# Cosmological solutions in bounded curvature models 

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## MOTIVATION

- Singularity at the early stage of the universe
- One of the problems of cosmology in general relativity
- Limited curvature hypothesis

Markov 1982; Markov, Mukhanov 1985; Ginsburg et al. 1988

- There is a fundamental scale limiting the curvature invariants

Analogous to the limitation on the velocity by c in Special Relativity

- Non-singular cosmology with a finite number of bounded curvature invariants Mukhanov et al. 1993; Chamseddine, Mukhanov 2016; Yoshida et al. 2017


## MOTIVATION

- Renormalization group method gives the relation between the coupling constant and the field strength.
- Einstein gravity theory may have some corrections from the higher order curvature invariants like $\quad \mathcal{L}_{G}=\sqrt{-g} R \rightarrow \sqrt{-g} f\left(R, R_{\mu \nu} R^{\mu \nu}, R_{\mu \nu \alpha \beta} R^{\mu \nu \alpha \beta}, \cdots\right)$
- Our idea: the boundedness of the curvature invariants is dynamically realized if the function $f$ is bounded where its derivatives have divergence.
- The simplest case is bounded $f(R)$ (Partial realization of limiting curvature hypothesis)


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Picking up the feature that the derivatives $\left(f_{R}=\partial f / \partial R, \ldots\right)$ are divergent,

- we discuss cosmological solutions w/o assuming precise functional form of $f(R)$
- we discuss how the boundedness of the curvature affect the existence/behavior of cosmological solutions.



## SETUP

- Metric $f(R)$ gravity theory ... consider the metric compatible connection

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\begin{aligned}
S_{\mathrm{G}}=\int d^{4} x \sqrt{-g} f(R) & \quad \text { FLRW metric ansatz } \\
& g_{\mu \nu} d x^{\mu} d x^{\nu}=-d t^{2}+a(t)^{2}\left[\frac{d r^{2}}{1-K r^{2}}+r^{2}\left(d \theta^{2}+\sin ^{2} \theta d \phi^{2}\right)\right] \\
& \bullet \text { Matter: vacuum } \\
& \bullet \text { Spatially flat background } K=0
\end{aligned}
$$

- Simple enough to solve

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\begin{aligned}
& \dot{R}=\frac{1}{3 f_{R R} H}\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(f_{R} R-f\right)-3 f_{R} H^{2}\right], \\
& \dot{H}=\frac{R}{6}-2 H^{2}, \quad \text { Analysis in } 2 \text { dim phase space }(R, H)
\end{aligned}
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## STATIONARY POINTS

$\dot{R}=0, \quad \dot{H}=0$.

$\dot{R}= \pm \frac{f_{R} R-2 f}{2 \sqrt{3} R^{1 / 2} f_{R R}}=0$
Two Possibilities

$$
\begin{aligned}
f_{R} R-2 f=0 & \text { Regular-stationary points } \\
& \text { Realized for curvatures in }\left(R_{\min }, R_{\max }\right) \\
f_{R R} \rightarrow-\infty &
\end{aligned}
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## REGULAR-STATIONARY POINTS

- What's the meaning of the condition $f_{R} R-2 f=0$
- Find the quadratic curve(s) tangential to $f(R)$


R , at which regular-stationary points are found

## NON-STATIONARY CHARACTERISTIC POINTS

- Near $R$-axis, i.e., $H \sim 0$

$$
\dot{R}=\frac{f_{R} R-f}{6 f_{R R} H} \quad \text { Divergent } \quad \text { except for } f_{R} R-f=0
$$

- Almost all the points on $H=0$ are not allowed

At $f_{R} R-f=0$,

- Flows pass through the point in a finite time.
- A solution exists for any initial condition near the throat. Uniqueness condition is broken. (w/o Lipschitz continuity)


## Throats connecting the $H<0$ region and $H>0$ the region

- Such the point is unique for a convex function $f(R)$


## NON-STATIONARY CHARACTERISTIC POINTS

- What's the meaning of the condition $f_{R} R-f=0$
- Find the linear function(s) tangential to $f(R)$



## GLOBAL STRUCTURE



## STABILITY AND ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIORS



## HEMI-CIRCULAR MODEL

- Upper hemi-circle

$$
f_{+}(R)=Y+\sqrt{r^{2}-(R-X)^{2}} \quad \text { defined in } \quad X-r \leq R \leq X+r
$$



## PHASE SPACE



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## INTERPRETATION

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## CHANGE OF PARAMETER


$(X, Y)=(5,2)$

$(X, Y)=(5,-1)$

$(X, Y)=(5,-2)$

- The exact position of characteristic points changes
- Their existence and stability never change for $R_{\min }>0$ models


## RMin= o CASES

## - Phase space


$Y>O$
$f(R)$


$Y<O$


## SUMMARY

- We motivated bounded curvature models with divergence in the derivatives of $f(R)$ at the boundaries by referring to the renormalization of the gravitational constant.
- Flat-FLRW solutions in convex and bounded $f(R)$ theories. Stability of stationary points, the structure of phase space $(R, H), \ldots$
- Explicit example: $f(R)$ in hemi-circular form.


## SUMMARY

- We have found two typical types of evolution:

One experiences
(1) Rapid decrease of $H$,
(2) Almost constant $H$ phase,
(3) Convergence into de Sitter attractor; the other experiences
(1) Contraction phase,
(2) Expanding phase after the passage through the throat
(3) Convergence into de Sitter attractor.

- The difference of $R_{\min }=0$ cases from $R_{\min }>0$ cases is
(1) Phase space is more sensitive to the choice of $f(R)$ (i.e., of parameters)
(2) The spacetime converges into Minkowski.


## FUTURE PLAN

- We discussed flat FLRW case.
$\rightarrow$ How about negative $R$ region. Inclusion of the spatial curvature.
- We discussed vacuum cases.
$\rightarrow$ How about inclusion of matter.
We are now discussing. The results seem positive.
- We discussed only the evolution of background spacetime.
$\rightarrow$ How about the perturbative stability.
There is a correspondence between $f(R)$ and Brans-Dicke theories at regular curvatures, away from the maximum/minimum curvatures.
- We discussed cosmological solutions.
$\rightarrow$ How about the realization of GR in our solar system.
Screening mechanism of the fifth force at the minimum curvature?

