

124 - Relativistic Cosmology: II

Density Parameters and History of H

Recall that $H = \frac{1}{R} dR/dt$ at any time, and that the critical density at that time is $\rho_c = 3H^2/8\pi G$. Rewrite Friedmann equation as

$$\left[H^2 - \frac{8\pi G \rho}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \Lambda c^2 \right] R^2 = H^2 \left[1 - \frac{8\pi G \rho}{3H^2} - \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3H^2} \right] R^2 = -kc^2$$

or

$$\boxed{H^2 (1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_\Lambda) R^2 = -kc^2} \quad \text{relation of } H \text{ \& } R \text{ to } k \text{ (const) at any epoch}$$

where

$\Omega_m \equiv \rho/\rho_c$, the density parameter for matter (baryons plus dark matter)
and $\Omega_\Lambda \equiv \rho_\Lambda/\rho_c$, " " " " dark energy. We may also add Ω_{rel} , the parameter for relativistic particles (with $\omega = 1/3$).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We then have } H^2 (1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_{rel} - \Omega_\Lambda) R^2 &= H_0^2 (1 - \Omega_{m,0} - \Omega_{rel,0} - \Omega_{\Lambda,0}) R^2 \\ &= H_0^2 (1 - \Omega_0) R^2 = -kc^2 \end{aligned}$$

Values today

To find the history of H , i.e., $H(z)$, we need to know $\Omega_m(z)$, etc.

$$\text{We have } \frac{\Omega_m}{\Omega_{m,0}} = \frac{\rho_m}{\rho_{m,0}} \cdot \frac{H_0^2}{H^2} = \frac{\rho_m}{\rho_{m,0}} \frac{H_0^2}{H^2} = \frac{H_0^2}{H^2} (1+z)^3 \quad \text{since } \rho \propto R^{-3} \text{ for } \omega=0$$

$$\frac{\Omega_{rad}}{\Omega_{rad,0}} = \frac{\rho_{rel}}{\rho_{rel,0}} \frac{H_0^2}{H^2} = \frac{H_0^2}{H^2} (1+z)^4 \quad \text{since } \rho \propto R^{-4} \text{ for } \omega=1/3$$

$$\frac{\Omega_\Lambda}{\Omega_{\Lambda,0}} = \frac{\rho_\Lambda}{\rho_{\Lambda,0}} \frac{H_0^2}{H^2} = \frac{H_0^2}{H^2} \quad \text{since } \rho_\Lambda = \text{constant}$$

Using these ratios, plus $R = (1+z)^{-1}$, algebraic manipulation ^{*} yields

$$\boxed{H = H_0 (1+z) \left[\Omega_{m,0} (1+z) + \Omega_{rel,0} (1+z)^3 + \frac{\Omega_{\Lambda,0}}{(1+z)^2} + 1 - \Omega_0 \right]^{1/2}}$$

Compare this to Newtonian result -

$$H = H_0 (1+z) [1 + \Omega_0 z]^{1/2}$$

which we recover if

$$\Omega_{m,0} = \Omega_0 \text{ and } \Omega_{rel,0} = \Omega_{\Lambda,0} = 0$$

We will use $H(z)$ to find the important distance-magnitude relation.

Currently accepted Ω -values are

$$\Omega_{m,0} = 0.27, \quad \Omega_{rad,0} = 8 \times 10^{-5}, \quad \Omega_{\Lambda,0} = 0.73$$

so $\Omega_0 = 1$ ($k=0$).

The Future of the Universe

The full acceleration equation is now

$$\frac{d^2 R}{dt^2} = \left[-\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left(\rho_m + \rho_{rad} + \frac{3P_{rad}}{c^2} \right) + \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3} \right] R$$

Both ρ_m and ρ_{rad} will decline in the future, but Λ will be constant. We will then have

$$\frac{d^2 R}{dt^2} \doteq \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3} R$$

Dimensional check!

