

# Numerical Techniques in Cosmology

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# Outline

1. Motivation
2. Standard Techniques in Cosmology
3. Background dynamics and Machine Learning

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- Is to find criteria under which the **solution exists** (well posed problem), and prove that under some discretization (on desired function spaces) the approximate solution is **bounded from below and it converges**

# Standard Techniques in Cosmology

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1. **Deterministic:** Background observables ( $H_0$  for example)  $\rightarrow$  ODE theory
2. **Stochastic:** Inhomogeneous part  $\rightarrow$  linear perturbation theory and beyond
  - CMB radiation
  - Large Scale Structure Observables: galaxy spatial correlations, galaxy cluster count, gravitational lensing, etc.
  - We want to describe the evolution of the universe from initial primordial fluctuations to the structure formation  $\rightarrow$  observables we can measure

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Thus it makes sense to try to use ML with ODE's: Physics Informed Neural Networks

# Cosmology-Informed Neural Networks

Starting with the FLRW metric

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 \left[ \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2) \right],$$

and assuming the universe is a perfect fluid, we have

$$\dot{\rho} + 3H(\rho + p) = 0$$



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$$\frac{dv}{dz} = -\frac{v}{1+z} (x\Gamma + 4 - 2v), \quad \frac{d\Omega}{dz} = \frac{\Omega}{1+z} (-1 + 2v + x),$$

$$\frac{dr}{dz} = -\frac{r\Gamma x}{1+z}$$

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4. In some cases can be **more efficient than traditional numerical solvers** after the initial training phase, especially with the  $f(R)$  model



Thanks!