Tools for cosmology: the Cosmological Linear Anisotropy Solving System (CLASS)\(^1\)

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\(^1\) code developed together with Thomas Tram plus many others
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- Ziad $\implies$ 4 “wallclock” hours = 2 “effective” hours
CLASS is the 5th public Boltzmann code covering all basic cosmology:

1. COSMICS package in f77 (Bertschinger 1995)
2. CMBFAST in f77 (Seljak & Zaldarriaga 1996)
3. CAMB in f90/2000 (Lewis & Challinors 1999)
4. CMBEASY in C++ (Doran 2003)
5. CLASS in C (Lesgourgues & Tram 2011)

... and there will probably be 1 or 2 more! But only CAMB and CLASS are still developed and kept to high precision level.
Project started on request of Planck science team, in order to have a tool independent from CAMB, and check for possible Boltzmann-code-induced bias in parameter extraction. The CLASS-CAMB comparison has triggered progress in the accuracy of both codes. Agreement established at $10^{-4}$ (0.01%) level for CMB observables, using highest-precision settings in both codes. But the CLASS projected expanded and went much further the initial Planck purposes.

**CLASS** is meant to be

- more **general** (more models, more output/observables)
- more **modern** (structured, modular, flexible, wrap-able: wrapper for python, C++, automatic precision test code)
- more **friendly** (documented, structured, easy to understand) and hence easier to modify (coding additional models/observables)
- equally **accurate and fast** (in principle, better structure offers more possibilities to make it more accurate and fast than competitors in future)
With CLASS you can get:

The CMB anisotropy spectra:
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The matter power spectrum:

$P(k) (h/\text{Mpc})^3$

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$k$ (h/Mpc)

$z = 0$: linear
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The transfer functions at a given time/redshift (e.g. initial conditions for N-body):
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The matter density (number count) $C_\ell$’s, or the lensing $C_\ell$’s (with arbitrary selection/window functions):

![Graph showing lensing potential spectrum](image)
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The background evolution in a given cosmological model:
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The thermal history in a given cosmological model:
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The time evolution of perturbations for individual Fourier modes:

$k = 1 \, h/\text{Mpc}$, normalised to $R(k, a_{\text{ini}}) = 1$

- $|\delta_\gamma|$
- $|\delta_b|$
- $|\delta_\nu|$
- $|\delta_{\text{cdm}}|$

$\tau [\text{Mpc}]$
... and several other quantities, for instance:

- distance–redshift relations, sound horizon, characteristic redshifts;
- primordial spectrum for given inflationary potential;
- decomposition of CMB $C_l$'s in intrinsic, Sachs-Wolfe, Doppler, ISW, etc.;
- decomposition of galaxy number count $C_l$'s in density, RSD, lensing, etc.;
- ...
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![Plot](chart.png)

- $\phi(k, \eta)$
- $\omega_m = 0.25$
- $k = aH$
- $\eta_{RD}$
- $\eta_{dec}$
- $\eta_{AD}$

Figure 4.18: For small $m$, the epoch of $\gamma$-dominance is reached earlier and the late ISW gets important. Furthermore, the time of matter-radiation equality is later and $\omega_m$ is not yet stabilized at the time of decoupling. Therefore, the early ISW contribution increases.
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![Graphs](image-url)
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... and movies of CMB perturbations in 2D slices of early universe with our Real space graphical interface (not yet included in public distribution, please be patient or ask for it by email); here is a snapshot:
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... all this for a wide range of cosmological models: all those implemented in the public CAMB code, plus several other ingredients, especially in the sectors of:

- **primordial perturbations** (internal inflationary perturbation module with given $V(\phi)$, takes arbitrary BSI spectra, correlated isocurvature modes),
- **neutrinos** (chemical potentials, arbitrary phase-space distributions, flavor mixing...),
- **Dark Matter** (warm, decaying, annihilating, interacting...),
- **Dark Energy** (fluid with CLP+ sound speed, quintessence with given $V(\phi)$),
- **also Modified Gravity** if you try the recently released HiCLASS branch (Bellini, Sawicki, Zumalacarregui, [http://www.hiclass-code.net](http://www.hiclass-code.net))
Our program...

