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### I. NOTES ON CURVED-SKY QE RESPONSES ETC.

**JC: Document to be included with the pipeline release after submission of the revised L08.**

Lensing and others quadratic estimators used in [?] are all built multiplying in position space spin transforms of spin-weighted fields. We may write all of these in the form

$$_{s_o+t_o}\hat{d}(\mathbf{n}) \equiv \left( \sum_{\ell m} w_{\ell}^{s_i} {}_{s_i}\bar{X}_{\ell m} {}_{s_o}Y_{\ell m}(\mathbf{n}) \right) \left( \sum_{\ell m} w_{\ell}^{t_i} {}_{t_i}\bar{X}_{\ell m} {}_{t_o}Y_{\ell m}(\mathbf{n}) \right) \quad (1.1)$$

where  $s_i, t_i$  are input spins,  $w_{\ell}^{s_i}, w_{\ell}^{t_i}$  associated weights, and  $s_o, t_o$  outputs spins. The maps  ${}_s\bar{X}_{\ell m}$  are the inverse variance filtered CMB maps,

$${}_0\bar{X}_{\ell m} = -\bar{T}_{\ell m}, \quad {}_{\pm 2}\bar{X}_{\ell m} = -(\bar{E}_{\ell m} \pm i\bar{B}_{\ell m}). \quad (1.2)$$

For purely analytical calculations, the filtering operation itself can be approximated as isotropic. For independently filtered temperature and polarization, the filtered  $\bar{T}, \bar{E}, \bar{B}$  are directly proportional to  $T, E$  and  $B$  respectively. We keep the discussion focussed on generic fields  $\bar{X}$  of arbitrary spins in the following. The gradient (G) and curl (C) modes of definite parity are defined through

$$\begin{aligned} G_{LM}^s &= -\frac{1}{2} (|s|d_{LM} + (-1)^s {}_{-|s|}d_{LM}) \\ C_{LM}^s &= -\frac{1}{2i} (|s|d_{LM} - (-1)^s {}_{-|s|}d_{LM}). \end{aligned}$$

#### A. Semi-analytical QE $N_L^{(0)}$ calculation

Q.E. noise (co)-variance can be evaluated very easily as was first demonstrated by Ref. []. For two generic estimators as defined in Eq. (1.1), we can jointly obtain their G and C co-variances with 4 one-dimensional integrals as we now describe.

Let  $s = (s_i, t_i, w^{s_i})$  collectively describes the in and out spins and weight function, and similarly for  $t, u$  and  $v$ . Let the response function  $\mathcal{R}_L^{st,uv}$  be defined as **JC: Change  $\mathcal{R}$  to  $N$  or similar****JC: The exact def of  $\bar{C}$  is not super clear, I think there are signs lying around, lets see**

$$(-1)^{t_o+v_o}\mathcal{R}_L^{st,uv} \equiv 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 d\mu \xi^{st}(\mu) \xi^{uv}(\mu) d_{-t_o-v_o, s_o+u_o}^L(\mu) \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\xi$  are position-space correlation functions

$$\xi^{st}(\mu) \equiv \sum_{\ell} \left( \frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi} \right) w_{\ell}^{s_i} w_{\ell}^{t_i} \bar{C}_{\ell}^{s_i t_i} d_{-t_o, s_o}^{\ell}(\mu) \text{ with } \bar{C}_{\ell}^{s_i t_i} \equiv \langle {}_{s_i}\bar{X}_{\ell m} {}_{t_i}\bar{X}_{\ell m}^* \rangle \quad (1.4)$$

and  $d_{mm'}^{\ell}$  are Wigner small d-matrices. Then

$$\langle G_{LM}^{s_o+t_o} G_{LM}^{*,u_o+v_o} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} [(\mathcal{R}_L^{su,tv} + R_L^{sv,tu}) + (-1)^{s_o+t_o} \mathcal{R}_L^{-su,tv} + (-1)^{u_o+v_o} \mathcal{R}_L^{s-v,t-u}] \quad (1.5)$$

