



Figure 1: Path of a light ray from the last scattering surface to us. (left) assuming no lensing, (right) the light ray is lensed by a mass in the lens plane.

## 1 The comoving distance

The homogeneous FLRW universe is described by the following metric

$$ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + a^2 \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j \quad (1)$$

The metric describes an expanding Universe with scale factor  $a$ ,  $a$  serves to stretch the fixed grid defined by the coordinate  $x^i$ , we say that the coordinate  $x^i$  are comoving, they are not affected by the Universe dynamics. Let's consider the path of a radial light ray, we use  $\chi$  here as a radial comoving coordinate

$$ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + a^2 d\chi^2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

If an object that emit light at  $t_e$  and with receive it at  $t_0$ , and if we assume that we are at the center of the coordinate system, the object is at comoving coordinate

$$\chi = \int_{t_e}^{t_0} \frac{cdt}{a(t)} \quad (3)$$

note that  $a(t)$  is an increasing function of time, and  $t_0 > t$  so  $\chi$  here is positive.

The comoving distance can be expressed in term of scale factor

$$\chi = \int_{t_e}^{t_0} \frac{cdt}{a} = \int_{a_e}^1 \frac{cda}{a} \frac{dt}{da} = \int_{a_e}^1 \frac{cda}{H(a)a^2} \quad (4)$$

using  $H = \frac{da/dt}{a}$ , and  $a(t_0) = 1$  or as a function of redshift using  $a = \frac{1}{1+z}$

$$\frac{da}{dz} = - \left( \frac{1}{1+z} \right)^2 = -a^2 \quad (5)$$

$$\chi = \int_{a_e}^1 \frac{cda}{H(a)a^2} = \int_0^{z_e} \frac{cdz}{H(z)} \quad (6)$$

## 2 The lensing potential

The true position of the source is at location

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{true}} = \chi_{\text{LSS}} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_S^1 \\ \theta_S^2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Where  $\theta_S^1, \theta_S^2$  are small quantities in our reference frame, its apparent location is  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{obs}} = \chi_{\text{LSS}} \begin{pmatrix} \theta^1 \\ \theta^2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , we need to relate  $\theta_S^i$  to  $\theta^i$ . We will work in the perturbed FLRW metric in Newtonian gauge

$$ds^2 = -(1 + 2\psi(\mathbf{x}, t))dt^2 + a^2(t)\delta_{ij}[1 + 2\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)]dx^i dx^j \quad (8)$$

which has the following non zero Christoffel symbol

$$\Gamma_{00}^0 = \dot{\psi} \quad (9)$$

$$\Gamma_{j0}^i = \delta_j^i (H + \dot{\phi}) \quad (10)$$

$$\Gamma_{00}^i = \partial^i \psi \quad (11)$$

$$\Gamma_{jk}^i = (\delta_j^i \partial_k - \delta_k^i \partial_j - \delta^{im} \delta_{jk} \partial_m) \phi \quad (12)$$

we will study the path of photon, we have the following condition for their four-momentum  $P^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda}$ :  $P^\mu P_\mu = 0$ , defining  $p = g_{ij} P^i P^j$

$$-(1 + 2\psi(\mathbf{x}, t))(P^0)^2 + p^2 = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{dt}{d\lambda} = P^0 \approx p(1 - \psi) \quad (14)$$

$$(15)$$

The geodesic equation is

$$\frac{d^2 x^\rho}{d\lambda^2} = -\Gamma_{\mu, \nu}^\rho \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} \quad (16)$$

with 1 and 2 components

$$\frac{d^2(\chi\theta^i)}{d\lambda^2} = -\Gamma_{\mu, \nu}^i \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} \quad (17)$$

let's first expand the left hand side,

$$\frac{d^2(\chi\theta^i)}{d\lambda^2} = \frac{d}{d\lambda} \left( \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\lambda} \right) \quad (18)$$

$$= \frac{d}{d\lambda} \left( \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \frac{d\chi}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\lambda} \right) \quad (19)$$

$$= \frac{d\chi}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\lambda} \frac{d}{d\lambda} \left( \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \frac{d\chi}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\lambda} \right) \quad (20)$$

