

# Numerical Recipes in Astrophysics 2020

## Third homework set

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### 1 Exercise 1

For part a) of the first exercise, we're minimising  $\chi^2$  for a model. We have the number density of satellites as a function of  $x \equiv r/r_{\text{vir}}$ :

$$n(x) = A \langle N_{\text{sat}} \rangle \left( \frac{x}{b} \right)^{a-3} \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{x}{b} \right)^c \right]. \quad (1)$$

The model parameters are  $a, b, c$ ,  $\langle N_{\text{sat}} \rangle$  is the mean number of satellites per halo, and  $A$  is a normalisation constant. First we read the data using the `Read_data` class. We go through each line, taking into account some useful things about the data format: the 4th line contains the number of haloes in this mass bin, and after a hashtag we have the positions of all the satellites of a halo (if any), given in  $x, \phi$  and  $\theta$ . We'll only use  $x$  here.  $\langle N_{\text{sat}} \rangle$  is just the average of the number of satellites per halo (line 32). To proceed, we should bin the data. Looking at equation (1), it makes sense to bin the satellites *logarithmically* in  $x$ . We know that the maximum value of  $x$  is 5; to me, a suitable lower bound is  $10^{-4}$ , as it's low enough but not too low, and I'd expect most of the satellites, if not all, to reside at  $r > 10^{-4} r_{\text{vir}}$ . Therefore I chose 20 logarithmically spaced bins between  $x \in [10^{-4}, 5]$ , again thinking that 20 is a suitable number to divide this  $x$ -range into. Then, we obtain the mean number of satellites per halo in each bin,  $N_i$ , as the counts in each bin divided by the number of haloes in this mass bin.

For the  $\chi^2$  minimisation, I chose to generalise my downhill simplex method from hand-in 2 (which was in 2-dimensions) to an  $n$ -dimension one. For a function varying in 3 parameters, we need to give 4 initial starting points that form a tetrahedron in parameter-function space. My initial guesses are `x0` to `x3` (lines 248-251). The  $N$ -dimensional simplex is implemented in the `simplex_nd()` function. I've set the maximal iterations limit to 8 and the default accuracy to  $10^{-3}$  for the reason that it was very slow, and I am exceeding the maximal allowed time, but ideally I'd set a better accuracy. While minimising the function, we must be careful to re-evaluate the integration constant  $A$  any time we change the parameters  $a, b, c$ , and then also calculate the  $\tilde{N}_i = 4\pi \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} (z) x^2 dz$  - the model mean and variance for bin  $i$ . So the class `Get_chi_squared()` first calculates  $A$  as in assignment 1 (by integrating), then finds  $\tilde{N}_i$  for the bins, and gets the  $\chi^2 = \sum (x - \mu)^2 / \sigma^2$  for the set of model parameters  $(a, b, c)$ . Finally, we are ready to minimise the function, in this case I used the complementary function `chi_minimise(point)`, lines 96-101.

The simplex converges after a different number of iterations for each data file, and I find slight differences in the best-fit parameters  $(a, b, c)$ . They are quoted in the file output, along with the average satellite number, and the minimum  $\chi^2$ . Plots of the binned data as well as the best fit profiles are shown after the output.

For part b), we want to minimise a Poisson log-likelihood, which, from the lecture slides, is given by:

$$\mathcal{L}(p) = \prod_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{\mu(x_i|p)^{y_i} \exp(-\mu(x_i|p))}{y_i!}. \quad (2)$$

Taking the negative log of this expression, we have

$$-\ln \mathcal{L}(p) = - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (y_i \ln(\mu(x_i|p)) - \mu(x_i|p) - \ln(y_i!)). \quad (3)$$

We have  $y_i = N_i$ ,  $\mu(x_i|p) = \tilde{N}_i$ . Then, our log-likelihood is:

$$-\ln \mathcal{L}(a, b, c) = - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (N_i \ln(\tilde{N}_i) - \tilde{N}_i - \ln(N_i!)). \quad (4)$$

We can further expand the factorial in the last term as the sum of logs of the numbers from  $N_i$  to 1. We take the sum over all bins used in part a). The procedure to do the optimisation is the same as in part a), except this time we minimise the complementary function `likelihood_minimise(point)`, which calls `Get_chi_squared().get_poisson_likelihood()`, because we still need to do the same steps and calculate  $A$  and  $\tilde{N}_i$  for any set of parameters we explore. Again, it takes a different amount of iterations for the simplex to converge for the 5 data files. The results are quoted immediately after the results for part a) in the output file. The plots below show the two fits. The code runs in an incredibly long time, and I really don't know why (also, it's twice as fast on my own laptop...). If I run it for all datafiles, unfortunately I severely exceed the time limit on my office desktop (`minstroom`), so I have to save a fraction of the output to a text file, and only run ex. 1 for the first two files. The rest of the output I read in from a text file, as well as the plots - I'm sorry for this, but I really couldn't find the bottleneck on time.

Personally I'm not entirely happy with how the plots look, I was expecting that the 2nd method yields noticeably better results, but that's not the case - the 2 methods give a similar best-fit histogram. Moreover, they don't match the data as well as I had expected. The result success also differs for the 5 mass bins, because for central haloes of higher mass we have fewer satellites. This is visible especially closer to the central, where both best-fits predict much more data should be seen. Also, my guess is the success of any optimisation algorithm depends on the initial guesses, which were harder to pick in 3D parameter space. I also think the simplex is not the numerically optimal algorithm choice, to me it appears it is pretty slow in this case, but it might be due to an error from my side. Of course, it would be best to do a Levenberg-Marquardt routine, perhaps by implementing the analytical derivatives of the model with the parameters, as these are known exactly.

For part c), we're comparing the two methods. I've implemented both a G test and a KS test. The G statistic is given by

$$G = 2 \sum O_i \ln \frac{O_i}{E_i}, \quad (5)$$

where  $O$  and  $E$  denote observed and expected data value. This is implemented in the function `Gtest(observed, expected)`. The significance of the G statistic I took from the lecture slides to be equal to:

$$Q = 1 - \frac{\gamma(k/2, x/2)}{\Gamma(k/2)}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\gamma$  and  $\Gamma$  denote the incomplete and complete Gamma functions. This is the CDF of a  $\chi^2$  distribution, and is calculated in the function `Q(k, x)`, where  $k$  are the degrees of freedom, and  $x$  is the G statistic. The KS test implementation can be seen in the `ks_test(observed, expected)` function, following the slides. It calculates the statistic  $D$  and its significance  $Q$  and returns both.

Both the statistic and significance for the G test and the KS test for the best-fits are shown in the output after the result report. Regarding the degrees of freedom: we have the 3 fixed model parameters,  $a, b, c$ , but we also have the fixed total satellite number and number of haloes, so the average number of satellites is also a fixed parameter. Our free degrees are the bin observations, in this case 20 numbers. Therefore, the degrees of freedom I take to be equal to  $n_{\text{bins}} - n_{\text{params}} - 1 = 16$ . Regarding the results: for what I see, for the G test, although the statistic varies a bit for the two models, its  $Q$  value is very close for both, and is at almost all cases equal to 1, which makes me think this particular statistic doesn't distinguish both fit

models - as I would have expected by seeing the plots. According to my eye, there's little difference between the two fits, and they're both equally 'far' from the data; the G test statistic seems to agree. Of course, here we don't comment on the actual success of my fits - perhaps the best fit parameters are just wrong. The KS statistic, on the other hand, gives different results for both models. For the 3 higher mass bins, the KS Q-value is higher for the log-likelihood minimisation, so I think we could naively say it favours this model? But it's the opposite case for the two lower mass bins. In reality, I wouldn't use either of these tests to draw a definitive conclusion.

