Cosmology of Nonlocal Gravity

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1. Introduction: General relativity

Einstein Theory of Gravity (1915)

\[
R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{R}{2} g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu} - \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}
\]

\[
\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^\mu_{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx^\alpha}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\beta}{d\tau} = 0
\]
General Relativity (GR) is Einstein theory of gravity, which is current theory of gravity.

- Nice theoretical properties and remarkable phenomenological achievements
- Perfectly describes dynamics of Solar System
- Many significant predictions: deflection of light by the Sun, gravitational redshift of light, gravitational waves, gravitational lensing, black holes, Dark Energy (DE) and Dark Matter (DM), ...
- GR still serves as a starting point in understanding all gravitational phenomena.
- Modern cosmology is based on GR and started in 1917.
1. Introduction: Some problems

- There is no Quantum General Relativity: it is a non-renormalizable quantum field theory.
- It predicts Dark Energy and Dark Matter which are mysterious and still without laboratory evidence.
- General Relativity has not been tested and confirmed at very large cosmic scales, hence its application to the Universe as a whole should be taken with caution.
- Cosmological solutions of GR mainly contain Big Bang singularity.
- It seems unnatural that Einstein GR is theory of gravity at all (spatial) scales: from Planck scale to the universe as a whole. (Physical theories differ at scales and complexity of systems.)
- There is a sense to search generalization of Einstein theory of gravity.
- There are many attempts to modify GR motivated by theoretical and phenomenological reasons.
- Here we consider some modifications of GR with respect to cosmology.
2. Modified Gravity: Cosmological motivations

- Einstein equations: \( R_{\mu \nu} + \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu \nu} = 8 \pi G T_{\mu \nu} \).
- FRW metric for homogeneous and isotropic space-time
  \[ ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left( \frac{dr^2}{1-kr^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \right) \]
  and energy-momentum tensor \( T_{\mu \nu} = \text{diag}(\rho, p_{g11}, p_{g22}, p_{g33}) \).
- Friedmann equations

\[
\left( \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} \right)^2 + \frac{k}{a^2} = \frac{8 \pi G}{3} \rho, \quad \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4 \pi G}{3} (\rho + 3p)
\]

- If \( \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} > 0 \Rightarrow \rho + 3p < 0 \): Dark Energy. 68%
- Big velocities in spiral galaxies: Dark matter. 27%
- Standard cosmological model: 95% \( \Lambda \)CDM. Only 5% visible matter.
- There is no experimental evidence of DE and DM
- General rel. has not been verified for the whole universe.
- Initial (Big Bang) singularity.
2. Modified Gravity: Kinds of modification

- First modifications: Einstein 1917, ..., many modifications after 1998

Einstein-Hilbert action

\[
S = \int d^4x \frac{\sqrt{-g}}{16\pi G} R + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}(\text{matter})
\]

modification

\[
R \rightarrow f(R, \Lambda, R_{\mu\nu}, R^\alpha_{\mu\beta\nu}, \Box, \ldots), \quad \Box = \nabla^\mu \nabla_\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_\mu \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu
\]
2. Modified Gravity: Kinds of modification

- \( f(R) \) modified gravity

\[
S = \int d^4x \frac{\sqrt{-g}}{16\pi G} f(R) + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}(\text{matter})
\]

- nonlocal modified gravity

\[
S = \int d^4x \frac{\sqrt{-g}}{16\pi G} f(R, \Box) + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}(\text{matter})
\]
3. Nonlocal Modified Gravity: Kinds of nonlocal gravity

Nonlocal modified gravity with $\Box^{-n}$:

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int \sqrt{-g} (R + L_{NL}) \, d^4x,$$

with two typical examples:

1) $L_{NL} = R f(\Box^{-1} R),$

2) $L_{NL} = -\frac{1}{6} m^2 R \Box^{-2} R.$
The exact tree-level Lagrangian for effective scalar field $\varphi$ which describes open $p$-adic string tachyon is

$$\mathcal{L}_p = \frac{m_p^D}{g_p^2} \frac{p^2}{p-1} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \varphi \, p \, \frac{-\Box}{2m_p^2} \varphi + \frac{1}{p+1} \varphi^{p+1} \right]$$

where $p$ is any prime number, $\Box = -\partial_t^2 + \nabla^2$ is the $D$-dimensional d’Alembertian and metric with signature $(-+...+)$. 
3. Nonlocal Modified Gravity: Analytic approach

Action for a class of models:

\[ S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int_M \left( R - 2\Lambda + P(R)\mathcal{F}(\Box)Q(R) \right) \sqrt{-g} \, d^4x, \]

where \( \mathcal{F}(\Box) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n \Box^n \), \( P(R) \) and \( Q(R) \) are some differentiable functions of \( R \), \( \Lambda \) is cosmological constant.