Now let's expand the right hand side

$$-\Gamma_{\mu, \nu}^i \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} = -\Gamma_{\mu, \nu}^i \frac{dx^\mu}{d\chi} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\chi} \left( \frac{d\chi}{dt} \right)^2 \left( \frac{dt}{d\lambda} \right)^2 \quad (21)$$

putting this together we have

$$\frac{d}{d\chi} \left( \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \frac{d\chi}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\lambda} \right) = -\Gamma_{\mu,\nu}^i \frac{dx^\mu}{d\chi} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\chi} \frac{d\chi}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\lambda} \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\chi} \left( \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \frac{d\chi}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\lambda} \right) = - \left[ \Gamma_{0,0}^i \left( \frac{dx^0}{d\chi} \right)^2 + 2\Gamma_{0,j}^i \frac{dx^0}{d\chi} \frac{dx^j}{d\chi} + \Gamma_{j,k}^i \frac{dx^j}{d\chi} \frac{dx^k}{d\chi} \right] \frac{d\chi}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\lambda} \quad (23)$$

at zero order, we have  $d\chi = -d\eta = -\frac{dt}{a}$  and  $\frac{dt}{d\lambda} = p$ , we will also use that  $\frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi}$  is a small quantity,

$$\frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} = \theta^i + \chi \frac{d\theta^i}{d\chi} \quad (24)$$

$\theta^i$  is small and  $\frac{d\theta^i}{d\chi}$  is of order of the gravitational potential perturbation (since it's zero with no grav lensing effect).

$$\frac{d}{d\chi} \left( -\frac{p}{a} \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \right) = \frac{p}{a} \left[ a^2 \partial^i \psi - 2aH \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} + \Gamma_{j,k}^i \frac{dx^j}{d\chi} \frac{dx^k}{d\chi} \right] \quad (25)$$

$$\Gamma_{j,k}^i \frac{dx^j}{d\chi} \frac{dx^k}{d\chi} = \Gamma_{3,3}^i = -\delta^{im} \partial_m \phi \quad (26)$$

because the  $\frac{dx^i}{d\chi}$  for  $i \in (1, 2)$  is first order in perturbation while  $\frac{dx^3}{d\chi} = 1$

$$\frac{d}{d\chi} \left( -\frac{p}{a} \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \right) = \frac{p}{a} \left[ a^2 \partial^i \psi - 2aH \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} - \delta^{im} \partial_m \phi \right] \quad (27)$$

We know that at 0th order,  $p = \frac{C}{a}$  with  $C = \text{cst}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\chi} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \right) &= -\frac{1}{a^2} \left[ a^2 \partial^i \psi - 2aH \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} - \delta^{im} \partial_m \phi \right] \\ \frac{d}{d\chi} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \right) &= - \left[ \partial^i \psi - \frac{2}{a} H \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} - \partial^i \phi \right] \\ \frac{d}{d\chi} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \right) &= - \left[ \partial^i (\psi - \phi) - \frac{2}{a} H \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Where I use the homogenous FLRW metric to raise the index in the third term of the right hand side. We can expand the left hand side

