Statistics of Caustics in Large-Scale Structure Formation



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Large-Scale structure

Model evolution as a DM fluid

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial t} &+ \frac{1}{a} \nabla_x \cdot (1+\delta) \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}, \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} &+ \frac{1}{a} (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x) \mathbf{v} + \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \mathbf{v} = -\frac{1}{a} \nabla \phi, \\ &4\pi G a^2 \rho_u \delta = \nabla_x^2 \phi. \end{split}$$

with

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{a}, \delta + 1 = \frac{\rho}{\rho_u},$$
$$\mathbf{v} = a\dot{\mathbf{x}}, \phi = \Phi - \frac{1}{2}a\ddot{a}\mathbf{x}^2$$

Cosmic-Web: Millennium Simulation



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The Lagrangian approach

$$(\mathbf{q},t)\mapsto \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{q},t)=\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{q},t).$$

Zel'dovich approximation (1970)

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{q} + D_+ \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{q} - D_+ \nabla \Psi_0,$$





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The density is

$$\rho = 1 + \delta = \left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \right\|^{-1}$$
$$= \frac{1}{(1 - D_+ \lambda_1)(1 - D_+ \lambda_2)}$$

with ordered eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2$ of deformation tensor

$$\psi_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_0}{\partial q_i \partial q_j}.$$



Cosmic Phase-Space and Catastrophe Theory

- Lagrangian and Eulerian position \mathbf{q} and \mathbf{x} , Phase-Space (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{x})
- Lagrangian catastrophe theory
 - Folds A₂
 - Cusps A₃
 - Swallowtail A₄
 - Umbilic D₄
- Arnol'd (1972)



Cosmic Phase-Space and Catastrophe Theory



Catastrophes: A_2, A_3^{\pm}



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Primordial Initial Conditions: Gaussian Random Field

Probability distribution of a Gaussian Random Field

$$P(f(t_1),\ldots,f(t_n)) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i,j}f(t_i)(M^{-1})_{ij}f(t_j)}}{[(2\pi)^n \det M]^{1/2}}$$
$$df(t_1)\ldots df(t_n)$$

for all
$$(t_1, \ldots, t_n) \in T^n$$
, with $M_{ij} = \langle f(t_i)f(t_j) \rangle$.

Adler and Taylor (2007) BBKS (1986)





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Caustics Statistics: 1D

Level crossing $f = \lambda$

$$\mathcal{N} = \int |\dot{f}| p(f = \lambda, \dot{f}) \mathrm{d}\dot{f}.$$

 A_2, A_3^{\pm} point density

$$\mathcal{N}_{A_2}(\lambda) = \int |\lambda_{11}| p(\lambda_1 = \lambda, \lambda_{11}) d\lambda_{11}$$
$$\mathcal{N}_{A_3^{\pm}}(\lambda) = \int |\lambda_{111}|$$
$$p(\lambda_1 = \lambda, \lambda_{11} = 0, \lambda_{111}) d\lambda_{11}$$
S. Rice (1944)



Caustics Statistics: 2D

 D_4 point density

$$\mathcal{N}_{D_4}(\lambda) = \int |\lambda_{11}\lambda_{22} - \lambda_{12}\lambda_{21}|
onumber p(\lambda_1 = \lambda, \lambda_2 = \lambda, \lambda_{11}, \lambda_{12}, \lambda_{21}, \lambda_{22})
onumber \ imes d\lambda_{11} d\lambda_{12} d\lambda_{21} d\lambda_{22}$$

 A_3 lines

$$\mathcal{L}_{A_3}(\lambda_1) = \pi \int \sqrt{\lambda_{111}^2 + \lambda_{112}^2}$$
$$p(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_{11} = 0, \lambda_{111}, \lambda_{112})$$
$$\times (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \mathrm{d}\lambda_{111} \mathrm{d}\lambda_{112} \mathrm{d}\lambda_2$$

M.S. Longuet-Higgins (1957)



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Conclusions

Summary

- Cosmic web closely linked to caustics
- Caustics classification of cosmic web
- Web allows analytic statistical analysis

Further research

- Two-point correlation functions
- Generalization to 3D
- Beyond Zel'dovich approximation



Lagrangian normal forms

At every point, the germs of generic Lagrangian maps of manifolds of dimension $n \leq 5$ are equivalent to germs of projetions $(p, q) \mapsto q$ of Lagrangian manifolds $p_I = \partial S / \partial q_I, q_J = -\partial S / \partial p_J$, where

for
$$n \ge 1$$
 $A_1 : S = p_1^2$ $A_2 : S = p_1^3$ for $n \ge 2$ alsofor $n \ge 3$ also $A_4 : S = p_1^5 + q_2 p_1^3 + q_3 p_1^2$ $D_4 : S = p_1^3 \pm p_1 p_2^2 + q_3 p_1^2$