This is what we can fit in $\sim 3.5$ hours:

1. 14 general coding principles of the code
2. Basic running
3. Plotting
4. Python wrapper and notebook

with short hands-on throughout the lecture.

That should be sufficient if you plan some efficient and even advanced use of the code, but not if you plan to modify the code significantly by yourself.
... and beyond!

If you do plan to modify the code significantly, on top of the official documentation:

http://www.class-code.net ➞ click: online html documentation

you may have a look at extra material and corrected exercises e.g. from the Dropbox folder of our lectures at IPMU Tokyo (2014):

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ma5muh76sggwkwk8k/AABl_DDUBEyAjjeKdywMjeTya2a?dl=0

1 In Tokyo_Tools/CLASS_Lecture_Slides: topics not covered here:

- lecture2_structure.pdf
- lecture5_index_and_error.pdf
- lecture6_input_module.pdf
- lecture8_background.pdf
- lecture9_thermodynamics.pdf
- lecture10_perturbations.pdf
- lecture11_non_cold_dark_matter.pdf
- lecture12_primordial.pdf
- lecture13_other_modules.pdf
- lecture14a_testing.pdf
- lecture14b_adding_species.pdf

2 In Tokyo_Tools/CLASS_Exercises: exercises.pdf, exercises_correction.pdf
(Exercises 0, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2a can be done directly after this course; 1e, 1f, 2b, 3 require reading at least lectures 2, 5, 6, 14b above)

3 In Tokyo_Tools/IPython_Notebooks: solution to the same exercises entirely in python

4 + slides/exercises on MontePython

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CLASS
When you see the logo followed by some instructions, you can check things by yourself on your terminal. For that, you should be in the class directory (e.g. `class_public-2.5.0/`), with the code installed, and seeing among others:

```
class    # C executable
explanatory.ini  # reference input file
output/    # directory for output files
include/   # header files (*.h) containing declarations
source/    # the 10 important modules of CLASS
main/      # main CLASS function: short, just calls 10 modules
test/      # other main functions for testing part of the code
tools/     # auxiliary pieces of code (numerical methods)
python/    # python wrapper of CLASS
cpp/       # C++ wrapper of CLASS
```

plus a few other directories containing ancillary data (`bbn/`) or external code (`hyrec/`)
Our efforts for ensuring flexibility and friendliness in CLASS, summarised in 14 key points
14 general coding principles of class

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3. Perturbation equations and notations taken literally from well-known Ma & Bertschinger (astro-ph/9506072) paper ...

... rather than specific notations of one given group, or mixed notations from various origins.

For non-flat universes we found and published the simplest possible generalisation of Ma & Bertschinger notations, (arXiv:1305.3261).
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7. No global variables
All variables passed as arguments of functions. Important for readability and parallelisation.
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8. Clear modular structure
Distinct modules with separate physical tasks. No duplicate equations.

1. input.c
2. background.c
3. thermodynamics.c
4. perturbations.c
5. primordial.c
6. nonlinear.c
7. transfer.c
8. spectra.c
9. lensing.c
10. output.c

E.g.: Friedmann equation appears in one single place. Same for linearised Einstein equations. Ideal for implementing modified gravity theories.

Search Friedmann in source/background.c
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11. Adding new ingredient...

... can be done by searching for occurrence of another similar ingredient, copy/pasting, and adapting the new lines.

Example: if you want to add a new Dark Energy component, you may search for ‘_fld’, duplicate all corresponding lines, change ‘_fld’ into e.g. ‘_myde’, and adapt the physical equations.
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12. Error management

Our goal: CLASS should never crash. In case of problem, it returns an error message, with a well-documented error (line, function, what caused the crash, how to avoid it). Most of this message is generated automatically by the code.

If you get a crash: probably due to your own modifications. If you make the public CLASS crash, please write to us!

