

EZmock

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1 Introduction

Zhao et al. (2021)

2 Matter Field

Zel'dovich approximation, the linear solution of the LPT.

The displacement field in ZA is given by

$$\vec{\Psi}_{\text{ZA}}(\vec{q}, a) = D_1(a) \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{q}} \frac{i\vec{k}}{k^2} \hat{\delta}(\vec{k}), \quad (1)$$

where $\hat{\delta}(\vec{k})$ is the density contrast in Fourier space at the initial time, and the linear growth factor $D_1(a)$ can be evaluated numerically through the integral representation

$$D_1(a) = a^3 H(a) \frac{5\Omega_m}{2} \int_0^a \frac{d\tilde{a}}{\tilde{a}^3 H^3(\tilde{a})}. \quad (2)$$

3 Effective Bias Model

Refer to Sec.2.2 of Zhao et al. (2021).

3.1 The Bias Function

1. Critical density ρ_c : To form gravitational bound systems, such as dark matter halos, **a minimum local denisty** is required to overcome the background expansion. The first free parameter is **a density threshold** ρ_c , the bias model contains a term of step function $\Theta(\rho_m - \rho_c)$ to set a density threshold, in ohter words, only grid cells with density equal or higher than ρ_c are allowed to populate tracers.
2. Density saturation ρ_{sat} : [TBD] Due to the strong degeneracies, they fix $\rho_{\text{sat}} = 10$.
3. Exponential cut-off of the halo bias relation ρ_{exp} : [TBD]

To summarize, the full bias model can be written as

$$\rho_t = \theta (\rho_m - \rho_c) \rho_{\text{sat}} [1 - \exp(-\rho_m/\rho_{\text{exp}})] B_s, \quad (3)$$

where B_s is the stochastic bias term to model the scatter in the bias relation.

$$B_s = \begin{cases} 1 + G(\lambda), & G(\lambda) \geq 0; \\ \exp(G(\lambda)), & G(\lambda) < 0. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Here $G(\lambda)$ is a random number drawn from a Gaussian distribution with mean 0 and variance λ . The exponentail function is for ensuring the positivity of bias values.

The model of stochastic bias is too simple than people already known. The reason is, in EZmock, only the *order* of tracer densities for each cells matters. They fixed $\lambda = 10$ since the effect from it can be achieved by the other parameters, such as ρ_c and ρ_{exp} .

3.2 PDF Mapping Scheme

References

Zhao C., et al., 2021, [Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society](#), 503, 1149