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\chi} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \right) &= \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{d^2(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi^2} + \frac{da^{-2}}{d\chi} \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \\ \frac{d}{d\chi} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \right) &= \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{d^2(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi^2} - \frac{2}{a^3} \frac{da}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\chi} \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \\ \frac{d}{d\chi} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \right) &= \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{d^2(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi^2} + \frac{2H}{a} \frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Finally

$$\frac{d^2(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi^2} = -a^2 [\partial^i (\psi - \phi)] \quad (30)$$

$$= -\delta^{ij} \partial_j (\psi - \phi) \quad (31)$$

We can integrate this equation with respect to  $\chi$

$$\frac{d(\chi\theta^i)}{d\chi} = -\delta^{ij} \int_0^\chi \partial_j [\psi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1) - \phi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1)] d\chi_1 + C_1^i \quad (32)$$

$$(33)$$



Figure 2: Two different way of doing the integration of  $f(\chi_1, \chi_2)$  over the triangle area, the inner integral is shown in lines. On the left  $\int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} d\chi_2 \int_0^{\chi_2} d\chi_1 f(\chi_1, \chi_2)$ , on the right  $\int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} d\chi_1 \int_{\chi_1}^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} d\chi_2 f(\chi_1, \chi_2)$

We can then integrate again from 0 to the last scattering surface

$$\chi_{\text{LSS}} \theta^i(\chi_{\text{LSS}}) = -\delta^{ij} \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} d\chi_2 \int_0^{\chi_2} \partial_j [\psi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1) - \phi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1)] d\chi_1 + C_1^i \chi_{\text{LSS}}$$

nothing that  $\theta^i(\chi_{\text{LSS}}) = \theta_S^i$

$$\theta_S^i = -\frac{\delta^{ij}}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} d\chi_2 \int_0^{\chi_2} \partial_j [\psi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1) - \phi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1)] d\chi_1 + C_1^i \quad (34)$$

in the absence of gravitational potential  $\theta_S^i = \theta^i$  so  $C_1^i = \theta^i$ .

$$\theta_S^i = \theta^i - \frac{\delta^{ij}}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} d\chi_2 \int_0^{\chi_2} \partial_j [\psi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1) - \phi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1)] d\chi_1 \quad (35)$$

As shown on Fig 2, we can invert the integration order to make the inner integral trivial

$$\theta_S^i = \theta^i - \frac{\delta^{ij}}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} d\chi_1 \int_{\chi_1}^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \partial_j [\psi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1) - \phi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1)] d\chi_2 \quad (36)$$

$$\theta_S^i = \theta^i - \delta^{ij} \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} d\chi_1 \partial_j [\psi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1) - \phi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1)] \left(1 - \frac{\chi_1}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right) \quad (37)$$

assuming  $\psi = -\phi$

$$\theta_S^i = \theta^i + 2\delta^{ij} \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} d\chi_1 \partial_j \phi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1) \left(1 - \frac{\chi_1}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right) \quad (38)$$

this is the formula we were looking for.

$$\theta_S^i = \theta^i + \Delta\theta^i \quad (39)$$

$$\Delta\theta^i = 2\delta^{ij} \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} d\chi_1 \partial_j \phi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1) \left(1 - \frac{\chi_1}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right) \quad (40)$$

We use  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} = \frac{1}{\chi_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^j}$

$$\Delta\theta^i = 2\delta^{ij} \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \frac{d\chi_1}{\chi_1} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta^j}(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1) \left(1 - \frac{\chi_1}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right) \quad (41)$$

$$= \delta^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^j} \phi^L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad (42)$$

$$\phi^L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = 2 \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \frac{d\chi_1}{\chi_1} \phi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1) \left(1 - \frac{\chi_1}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right) \quad (43)$$

### 3 The lensing power spectrum

Let's rewrite:  $\phi(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \chi_1), \eta_0 - \chi_1) = \phi(\chi_1 \hat{\mathbf{n}}, \eta(\chi_1))$  with  $\eta(\chi_1) = \eta_0 - \chi_1$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  the line of sight. In order to get to the lensing power spectrum we will first Fourier transform the gravitational potential term

$$\phi(\chi_1 \hat{\mathbf{n}}, \eta(\chi_1)) = \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{k}\hat{\mathbf{n}}\chi_1} \phi(\mathbf{k}, \eta(\chi_1)) \quad (44)$$

the lensing potential become

$$\phi^L(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = 2 \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \frac{d\chi_1}{\chi_1} \left(1 - \frac{\chi_1}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right) \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{k}\hat{\mathbf{n}}\chi_1} \phi(\mathbf{k}, \eta(\chi_1)) \quad (45)$$

