

We assume two galaxy population, A and B; the corresponding maps have the following $a_{\ell m}$:

$$a_{\ell m}^A = b_A a_{\ell m}^M + a_{\ell m}^{pA} \quad (1)$$

$$a_{\ell m}^B = b_B a_{\ell m}^M + a_{\ell m}^{pB} \quad (2)$$

Here, b_A and b_B correspond to the linear galaxy bias for both populations, $a_{\ell m}^{pA}$ and $a_{\ell m}^{pB}$ are the respective Poisson contribution to the maps, and $a_{\ell m}^M$ is the underlying (identical for both population) dark matter map/distribution.

1 Standard approach

In the “standard analysis”, with $a_{\ell m}$ as observables, we have as data vector simply:

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} a_{\ell m}^A \\ a_{\ell m}^B \\ a_{\ell m}^M \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

One would then need to compute the covariance matrix of those observable (in order to do some Fisher later on). Here are the various terms:

$$\text{Cov}(a_{\ell m}^A, a_{\ell m}^A) = b_A^2 \mathcal{C}_\ell^M + \mathcal{N}_\ell^A \quad (4)$$

$$(5)$$

$$\text{Cov}(a_{\ell m}^A, a_{\ell m}^B) = b_A b_B \mathcal{C}_\ell^M \quad (6)$$

$$(7)$$

$$\text{Cov}(a_{\ell m}^B, a_{\ell m}^B) = b_B^2 \mathcal{C}_\ell^M + \mathcal{N}_\ell^B \quad (8)$$

$$\simeq b_B^2 \mathcal{C}_\ell^M \quad (9)$$

The approximation in the last line corresponds to the assumption that population B has a significantly high number density of galaxies, which allows us to ignore its corresponding Poisson contribution.

NB: one can note that the correlation factor between the two $a_{\ell m}$ is the following:

$$\text{Corr}(a_{\ell m}^A, a_{\ell m}^B) \equiv \frac{\text{Cov}(a_{\ell m}^A, a_{\ell m}^B)}{\sqrt{\text{Cov}(a_{\ell m}^A, a_{\ell m}^A) \text{Cov}(a_{\ell m}^B, a_{\ell m}^B)}} \quad (10)$$

$$= \frac{b_A b_B \mathcal{C}_\ell^M}{\sqrt{(b_A^2 \mathcal{C}_\ell^M + \mathcal{N}_\ell^A) (b_B^2 \mathcal{C}_\ell^M + \mathcal{N}_\ell^B)}} \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 + \mathcal{N}_\ell^A / (b_A^2 \mathcal{C}_\ell^M)) (1 + \mathcal{N}_\ell^B / (b_B^2 \mathcal{C}_\ell^M))}} \quad (12)$$

$$\simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \mathcal{N}_\ell^A / (b_A^2 \mathcal{C}_\ell^M)}} \quad (13)$$

As the ratio $\mathcal{N}_\ell^A / (b_A^2 \mathcal{C}_\ell^M)$ gets closer to 0 (i.e. the ratio between the Poisson contribution to the \mathcal{C}_ℓ of A and its “cosmological” contribution), the correlation between the two $a_{\ell m}^A$ gets closer to one: you’re essentially probing the same distribution.