower)
less underdense

Increasing Ω_b also damps the oscillations!

Photons have finite mean free path

$$\lambda_{\text{MFP}} \propto (n_e \sigma_T)^{-1}$$

scatter in Hubble time $\frac{n_e \sigma_T}{H} = \frac{\lambda_H}{\lambda_{\text{MFP}}}$

Comoving photon over Hubble time moves

$$\lambda_D \sim \lambda_{\text{MFP}} \sqrt{N} = \lambda_{\text{MFP}} \sqrt{n_e \sigma_T H^{-1}} = \frac{1}{n_e \sigma_T} \sqrt{\frac{n_e \sigma_T}{H}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_e \sigma_T H}}$$

Perturbations on scales $\lesssim \lambda_D$ are washed out

(high k modes damped)

$$\lambda_D \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_e}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_b}} \Rightarrow k_D \propto \sqrt{\Omega_b}$$

when Universe ionized

so models with more baryons $\Omega_b \uparrow$ have $k_D \uparrow$ (damping occurs on smaller scales)

$k^{3/2} |\Theta_0 + \Psi| (z_*)$ gives perturbations at recombination
but we observe them today!

Photons from hot/cold spots typically separated by comoving distance $k^{-1} \rightarrow$ angular separation $\sigma \approx \frac{k^{-1}}{r_0 - r_*} = \frac{1}{k(r_0 - r_*)}$

In multiple moments

note: $r_0 \approx 14 \text{ Gpc}$

$$\sigma \sim \frac{1}{l}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{l} \sim \frac{1}{k(r_0 - r_*)} \approx \frac{1}{k r_0}$$

$r_* \ll r_0$

$$\Rightarrow l \approx k r_0$$

~~$l \approx 1.4 \times 10^4 \frac{k}{\text{Mpc}^{-1}}$
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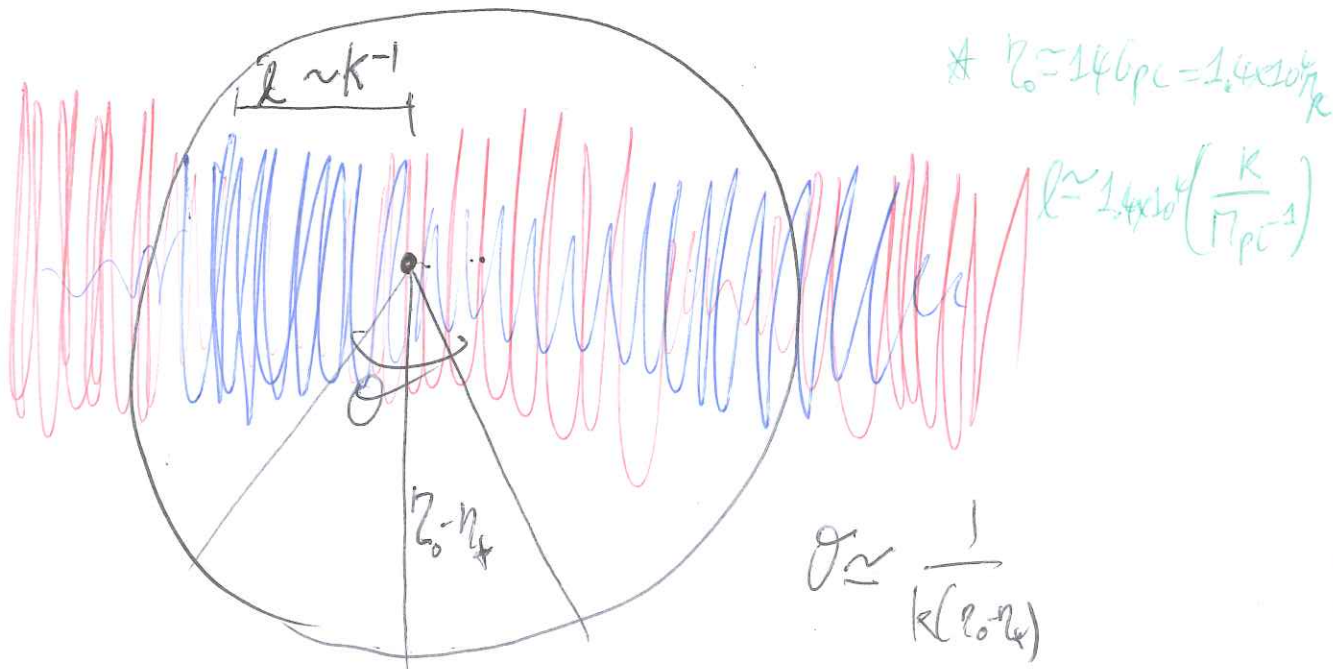
So inhomogeneities on scales k are projected roughly into anisotropies

on angular scales $k r_0$

Recall a few things which happen to photons on their journey from last-scattering to us