$$\langle C_{LM}^{s_o+t_o} C_{LM}^{*,u_o+v_o} \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} [(\mathcal{R}_L^{su,tv} + R_L^{sv,tu}) - (-1)^{s_o+t_o} \mathcal{R}_L^{-su,tv} - (-1)^{u_o+v_o} \mathcal{R}_L^{s-v,t-u}] \quad (1.6)$$

$$\langle G_{LM}^{s_o+t_o} C_{LM}^{*,u_o+v_o} \rangle = 0 \quad (1.7)$$

**JC: TTTT checked OK. Second term sign looks a bit not symmetric but is factually correct I believe, after sign-weight of the weights functions and  $\bar{C}$**

*a. Sketchy derivation to cleanup* For this we need a result using the spin-weight spherical harmonic theorem. Define  $\mathcal{R}_L^{st,uv}$  through

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}^{st,uv}(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{n}') &\equiv (-1)^{t_o+v_o+\mathbf{t}_i+\mathbf{v}_i} \left( \sum_{\ell m} g_\ell^{s_i} g_\ell^{t_i} C_\ell^{s_i t_i} {}_{s_o} Y_{\ell m}(\mathbf{n}) {}_{-t_o} Y_{\ell m}^*(\mathbf{n}') \right) \left( \sum_{\ell m} g_\ell^{u_i} g_\ell^{v_i} C_\ell^{u_i v_i} {}_{u_o} Y_{\ell m}(\mathbf{n}) {}_{-v_o} Y_{\ell m}^*(\mathbf{n}') \right) \\ &\equiv (-1)^{t_o+v_o+\mathbf{t}_i+\mathbf{v}_i} \sum_{LM} \mathcal{R}_L^{stuv} {}_{s_o+u_o} Y_{LM}(\mathbf{n}) {}_{-t_o-v_o} Y_{LM}^*(\mathbf{n}')\end{aligned}\tag{1.8}$$

Then we can write

$$\left\langle {}_{s_o+t_o} \hat{d}(\mathbf{n}) {}_{u_o+v_o} \hat{d}(\mathbf{n}') \right\rangle = \mathcal{R}^{su,tv}(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{n}') + \mathcal{R}^{sv,tu}(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{n}')\tag{1.9}$$

Taking the harmonic transform, we get

$$\left\langle {}_{s_o+t_o} \hat{d}_{LM} {}_{u_o+v_o} \hat{d}_{L'M'} \right\rangle = (-1)^M \delta_{M,-M'} \delta_{L,L'} (\mathcal{R}_L^{su,tv} + \mathcal{R}_L^{sv,tu}) (-1)^{u_o+v_o}\tag{1.10}$$

or

$$\left\langle {}_{s_o+t_o} \hat{d}_{LM} {}_{u_o+v_o} \hat{d}_{L'M'}^* \right\rangle = \delta_{MM'} \delta_{LL'} (\mathcal{R}_L^{su,tv} + \mathcal{R}_L^{sv,tu})\tag{1.11}$$

In general we have

$$\begin{aligned}G_{LM}^s &= -\frac{1}{2} ({}_s d_{LM} + (-1)^s {}_{-s} d_{LM}) \quad (s \geq 0) \\ C_{LM}^s &= -\frac{1}{2i} ({}_s d_{LM} - (-1)^s {}_{-s} d_{LM}) \quad (s \geq 0).\end{aligned}$$

