

# Real dimension in the Newtonian simulation of disk-like pressure-free systems

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## Abstract

Newtonian gravitation is given in terms of gravitational field lines. C++ code is provided.

## 1 Entropy

Entropy is a measure of how much information is required to encode a particular macroscopic state. Where there are  $W$  distinct microstates, the Shannon binary entropy  $n$  is:

$$n = \frac{-\sum_{i=1}^W p_i \log p_i}{\log 2}, \quad (1)$$

where  $p_i$  is the probability of the  $i$ th microstate, and all probabilities add up to 1:

$$\sum_{i=1}^W p_i = 1. \quad (2)$$

For equiprobable microstates, like in the case of the 8-bit integers, where  $p_i = 1/W$ :

$$n = \frac{\log W}{\log 2}, \quad (3)$$

the number of equiprobable, distinct 8-bit integers is  $2^8 = 256$ , and so  $n = 8$  and  $W = 256$ . This is to say that if you understand the concept of the 8-bit integers, then you also understand binary entropy in the case of equiprobable microstates. For the 16-bit integers,  $n = 16$  and  $W = 65536$ , and so on and so forth.

At low density (e.g. everyday densities on the Earth), this binary entropy is proportional to mass. The Boltzmann binary entropy is:

$$n = \frac{k \log W}{\log 2}. \quad (4)$$

At the highest density (e.g. black hole densities), this binary entropy is proportional to mass squared. The Bekenstein-Hawking binary entropy is:

$$n = \frac{A_s k c^3}{4G\hbar \log 2}, \quad (5)$$

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The following is a code for calculating the entropy of a string of characters. Note that the calculation allows for non-equiprobable probabilities, and so it's a bit more general.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <map>
#include <string>
#include <sstream>
#include <cmath>
using namespace std;

int main(void)
{
    string input_string = "Hello world";
    size_t length = input_string.length();

    ostringstream output_stream;

    double entropy = 0.0;

    if(length > 0)
    {
        map<char, size_t> input_map;

        for(size_t i = 0; i < length; i++)
            input_map[input_string[i]]++;

        for(map<char, size_t>::const_iterator ci = input_map.begin();
            ci != input_map.end();
            ci++)
        {
            double probability = ci->second / static_cast<double>(length);

            output_stream <<
                "Character: \' " <<
                ci->first <<
                "\', Count: " <<
                ci->second <<
                ", Probability: " <<
                probability <<
                endl;

            entropy += probability * log(probability);
        }

        entropy = -entropy / log(2.0);
    }

    cout << output_stream.str() << endl;
    cout << "Entropy: " << entropy << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

## 2 Brute force: field line intersection density gradient

It was 't Hooft's idea to quantize the black hole's event horizon area into gravitational field line emitters (e.g. dividing the entropy by  $\log 2$ ) in his pioneering work on the holographic principle.

In this paper, we numerically solve for the Newtonian (e.g. Keplerian) and flat (e.g. constant velocity) gradients (e.g. derivatives) using a unit axis-aligned bounding box by obtaining the lengths of the intersecting field line segments emitted by the gravitating body. See Fig.1. The following equations were found to be true through brute force trial and error.

Regarding the holographic principle, the Schwarzschild black hole event horizon radius is:

$$r_s = \sqrt{\frac{A_s}{4\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{nG\hbar \log 2}{kc^3\pi}}, \quad (6)$$

and the mass is:

$$M = \frac{c^2 r_s}{2G} = \sqrt{\frac{nc\hbar \log 2}{4Gk\pi}}. \quad (7)$$

Where  $R$  is some far distance from the centre of the gravitating body (e.g,  $R \gg r_s$ ),  $\beta$  is the get intersecting line length density function, and  $\epsilon$  is some small value (e.g  $10^{-5}$ ), the gradient (e.g. derivative) is:

$$\gamma = \frac{\beta(R + \epsilon) - \beta(R)}{\epsilon}. \quad (8)$$

The gradient strength is:

$$g = -\gamma\pi = \frac{n}{2R^3}. \quad (9)$$

The Newtonian acceleration  $a_{Newton}$  is:

$$a_{Newton} = \frac{v_{Newton}^2}{R} = \sqrt{\frac{gGc\hbar \log 2}{2R^2k\pi}}. \quad (10)$$