$\left[\begin{array}{l} \phi \neq \text{const} \\ \text{Universe not flat?} \\ \text{lensing} \end{array} \right]$ Secondary anisotropies
 (~10% effect to anisotropies)

Pictorially, perturbation with wavenumber k



Large-scale anisotropies

Recall equation for photon perturbations

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\Theta}_0 + k\Theta_1 = -\dot{\Phi} \\ \dot{\Theta}_1 - \frac{k}{3}\Theta_0 = -\frac{k}{3}\Phi \end{cases}$$

With initial conditions $\Phi(k, z_i) = -\Psi(k, z_i) = 2\Theta_0(k, z_i)$

$$\Theta_1(k, z_i) = -\frac{k\Phi(k, z_i)}{6aH}$$

Let's focus on the large-scale, super-horizon limit of the first equation

$kz \ll 1$ ($\dot{\Theta}_0 \sim \frac{\Theta_0}{t}$) so $\frac{\dot{\Theta}_0}{k\Theta_1} \sim \frac{1}{kz} \gg 1$

$$\dot{\Theta}_0 + k\Theta_1 = -\dot{\Phi} \Rightarrow \dot{\Theta}_0 = -\dot{\Phi} \Rightarrow \Theta_0 = -\Phi + \text{const}$$

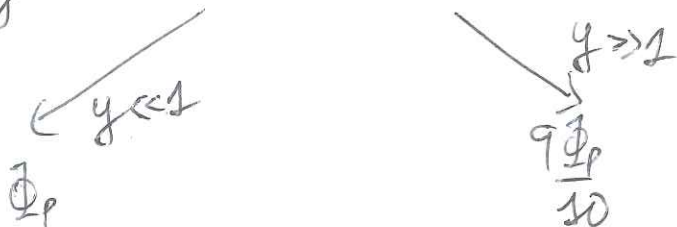
$\Theta_0 = -\Phi + \text{const}$ but we know $\Theta_0(k, z_i) = \frac{\Phi(k, z_i)}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{const} = \frac{3\Phi_P}{2} \quad \text{so} \quad \Theta_0(k, z_i) = -\Phi_P + \frac{3\Phi_P}{2} = \frac{\Phi_P}{2} = \frac{\Phi(k, z_i)}{2}$$

$$\Theta_0 = -\Phi + \frac{3\Phi_P}{2}$$

We already got an expression for the large-scale evolution of Φ earlier (for modes that cross the horizon during RD and therefore are still super-horizon during RD)

$$\Phi = \frac{\Phi_P}{10} \frac{1}{y^3} [16\sqrt{1+y} + 9y^3 + 2y^2 - 8y - 16] \quad y = \frac{a}{a_{eq}}$$



Recombination takes place sufficiently after equality that we can use the $y \gg 1$ limit $\Phi \rightarrow \frac{9\Phi_p}{10}$ (at $\tau = \tau_*$)

Therefore $\Phi(k, \tau_*) = \frac{9}{10} \Phi_p(k) \rightarrow \Phi_p(k) = \frac{10}{9} \Phi(k, \tau_*)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_0(k, \tau_*) &= -\Phi(k, \tau_*) + \frac{3\Phi_p(k)}{2} = -\Phi(k, \tau_*) + \frac{3 \cdot \frac{10}{9} \Phi(k, \tau_*)}{2} \\ &= -\Phi(k, \tau_*) + \frac{5}{3} \Phi(k, \tau_*) = \frac{2}{3} \Phi(k, \tau_*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta_0(k, \tau_*) = \frac{2}{3} \Phi(k, \tau_*)$$

