Integrable F(R) gravity cosmological models with an additional scalar field

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• F(R) is one of the ways to generalize GR:

$$S_{GR} = \frac{M_{\rm Pl}^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R + S_m \longrightarrow S_F = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} F(R) + S_m;$$

This action leads to the following equations:

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- There is a well-known procedure for describing F(R) models in terms of equivalent models in Einstein frame (GR with a scalar field minimally coupled with gravity);
- The inverse is also true: some models of GR with minimally coupled to gravity scalar fields are equivalent to F(R) gravity models.

Consider the following chiral cosmological model:

$$egin{aligned} S_E &= \int d^4 x \sqrt{-g} \left[rac{M_{
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ight], \end{aligned}$$

By doing conformal transformation of metric, $g^{\mu\nu} = K(\phi)\tilde{g}^{\mu\nu}$, one gets the following action in Jordan frame:

$$\begin{split} S_J = \int d^4 x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[\frac{M_{\rm Pl}^2}{2K} \tilde{R} - \frac{\tilde{g}^{\mu\nu}}{2K} \left[1 - \frac{3M_{\rm Pl}^2 K_{,\phi}^2}{2K^2} \right] \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\varepsilon_\psi}{2} \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \psi \partial_\nu \psi - \frac{V}{K^2} \right]. \end{split}$$

• If $2K^2 = 3M_{\text{Pl}}^2 K_{,\phi}^2$, then the action won't have a kinetic term for ϕ . The function $K(\phi)$ then takes the following form:

$$K(\phi) = K_0 \mathrm{e}^{\kappa \phi},$$

where $\kappa = \pm \sqrt{2/3}/M_{\rm Pl}$ and $K_0 = {\rm const} > 0$;

Introducing

$$F_{,\sigma}(\sigma) = rac{M_{
m Pl}^2}{2K}, \quad V(\phi(\sigma)) = rac{M_{
m Pl}^4}{4} rac{\sigma F_{,\sigma} - F}{F_{,\sigma}^2},$$

we get

$$S_J = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[F_{,\sigma}(\sigma)(\tilde{R}-\sigma) + F(\sigma) - rac{arepsilon_\psi}{2} \tilde{g}^{\mu
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The resulting action corresponds to an F(R) gravity model with a massless scalar field ψ:

$$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{F}} = \int d^4x \sqrt{- ilde{g}} \left[\mathcal{F}(ilde{\mathcal{R}}) - rac{arepsilon_\psi}{2} ilde{g}^{\mu
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 If V(φ) = Λ = const > 0, then this action is an action of pure R² gravity model:

$$S_{F} = \int d^{4}x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[\frac{M_{\rm Pl}^{4}}{16\Lambda} \tilde{R}^{2} - \frac{\varepsilon_{\psi}}{2} \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \psi \nabla_{\nu} \psi \right]$$

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In spatially flat FLRW metric,

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a_E^2(t) \left(dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 \right) \,,$$

we get the following equations:

$$\begin{split} 3M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^2 H_E^2 &= \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{\varepsilon_{\psi}}{2}K\dot{\psi}^2 + V, \\ 2M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^2 \dot{H}_E + 3M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^2 H_E^2 + \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{\varepsilon_{\psi}}{2}K\dot{\psi}^2 = V, \\ \ddot{\phi} + 3H_E\dot{\phi} - \frac{\varepsilon_{\psi}}{2}K\dot{\psi}^2 + V_{,\phi} = 0, \\ \ddot{\psi} + 3H_E\dot{\phi} + \frac{K_{,\phi}}{K}\dot{\phi}\dot{\psi} = 0, \end{split}$$

where $H_E \equiv \dot{a}_E/a_E$. In what follows we have $K(\phi) = K_0 e^{\kappa \phi}$, with $\kappa = -\sqrt{2/3}/M_{\rm Pl}$, and $V = \Lambda = \text{const} > 0$.

Equation for H_E:

$$\dot{H}_E + 3H_E^2 = \lambda,$$

where $\lambda \equiv \Lambda / M_{\rm Pl}^2$;

The solution is

$$H_{E}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{3}} \frac{1 - C \mathrm{e}^{-2\sqrt{3\lambda}t}}{1 + C \mathrm{e}^{-2\sqrt{3\lambda}t}},$$

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where C is a constant of integration.