The acceleration  $a_{flat}$  for a flat rotation curve is:

$$a_{flat} = \frac{v_{flat}^2}{R} = \frac{gRc\hbar \log 2}{2k\pi M}. \quad (11)$$

The ratio of the two accelerations is:

$$\frac{a_{flat}}{a_{Newton}} = R^d, \quad (12)$$

where  $d = 3 - D$  stands for disk-like, and the dimension of the gravitation field is:

$$D = 3 - \frac{\log \frac{a_{flat}}{a_{Newton}}}{\log R} = 3 - \frac{\log \frac{v_{flat}^2}{v_{Newton}^2}}{\log R}. \quad (13)$$

The following code shows how to calculate the field lines based on a disk-like emitter:

```
bool intersect_AABB(
    const vector_3 min_location ,
    const vector_3 max_location ,
    const vector_3 ray_origin ,
    const vector_3 ray_dir ,
    double &tmin, double &tmax)
```



Figure 1: This figure shows a unit axis-aligned bounding box and an isotropic emitter, looking from slightly above. An example field line (red) and intersecting line segment (green) are given. The bounding box is filled with these intersecting line segments. It is the gradient of the density of these line segments that forms the gravitational acceleration.

```

{
    tmin = (min_location.x - ray_origin.x) / ray_dir.x;
    tmax = (max_location.x - ray_origin.x) / ray_dir.x;

    if (tmin > tmax) swap(tmin, tmax);

    double tymin = (min_location.y - ray_origin.y) / ray_dir.y;
    double tymax = (max_location.y - ray_origin.y) / ray_dir.y;

    if (tymin > tymax) swap(tymin, tymax);

    if ((tmin > tymax) || (tymin > tmax))
        return false;

    if (tymin > tmin)
        tmin = tymin;

    if (tymax < tmax)
        tmax = tymax;

    double tzmin = (min_location.z - ray_origin.z) / ray_dir.z;
    double tzmax = (max_location.z - ray_origin.z) / ray_dir.z;

    if (tzmin > tzmax) swap(tzmin, tzmax);

    if ((tmin > tzmax) || (tzmin > tmax))
        return false;

    if (tzmin > tmin)
        tmin = tzmin;

    if (tzmax < tmax)
        tmax = tzmax;

    return true;
}

```

```

vector_4 RayEllipsoid(vector_3 ro, vector_3 rd, vector_3 r)
{
    vector_3 r2 = r * r;
    double a = rd.dot(rd / r2);
    double b = ro.dot(rd / r2);
    double c = ro.dot(ro / r2);
    double h = b * b - a * (c - 1.0);

    if (h < 0.0)
        return vector_4(-1, 0, 0, 0);

    double t = (-b - sqrt(h)) / a;

    vector_3 pos = ro + rd * t;

    return vector_4(t, pos.x, pos.y, pos.z);
}

```

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vector_3 EllipsoidNormal(vector_3 pos, vector_3 ra)
{
    vector_3 normal = (pos / (ra * ra));
    normal.normalize();

    return -normal;
}

...

for (size_t i = 0; i < n; i++)
{
    // Something much smaller than unit vectors
    vector_3 oscillator =
        RandomUnitVector() * 0.01;

    const vector_4 rv =
        RayEllipsoid(
            vector_3(0, 0, 0),
            oscillator,
            vector_3(1.0 - disk_like, 1.0, 1.0 - disk_like));

    normals[i] =
        EllipsoidNormal(
            vector_3(rv.y, rv.z, rv.w),
            vector_3(1.0 - disk_like, 1.0, 1.0 - disk_like));
}

...

for (size_t i = 0; i < n; i++)
{
    vector_3 ray_origin = vector_3(0, 0, 0);
    vector_3 ray_dir = normals[i];

    double tmin = 0, tmax = 0;

    if (intersect_AABB(
        min_location,
        max_location,
        ray_origin,
        ray_dir,
        tmin, tmax))
    {
        // If pointing in the wrong direction
        if (tmin < 0 || tmax < 0)
            continue;

        vector_3 ray_hit_start = ray_origin + ray_dir * tmin;
        vector_3 ray_hit_end = ray_origin + ray_dir * tmax;

        double intersecting_line_segment_length =
            (ray_hit_end - ray_hit_start).length();

        density0 += intersecting_line_segment_length;
    }
}

```

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}

density0 /=
    (max_location.x - min_location.x) *
    (max_location.y - min_location.y) *
    (max_location.z - min_location.z);

...