More torture, let's expand the Fourier coefficient in spherical harmonics

$$e^{i\mathbf{k}\hat{\mathbf{n}}\chi_1} = 4\pi \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} i^\ell j_\ell(k\chi_1) \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \quad (46)$$

so that

$$\phi^L(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \sum_{\ell, m} 8\pi i^\ell Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \frac{d\chi_1}{\chi_1} \left(1 - \frac{\chi_1}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right) j_\ell(k\chi_1) \phi(\mathbf{k}, \eta(\chi_1)) \quad (47)$$

$$= \sum_{\ell, m} \phi_{\ell m}^L Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \quad (48)$$

with

$$\phi_{\ell m}^L = 8\pi i^\ell \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \frac{d\chi_1}{\chi_1} \left(1 - \frac{\chi_1}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right) j_\ell(k\chi_1) \phi(\mathbf{k}, \eta(\chi_1)) \quad (49)$$

the lensing power spectrum is given by

$$\langle \phi_{\ell m}^L \phi_{\ell m}^{L*} \rangle = (8\pi)^2 \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \frac{d^3 k'}{(2\pi)^3} Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}') \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \frac{d\chi_1}{\chi_1} \left(1 - \frac{\chi_1}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right) j_\ell(k\chi_1) \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \frac{d\chi_2}{\chi_2} \left(1 - \frac{\chi_2}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right) j_\ell(k'\chi_2) \langle \phi(\mathbf{k}, \eta(\chi_1)) \phi(\mathbf{k}', \eta(\chi_2)) \rangle \quad (50)$$

assuming homogeneity

$$\langle \phi(\mathbf{k}, \eta(\chi_1)) \phi(\mathbf{k}', \eta(\chi_2)) \rangle = P_\phi(k, \eta(\chi_1), \eta(\chi_2)) \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \quad (51)$$

we get

$$\langle \phi_{\ell m}^L \phi_{\ell m}^{L*} \rangle = \frac{8}{\pi} \int k^2 dk \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \frac{d\chi_1}{\chi_1} \left(1 - \frac{\chi_1}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right) j_\ell(k\chi_1) \int_0^{\chi_{\text{LSS}}} \frac{d\chi_2}{\chi_2} \left(1 - \frac{\chi_2}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right) j_\ell(k\chi_2) P_\phi(k, \eta(\chi_1), \eta(\chi_2)) \quad (52)$$

The final step is to use the so-called Limber approximation, we have the following formula for the bessel function

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \int k^2 dk j_\ell(k\chi_1) j_\ell(k\chi_2) = \frac{1}{\chi_1^2} \delta(\chi_1 - \chi_2) \quad (53)$$

and the fact that the product of spherical bessel function is sharply peaked at  $k\chi_1 \sim k\chi_2 \sim \sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)} \sim \ell + \frac{1}{2}$  for high  $\ell$ .

This allow us to kill one integral and evaluate the power spectrum only at the peak

$$C_\ell^L = \langle \phi_{\ell m}^L \phi_{\ell m}^{L*} \rangle = 4 \int \frac{d\chi_1}{\chi_1^4} \left(1 - \frac{\chi_1}{\chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right)^2 P_\phi\left(k = \frac{\ell + 1/2}{\chi_1}, \eta(\chi_1)\right) \quad (54)$$

$$= 4 \int d\chi_1 \left(\frac{\chi_{\text{LSS}} - \chi_1}{\chi_1^2 \chi_{\text{LSS}}}\right)^2 P_\phi\left(k = \frac{\ell + 1/2}{\chi_1}, z(\chi_1)\right) \quad (55)$$