We argued that the observed anisotropy is $\sim \Theta_0 + \Psi$ to account for photon relative red/blueshift if $\Psi < 0 / \Psi > 0$ since they have to travel out of under/over-densities at recombination

$$\Theta_0 + \Psi \sim \Theta_0 - \Phi \quad (\text{as } \Psi \sim -\Phi)$$

$$(\Theta_0 + \Psi)(k, \tau_*) \approx (\Theta_0 - \Phi)(k, \tau_*) = \frac{2}{3} \Phi(k, \tau_*) - \Phi(k, \tau_*) =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \Phi(k, \tau_*) \approx \frac{1}{3} \Psi(k, \tau_*)$$

so ~~the~~ observed anisotropy $\sim \frac{1}{3} \Psi(k, \tau_*)$

Can also think in terms of density field. Recall

$$\dot{\delta} + i k v = -3\dot{\Phi} \quad \text{with initial conditions} \quad \delta(k, \tau_i) = \frac{3}{2} \Phi_p$$

large-scale limit

$$\dot{\delta} = -3\dot{\Phi} \Rightarrow \delta = -3\Phi + \text{const}$$

$$\delta(k, \tau_*) = -3\Phi(k, \tau_*) + \text{const}$$

$$\delta(\eta_*) = -3\Phi$$

$$\delta(\eta_*) = -3\Phi(\eta_*) + \text{const} \xrightarrow{\eta_*}$$

$$\delta(\eta) = -3\Phi(\eta) + \text{const} \xrightarrow{\eta \rightarrow 0} \delta = -3\Phi_p + \text{const} = \frac{3\Phi_p}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{const} = \frac{3\Phi_p}{2} + 3\Phi_p = \frac{9\Phi_p}{2}$$

$$\delta(\eta_*) = -3\Phi(\eta_*) + \frac{9\Phi_p}{2} = \frac{3}{2}\Phi_p - 3[\Phi(\eta_*) - \Phi_p]$$

$$\frac{9}{2}\Phi_p = \frac{3}{2}\Phi_p - (-3\Phi_p)$$

$$\delta(\eta_*) = \frac{3}{2}\Phi_p - 3[\Phi(\eta_*) - \Phi_p] =$$

$$\Phi_p = \frac{10}{9}\Phi(\eta_*)$$

$$\Phi(\eta_*) = \frac{9}{10}\Phi_p$$

$$\delta(\eta_*) = -3\Phi(\eta_*) + \frac{9\Phi_p}{2} = -3\Phi(\eta_*) + \frac{9}{2} \cdot \frac{10}{9} \Phi(\eta_*) =$$

$$\Phi(\eta_*) = \frac{9}{10}\Phi_p \Rightarrow \Phi_p = \frac{10}{9}\Phi(\eta_*) \quad = -3\Phi(\eta_*) + 5\Phi(\eta_*) = 2\Phi(\eta_*)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta(\eta_*) = 2\Phi(\eta_*)$$

$$\Phi(\eta_*) = \frac{1}{2}\delta(\eta_*)$$

~~So primary~~ So observed anisotropy is

$$(\Theta_0 + \Psi)(k, \eta_*) = -\frac{1}{3}\Phi(k, \eta_*) = -\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\delta(\eta_*) = -\frac{1}{6}\delta(\eta_*)$$

Summarizing:

$$\Theta_0(k, \eta_*) = \frac{2\Phi(k, \eta_*)}{3}$$

observed anisotropy

$$(\Theta_0 + \Psi)(k, \eta_*) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{3}\Phi(k, \eta_*) \\ \frac{1}{3}\Psi(k, \eta_*) \\ -\frac{1}{6}\delta(k, \eta_*) \end{cases}$$

Consider

$$\Theta_0 + \Psi(k, r_*) = -\frac{1}{6} \delta(r_*)$$

Fourier transform ...

$$\tilde{\Theta}_0 + \tilde{\Psi} < 0 \quad \text{for } \delta > 0 \quad (\Psi < 0)$$

observed anisotropy of an overdense region is negative!
(cold spot)

So for large-scale perturbations cold spots correspond to overdense regions at recombination. These were hotter at recombination ($\Theta_0 > 0$ when $\Psi < 0$), however to travel to us they need to climb out of potential wells, and they lose ~~the~~ energy in a way which more than compensates for their originally being hotter, i.e. $\Theta_0 + \Psi < 0$ when $\Psi < 0$

cold spots \rightarrow overdensities at r_* hot spots \rightarrow underdensities at r_*

Factor $\frac{1}{6}$ is interesting

$$\Theta_0 + \Psi$$

$$\frac{\delta T}{T} \sim |\Theta_0 + \Psi| \sim \frac{1}{6} \delta \sim \frac{1}{6} \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho}$$

So $\sim 10^{-5}$ anisotropies correspond to $\sim 6 \times 10^{-5}$ overdensities, so we

can ask the question of whether the observed anisotropies are consistent with the overdensities needed to form structure

(yes! In accord with inflation)