The estimator for  ${}_{-s_o-t_o} \hat{d}$  is the same as  ${}_{s_o+t_o} \hat{d}$  with all spin signs flipped, and with an overall sign  $(-1)^{s_o+s_i+t_o+t_i}$ . The out-spins part gets canceled by the sign  $(-1)^s$  in the above equation. **JC: No. better to request  $w_\ell^{-s_i, -s_o} = (-1)^{s_o+s_i} w_\ell^{s_i, s_o}$  so that  ${}_{-s_o-t_o} \hat{d} = {}_{s_o+t_o} \hat{d}^*$ ? That's what we do now** Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{MM'} \delta_{LL'} \langle G_{LM}^{s_o+t_o} G_{L'M'}^{*,u_o+v_o} \rangle \cdot 4 &= \mathcal{R}_L^{su,tv} + \mathcal{R}_L^{sv,tu} + (-1)^{s_i+t_i} (\mathcal{R}_L^{-su,-tv} + \mathcal{R}_L^{-sv,-tu}) \\ &+ (-1)^{u_i+v_i} (\mathcal{R}_L^{-s-u,-t-v} + \mathcal{R}_L^{-s-v,-t-u}) + (-1)^{s_i+t_i+u_i+v_i} (\mathcal{R}_L^{-s-u,-t-v} + \mathcal{R}_L^{-s-v,-t-u}) \quad (s_o+t_o \geq 0, u_o+v_o \geq 0)\end{aligned}\tag{1.12}$$

Since  $\mathcal{R}$  is invariant under the simultaneous sign-flip of all spins **JC: Wrong, also with sign-weighted weights:  $\bar{C}^{-s,-t} = (-1)^{s+t} C^{t,s} = (-1)^{s+t} C^{s,t}$  ( $s, t \geq 0$ , so  $\mathcal{R}^{st,uv}$  takes a sign  $(-1)^{s_i+t_i+u_i+v_i}$  and this solves the problem**, we can also write this as:

$$\langle G_{LM}^{s_o+t_o} G_{LM}^{*,u_o+v_o} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} [(\mathcal{R}_L^{su,tv} + \mathcal{R}_L^{sv,tu}) + (-1)^{s_o+t_o} (\mathcal{R}_L^{-su,tv} + \mathcal{R}_L^{-sv,tu})]\tag{1.13}$$

$$\langle G_{LM}^{s_o+t_o} C_{LM}^{*,u_o+v_o} \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} [(\mathcal{R}_L^{su,tv} + \mathcal{R}_L^{sv,tu}) - (-1)^{s_o+t_o} (\mathcal{R}_L^{-su,tv} + \mathcal{R}_L^{-sv,tu})]\tag{1.14}$$

$$\langle G_{LM}^{s_o+t_o} C_{LM}^{*,u_o+v_o} \rangle = 0\tag{1.15}$$

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#### More details of $\mathcal{R}_L$

Recall the spin-weight addition theorem:

$$\sum_m {}_s Y_{\ell m}^*(\mathbf{n}') {}_t Y_{\ell m}(\mathbf{n}) = \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}} e^{-it\gamma} {}_t Y_{\ell,-s}(\beta, \alpha).\tag{1.16}$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{R}^{st,uv}(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{n}') = (-1)^{t_o+v_o+\textcolor{red}{t_i+v_i}} e^{-is_o\gamma-iu_o\gamma} \left( \sum_{\ell} \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}} g^{s_i} g^{t_i} C_{\ell}^{s_i t_i} {}_{s_o} Y_{\ell t_o}(\beta, \alpha) \right) \left( \sum_{\ell} \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}} g^{u_i} g^{v_i} C_{\ell}^{u_i v_i} {}_{u_o} Y_{\ell v_o}(\beta, \alpha) \right) \quad (1.17)$$

The product of the brackets is a spin  $s_o + u_o$  function. Defining its spin weight coefficients as  $\mathcal{R}_L$  we get the relation claimed above. What are these coefficients?

$$\mathcal{R}_L^{st,uv} \equiv (-1)^{t_o+v_o+\textcolor{red}{t_i+v_i}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} \int d^2 n \left( \sum_{\ell} \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}} g^{s_i} g^{t_i} C_{\ell}^{s_i t_i} {}_{s_o} Y_{\ell t_o}(\mathbf{n}) \right) \left( \sum_{\ell} \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}} g^{u_i} g^{v_i} C_{\ell}^{u_i v_i} {}_{u_o} Y_{\ell v_o}(\mathbf{n}) \right) {}_{s_o+u_o} Y_{L, t_o+v_o}^* \quad (1.18)$$