$$\Lambda c^2 R \sim \frac{1}{R^2} \cdot R \cdot c^2 \sim R/t^2 \quad \checkmark$$

so that $R \propto \exp \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda c^2}{3}} t$

$$\text{But } \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3} = \frac{\Lambda c^2}{8\pi G} \cdot \frac{8\pi G}{3} = \rho_{\Lambda} \cdot \frac{8\pi G}{3} = \rho_{\Lambda} H_0^2 \cdot \frac{8\pi G}{3 H_0^2}$$

$$= \frac{\rho_{\Lambda}}{\rho_c} H_0^2 = \Omega_{\Lambda} H_0^2$$

That is,

$$R \propto_{\Lambda} \exp \left[\sqrt{\Omega_{\Lambda}} (H_0 t) \right]$$

The e-folding time is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_{\Lambda}}} H_0^{-1} = 1.17 H_0^{-1} \quad (\text{using } \Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.73)$$

The Λ Era

We switched over to being Λ -dominated when $\boxed{\rho_m = \rho_{\Lambda}}$, or when

$$\underbrace{\rho_m R^3}_{\rho_{m,0}} = \rho_{\Lambda} R_{m\Lambda}^3 \rightarrow \frac{\rho_{m,0}}{\rho_{c,0}} = \frac{\rho_{\Lambda}}{\rho_{c,0}} R_{m\Lambda}^3$$

$R_{m\Lambda}$ = scale factor at switchover point

$$\Omega_{m,0} = \Omega_{\Lambda,0} R_{m\Lambda}^3$$

$$R_{m\Lambda} = \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{\Omega_{\Lambda,0}} \right)^{1/3} = 0.72$$

The universe was about $1/2$ its present age. Prior to that time, $R(t)$ was decelerating.

Full Evolution of $R(t)$

We could integrate the acceleration equation, but it is easier to set $k=0$ in the Friedmann equation:

$$\left(\frac{1}{R} \frac{dR}{dt}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} (\rho_m + \rho_{rel} + \rho_\Lambda)$$

$$= \frac{8\pi G}{3} (\rho_{m,0} R^{-3} + \rho_{rel,0} R^{-4} + \rho_{\Lambda,0})$$

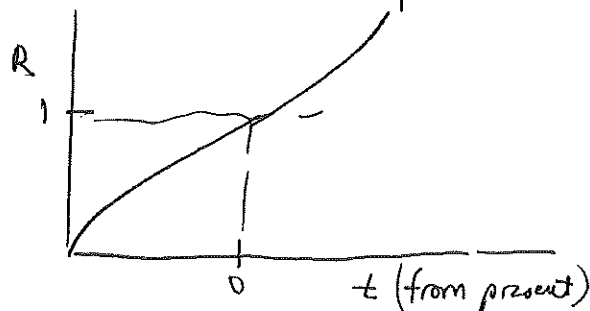
so that $\frac{R dR}{dt} = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi G}{3} (\rho_{m,0} R + \rho_{rel,0} + \rho_{\Lambda,0} R^4)}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$t = \int dt = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi G}} \int_0^R \frac{R dR}{\sqrt{\rho_{m,0} R + \rho_{rel,0} + \rho_{\Lambda,0} R^4}}$$

Plug in values of $\rho_{m,0}$, $\rho_{rel,0}$, and ρ_Λ and integrate numerically.

Putting the upper limit $R=1$, we find $t_0 = 13.7 \text{ Gyr}$

Coincidentally, this is close to H_0^{-1} !



Origin of Cosmic Redshift

For a photon, $ds=0$, so the R-W metric gives

$$\frac{cdt}{R(t)} = \pm \frac{d\omega}{\sqrt{1-k\omega^2}}$$

for a photon moving radially ($ds = d\varphi = 0$)

A galaxy with $\omega = \omega_{em}$ emits the 1st crest of a lightwave at $t = t_{em}$. This crest is received by us ($\omega = 0$) at $t = t_{rec}$. Choosing the $\ominus$ sign above,

$$\int_{t_{em}}^{t_{rec}} \frac{dt}{R(t)} = - \int_{\omega_{em}}^0 \frac{d\omega}{\sqrt{1-k\omega^2}} = + \int_0^{\omega_{em}} \frac{d\omega}{\sqrt{1-k\omega^2}}$$

The second crest is emitted at $t = t_{em} + \delta t_{em}$, & received at $t = t_{rec} + \delta t_{rec}$

