

II. NFW PROFILES

The NFW density profile can be written as:

$$\rho_{\text{NFW}}(R) = \begin{cases} \frac{\rho_s}{\frac{R}{R_s}(1+\frac{R}{R_s})^2} & \text{for } R < R_{\text{max}}, \\ 0 & \text{for } R > R_{\text{max}}, \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

where we have included an explicit truncation at $R = R_{\text{max}}$.

The concentration of the halo is defined as $c = R_{\text{max}}/R_s$. Writing $x = R/R_{\text{max}}$, then the dimensionless NFW density profile $\varrho = \rho/\rho_s$ can be written as:

$$\varrho_{\text{NFW}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{cx(1+cx)^2} & \text{for } x < 1, \\ 0 & \text{for } x > 1. \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

The enclosed mass for $x < 1$ can be calculated as:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{enc}}(x) = 4\pi \int_0^x x^2 \varrho_{\text{NFW}}(x) dx \quad (23)$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{c^3} \left[\log(cx + 1) + \frac{1}{cx + 1} - 1 \right] \quad (24)$$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^x x^2 \varrho_{\text{NFW}}(x) dx \quad (25)$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{c^3} \left[\log(cx + 1) - \frac{cx}{cx + 1} \right]. \quad (26)$$

The total enclosed mass for $x \geq 1$ is then:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{enc}}(x \geq 1) = \frac{4\pi}{c^3} \left[\log(c + 1) - \frac{c}{c + 1} \right] \equiv \mathcal{M}_{\text{tot}}. \quad (27)$$

We'll also define $f_{\text{NFW}}(c) = \log(1 + c) - c/(1 + c)$, such that $\mathcal{M}_{\text{tot}} = 4\pi f_{\text{NFW}}(c)/c^3$.

We define the potential as $\psi = -\Psi/\Psi_0$, where $\Psi_0 = GM_{\text{tot}}/R_{\text{max}}$. This can be written as:

$$\psi_{\text{NFW}}(x) = -\frac{1}{\mathcal{M}_{\text{tot}}} \int_{\infty}^x \frac{\mathcal{M}_{\text{enc}}(x)}{x^2} dx. \quad (28)$$

For $x \geq 1$, the NFW profile just looks like a point mass with $\mathcal{M}_{\text{enc}} = \mathcal{M}_{\text{tot}}$, such that:

$$\psi_{\text{NFW}}(x \geq 1) = 1/x. \quad (29)$$

For $x < 1$, we have:

$$\psi_{\text{NFW}}(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{M}_{\text{tot}}} \int_1^x \frac{\mathcal{M}_{\text{enc}}(x)}{x^2} dx, \quad (30)$$

where the first term is the contribution for moving a particle from infinity to $x = 1$ (in the gravitational field of a point-like mass) and the second term is for moving a particle from $x = 1$ to x through the NFW potential. Explicitly computing the second term, we obtain:

$$\psi_{\text{NFW}}(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{f_{\text{NFW}}(c)} \left[\frac{\log(cx + 1)}{x} - \log(c + 1) \right]. \quad (31)$$