

instructions

Prerequisites for CLASS and PTArcade

- Working installations of `gcc` and `python3` are needed (recommended `python@3.9` or below).
- Miniconda/Conda installation required for PTArcade, for example from here:
<https://docs.conda.io/en/latest/miniconda.html>

Virtual environments

It is recommended to define two virtual environments, one for each code, where python packages can be installed independently. Virtual environments can be created as

```
python3 -m venv /your/path/vclass
python3 -m venv /your/path/vpta
```

Installation – CLASS

Source the virtual environment with
`source /your/path/vclass/bin/activate`

- Check if `cython` is already installed for example by starting a `python3` session in the terminal and entering `import cython`. If not, you can install it in the virtual environment as
`python3 -m pip install cython`
Same for `numpy`, `scipy`...

- The CLASS source can be downloaded from
https://github.com/lesgourg/class_public/archive/refs/tags/v3.2.0.tar.gz
After it has been untarred, it can be compiled.

Before compiling, the following modifications to the Makefile are needed.

- In the Makefile, please modify line 33 to `PYTHON = python3`
- and comment the `OMPFLAG = -fopenmp` instruction.

Now you can compile CLASS. Move to the CLASS folder (where the Makefile is) and enter
`make all class`

- To check the installation, especially of the python wrapper, start a `python3` session in terminal and enter
`import classy`

Other information can be found at https://github.com/lesgourg/class_public

Installation – PTArcade

Source the virtual environment with
`source /your/path/vpta/bin/activate`

- Install PTArcade with `conda` by entering
`conda install -c conda-forge ptarcade`
- If the installation went through, the code can be run by command line with `ptarcade`

Other information can be found at <https://andrea-mitridate.github.io/PTArcade/>

Plotting tools

In order to plot the results of the output of CLASS feel free to use the python plotting functions or other softwares (personally I will use `Mathematica`). For our purposes the output of CLASS will be just a list of arrays.