```

### 3 Heuristic: field line intersection density gradient

Below is analytical code that calculates the dimension  $D$  for the Galactic orbit of the Solar System. The output dimension is  $D = 2.48352$ . That is, the Galactic gravitational field shape at  $R$  is quite flattened, as observed.

```

#include <cmath>
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

const double G = 6.67430e-11; // Newton's constant
const double c = 299792458; // Speed of light in vacuum
const double c2 = c * c;
const double c3 = c * c * c;
const double pi = 4.0 * atan(1.0);
const double h = 6.62607015e-34; // Planck's constant
const double hbar = h / (2.0 * pi);
const double k = 1.380649e-23; // Boltzmann's constant

int main(void)
{
    double M = 1e41; // Galactic core mass

    double r_s = 2 * G * M / c2; // Schwarzschild radius
    double A_s = 4 * pi * r_s * r_s; // Event horizon area

    // Number of gravitational field lines
    double n = A_s * k * c3 / (4 * G * hbar * log(2.0));

    double R = 3e20; // Solar System orbit radius
    double g = n / (2 * R * R * R);

    double a_Newton = sqrt((g * G * c * hbar * log(2.0)) / (2 * R * R * k * pi));
    double a_flat = pow(220000, 2.0) / R;

    double v_Newton = sqrt(a_Newton * R);
    double v_flat = 220000;

    double D = 3.0 - log(a_flat / a_Newton) / log(R);
    double D_ = 3.0 - log(pow(v_flat, 2.0) / pow(v_Newton, 2.0)) / log(R);

    cout << D << endl;
    cout << D_ << endl;

    return 0;
}

```

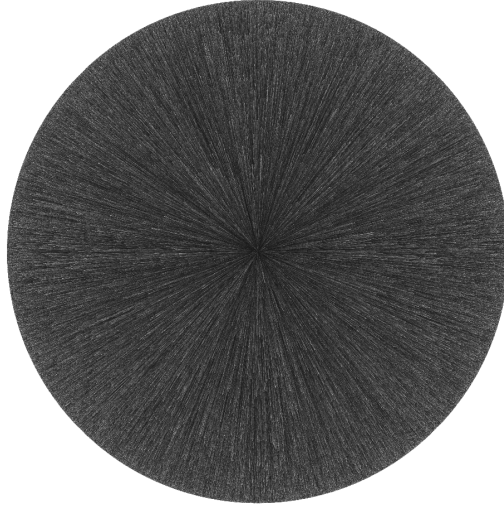


Figure 2: Where  $D = 3$ , as viewed from the side. The field lines are isotropic, spherical.

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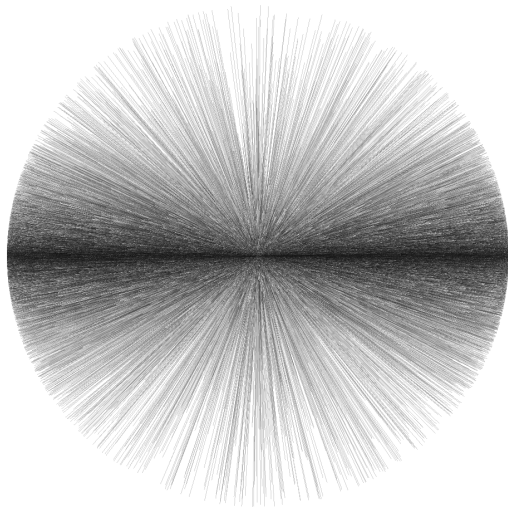


Figure 3: Where  $D = 2.1$ , as viewed from the side. The field lines are increasingly anisotropic.

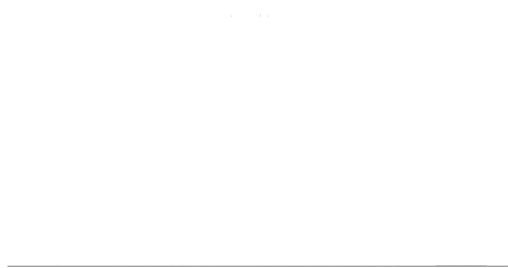


Figure 4: Where  $D = 2.001$ , as viewed from the side. The field lines are anisotropic, disk-like.