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Run ./class input.ini with only omega_b = 0.07
You get an informative error message:

```
Error in thermodynamics_init
=> thermodynamics_init(L:292) : error in
      thermodynamics_helium_from_bbn(ppr,pba,pth);
=> thermodynamics_helium_from_bbn(L:1031) : condition (omega_b
      > omegab[num_omegab-1]) is true; You have asked for an
      unrealistic high value omega_b = 7.350000e-02. The
      corresponding value of the primordial helium fraction
      cannot be found in the interpolation table. If you
      really want this value, you should fix YHe to a given
      value rather than to BBN
```

In the relevant part of the code, we only wrote the piece starting with “You have asked...”. All the rest was generated automatically by the error management system. This follows from following everywhere some systematic rules and using specif macros for calling functions; see e.g.:

Tokyo_Tools/CLASS_Lecture_Slides/lecture5_index_and_error.pdf
13. Version history

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14. Git repository and GitHub website.

The code can be downloaded as a .tar.gz, or as a git repository. Then, user can develop his own modification with the advantages of git (branching, memory of changes...); or merge his changes with a newer version almost automatically; or submit his modifications to the CLASS team in view of an easy merging with the public version.

You can also raise issues there, like in a discussion forum (will be propagated to the main CLASS developers, answering time variable)

More details on GitHub in Tokyo_Tools/General_Lecture_Slides/git.pdf
Basic running

Run with any input file with (compulsory) extension *.ini:

>./class my_model.ini

Syntax inside input file:

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- ./class can take two input files *.ini and *.pre:
  
>./class my_model.ini some_precision.pre

But one is enough.
For instance, we can create a very short file `lcdm.ini`:

```
******************************
* CLASS input parameter file *
******************************

----> background parameters:
H0 = 72. # km/s/Mpc
omega_b = 0.0266691
omega_cdm = 0.110616

----> thermodynamics parameters:
z_reio = 10.

----> define primordial perturbation spectra:
A_s = 2.3e-9
n_s = 1.

----> define which perturbations should be computed:
output = tCl, pCl, lCl # temp., polar., CMB lensing Cl’s
lensing = yes

----> parameters for the output spectra:
l Scalar max = 2500
```
Try to run the code with an even smaller input file `nut.ini`:

```plaintext
output = tCl
output_verbose = 1
```

Run with

```
./class nut.ini
```

Check that $C_l$'s have been written in `output/nut00_cl.dat`

more `output/nut00_cl.dat`

Check if you run once more, the output goes automatically to `output/nut01_cl.dat` and so on...
Basic running

Essential input parameters controlling the output (1/2); details in explanatory.ini:

```
modes = s , t
ic = ad , cdi , bi , nid , niv
lensing = yes
non linear = halofit
output = tCl , pCl , lCl , mPk , mTk , vTk , nCl , sCl

l_max_scalars = 2500
l_max_tensors = 500
l_max_lss = 1000
P_k_max_h / Mpc = 0.2
# P_k_max_1 / Mpc =
z_pk = 0 # or 1, 2, 10

root = output / test_ # default: output / <ini_file>
headers = [yes/ no]
format = [class / camb]
```
Essential input parameters controlling the output (2/2); details in explanatory.ini:

```plaintext
write background = [yes/no]
write thermodynamics = [yes/no]
k_output_values = 0.01, 0.1, 0.0001  # in 1/Mpc
write primordial = [yes/no]
write parameters = [yes/no]
write warnings = [yes/no]

input_verbose = 1     # or 0, 2, 3,...
background_verbose = 1
thermodynamics_verbose = 1
perturbations_verbose = 1
transferVerbose = 1
primordial_verbose = 1
spectra_verbose = 1
nonlinear_verbose = 1
lensing_verbose = 1
output_verbose = 1
```
Following files created (or not) automatically (here we assume that root=test_), depending on the content of the input fields:

```
output = [tCl, pCl, lCl, nCl, sCl, mPk, dTk, vTk]
lensing = [yes, no]
modes = [s, v, t]
ic = [ad, bi, cdi, nid, niv]
# ... and more, e.g. for nCl, sCl redshift bins
```

