Readme: dn-N-GenIC

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This is an explainer file for dn-N-GenIC, a modification of the initial conditions generation code for the N-body simulation code GADGET-2, that includes parameterizations for a varying equation of state of dark energy, and modifications for small-scale suppression due to massive neutrinos in the power spectrum used to generate ICs.

The code can be used to generate ICs for DGADGET-2, to incorporate time variation for the dark energy parameter of state in both the input file and the simulations.

Dark Energy Models dn-N-GenIC gives the option of using one of four models of a time-varying equation of state for dark energy while generating initial conditions. All four of these use two free parameters:

- 1. w_0 : the current equation of state of dark energy.
- 2. w_1 : the effective dw/dz in linear models of the equation of state, that models the deviation from a constant w_0 .
- [1] Linder (2003): Linear in a(t).

$$w(a) = w_0 + w_1(1-a)$$

[2] Jassal et. al. (2005): Quadratic in a(t), accounts for rapid variation at late times.

$$w(a) = w_0 + w_1 a(1-a)$$

[3] Barboza and Alcaniz (2008): Bounded for all z.

$$w(a) = w_0 + \frac{w_1(1-a)}{a^2 + (1-a)^2}$$

[4] Wetterich (2004): Zero equation of state at high z.

$$w(a) = \frac{w_0}{[1 - w_1 \log a]^2}$$

Massive Neutrinos The program also modifies the Hu-Eisenstein transfer function to include time-dependent growth due to massive neutrinos, with fit formulae taken from [5].

The modified transfer function, which encodes perturbations for the combination of cold dark matter, baryons and neutrinos, is given by the time and scale dependent form:

$$T_{cb\nu}(k,z) = T(k) \frac{D_{cb\nu}(k,z)}{D(z)}$$

Parameter File Options The parameter file uses three extra parameters (besides a normal GADGET-2 parameter file) to quantify the dark energy models:

- 1. Curdeparam: Current equation of state w_0 .
- 2. DEParamCoeff: Parameter w_1 .
- 3. DEParamChoice: Choice of parameterization. Setting to 0 corresponds to standard LCDM cosmology with w = -1. The choices 1 through 4 correspond to models [1] through [4] in order from above.

It also provides two parameters for setting massive neutrinos up:

- 1. OmegaNu: Density parameter of neutrinos Ω_{ν} .
- 2. NoOfDegenNu: No. of degenerate massive neutrino species (Must be set to a non-zero integer).

A sample parameter file is provided in the source folder, by the name of ics.param.

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