For simplicity, we consider nonlocal modification without matter.
3. Nonlocal Modified Gravity: Analytic approach

Equations of motion:

\[
G_{\mu \nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu \nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu \nu} P(R) \mathcal{F}(\Box) Q(R) + (R_{\mu \nu} \Phi - K_{\mu \nu} \Phi) \\
+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (g_{\mu \nu} g^{\alpha \beta} \partial_\alpha \Box^l P(R) \partial_\beta \Box^{n-1-l} Q(R) \\
- 2 \partial_\mu \Box^l P(R) \partial_\nu \Box^{n-1-l} Q(R) + g_{\mu \nu} \Box^l P(R) \Box^{n-1-l} Q(R)) = 0,
\]

where \( K_{\mu \nu} = \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu - g_{\mu \nu} \Box \), \\
\( \Phi = P'(R) \mathcal{F}(\Box) Q(R) + Q'(R) \mathcal{F}(\Box) P(R) \), \\
and \( ' \) denotes derivative on \( R \).
In homogeneous and isotropic spaces (FLRW metric) there are only two linearly independent equations of motion (Trace and 00-component):

\[ 4\Lambda - R - 2P(R)\mathcal{F}(\Box)Q(R) + (R\Phi + 3\Box\Phi) \]
\[ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \left( \partial^{\mu}_{\mu} \Box^l P(R) \partial^{\mu}_{\mu} \Box^{n-1-l} Q(R) + 2\Box^l P(R) \Box^{n-l} Q(R) \right) = 0, \]

\[ G_{00} + \Lambda g_{00} - \frac{1}{2} g_{00} P(R)\mathcal{F}(\Box)Q(R) + (R_{00}\Phi - K_{00}\Phi) \]
\[ + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \left( g_{00} g^{\alpha\beta} \partial_{\alpha} \Box^l P(R) \partial_{\beta} \Box^{n-1-l} Q(R) \right) \]
\[ - 2\partial_0 \Box^l P(R) \partial_0 \Box^{n-1-l} Q(R) + g_{00} \Box^l P(R) \Box^{n-l} Q(R) \right) = 0. \]
4. Cosmological solutions

- Some cosmological solutions when \( P = Q = (R + R_0)^m \), in action

\[
S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int_M \left( R - 2\Lambda + P(R)\mathcal{F}(\Box) Q(R) \right) \sqrt{-g} \, d^4x,
\]

where \( R_0 \) is a constant and \( m \in \mathbb{Q} \),

- with an Ansatz

\[
\Box(R + R_0)^m = p(R + R_0)^m, \quad R = 6\left( \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 + \frac{k}{a^2} \right),
\]

where \( p \) is a constant and \( \Box = -\partial_t^2 - 3H\partial_t \) is the d’Alembert operator in FLRW metric

- and scale factor of the form

\[
a(t) = A \, t^n e^{\gamma t^2},
\]

where \( A \) and \( \gamma \) are some constants.
4. Cosmological solutions

For the above Ansatz, scalar curvature $R$, $k = 0$, and $a(t) = A t^n e^\gamma t^2$ we get the following six equations:

1) $72m(1 + 2m - 3n)n^2(-1 + 2n)^2 = 0,$
2) $36n(-1 + 2n)(-np + 2n^2p + mR_0 - mnR_0 + 12m\gamma$
   $+ 48mn\gamma - 72mn^2\gamma) = 0,$
3) $12n(-1 + 2n)(pR_0 + 12p\gamma + 48np\gamma - 6mR_0\gamma$
   $+ 312m\gamma^2 - 192m^2\gamma^2 - 288mn\gamma^2) = 0,$
4) $pR_0^2 + 24pR_0\gamma + 96npR_0\gamma + 144p\gamma^2 + 576np\gamma^2$
   $+ 3456n^2p\gamma^2 + 96mR_0\gamma^2 + 288mnR_0\gamma^2$
   $+ 1152m\gamma^3 + 8064mn\gamma^3 + 13824mn^2\gamma^3 = 0,$
5) $96\gamma^2(pR_0 + 12p\gamma + 48np\gamma + 6mR_0\gamma$
   $+ 24m\gamma^2 + 96m^2\gamma^2 + 432mn\gamma^2) = 0,$
6) $2304\gamma^4(p + 12m\gamma) = 0.$
4. Cosmological solutions

The above system of equations has 5 solutions:

1. \( p = -12m\gamma, \, n = 0, \, R_0 = -12\gamma, \, m = \frac{1}{2} \)
2. \( p = -12m\gamma, \, n = \frac{2m+1}{3}, \, R_0 = -28\gamma, \, m = \frac{1}{2} \)
3. \( p = -12m\gamma, \, n = 0, \, R_0 = -4\gamma, \, m = 1 \)
4. \( p = -12m\gamma, \, n = \frac{1}{2}, \, R_0 = -16\gamma, \, m = 1 \)
5. \( p = -12m\gamma, \, n = \frac{1}{2}, \, R_0 = -36\gamma, \, m = -\frac{1}{4} \)

Ansatz solutions (1-4) also satisfy the corresponding equations of motion.
4. Cosmological solutions: 1) Model with nonlocal term

$$\sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} \mathcal{F}(\Box) \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left( R - 2\Lambda + \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} \mathcal{F}(\Box) \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} \right) \sqrt{-g} \; d^4x,$$

where $$\mathcal{F}(\Box) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n \Box^n$$

- **Cosmological solution:**
  $$a(t) = A \; e^{\frac{\Lambda}{6} t^2}$$
  ($$p = -6\gamma, \; n = 0, \; R_0 = -12\gamma = -2\Lambda, \; m = \frac{1}{2})$$

  $$\Box \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} = -\Lambda \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda}$$

  $$\mathcal{F}(-\Lambda) = -1, \quad \mathcal{F}'(-\Lambda) = 0, \quad \Lambda \neq 0.$$ 

- **Cosmological solution:**
  $$a(t) = A \; t^{\frac{2}{3}} e^{\frac{\Lambda}{14} t^2}$$
  ($$p = -6\gamma, \; n = \frac{2}{3}, \; R_0 = -28\gamma = -2\Lambda, \; m = \frac{1}{2})$$

  $$\Box \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} = -\frac{3}{7} \Lambda \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda}$$

  $$\mathcal{F}(-\frac{3}{7}\Lambda) = -1, \quad \mathcal{F}'(-\frac{3}{7}\Lambda) = 0, \quad \Lambda \neq 0.$$
Cosmological solutions: 1) Model with nonlocal term
\[ \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} \mathcal{F}(\Box) \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} \]

- Cosmological solution: \( a(t) = A e^{\pm\sqrt{\Lambda/6}t} \)

\( \Lambda > 0, \quad k = \pm 1, \quad R(t) = \frac{6k}{A^2} e^{-2\sqrt{\Lambda/6}t} + 2\Lambda, \)

\( \Box \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} = \frac{\Lambda}{3} \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda}, \)

\( \mathcal{F}(\frac{\Lambda}{3}) = -1, \quad \mathcal{F}'(\frac{\Lambda}{3}) = 0. \)
Cosmological solutions for $R = 4\Lambda > 0$
Equations of motion are satisfied without conditions on function $\mathcal{F}(\Box)$, because $\Box \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} = 0$.

(i) Solution $a(t) = A e^{\pm \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} t}$
$k = 0$. One has $H(t) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}}$.

(ii) Solution $a(t) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{\Lambda}} \cosh \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} t$
$k = +1$. Now $H(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} \tanh \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} t$.

(iii) Solution $a(t) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{\Lambda}} \left| \sinh \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} t \right|$
$k = -1$. Here $H(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} \coth \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} t$. 
Cosmological solutions with $R \to 0$, $k = 0$

The Minkowski space can be obtained from the previous de Sitter case $a(t) = A e^{\pm \sqrt{\Lambda/3} t}$, $k = 0$ in the limit $\Lambda \to 0$.

Cosmological solutions for $R = 4\Lambda < 0$

The corresponding solution has the form

$$a(t) = \sqrt{-\frac{3}{\Lambda}} \left\lvert \cos \sqrt{-\frac{\Lambda}{3}} t \right\rvert,$$

where $\Lambda$ is negative cosmological constant. In this case

$$H(t) = -\sqrt{-\frac{\Lambda}{3}} \tan \sqrt{-\frac{\Lambda}{3}} t,$$

and $k = -1$. 

\[ \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} \mathcal{F}(\Box) \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} \]
4. Cosmological solutions: 2) Model with nonlocal term \((R - 2\Lambda) \mathcal{F}(\Box)(R - 2\Lambda)\)

\[
S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int_M \left( R - 2\Lambda + (R - 2\Lambda) \mathcal{F}(\Box)(R - 2\Lambda) \right) \sqrt{-g} \, d^4x
\]

- Cosmological solution: \(a(t) = A e^{\frac{\Lambda}{2} t^2}\)
  \(\Box(R - 2\Lambda) = -6\Lambda(R - 2\Lambda)\)
  \(\mathcal{F}(\frac{-3}{2}\Lambda) = -\frac{1}{8\Lambda}, \quad \mathcal{F}'(\frac{-3}{2}\Lambda) = 0, \quad \Lambda \neq 0.\)
4. Cosmological solutions: 3) Model with nonlocal term \((R - 2\Lambda) \mathcal{F}(\Box) (R - 2\Lambda)\)

\[
S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int_M \left( R - 2\Lambda + (R - 2\Lambda) \mathcal{F}(\Box) (R - 2\Lambda) \right) \sqrt{-g} \, d^4x
\]

- Cosmological solution: 
  \[
a(t) = A \sqrt{t} e^{\frac{\Lambda}{8} t^2}
\]
  \[
\Box (R - 2\Lambda) = -\frac{3}{2} \Lambda (R - 2\Lambda)
\]
4. Cosmological solutions: 4) Model with nonlocal term $R \mathcal{F}(\Box) R$

\[
S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int_M \left( R - 2\Lambda + R \mathcal{F}(\Box) R \right) \sqrt{-g} \; d^4x
\]

- $\mathcal{F}(\Box) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n \Box^n$
- Linear Ansatz: $\Box R = rR + s$
- $a(t) = a_0 \cosh \left( \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} t \right)$ for $k = 0$.
  
  (Biswas, Koivisto, Mazumdar and Siegel)
- $a(t) = a_0 e^{\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} t^2}$ for $k = 0$.
  
  (Koshelev and Vernov)
- $a(t) = a_0 (\sigma e^{\lambda t} + \tau e^{-\lambda t})$ for $k = 0, \pm 1$.
  
  (Dimitrijevic, B.D., Grujic, Rakic)
5. Concluding Remarks: Discussion

\[ S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int_M \left( R - 2\Lambda + \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda \mathcal{F}(\Box) \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda}} \right) \sqrt{-g} \, d^4x \]

- Nonsingular bounce solutions. \( a(t) = A \, e^{\frac{\Lambda}{6} t^2} \)
- An imitation of dark matter and dark energy.
  \( a(t) = A \, t^{\frac{2}{3}} \, e^{\frac{\Lambda}{14} t^2} \)
- Late time acceleration:
  \[ \frac{\ddot{a}(t)}{a(t)} = -\frac{2}{3} \, t^{-2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3} + \frac{\Lambda^2}{49} \, t^2 \]
We have presented a few nonlocal gravity models with some cosmological solutions.

In particular nonlocal gravity model

\[ S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int_M \left( R - 2\Lambda + \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} \mathcal{F} (\Box) \sqrt{R - 2\Lambda} \right) \sqrt{-g} \ d^4 x \]

attracts further investigations.

In future? Add matter to the action and investigate phenomenological aspects of this nonlocal gravity model.
Some relevant references

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