For all output in harmonic space ($C_l$'s), including CMB, density, lensing potential/cosmic shear:

- `test_cl.dat` total unlensed $C_l$'s
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- **test_cl_lensed.dat** total lensed $C_l$'s
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- test_cl.dat total unlensed \(C_l\)'s
- test_cl_lensed.dat total lensed \(C_l\)'s
- test_cls.dat scalar \(C_l\)'s when two modes
- test_clt.dat tensor \(C_l\)'s when two modes
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- test_cl_ad.dat, test_cl_cdi.dat, test_cl_ad_cdi.dat etc. when different i.c. requested
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Number of columns in these files can vary a lot depending on input parameters. Always indicated in the header.
Basic running

- Create an input file `test.ini` containing just:
  
  ```
  output = tCl,lCl
  lensing = yes
  root = output/test1_
  ```
  
  Remember to go back to a new line at the end.

- Trick: add all the verbose parameters to it with:
  ```
  tail explanatory.ini >> test.ini
  ```

- Run with `./class test.ini`

- Look at the header of `output/test1_cl_lensed.dat`

- Repeat the test after changing to:
  ```
  root=output/test2_, output=tCl,pCl,lCl
  ```

- Repeat the test after changing to:
  ```
  root=output/test3_ and adding format = camb
  ```

- Remove `format = camb` (or equivalently, set `format = class`) for the next exercises
Basic running

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```plaintext
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modes = [s,v,t]
ic = [ad, bi, cdi, nid, niv]
z_pk = [list of values]
```

For all output in Fourier space:
- test_pk.dat matter power spectrum
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For all output in Fourier space:

- `test_pk.dat` matter power spectrum
- `test_pk_nl.dat` non-linear matter power spectrum

Run with `root=output/test4_{}` and without or with the extra line `z_pk=0,0.4,0.8`.

In each case, look at output file names and headers.
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- `test_pk_ad.dat, test_pk_cdi.dat, test_pk_ad_cdi.dat` etc. when different i.c. requested
Basic running

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modes = [s, v, t]
ic = [ad, bi, cdi, nid, niv]
z_pk = [list of values]

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Run with root=output/test4_, output=mPk, and without or with the extra line z_pk=0,0.4,0.8. In each case, look at output file names and headers.
Basic running

Following files created (or not) automatically (here we assume that root=test_), depending on the content of the input fields:

- write background = [yes, no]
- write thermodynamics = [yes, no]
- write primordial = [yes, no]
- k_output_values = [list of values]
- modes = [s,v,t]

- test_background.dat background quantities versus time and redshift
Basic running

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- `write primordial = [yes, no]`
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- test_background.dat background quantities versus time and redshift
- test_thermodynamics.dat thermodynamical quantities versus redshift
Basic running

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Run with
root=output/test5_
output=tCl
k_output_values = 0.001,0.01
write background = yes
Look at output file names and headers.
Plotting

You can get plots:

1. Manually: using e.g. gnuplot, IDL, python, Mathematica, GNU Octave...

2. Automatically: using python and script CPU.py, or MATLAB and script plotCLASSoutput.m

3. Interactively: using CLASS as a python module, within a python session or an iPython Notebook.
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Plotting: Manual mode

Using Gnuplot

$> \text{cd output/}$
$> \text{gnuplot}$

\begin{verbatim}
\text{gnuplot}\text{> plot 'test1_cl.dat' using 1:2 with lines title 'Cl'}
\end{verbatim}

or equivalently

\begin{verbatim}
\text{gnuplot}\text{> p 'test1_cl_lensing.dat' u 1:2 w l t 'Cl'}
\end{verbatim}

Some additional Gnuplot commands:

- Modifying scale and adding labels:
  \begin{verbatim}
  \text{gnuplot}\text{> set logscale x}
  \text{gnuplot}\text{> set ylabel 'Cl^{TT}'}
  \end{verbatim}

- Writing to a file:
  \begin{verbatim}
  \text{gnuplot}\text{> set terminal pdf}
  \text{gnuplot}\text{> set out 'my plot.pdf'}
  \end{verbatim}
Plotting: Manual mode

Example of gnuplot output:

```
ClTT
0 1e-10 2e-10 3e-10 4e-10 5e-10 6e-10 7e-10 8e-10 1 10 100 1000 10000
```

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Plotting: Manual mode

Which column number?

Easy! Column number and title written automatically in file.

Example for test2_cl_lensed.dat file:


Example for a *_background.dat file:

1: z  2: proper time [Gyr]  3: conf. time [Mpc] ...
   4: H [1/Mpc]  5: comov. dist.  6: ang. diam. dist. ...
   7: lum. dist.  8: comov. snd. hrz.  9: (.) rho_g ...

Example for a *_thermodynamics.dat file:

1: z  2: conf. time [Mpc]  3: x_e  4: kappa' [Mpc^-1] ...
   5: exp(-kappa)  6: g [Mpc^-1]  7: Tb [K]  8: c_b^2  9: tau_d

etc.

Other tools

Alternatives include MATLAB, Python, IDL, Mathematica, GNU Octave, ...
Plotting: Automatic mode

**CPU.py**
- CPU: CLASS Plotting Utility
- Written in Python by Benjamin Audren

**plot_CLASS_output.m**
- Written in MATLAB by Thomas Tram
- Compatible* with GNU Octave
Plotting: Automatic mode

**CPU.py**

**Getting help:**
```
python CPU.py --help
```

**Plot certain quantities:**
```
python CPU.py output/test5_background.dat -y rho_g rho_cdm
```

**Plot quantities with a common string across several files:**
```
python CPU.py output/test1_cl.dat output/test2_cl.dat -y T
```

**Set scale:** \{lin, loglog, loglin, george\}
```
python CPU.py ... --scale loglog
```

**Set axis limits:**
```
python CPU.py ... --xlim 0.1 10 --ylim 1e2 1e5
```

**Save plot to PDF file:**
```
python CPU.py ... -p
```
Plotting: Automatic mode

$> \text{python CPU.py output/test5\_background.dat} \\
-\text{y rho\_g rho\_cdm --scale loglog -p example\_background.pdf}$

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CLASS
Plotting: Automatic mode

$> python CPU.py output/test1_cl.dat output/test2_cl.dat -y T --scale loglog -p example_T.pdf
Plotting: Automatic mode

plot_CLASS_output.m

Getting help:

    help plot_CLASS_output

Plot certain quantities:

    plot_C('test5_background.dat', {'rho_g', 'rho_cdm'})

Plot quantities with a common string across several files:

    plot_C({'test1_cl.dat', 'test2_cl.dat'}, 'T')

Set xscale and yscale:

    plot_C(..., ..., 'xscale', 'log', 'yscale', 'log')

Set axis limits:

    plot_C(..., ..., 'xlim', [0.1, 10])

Specify name of EPS file:

    plot_C(..., ..., 'EpsFilename', 'myplot.eps')
Let’s look first at the python wrapper! After, you’ll see that you can

- use **CLASS** as a **Python** module
- call most useful **CLASS** functions directly from **Python**
- get the output stored directly in **Python** variables
- plot whatever you want with the usual functions of **matplotlib**, **pyplot** ... (and also perform algebra on the output with **numpy**, etc)

**Plotting: Interactive mode**

J. Lesgourgues  CLASS
What happens when you type `make` (and not just `make class`)?

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- creates a C library `libclass.a`
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Python wrapper

**classy, the CLASS wrapper**
- **classy** is the name of the Python module “containing the code CLASS”
- **Class** is the name of the Python class “containing the code CLASS” (it is defined by **classy**)
- so, before doing anything, we need to start from:
  
  ```python
  python> from classy import Class
  ```

Running CLASS from Python:

```python
from classy import Class
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

cosmo = Class()
cosmo.set({'output': 'tC1,pC1,lC1','lensing': 'yes'})
cosmo.compute()
```

The name cosmo in this exemple is optional. It is just one instance of the class Class containing a given cosmology (= a set of input parameters and of output quantitites). You can work with several at the same time, e.g.: `lcdm = Class()` and `wcdm = Class()`
Let’s do a simple plot of the lensed $C_l^{TT}$, $C_l^{EE}$ for $\Lambda$CDM:

```python
from classy import Class
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

cosmo = Class()
cosmo.set({'output': 'tCl, pCl, lCl', 'lensing': 'yes'})
cosmo.compute()

l = np.array(range(2, 2501))
factor = l*(l + 1) / (2* np.pi)
lensed_cl = cosmo.lensed_cl(2500)

# We may want to check which "columns" are stored in the array lensed_cl (in fact a python dictionary):
lensed_cl.viewkeys()
dict_keys(['pp', 'ell', 'bb', 'ee', 'tt', 'tp', 'te'])

# Here t, e, b, p mean respectively temp., E and B pol., CMB lensing potential "phi".

# Final plotting steps:
plt.loglog(l, factor * lensed_cl['tt'][:, 2:], l, factor * lensed_cl['ee'][:, 2:]
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plt.ylabel(r'$\ell \ (\ell +1) \ / (2 \ pi) C_\ell$')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('output/TT_EE_LambdaCDM.pdf')
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The following figure has been produced:

\[ \frac{\ell(\ell + 1)}{2\pi} C_\ell \]
Python wrapper: IPython

ipython is nicer than python, for instance because of automatic completion with TAB key!

```
lesgourg@lesgourg-MacBook-Pro:/Professional/documents/codes/ClassProject/class_public-2.4.3$ ipython
Python 2.7.9 (default, Apr 27 2015, 18:58:46)
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

IPython 3.1.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.
? --> Introduction and overview of IPython's features.
%quickref --> Quick reference.
help --> Python's own help system.
object? --> Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra details.

In [1]: from classy import Class

In [2]: cosmo = Class()

In [3]: cosmo.Hubble cosmo.Neff cosmo.Omega0_m cosmo.Omega_b cosmo.Omega_m cosmo.Omega_nu cosmo.T cmb cosmo.age cosmo.angular_distance cosmo.baryon_temperature          cosmo.compute cosmo.density_cl cosmo.empty cosmo.get_background cosmo.get_current_derived_parameters cosmo.get_perturbations cosmo.get_perturbations cosmo.get_primordial cosmo.get_primordial cosmo.get_t_cmb cosmo.get_t_cmb cosmo.get_thermodynamics cosmo.get_thermodynamics cosmo.get_transfer cosmo.get_transfer cosmo.h       cosmo.ionization_fraction cosmo.lensed_cl cosmo.luminosity_distance cosmo.n_s     cosmo.nonlinear_method cosmo.nonlinear_scale cosmo.omega_b   cosmo.pars       cosmo.pk

In [3]: cosmo.set({'output':'tCl,pCl,lCl','lensing':'yes'})
Out[3]: True

In [4]: cosmo.compute()

In [5]: cosmo.angular_distance(10.5)
Out[5]: 847.3685842875997

In [6]:
```
**IPython Notebook**

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To launch a new notebook:
`ipython notebook`
This opens a new window on browser. Then click “new” and “Python 2”

To launch an existing one (your previous session, something taken from the net...):
`ipython notebook my_notebook.ipynb`

To use the docker (our online notebook server):
`https://github.com/ThomasTram/iCLASS`
Just choose one notebook. Then you can either run it directly on-line, or download it.
Python wrapper: IPython notebooks

Same example as before, within a notebook:

```
In [1]: from classy import Class
   import numpy as np
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   %matplotlib inline

In [2]: cosmo = Class()
cosmo.set({'output': 'tC1,pC1,lC1', 'lensing': 'yes'})
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   factor = l*(l+1)/(2*np.pi)
   lensed_cl = cosmo.lensed_cl(l,2500)
   lensed_cl.viewkeys()

Out[3]: dict_keys(['pp', 'ell', 'bb', 'ee', 'tt', 'tp', 'te'])

In [4]: plt.loglog(l,factor*lensed_cl['tt'][2:],l,factor*lensed_cl['ee'][2:]
   plt.xlabel(r'$\ell$')
   plt.ylabel(r'$C_{\ell\ell}(\ell+1)/(2\pi)$')

Out[4]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0x112e65350>
```