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1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib
3 matplotlib.use('Agg')
4 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
5 import math
6 from scipy.special import gammaln
7 import time
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9
10 # Read data from datafile:
11 # - bins_low = lower histogram boundary;    default = 1e-4
12 # - bins_high = higher histogram boundary;   default = 5
13 # - nbins = number of bins to use;          default = 20
14 class Read_data:
15     def __init__(self, datafile, bins_low=1e-4, bins_high=5, nbins=20):
16         file = open(datafile, 'r')
17         lines = file.readlines()
18         lines = [lines[i][: -1] for i in range(len(lines))] # remove \n at the end of each
19         line
20         file.close()
21
22         self.nhaloes = int(lines[3]) # extract the no. of haloes - 3rd line
23         self.nsats = np.zeros(self.nhaloes) # to hold the no. of satellites of each halo
24
25         i = 0
26         # Count the number of satellites per halo:
27         for l in lines[5:]:
28             if l == '#': # new halo encountered
29                 i += 1
30             else: # new satellite encountered: +1 to halo satellite count
31                 self.nsats[i] += 1
32
33         self.Nsat = np.average(self.nsats) # this is <Nsat>
34
35         # read in the satellite coordinates:
36         self.coords = np.genfromtxt(datafile, skip_header=4)
37         # Make the histogram:
38         self.bins = np.logspace(np.log10(bins_low), np.log10(bins_high), nbins)
39         self.counts, self.bin_edges = np.histogram(self.coords[:, 0], bins=self.bins)
40         self.Ni = self.counts / self.nhaloes # average no. of satellites per halo in each
41         bin
42         self.Ni_poisson = [] # to hold the Poisson equivalent of Ni
43         self.nbins = nbins
44         self.bins_low = bins_low
45         self.bins_high = bins_high
46         self.A = [] # Integral normalisation: to be recomputed at every (a, b, c)
47         evaluation
48         self.chi = []
49
50         # Given the data 'data' and parameters (a, b, c),
51         # 1) compute normalisation A
52         # 2) compute Ni_poisson = tilde(Ni) - Poisson expectation counts value
53         class Get_chi_squared():
54             def __init__(self, data, a, b, c):
55                 args = [a, b, c]

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54         data.A = 1/(4*np.pi*self.simpsons(self.n_not_normalised, data.bins_low, data.
bins_high, 100000, args))
55         data.Ni_poisson = [4*np.pi*self.simpsons(self.n_normalised_poisson,
56                                                     a=data.bin_edges[i], b=data.bin_edges[i+1],
N=10000,
57                                                     args=[a, b, c, data.Nsat, data.A]) for i in
range(data.nbins-1)]
58
59 # Simpson's rule:
60 # integrate a function f in the interval from a to b, using N points
61 def simpsons(self, func, a, b, N, args=[]):
62     h = (b - a) / N
63     s = func(a, *args) + func(b, *args)
64     for i in range(1, N, 2):
65         s += 4 * func(a + h * i, *args)
66     for i in range(2, N - 1, 2):
67         s += 2 * func(a + h * i, *args)
68     return s * h / 3
69
70 # General chi squared
71 def chi_squared(self, x, mu, sigma):
72     return sum((x - mu) * (x - mu) / sigma / sigma)
73
74 # Expression to integrate, as function of x = r/r-vir
75 def n_not_normalised(self, x, *args):
76     [a, b, c] = args
77     return x ** (a - 1) * b ** (3 - a) * np.exp(-(x / b) ** c)
78
79 def n_normalised_poisson(self, x, a, b, c, nsat, A):
80     return A*nsat*(x/b)**(a-3)*np.exp(-(x/b)**c)*x*x
81
82 def get_chi(self):
83     return self.chi_squared(data.Ni, mu=data.Ni_poisson, sigma=data.Ni_poisson)
84
85 # Poisson log-likelihood for the data observation (Ni) and expectation (Ni_poisson)
86 def get_poisson_likelihood(self):
87     n = len(data.Ni)
88     s = np.zeros(n)
89     for i in range(n):
90         s[i] = data.Ni_poisson[i] - data.Ni[i]*np.log(data.Ni_poisson[i])
91         for j in range(int(data.Ni[i]))[::-1]: # the factorial
92             s[i] += np.log(j + 1)
93     return sum(s)
94
95
96 # Get chi squared value at a point in parameter space
97 def chi_minimise(point):
98     a = point[0]
99     b = point[1]
100    c = point[2]
101    return Get_chi_squared(data, a, b, c).get_chi()
102
103
104 # Get log-likelihood value at a point in parameter space
105 def likelihood_minimise(point):
106     a = point[0]
107     b = point[1]
108     c = point[2]
109     return Get_chi_squared(data, a, b, c).get_poisson_likelihood()
110
111
112 # Swap function
113 def swap(a, b):
114     swap = a
115     a = b

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116     b = swap
117     return a, b
118
119
120 # Simple selection sort algorithm; return sorted indices
121 def selection(a):
122     n = len(a)
123     b = np.copy(a)
124     ind_array = np.arange(n)
125     for i in range(n):
126         m = min(b[i:])
127         # print(m)
128         ind = np.argmin(b[i:])
129         swap = b[i]
130         b[i] = m
131         b[ind + i] = swap
132         # swap = i
133         ind_array[i] = i + ind
134         # ind_array[ind+i] = swap
135         # print(a)
136     return b, ind_array
137
138
139 # N-dimensional Downhill simplex
140 def simplex_nd(func, x, maxiter=8, accuracy=1e-3):
141     iteration = 0
142     n = len(x)
143     f = np.empty(n)
144     for i in range(n):
145         f[i] = func(x[i])
146     # ----- Downhill simplex implementation: -----
147     while iteration <= maxiter:
148         # sort the points:
149         for i in range(n):
150             f[i] = func(x[i])
151         # print(f)
152         f, ind = selection(f)
153         # print(f, ind)
154         x = x[ind]
155
156         xbar = np.empty(x.shape[1])
157         for i in range(int(x.shape[1])):
158             xbar[i] = np.average(x[:, i])
159
160         frac_range = abs(f[-1]-f[0])/abs(f[-1]+f[0])*2
161
162         # Follow the algorithm until accuracy is met: for more algorithm details see e.g.
163         the book, the slides
164         if frac_range < accuracy:
165             result = xbar
166             print('\nAccuracy reached in ', iteration, ' iterations.')
167             break
168         else:
169             xtry = 2*xbar - x[-1]
170             ftry = func(xtry)
171
172             if f[0] < ftry < f[-1]:
173                 # print('case0')
174                 x[-1] = xtry
175             elif ftry < f[0]:
176                 # print('expand')
177                 xexp = 2*xtry - xbar
178                 fexp = func(xexp)
179                 if fexp < ftry:
180                     x[-1] = xexp

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180         else:
181             x[-1] = xtry
182         elif ftry >= f[-1]:
183             # print('contract')
184             xnew = 0.5*(xbar+x[-1])
185             fnew = func(xnew)
186             if fnew < f[-1]:
187                 x[-1] = xnew
188             else:
189                 x = 0.5*(xbar+x)
190
191         iteration += 1
192         print(iteration, end='')
193     if int(iteration) == int(maxiter):
194         print("Max iterations reached (", str(maxiter), '), best guess is: ', xbar)
195     return xbar, func(xbar)
196
197 # Standard G-test implementation, expression from the slides:
198 def Gtest(observed, expected):
199     r = observed/expected
200     a = observed*np.log(r)
201     a = a[~np.isnan(a)]
202     G = 2*sum(a)
203     return G
204
205 # Significance Q of a variable following a chi-squared distribution;
206 # expression from the slides.
207 def Q(k, x):
208     p = gammainc(k/2, x/2)/math.gamma(k/2)
209     return 1 - p
210
211 # Function that performs KS test: is the sample 'observed' consistent
212 # with 'expected'? NOTE: assumes the data is binned in THE SAME bins
213 # Returns KS statistic D and probability P (significance Q).
214 # See report and 'Numerical Recipes' for more info.
215 def ks_test(observed, expected):
216     # Numerically optimal implementation of P, the CDF:
217     def Q(z):
218         if z == 0:
219             return 1
220         elif z < 1.18:
221             v = np.exp(-np.pi*np.pi/8/z/z)
222             P = np.sqrt(2*np.pi)/z*(v + v**9 + v**25)
223             return 1 - P
224         elif z >= 1.18:
225             v = np.exp(-2*z*z)
226             P = 1 - 2*(v-v**4+v**9)
227             return 1-P
228
229     n = len(observed)
230     c = sum(observed) # normalisation factor
231     dist = np.array([abs(sum(observed[:i])/c-sum(expected[:i])/c) for i in range(n)])
232
233     D = max(abs(dist))
234     z = D*(np.sqrt(n) + 0.12 + 0.11/np.sqrt(n))
235     return D, Q(z)
236
237 datafiles = ['satgals_m11.txt', 'satgals_m12.txt', 'satgals_m13.txt', 'satgals_m14.txt', '
238 satgals_m15.txt']
239 for datafile in datafiles[:2]:
240     beg = time.time()

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244 # Read data in data class:
245 data = Read_data(datafile=datafile, bins_low=1e-4, bins_high=5, nbins=20)
246
247 # Initial tetrahedron:
248 x0 = np.array([1, 0.5, 1])
249 x1 = np.array([1.1, 0.7, 1.5])
250 x2 = np.array([0.8, 1.2, 1.2])
251 x3 = np.array([1, 1.3, 1.2])
252
253 n = 3 # number of dimensions
254
255 x = np.vstack((x0, x1, x2, x3))
256 # Minimise, starting at initial tetrahedron:
257 [[a, b, c], chi_min] = simplex_nd(chi_minimise, x)
258 Get_chi_squared(data, a, b, c)
259 g = Gtest(observed=data.Ni, expected=data.Ni_poisson)
260 # degrees of freedom k: fixed parameter number is the dimension of a point in param
261 # space (x0),
262 # i.e. 3 here (a, b, c) plus the total number of satellites observed - Nsat. The number
263 # of free
264 # parameters is the number of bins (each bin = observation of a ~random variable).
265 k = data.nbins - len(x0) - 1
266 q = Q(k=k, x=g)
267 d, q_ks = ks.test(observed=data.Ni, expected=data.Ni_poisson)
268
269 # ----- Report results -----
270 print('\nResults for datafile ', datafile, ':')
271 print('<Nsat> =', data.Nsat.round(2))
272 print('— Best fit parameters: —')
273 print('a = \t', a.round(3))
274 print('b = \t', b.round(3))
275 print('c = \t', c.round(3))
276 print('Min chi-squared =', chi_min.round(3), '\n')
277 print('G value =\t', g.round(5))
278 print('Q value =\t', q)
279 print('KS statistic D =', d.round(3))
280 print('KS significance Q =', q_ks.round(3), '\n')
281
282 bin_centres = np.array([0.5*(data.bin_edges[i+1] + data.bin_edges[i]) for i in range(len(
283 data.bin_edges)-1)])
284 bin_width = np.array([data.bin_edges[i+1]-data.bin_edges[i] for i in range(len(data.
285 bin_edges)-1)])
286 plt.figure()
287 plt.loglog()
288 plt.step(bin_centres, data.Ni, where='mid', c='grey', label='Data')
289 plt.step(bin_centres, data.Ni_poisson, where='mid', c='royalblue', label='Min chi-
290 squared')
291 plt.xlabel('x')
292 plt.ylabel('Counts N')
293
294 [[a2, b2, c2], lmin] = simplex_nd(likelihood_minimise, x)
295 Get_chi_squared(data, a2, b2, c2)
296 g = Gtest(observed=data.Ni, expected=data.Ni_poisson)
297 k = data.nbins - len(x0) - 1
298 q = Q(k=k, x=g)
299 d, q_ks = ks.test(observed=data.Ni, expected=data.Ni_poisson)
300 # ----- Report results -----
301 print('\n')
302 print('<Nsat> =', data.Nsat.round(2))
303 print('— Best fit parameters: —')
304 print('a = \t', a2.round(3))
305 print('b = \t', b2.round(3))
306 print('c = \t', c2.round(3))
307 print('Min log-likelihood =', lmin, '\n')
308 print('G value =\t', g.round(5))

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304     print('Q value =\t', q)
305     print('KS statistic D =', d.round(3))
306     print('KS significance Q =', q_ks.round(3), '\n')
307
308     plt.step(bin_centres, data.Ni-poisson, where='mid', c='maroon', label='Min log-
likelihood')
309     plt.legend(frameon=False)
310     plt.title(datafile)
311     plt.savefig('plots/'+datafile[:11]+'-hist.png', dpi=300)
312
313     end = time.time()
314     print(datafile, ' took ', round(end-beg), 's')

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model-optimisation.py

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1 123
2 Accuracy reached in 3 iterations.
3
4 Results for datafile satgals_m11.txt :
5 <Nsat> = 0.01
6 — Best fit parameters: —
7 a = 1.1
8 b = 1.025
9 c = 1.35
10 Min chi-squared = 7.515
11
12 G value = 0.00333
13 Q value = 1.0
14 KS statistic D = 0.107
15 KS significance Q = 0.973
16
17 123456789
18
19 <Nsat> = 0.01
20 — Best fit parameters: —
21 a = 1.138
22 b = 0.719
23 c = 1.5
24 Min log-likelihood = 0.09626858070600115
25
26 G value = 0.00264
27 Q value = 1.0
28 KS statistic D = 0.183
29 KS significance Q = 0.503
30
31 satgals_m11.txt took 255 s
32 123
33 Accuracy reached in 3 iterations.
34
35 Results for datafile satgals_m12.txt :
36 <Nsat> = 0.25
37 — Best fit parameters: —
38 a = 1.1
39 b = 1.025
40 c = 1.35
41 Min chi-squared = 11.506
42
43 G value = 0.11267
44 Q value = 1.0
45 KS statistic D = 0.191
46 KS significance Q = 0.449
47
48 123456789
49
50 <Nsat> = 0.25

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51 — Best fit parameters: —
52 a =      1.05
53 b =      0.675
54 c =      1.5
55 Min log-likelihood =  1.0201017283500837
56
57 G value =    0.08808
58 Q value =    1.0
59 KS statistic D = 0.226
60 KS significance Q = 0.249
61
62 satgals_m12.txt  took  205 s

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output/model-optimisation.txt

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1 123456789Results for datafile  satgals_m13.txt :
2 <Nsat> = 4.37
3 — Best fit parameters: —
4 a =      1.056
5 b =      0.962
6 c =      1.369
7 Min chi-squared =  10.388
8
9 G value =    1.72753
10 Q value =    0.9999999992897227
11 KS statistic D = 0.198
12 KS significance Q = 0.403
13
14 12345
15 Accuracy reached in  5  iterations.
16
17
18 <Nsat> = 4.37
19 — Best fit parameters: —
20 a =      1.15
21 b =      0.725
22 c =      1.5
23 Min log-likelihood =  5.251561527060906
24
25 G value =    0.75286
26 Q value =    0.999999999985792
27 KS statistic D = 0.097
28 KS significance Q = 0.991
29
30 satgals_m13.txt  took  91 s
31 123456789Results for datafile  satgals_m14.txt :
32 <Nsat> = 29.13
33 — Best fit parameters: —
34 a =      1.05
35 b =      1.0
36 c =      1.35
37 Min chi-squared =  14.08
38
39 G value =    19.89509
40 Q value =    0.9998462268152944
41 KS statistic D = 0.271
42 KS significance Q = 0.101
43
44 123
45 Accuracy reached in  3  iterations.
46
47
48 <Nsat> = 29.13
49 — Best fit parameters: —
50 a =      1.1

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51 b =      0.7
52 c =      1.5
53 Min log-likelihood = 11.363200229855918
54
55 G value = 10.00423
56 Q value = 0.9999734934673792
57 KS statistic D = 0.136
58 KS significance Q = 0.846
59
60 satgals_m14.txt took 79 s
61 123456789 Results for datafile satgals_m15.txt :
62 <Nsat> = 329.5
63 — Best fit parameters: —
64 a =      1.091
65 b =      0.716
66 c =      1.491
67 Min chi-squared = 13.71
68
69 G value = 107.77364
70 Q value = 0.9998015873015873
71 KS statistic D = 0.2
72 KS significance Q = 0.393
73
74 123456789
75
76 <Nsat> = 329.5
77 — Best fit parameters: —
78 a =      1.159
79 b =      0.73
80 c =      1.5
81 Min log-likelihood = 52.64625027999234
82
83 G value = 86.73297
84 Q value = 0.9998015873015893
85 KS statistic D = 0.167
86 KS significance Q = 0.626
87
88 satgals_m15.txt took 109 s

```

output/1-missing.txt

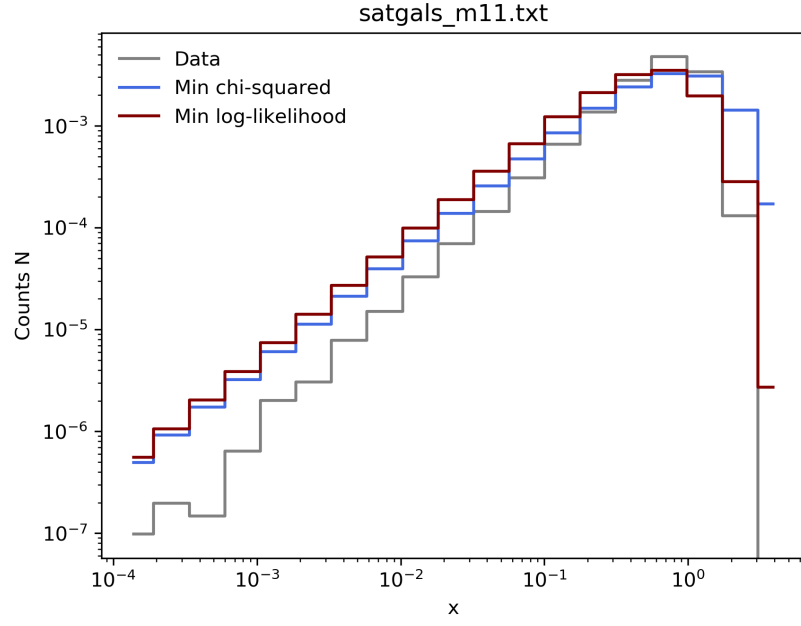


Figure 1: Best fits for the two models and data in the corresponding mass bin.

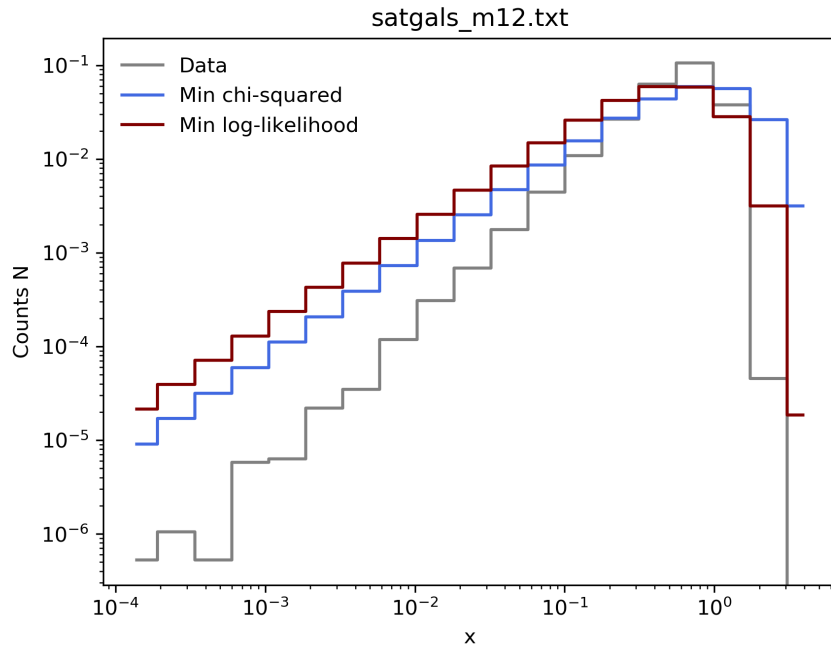


Figure 2: Best fits for the two models and data in the corresponding mass bin.

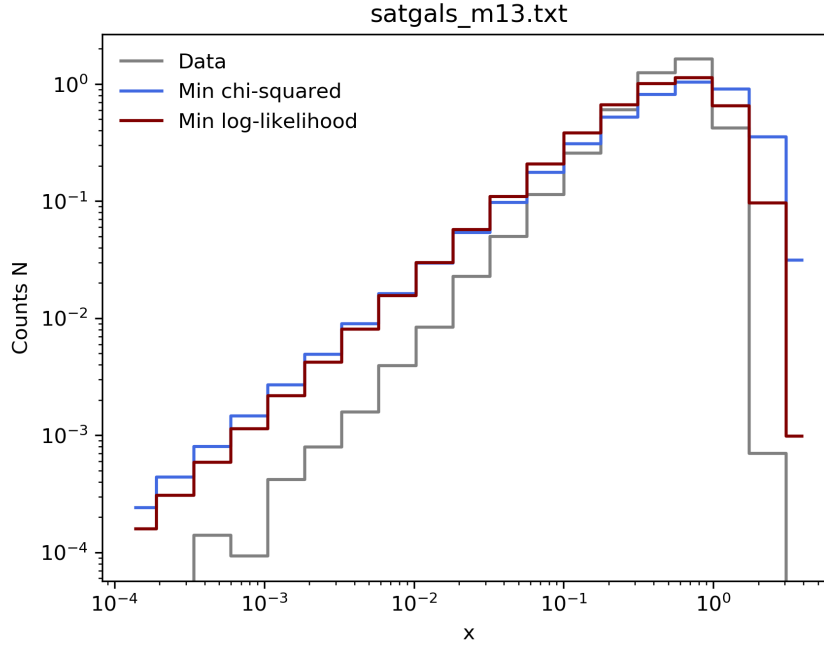


Figure 3: Best fits for the two models and data in the corresponding mass bin.

## 2 Exercise 2

To start the second exercise, aiming to calculate forces using an FFT, we first need to initialise our simulation box. It is a cubic grid with  $16^3$  grid points. I define a separate class for a particle and a point, with the latter being a *grid* point, i.e. at a quantised position, whereas a particle can be initialised anywhere. There is also a Cell class, defining a cell starting at coordinates  $(x, y, z)$  and having a given width. Mass can also be assigned to cells and grid points; the latter also have a delta attribute to hold the density contrast/overdensity. The Grid class initialises a grid with a given dimension and cell width, then calls a function to initialise the cells, as well as the grid points. The `add_particle()` method appends an object of Particle class to the grid. In the main function, we first initialise the grid. Then, we add 1024 particles with coordinates given by the `positions` array as described in the exercise (fixing the numpy random seed).

We then proceed to the Cloud-In-Cell (CIC) implementation - method `assign_masses_cic()`. We loop through all the particles, and then through all grid points, and find the 8 nearest grid points to the given particle, using periodic boundary conditions. Finally, we calculate the mean density of the grid  $\bar{\rho} = m/V$  i.e. total mass divided by total volume<sup>1</sup>, as well as the density contrast  $\delta = (\rho - \bar{\rho})/\bar{\rho}$  - an attribute of each grid point. We call the CIC method in the main, and to check for conservation of mass, we can see the sum of masses assigned to all grid points - if the method has assigned the correct weights to the points, and periodic boundary conditions are satisfied, this number should be equal to the total mass in particles, i.e. the number of particles each of mass unity. In the output of the script we can see that the total mass assigned is indeed 1024 with a small numerical error.

Finally, we create plots of the density contrast for the requested grid slices. The plots are shown after the code output.

For part b), we need to solve the spatial dependence of the Poisson equation:  $\nabla^2\Phi \propto \delta$ . Fourier

<sup>1</sup>The expression in the method assumes the particles are of mass 1 each.

transforming this proportionality, we have

$$k^2 \tilde{\Phi} \propto \tilde{\delta} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tilde{\Phi} \propto \frac{\tilde{\delta}}{k^2}, \quad (7)$$

where  $k$  is the wavevector, given by  $k^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2$ . Inverse Fourier transforming the last proportionality, we have that the potential is proportional to the inverse FT of the overdensity divided by the wavevector squared:

$$\Phi \propto \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left( \frac{\tilde{\delta}}{k^2} \right). \quad (8)$$

Therefore, to get the potential, we need to Fourier transform the overdensity, divide by  $k^2$ , then inverse FT the product. I start with a discrete Fourier transform, see `dft(x)`. The inverse equivalent is `idft(x)`. Then, FFT the implementation that finally worked for me is shown in the `fft(x)` function. It is a recursive version of the Cooley-Tukey algorithm, dividing the array elements into even and odd until we have only pairs of elements; on the latter, we do a DFT. Then, we do a ‘butterfly swap’ of the elements at the corresponding indices.<sup>2</sup> This Fourier transforms a 1D array. The inverse equivalent is `ifft(x)`. However, we need a 3D FFT, which is just a sequence of 1D FFTs. This is implemented in `fft_3d(x)`. First we loop over the first, then, the 2nd, and finally the third dimension of  $x$ . The inverse equivalent is `ifft_3d(x)`. In the main, we do a FT of the overdensity  $\delta$ . I also check whether the result is the same as the numpy result, and they match, as seen in the output. Then, I create the  $k^2$  vector, looping through the indices. The FT of the potential is then the FT of the overdensity over  $k^2$ . Finally, we have to inverse FT this (in 3D). The script finishes with

<sup>2</sup>In order to finally write a working implementation of the FFT, I had to look at a few sources, notably [this link](#) and [this link](#), because my first six attempts of different Cooley-Tukey versions, following the slides or book, both recursive and iterative, were unfortunately unsuccessful... Looking at these sources helped me understand what to do better, but I did my best to write *my own* version of the algorithm.

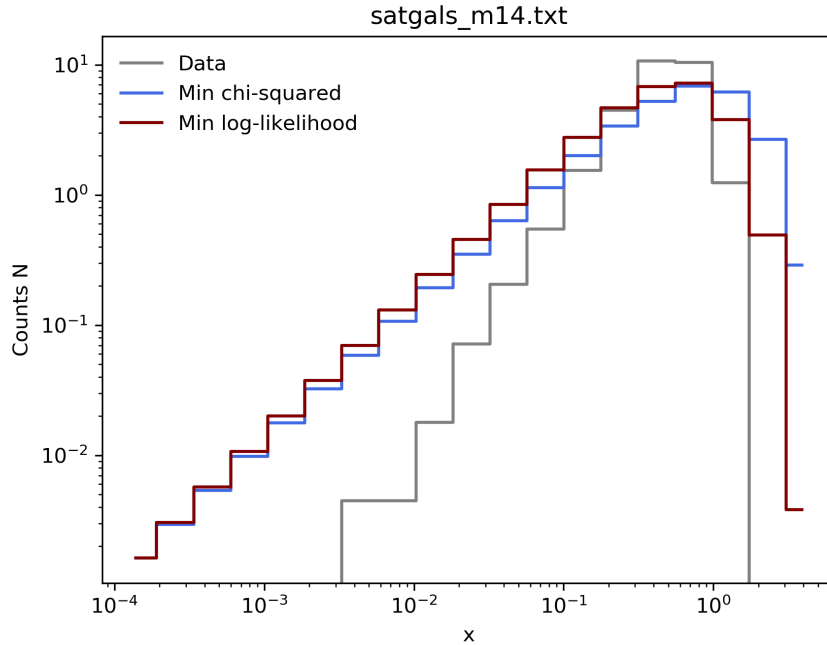


Figure 4: Best fits for the two models and data in the corresponding mass bin.

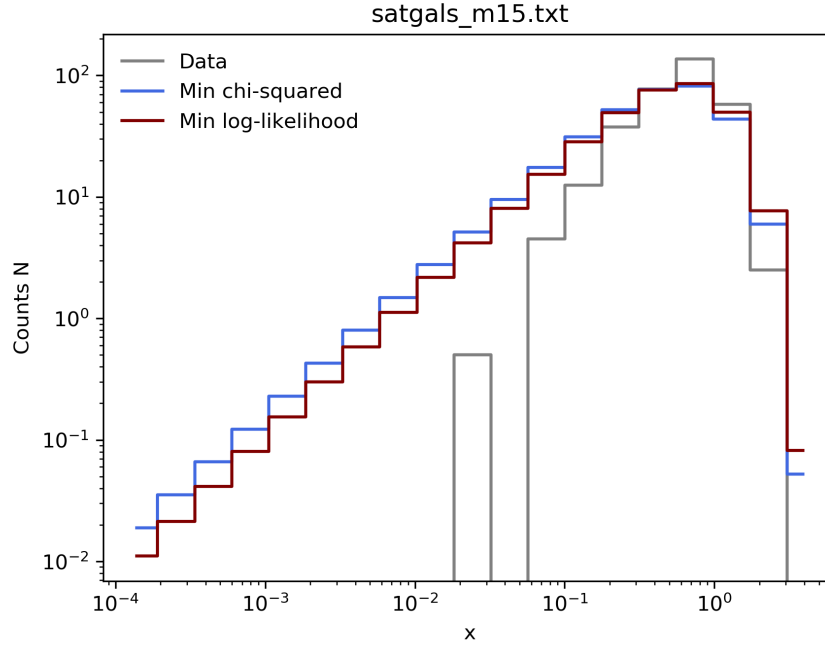


Figure 5: Best fits for the two models and data in the corresponding mass bin.

plotting of the Fourier-transformed potential (log of the absolute value, as it is a complex number, and we expect it to have significant both real and imaginary parts), and the calculated (inverse-fourier-transformed) potential  $\Phi$  at the requested grid slices. The plots are shown after the code output. For some reason, the IFT doesn't match the numpy equivalent, but I couldn't trace my error down. Comparing the slices I obtain to the ones of a classmate, though, as well as to the numpy result, I see that the overall structure is still recovered pretty well. The potential value (colorbar) has a different range, though, but after all we didn't care about the normalisation here. Still, I know the result is not entirely correct.

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2  import numpy as np
3  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4  import math
5  import time
6
7  beg = time.time()
8
9
10 # Particle - has coordinates x, y, z as attributes.
11 # Default particle mass = 1.
12 class Particle:
13     def __init__(self, x, y, z, mass=1):
14         self.x = x
15         self.y = y
16         self.z = z
17         self.mass = mass
18
19
20 # Point - has coordinates, assigned mass, and overdensity as attributes.
21 # Points form the *grid*, i.e. their positions are quantised. This is handled
22 # in the grid class. Particles on the other hand can, in principle, be anywhere.
23 class Point:

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24     def __init__(self, x, y, z):
25         self.x = x
26         self.y = y
27         self.z = z
28         self.mass = 0
29         self.delta = 0
30
31
32 # A cell is defined by its boundaries, i.e. initial (x,y,z) and width;
33 # cells have a mass attribute to store total mass in cell.
34 class Cell:
35     def __init__(self, index, x, y, z, width, mass=0):
36         self.index = index
37         self.x_low = x
38         self.x_high = x+width
39         self.y_low = y
40         self.y_high = y+width
41         self.z_low = z
42         self.z_high = z+width
43         self.mass = mass
44
45
46 # A grid with dim = dimension, defined cell_width. Init method initialises cells in
47 # the requested grid, as well as the grid points.
48 class Grid:
49     def __init__(self, dimension, cell_width, cells=[], particles=[]):
50         self.dimension = dimension
51         self.cells = cells
52         self.particles = particles
53         self.cell_width = cell_width
54         self.n_particles = len(self.particles)
55         self.mean_density = 0
56
57         self.initialise_cells()
58         self.initialise_grid_points()
59         self.grid_points = np.array(self.grid_points)
60
61     def initialise_cells(self):
62         ind = 0
63
64         for i in range(self.dimension):
65             for j in range(self.dimension):
66                 for k in range(self.dimension):
67                     self.cells.append(Cell(ind, i+0.5, j+0.5, k+0.5, width=self.cell_width))
68                     ind += 1
69
70     def initialise_grid_points(self):
71         self.grid_points = []
72
73         # Not ideal to use 3 nested loops, but for such low dimension of
74         # the problem this is not too bad.
75         for i in range(int(self.dimension)):
76             for j in range(int(self.dimension)):
77                 for k in range(int(self.dimension)):
78                     self.grid_points.append(Point(i+0.5, j+0.5, k+0.5))
79
80     # add particle at (x, y, z) to the grid:
81     def add_particle(self, x, y, z, mass=1):
82         self.particles.append(Particle(x, y, z, mass))
83         self.n_particles = len(self.particles)
84
85     # Cloud-in-cell method: assign masses to the grid points by weighing the mass of each
86     # particle based on the distance to its nearest 8 grid points. Total sum of weights = 1.
87     def assign_masses_cic(self):
88         ngridpoints = len(self.grid_points)

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89
90     # Loop for all particles:
91     for ind in range(self.n_particles):
92         [x, y, z] = [self.particles[ind].x, self.particles[ind].y, self.particles[ind].z
93
94         for ind_point in range(ngridpoints):
95             xp = self.grid_points[ind_point].x
96             yp = self.grid_points[ind_point].y
97             zp = self.grid_points[ind_point].z
98             # Periodic boundary conditions:
99             if abs(x-xp) <= self.cell_width or abs(x-xp-self.dimension) <= self.
cell_width or abs(x-xp+self.dimension) <= self.cell_width:
100                 if abs(y-yp) <= self.cell_width or abs(y-yp-self.dimension) <= self.
cell_width or abs(y-yp+self.dimension) <= self.cell_width:
101                     if abs(z-zp) <= self.cell_width or abs(z-zp-self.dimension) <=
self.cell_width or abs(z-zp+self.dimension) <= self.cell_width:
102                         # print('Closeby point: ', xp, yp, zp)
103                         dx = min(abs(x-xp), abs(x-xp-self.dimension), abs(x-xp+self.
dimension))
104                         dy = min(abs(y-yp), abs(y-yp-self.dimension), abs(y-yp+self.
dimension))
105                         dz = min(abs(z-zp), abs(z-zp-self.dimension), abs(z-zp+self.
dimension))
106                         # print(dx, dy, dz)
107                         self.grid_points[ind_point].mass += (1-dx)*(1-dy)*(1-dz)
108                 self.calculate_mean_density()
109                 self.calculate_density_contrast()
110
111     # mean density = \bar{(\rho)} = total mass in particles divided by the grid volume
112     def calculate_mean_density(self):
113         self.mean_density = len(self.particles)/self.dimension**3
114
115     # density contrast = \delta = (\rho - \bar{(\rho)})/\bar{(\rho)}:
116     # calculate the local density at each grid point, then translate to delta
117     def calculate_density_contrast(self):
118         ngridpoints = len(self.grid_points)
119         for i in range(ngridpoints):
120             rho = self.grid_points[i].mass/self.cell_width**3
121             self.grid_points[i].delta = (rho-self.mean_density)/self.mean_density
122
123
124     ndim = 3
125     nparticles = 1024
126     ngrid = 16
127
128     # Initialise the particle positions:
129     np.random.seed(121)
130     positions = np.random.uniform(low=0, high=16, size=(3, 1024))
131     x = positions[0]
132     y = positions[1]
133     z = positions[2]
134
135     # Intialise grid with cell width of unity:
136     grid = Grid(dimension=ngrid, cell_width=1)
137
138     # Add all particles to the grid, and assign masses to the grid points:
139     [grid.add_particle(x[i], y[i], z[i]) for i in range(len(x))]
140     grid.assign_masses_cic()
141     masses = [grid.grid_points[i].mass for i in range(16**3)]
142
143     print('Conservation of mass check:')
144     print('No. of particles of mass 1 = ', nparticles)
145     print('Total mass assigned to the grid points = ', sum(masses))
146

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147 grid_x = np.array([grid.grid_points[i].x for i in range(16**3)])
148 grid_y = np.array([grid.grid_points[i].y for i in range(16**3)])
149 grid_z = np.array([grid.grid_points[i].z for i in range(16**3)])
150 grid_delta = np.array([grid.grid_points[i].delta for i in range(16**3)])
151
152
153 for z in [4.5, 9.5, 11.5, 14.5]:
154     # find the grid points close to the desired slice: (of course, this is just 1 example
155     # way to do it)
156     ind = np.isclose(grid_z, z, atol=0.05)
157     plt.figure()
158     plt.scatter(grid_x[ind], grid_y[ind], c=grid_delta[ind], marker='s', s=170)
159     cbar = plt.colorbar()
160     cbar.set_label('Density contrast  $\delta$ ')
161     plt.xlabel('x')
162     plt.ylabel('y')
163     plt.title('Grid slice at z='+str(z))
164     plt.savefig('plots/grid-'+str(math.floor(z))+'.png', dpi=300)
165     plt.close()
166
167 # Simple swap function:
168 def swap(a, b):
169     temp = a
170     a = b
171     b = temp
172     return a, b
173
174
175 # Shuffle the array x by reversing the indices of its elements (in binary)
176 def bit_reversal_shuffle(x):
177     n = len(x)
178     # nbits = int(math.log(n, 2))
179     for i in range(n):
180         i_bitwise = '{0:011b}'.format(i)    # some python magic - use format function to get
181         # binary representation
182         i_bitwise_reversed = i_bitwise[::-1]
183         j = int(i_bitwise_reversed, 2)    # use int function to convert binary -> decimal
184         # print(i, '->', j)
185         x[i], x[j] = swap(x[i], x[j])
186     return x
187
188 # Discrete Fourier transform:
189 def dft(x):
190     N = len(x)
191     n = np.arange(N)
192     k = np.arange(N)
193     H = []
194     for i in range(N):
195         factor = np.exp(-2j*np.pi*k[i]*n/N)
196         H.append(sum(x*factor))
197     return H
198
199
200 # Discrete Fourier transform:
201 def idft(x):
202     N = len(x)
203     n = np.arange(N)
204     k = np.arange(N)
205     H = []
206     for i in range(N):
207         factor = np.exp(2j*np.pi*k[i]*n/N)
208         H.append(sum(x*factor))
209     return np.array(H).astype(complex)/2

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210
211
212 # Supposedly working version of a Fast Fourier Transform:
213 def fft(x):
214     x = x.astype(complex)
215     N = len(x)
216     a = np.zeros(N).astype(complex) # to hold the FT during recursive steps
217     k = np.arange(N)
218
219     if N == 2: # do DFT on 2-element pairs:
220         # print('do dft')
221         return dft(x)
222     else:
223         even = fft(x[::2])
224         odd = fft(x[1::2])
225         w = np.exp(-2j*np.pi*k/N)
226
227         # do butterfly 'swap'
228         for i in range(len(even)):
229             a[i] = even[i] + w[i]*odd[i]
230             a[i+len(even)] = even[i] + w[i+len(even)]*odd[i]
231
232         return a
233
234
235 # (?) working version of an Inverse Fast Fourier Transform:
236 def ifft(x):
237     x = x.astype(complex)
238     N = len(x)
239     a = np.zeros(N).astype(complex) # to hold the FT during recursive steps
240     k = np.arange(N)
241
242     if N == 2: # do DFT on 2-element pairs:
243         # print('do dft')
244         return idft(x)
245     else:
246         even = fft(x[::2])
247         odd = fft(x[1::2])
248         w = np.exp(2j*np.pi*k/N)
249
250         # do butterfly 'swap'
251         for i in range(len(even)):
252             a[i] = even[i] + w[i]*odd[i]
253             a[i+len(even)] = even[i] + w[i+len(even)]*odd[i]
254
255         return a
256
257
258 # 3-dimensional FFT;
259 def fft_3d(x):
260     n = len(x)
261     ft = np.empty(x.shape).astype(complex)
262     row, column, height = x.shape
263     # loop over rows, columns, and then vertically
264     for r in range(row):
265         for c in range(column):
266             ft[r, c, :] = fft(x[r, c, :])
267     for c in range(column):
268         for h in range(height):
269             ft[:, c, h] = fft(ft[:, c, h])
270     for r in range(row):
271         for h in range(height):
272             ft[r, :, h] = fft(ft[r, :, h])
273
274     # ft = [fft_2d(x[i]) for i in range(n)]

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```

275     # ft = np.array(ft).astype(complex)
276     return ft
277
278
279 # 3-dimensional IFFT;
280 def ifft_3d(x):
281     n = len(x)
282     ft = np.empty(x.shape).astype(complex)
283     row, column, height = x.shape
284     # loop over vertical dimension, rows, and then columns; order doesn't matter, though
285     for r in range(row):
286         for c in range(column):
287             ft[r, c, :] = ifft(x[r, c, :])
288     for c in range(column):
289         for h in range(height):
290             ft[:, c, h] = ifft(ft[:, c, h])
291     for r in range(row):
292         for h in range(height):
293             ft[r, :, h] = ifft(ft[r, :, h])
294     return ft/n      # divide by n - IFT convention
295
296
297 delta_ft = np.array(fft_3d(np.array(grid_delta).reshape((16, 16, 16))))
298 print('Check: does the FT implementation match the numpy one:')
299 print(np.allclose(delta_ft, np.fft.fftn(np.array(grid_delta).reshape((16, 16, 16)))))
300
301 # k-vector initialisation:
302 k_squared = np.zeros((16, 16, 16))
303 for i in range(16):
304     for j in range(16):
305         for k in range(16):
306             k_squared[i, j, k] = i*i + j*j + k*k
307
308 k_squared[0, 0, 0] = 1 # k(0, 0, 0) is just normalisation, so we can set it to one
309
310 phi_ft = delta_ft/k_squared # FT of potential
311 phi = np.array(ifft_3d(phi_ft)) # potential = IFT of FT of potential
312 print('Does the IFT match?')
313 print(np.allclose(phi, np.fft.ifftn(phi_ft)))
314
315 # Plot the slices:
316 for z in [4.5, 9.5, 11.5, 14.5]:
317     slice = math.floor(z)
318     plt.figure()
319     plt.imshow(np.log10(abs(phi_ft[:, :, slice])))
320     cbar = plt.colorbar()
321     cbar.set_label('log$_{10}$|$\widetilde{\Phi}$|')
322     plt.xlabel('$k_x$')
323     plt.ylabel('$k_y$')
324     plt.title('Grid slice at z='+str(z))
325     plt.savefig('plots/grid-phi-ft-'+str(math.floor(z))+'.png', dpi=300)
326     plt.close()
327
328     plt.figure()
329     plt.imshow(abs(phi[:, :, slice]))
330     cbar = plt.colorbar()
331     cbar.set_label('$|\Phi|$')
332     plt.xlabel('x')
333     plt.ylabel('y')
334     plt.title('Grid slice at z='+str(z))
335     plt.savefig('plots/grid-phi-'+str(math.floor(z))+'.png', dpi=300)
336     plt.close()
337
338 end = time.time()
339 print('Ex. 2 took ', round(end-beg), 's')

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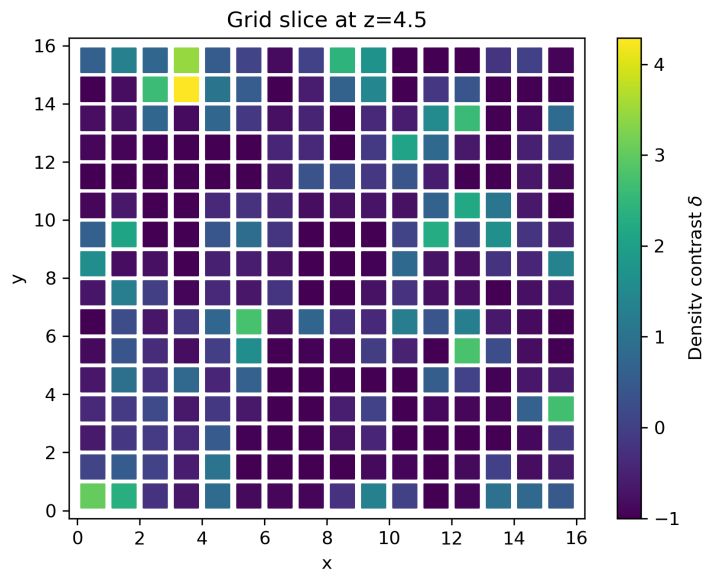


Figure 6: Slice of grid at  $z=4.5$ .

cic-fft.py

```

1 Conservation of mass check:
2 No. of particles of mass 1 = 1024
3 Total mass assigned to the grid points = 1024.00000000000023
4 Check: does the FT implementation match the numpy one:
5 True
6 Does the IFT match?
7 False
8 Ex. 2 took 28 s

```

output/cic-fft.txt

## Acknowledgements

To solve these exercises, I have again reused and reconstructed parts of the code of my own homework submission for the NUR course in 2019, notably the KS test and the CIC grid. To understand the Fast Fourier Transform, I looked at a few sources online ([this link](#) and [this link](#)). The rest of the algorithms I've mainly implemented following the lecture slides. Again, I'd like to thank my classmate Gijs Vermariën for the useful discussions.

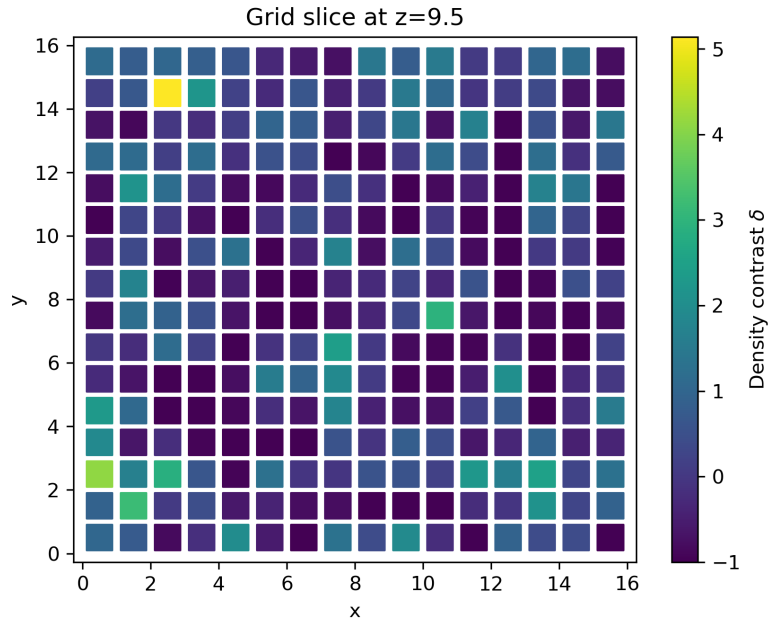


Figure 7: Slice of grid at  $z=9.5$ .

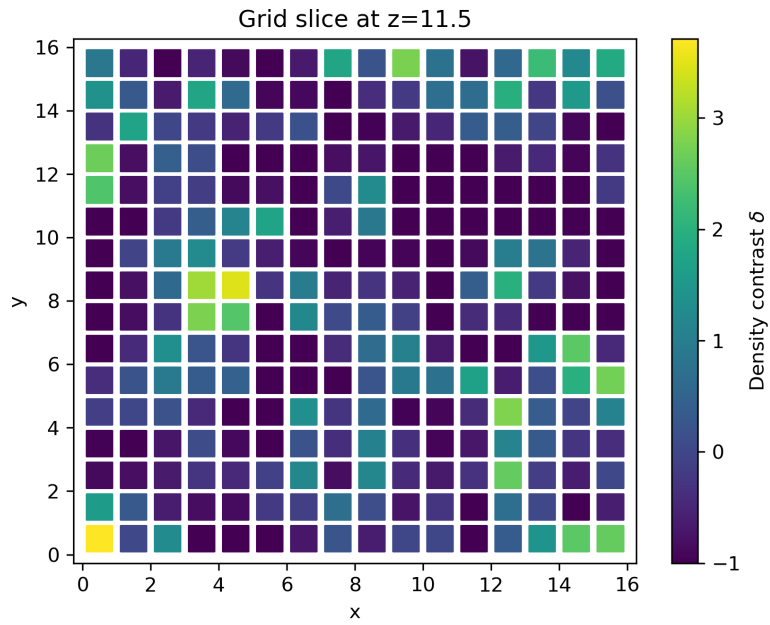


Figure 8: Slice of grid at  $z=11.5$ .

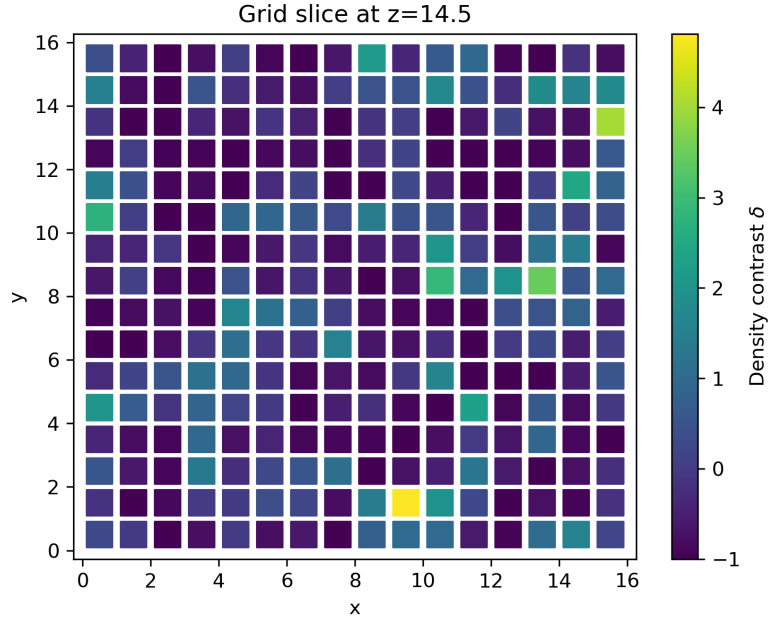


Figure 9: Slice of grid at  $z=14.5$ .

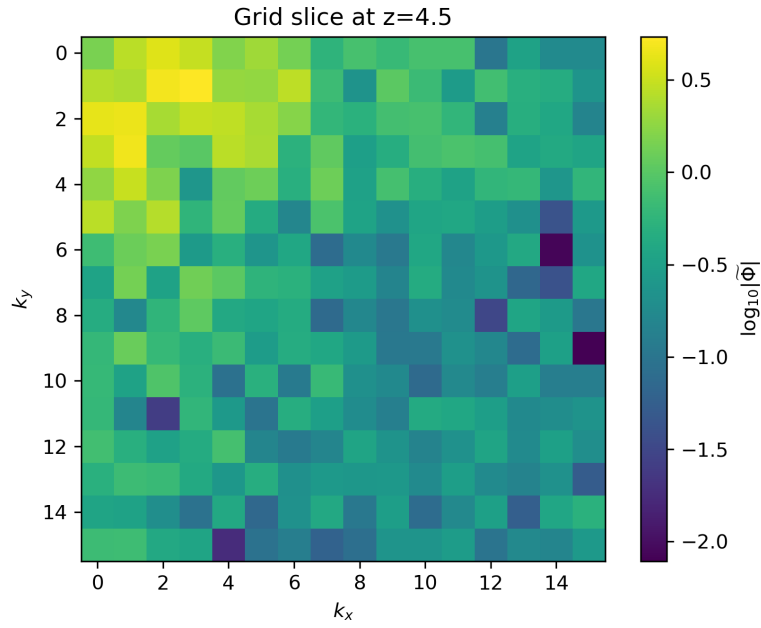


Figure 10: Slice of FR of density contrast divided by  $k^2$  at  $z=4.5$ .

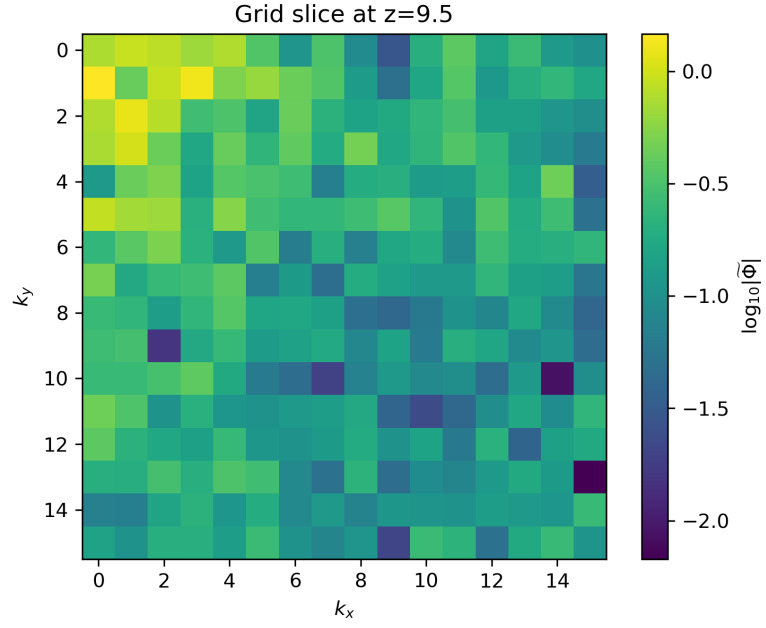


Figure 11: Slice of FR of density contrast divided by  $k^2$  at  $z=9.5$ .

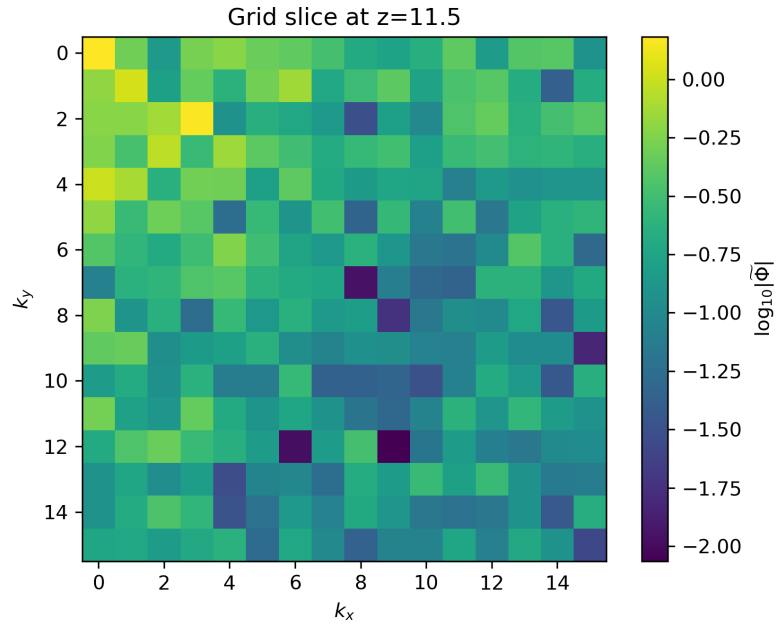


Figure 12: Slice of FR of density contrast divided by  $k^2$  at  $z=11.5$ .

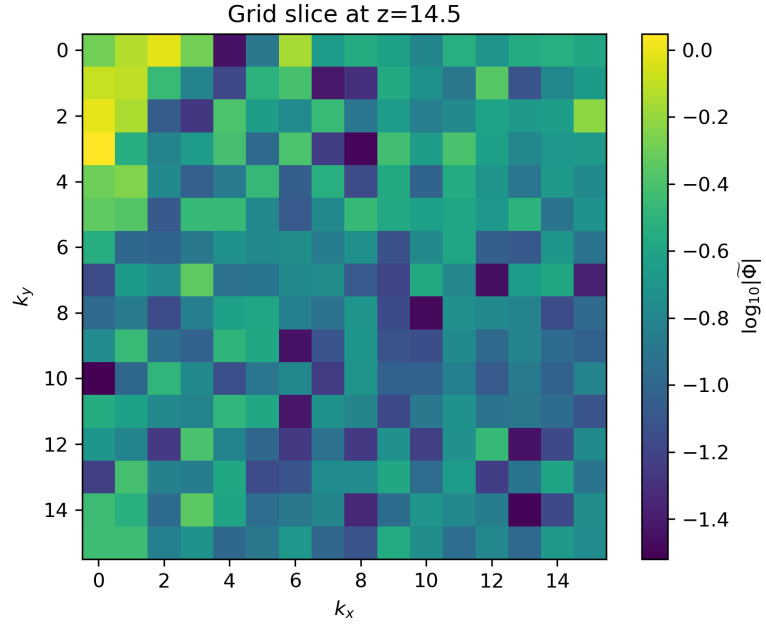


Figure 13: Slice of FR of density contrast divided by  $k^2$  at  $z=14.5$ .

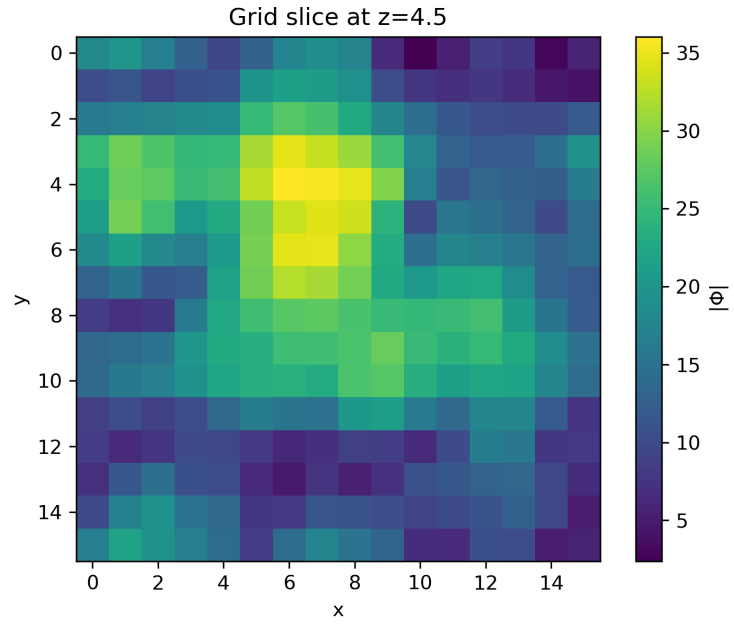


Figure 14: Slice of obtained potential at  $z=4.5$ .



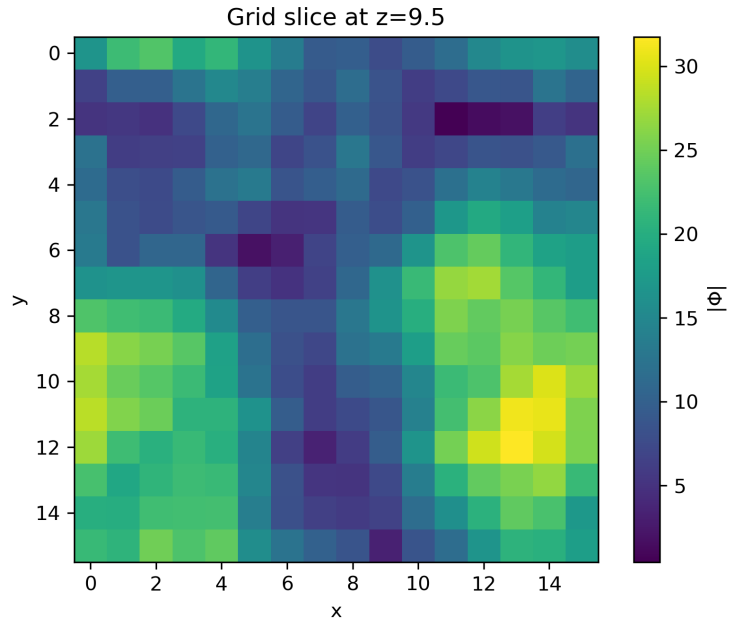


Figure 15: Slice of obtained potential at  $z=9.5$ .

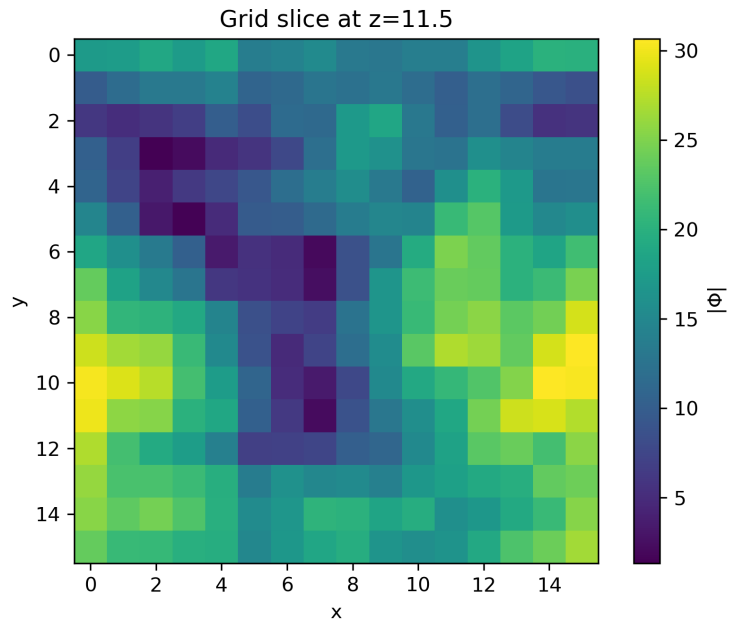


Figure 16: Slice of obtained potential at  $z=11.5$ .

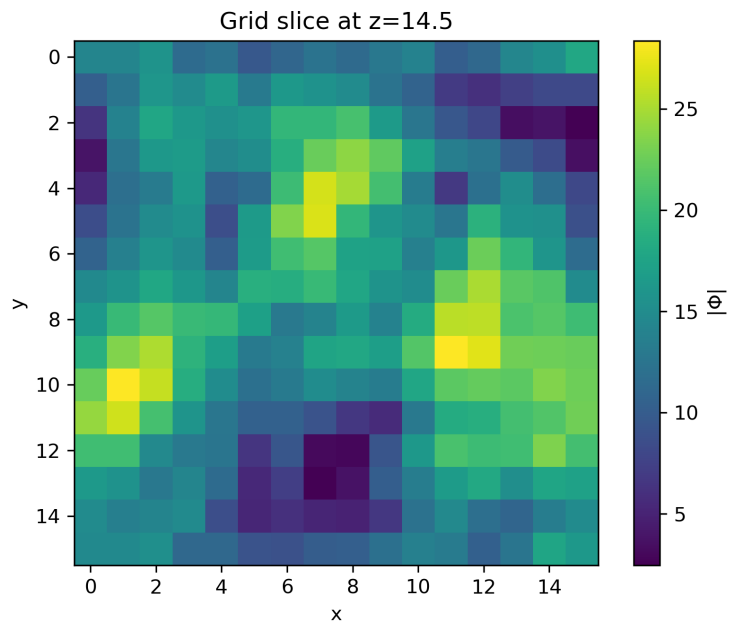


Figure 17: Slice of obtained potential at  $z=14.5$ .