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$$C > 0$$
:
 $H_E(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{3}} \tanh\left(\sqrt{3\lambda}(t-t_0)\right);$
• $C < 0$:
 $H_E(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{3}} \coth\left(\sqrt{3\lambda}(t-t_0)\right);$
• $C = 0$:
 $H_E(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{3}};$
• $C = \pm \infty$:
 $H_E(t) = -\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{3}};$
• Here $t_0 = \ln(|C|)/(2\sqrt{3\lambda}).$

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• Equation for ϕ :

$$\ddot{\phi} = -3H_E\dot{\phi} + \frac{K'_{,\phi}}{K} \left(3M_{\rm Pl}^2 H_E^2 - \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - \Lambda \right)$$
$$= -3H_E\dot{\phi} + 3\kappa M_{\rm Pl}^2 H_E^2 - \frac{\kappa}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - \kappa M_{\rm Pl}^2\lambda;$$

General solution:

$$\phi(t) = \frac{2}{\kappa} \ln \left[A \cos \left(\frac{\kappa M_{\rm Pl}}{\sqrt{6}} \arccos \left(\frac{1 - C e^{-2\sqrt{3\lambda} t}}{1 + C e^{-2\sqrt{3\lambda} t}} \right) + B \right) \right],$$

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where A and B are constants of integration.

In an explicitly real form, we get:

for
$$C > 0$$
:
$$\phi(t) = \frac{2}{\kappa} \ln \left[A \cos \left[\frac{\kappa M_{\text{Pl}}}{\sqrt{6}} \arccos \left[\tanh \left(\sqrt{3\lambda} (t - t_0) \right) \right] + B \right] \right];$$
for $C < 0$:
$$\phi(t) = \frac{2}{\kappa} \ln \left[A \tanh^n \left(\frac{\sqrt{3\lambda}}{2} (t - t_0) \right) + B \coth^n \left(\frac{\sqrt{3\lambda}}{2} (t - t_0) \right) \right],$$
where $n = \kappa M_{\text{Pl}} / \sqrt{6};$

• Solutions for ψ are given by

$$\dot{\psi}(t) = rac{C_{\psi}}{a_E^3(t)}e^{-\kappa\phi(t)},$$

where C_{ψ} is a constant of integration.

In Jordan frame, we have

$$ds^2=-d\,\widetilde{t}^2+a_J^2(\widetilde{t})\left(dx^2+dy^2+dz^2
ight);$$

One can get solutions for H_J(t̃) using results for φ(t) and H_E(t):

$$a_J(\tilde{t}(t)) = \sqrt{K(\phi(t))} a_E(t),$$
$$H_J(\tilde{t}(t)) = \frac{1}{a_J} \frac{da_J}{d\tilde{t}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{K(\phi(t))}} \left[H_E(t) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d \ln K}{dt}(t) \right],$$

where

$$ilde{t} = \int \sqrt{\mathcal{K}(\phi(t))} \, dt;$$

Note that the cosmic time in Einstein frame t is a parametric time in Jordan frame.

In spatially flat FLRW metric,

$$ds^2= -d ilde{t}^2+a_J^2(ilde{t})\left(dx^2+dy^2+dz^2
ight),$$

we get the following F(R) gravity equations for $F(R) = F_0 R^2$:

$$18F_0\left(6H_J^2\dot{H}_J-\dot{H}_J^2+2H_J\ddot{H}_J\right)=\frac{\varepsilon_\psi}{4}\dot{\psi}^2,$$

$$6F_0\left(18H_J^2\dot{H}_J+12H_J\ddot{H}_J+9\dot{H}_J^2+2\ddot{H}_J\right)=-\frac{\varepsilon_{\psi}}{4}\dot{\psi}^2;$$

These equations lead to

$$\ddot{H}_J + 9H_J\ddot{H}_J + 18H_J^2\dot{H}_J + 3\dot{H}_J^2 = 0.$$

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By multiplying the equation by $\dot{H_J}^2$ and factoring out certain expressions, we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} \ddot{H}_J + 3H_J\dot{H}_J \end{pmatrix} \left(2H_J\ddot{H}_J + 6H_J^2\ddot{H}_J + 12H_J\dot{H}_J^2 \right) = \left(2H_J\ddot{H}_J + 6H_J^2\dot{H}_J - \dot{H}_J^2 \right) \left(\ddot{H}_J + 3H_J\ddot{H}_J + 3\dot{H}_J^2 \right),$$

or, equivalently,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \ddot{H}_J + 3H_J\dot{H}_J \end{pmatrix} \frac{d}{d\tilde{t}} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{H}_J^2 - 2H_J\ddot{H}_J - 6H_J^2\dot{H}_J \end{bmatrix}$$

