



Adiabaticity and Non-Gaussianity

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Model

- Two-field inflation with potentials of the form:

$$W(\phi, \chi) = F[U(\phi) + V(\chi)]$$

- Use the δN formalism to calculate observables such as:

$$\frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}} = \frac{\sum_{IJ} N_{,I} N_{,J} N_{,IJ}}{(\sum_K N_{,K}^2)^2}$$

- Follow evolution until the fluctuations become adiabatic as required for subsequent conservation and as indicated by observation

Results

- After passing through a short phase of effectively single field inflation we find:

$$f_{\text{NL}} \sim \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_*) \quad \tau_{\text{NL}} \sim \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_*) \quad g_{\text{NL}} \sim \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_*)$$

- More generally, we can define:

$$F_{\text{NL},i}^{(n)} = \frac{\sum_{A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots} N_{,A_1 A_2 \dots} N_{,A_1 A_3 \dots} \cdots N_{,A_2} N_{,A_3}}{\left(\sum_K N_{,K}^2 \right)^{n-1}}$$

- We find that upon entering an adiabatic mode

$$F_{\text{NL},i}^{(n)} \sim \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_*) \quad \forall n, i$$

Details

- The m th derivative of N takes the form:

$$\frac{\partial^m N}{\partial \phi_*^m} = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \mathcal{O} \left(\varepsilon_*^{(2k-m)/2} \right)$$

- Leading term is suppressed during single field

$$\frac{\partial^m N}{\partial \phi_*^m} \sim \mathcal{O} \left(\varepsilon_*^{-m/2} \right) \text{Exp} \left[-2 \int H \eta^{ss} dt \right] + \mathcal{O} \left(\varepsilon_*^{(2-m)/2} \right)$$

- All non-linearity parameters are suppressed

$$F_{\text{NL},i}^{(n)} \sim \mathcal{O} (1) \text{Exp} \left[-2 \int H \eta^{ss} dt \right] + \mathcal{O} (\varepsilon_*)$$