Using

$$\boxed{{}_s Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}} (-1)^m e^{im\phi} d_{-ms}^{\ell}(\theta)} \quad (1.19)$$

The above thing is invariant if all signs are flipped at the same time. we get

$$\boxed{(-1)^{t_o+v_o+\textcolor{red}{t_i+v_i}} \mathcal{R}_L^{st,uv} \equiv 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 d\mu \xi^{st}(\mu) \xi^{uv}(\mu) d_{-t_o-v_o, s_o+u_o}^L(\mu), \text{ with } \xi^{st}(\mu) \equiv \sum_{\ell} \frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi} g^{s_i} g^{t_i} C_{\ell}^{s_i t_i} d_{-t_o, s_o}^{\ell}(\mu)} \quad (1.20)$$

JC: Remember now the weights  $w$  (or  $g$ ...) changes  $(-1)^{s_i+s_o}$  under sign flip of the two spins, and  $\bar{C}^{st}$  takes a  $(-1)^{s+t}$ . So  $\mathcal{R}^{-s-t, -u-v} = (-1)^{s_i+t_i+u_i+v_i+s_i+s_o+t_i+t_o+u_i+u_o+v_i+v_o} = (-1)^{s_o+t_o+u_o+v_o} \mathcal{R}^{st,uv}$

## B. QE responses calculation

JC: should define the response at the covariance matrix level... The covariance matrices is

$$\langle {}_s X(\mathbf{n}) {}_t X^*(\mathbf{n}') \rangle = \langle {}_s X(\mathbf{n}) {}_{-t} X(\mathbf{n}') \rangle = \sum_{\ell m} C_{\ell}^{st} {}_s Y_{\ell m}(\mathbf{n}) {}_t Y_{\ell m}^*(\mathbf{n}') \quad (1.21)$$

How does this responds to a source of anisotropy (with spin  $r$ ),  ${}_r \alpha(\mathbf{n})$ ? For all cases in this work, we can parametrize this as follows

$$\delta \langle {}_s X(\mathbf{n}) {}_t X(\mathbf{n}') \rangle = {}_r \alpha(\mathbf{n}') \sum_{\ell m} {}_r R_{\ell}^{st} {}_s Y_{\ell m}(\mathbf{n}) {}_{r-t} Y_{\ell m}^*(\mathbf{n}') + ((-t, \mathbf{n}') \leftrightarrow (s, \mathbf{n})) \quad (1.22)$$

for some set of isotropic response functions  $R_{\ell}$ . What is the response to the estimator Eq. (1.1)?

Examples include:

- Lensing: The source of anisotropy is the spin-1 field  ${}_1 \alpha(\mathbf{n})$ , with response

$$\delta_s X(\mathbf{n}) = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_1 \bar{\partial}_s X(\mathbf{n}) + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{-1} \bar{\partial}_{-s} X(\mathbf{n}) \quad (1.23)$$

where  $\bar{\partial}$  and  $\bar{\partial}$  are the spin lowering and spin raising operator JC: check notation respectively. From their action on the spin-weighted harmonics, the harmonic space responses are JC: ...

$$s_r = s - 1, s + 1 \quad R^{s, s-1} = \textcolor{red}{JC} : \dots, R^{s, s+1} = \textcolor{red}{JC} : \dots \quad (1.24)$$

- Modulation estimator: The source is spin 0, with response

$$\delta_s X(\mathbf{n}) = {}_0 \alpha(\mathbf{n}) {}_s X(\mathbf{n}) \quad (1.25)$$

Hence,

$$s_r = s, \quad R_{\ell}^{ss} = 1 \quad (1.26)$$

- Point source:

$$\delta_s X(\mathbf{n}) = {}_0 \alpha(\mathbf{n}) \delta^D(\mathbf{n}) \quad (1.27)$$

- Noise anisotropies: