STATISTICS OF IMAGES OF GALAXIES WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO CLUSTERING

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The paper summarizes the results obtained by the authors in a cooperative study extending over several years and outlines a program of future work. Theoretical results which are not yet published include (i) extension of the model of simple clustering of galaxies, originally developed for a static universe, to cover the possibility that the universe is expanding (sections 6 and 8), (ii) a model of multiple clustering (section 11), and (iii) formulas relating to the distributions of certain characteristics of images of clusters on the photographic plate (section 12). New empirical results, given in section 9, indicate that, probably, the model of simple clustering of galaxies in a stationary universe does not correspond to reality.

While the title of this paper is "Statistics of Images of Galaxies" and while this