- note the additional line `%matplotlib inline` (necessary to visualise figure inside notebook)
- you can save the figure separately in a file
Python wrapper: IPython notebooks

Interactive CLASS notebooks

Current aspect of the docker (we will improve the presentation!):

Branch: master - New pull request

Commit

16 commits
1 branch
0 releases
2 contributors

ThomasTram Added a bunch of CLASS notebooks that I found
Latest commit 57b1698 on Feb 25

Dockerfile
Euler.ipynb
NeffBook.ipynb
PlotsForDCDMtalk.ipynb
Primordial.ipynb
README.md
Solution1b.ipynb
Solution2.ipynb
TestOutput.ipynb
ThermodynamicsEx.ipynb
Transfer.ipynb
decaySW_Omegaini.ipynb
index.ipynb
neutrinoHierarchy.ipynb

iCLASS

Interactive CLASS notebooks

instructions for devs

Run the following (with possible sudo before docker command depending on configuration)
For instance, `neutrinoHierarchy.ipynb` shows how to plot the ratio of $P(k)$ in the normal/inverted hierarchy model for a fixed value of the total neutrino mass, given neutrino oscillation data:

```python
IH.struct_cleanup()
plt.semilogx(kvec, 1 - np.array(pkNH) / np.array(pkIH))
legarray.append(r'$\Sigma m_i = ' + str(sum_masses) + '$ eV')
plt.axhline(0, color='k')
plt.xlabel(r'$k$ [Mpc$^{-1}$]')
plt.ylabel(r'$1 - P(k)^{\text{NH}} / P(k)^{\text{IH}}$')
plt.legend(legarray)
```

Out[47]: `<matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x10c134e10>`
The TAB key after the dot gives you the list of available classy methods (= available functions and quantities) in a scrolling menu:
The TAB+SHIFT keys after the () gives you a short doc on each method (expand it by clicking +):

```
In [1]: from classy import Class
   cosmo = Class()

In [ ]: cosmo.angular_distance()
```

**Docstring:**

```
angular_distance(z)
```

Return the angular diameter distance (exactly, the quantity defined by Class as index_bg_ang_distance in the background module)

**Parameters**

```
----------
z : float
    Desired redshift

**Type:**

```
builtin_function_or_method
```
Example for getting derived quantities, such as the usual $100 \theta_s$ (related to angular scale of the CMB peaks), and the BAO angle at redshift $z = 1.2$:

```python
In [20]: from classy import Class
cosmo = Class()
cosmo.set({'output': 'tCl'})
cosmo.compute()

In [34]: # get derived parameters (about ~100 quantities available in this function)
   # here we ask for the comoving sound horizon and angular distance, in Mpc, at recombination
   # we also get the comoving sound horizon at baryon drag time, rs_d
   derived = cosmo.get_current Derived_parameters(["rs_rec","ra_rec","rs_d"])

In [35]: # the ratio gives the famous 100*theta_s used as free parameter in parameter extraction
   100*derived['rs_rec']/derived['ra_rec']

Out[35]: 1.0421423808806758

In [36]: # calculation of the BAO angle at z=1.2
   z = 1.2
   da = cosmo.angular_distance(z)
   ra = da*(1+z)
   derived['rs_d']/ra

Out[36]: 0.03809797354314303
Now you can train more with exercises 0, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d of the Tokyo Dropbox:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ma5muh76sggwkwk8k/AABl_DDUBEzAjjdywMjeTya2a?dl=0

They are in:
Tokyo_Tools/CLASS_Exercises/exercises.pdf

You can first try first the “old-school” way, using the terminal, output files, plotting scripts: detailed correction in:
Tokyo_Tools/CLASS_Exercises/exercises_correction.pdf

Or try directly with the notebook, partial correction in:
Tokyo_Tools/IPython_Notebooks
and also in the docker.

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