= $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{H}_J^2 - 2H_J\ddot{H}_J - 6H_J^2\dot{H}_J \end{pmatrix} \frac{d}{d\tilde{t}} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{H}_J + 3H_J\dot{H}_J \end{bmatrix}.$

Two cases:

1 $\ddot{H}_J + 3H_J\dot{H}_J = 0;$ 2 $(C_1 + 2H_J)\ddot{H}_J + 3H_J(C_1 + 2H_J)\dot{H}_J - \dot{H}_J^2 = 0.$

Here C_1 is a constant of integration.

Both equations can be integrated:

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$$2\dot{H}_J + 3H_J^2 = 2\tilde{C};$$

2 $\dot{H}_J = C_2 \sqrt{|C_1 + 2H_J|} + (C_1 + 2H_J)(C_1 - H_J)$

Here C and C_2 are constants of integration.



Some solutions of the R^2 gravity equations. Note that the solutions in green correspond to the situation in which R changes its sign.

Ĉ	$H_J(\tilde{t})$	$\dot{\psi}(\tilde{t})$
$ ilde{C} > 0, \ \dot{H}_{J0} > 0$	$\sqrt{rac{2 ilde{C}}{3}} anh\left(\sqrt{rac{3 ilde{C}}{2}}\left(ilde{t}- ilde{t}' ight) ight)$	$\frac{6\tilde{\mathcal{C}}\sqrt{2\mathcal{F}_0}}{\cosh^2\left(\sqrt{\frac{3\mathcal{C}}{2}}\left(\tilde{t}\!-\!\tilde{t}'\right)\right)}$
$egin{array}{c} ilde{C} > 0, \ \dot{H}_{J0} < 0 \end{array}$	$\sqrt{rac{2 ilde{C}}{3}} \coth\left(\sqrt{rac{3 ilde{C}}{2}}\left(ilde{t}- ilde{t}' ight) ight)$	$\frac{6\tilde{C}\sqrt{2F_0}}{\sinh^2\left(\sqrt{\frac{3C}{2}}\left(\tilde{t}-\tilde{t'}\right)\right)}$
$ ilde{C} > 0$	$\frac{\sqrt{6\tilde{\mathcal{C}}} \left(1\!-\!B\mathrm{e}^{-\sqrt{6\tilde{\mathcal{C}}}\tilde{t}}\right)}{3 \left(1\!+\!B\mathrm{e}^{-\sqrt{6\tilde{\mathcal{C}}}\tilde{t}}\right)}$	$\frac{24B\tilde{C}\sqrt{2F_0}\mathrm{e}^{-\sqrt{6\tilde{C}}\tilde{t}}}{\left(B\mathrm{e}^{-\sqrt{6\tilde{C}}\tilde{t}}+1\right)^2}$
$\tilde{C} = 0$	$\frac{2}{3(\tilde{t}-\tilde{t'})}$	$\frac{4\sqrt{2F_0}}{\left(\tilde{t}-\tilde{t'}\right)^2}$
$ ilde{C} < 0$	$-rac{\sqrt{-6 ilde{C}}}{3} an\left[rac{\sqrt{-6 ilde{C}}}{2}\left(ilde{t}- ilde{t}' ight) ight]$	$\frac{6\tilde{C}\sqrt{2F_0}}{\cos^2\left(\sqrt{\frac{-3\tilde{C}}{2}}(\tilde{t}-\tilde{t'})\right)}$

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Conclusion

- We have found exact solutions of pure R^2 gravity model with a massless scalar field. In particular, we have solved both F(R)gravity equations and equations of the equivalent model in Einstein frame.
- These results were published in our paper Vsevolod R. Ivanov and Sergey Yu. Vernov. Integrable modified gravity cosmological models with an additional scalar field. Eur. Phys. J. C, 81:985, 2021.