The ω -coordinates are unchanged — ω_{em} and 0.

$$\int_{t_{em} + \delta t_{em}}^{t_{rec} + \delta t_{rec}} \frac{dt}{R(t)} = \int_{t_{em}}^{t_{rec}} \frac{dt}{R(t)} = \int_{t_{em} + \delta t_{em}}^{t_{em}} + \int_{t_{em}}^{t_{rec}} + \int_{t_{rec}}^{t_{rec} + \delta t_{rec}}$$

During both Δt_{em} + Δt_{rec} , $R(t)$ does not change appreciably. We thus have

$$\boxed{\frac{\Delta t_{em}}{R(t_{em})} = \frac{\Delta t_{rec}}{R(t_{rec})}} \quad \text{True for any temporal process ("cosmological time dilation")}$$

For the light wave, use $R(t_{rec})=1$, $\Delta t_{em} = \frac{\lambda_{em}}{c}$, $\Delta t_{rec} = \frac{\lambda_{rec}}{c}$, so

$$\boxed{\lambda_{rec} = \frac{\lambda_{em}}{R(t_{em})} = \lambda_{em}(1+z_{em})}$$

Horizon Distance

As time goes on, photons arrive from ever more distant objects. The farthest observable point is located at $d_H(t_0)$, the horizon distance. Points separated by more than $d_H(t_0)$ have never been in causal contact.

Formally, $d_H(t_0)$ is the proper distance today to a galaxy whose emitted photon is just reaching us now.

$$d\ell = R(t_{rec}) \frac{d\omega}{\sqrt{1-k\omega^2}} \rightarrow d_H(t_0) = \int_0^{\omega_{em}} \frac{d\omega}{\sqrt{1-k\omega^2}}$$

What is ω_{em} ? Let the photon be emitted at $t=0$ (Big Bang). Then, since $ds=0$,

$$\int_0^{\omega_{em}} \frac{d\omega}{\sqrt{1-k\omega^2}} = \int_0^{t_0} \frac{cdt'}{R(t')}$$

Thus $\boxed{d_H(t_0) = \int_0^{t_0} \frac{cdt'}{R(t')}} \quad \text{Example - In an } R_0=1 \text{ Universe with } \Lambda=0,$

$$R(t) = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{2/3} (H_0 t)^{2/3}$$

$$\text{So } R^{3/2} = \frac{3}{2} H_0 t \rightarrow \frac{3}{2} R^{1/2} dR = \frac{3H_0}{2} dt \rightarrow dt = R^{1/2} \left(\frac{1}{H_0}\right)$$

$$d_H(t_0) = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^1 R^{-1/2} dR = \frac{2c}{H_0} = \frac{2 \times 3 \times 10^5 \text{ km/s}}{71 \text{ km/s/Mpc}} = 8 \times 10^3 \text{ Mpc}$$

Doing this more carefully, we find $\boxed{d_H(t_0) = 1.5 \times 10^4 \text{ Mpc}}$

Redshift-Magnitude Relation

We may test cosmology models by observing the relationship between the apparent magnitude + redshift for "standard candles."

Naively, we expect $m - M = 5 \log \left(\frac{d}{10 \text{ pc}} \right)$ — proper distance

To relate d to z , we (naively) use $V_r = H_0 d \rightarrow \frac{V_r}{c} = z = \frac{H_0}{c} d$

so $d = \frac{c}{H_0} z$. Using $H_0 = 100 \times h$,

$$m - M = 5 \log \left(\frac{c}{100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \times 10 \text{ pc}} \right) - 5 \log h - 5 \log z$$

naive $\rightarrow$

In fact, this is only the first approximation. More carefully, the "d" in the distance modulus is the "luminosity distance" d_L : $F = \frac{L}{4\pi d_L^2}$ definition

But $F = \frac{L}{4\pi d^2 (1+z)^2}$

One $(1+z)$ factor: photon redshift.

Second factor: decrease in rate of photon reception (cosmological time dilation)

Thus $d_L = d(1+z) \rightarrow$ Need $w(z)$

Finding $w(z)$

Use this expression for proper distance, and find that $w = c \int_0^z \frac{dz}{H(z)}$

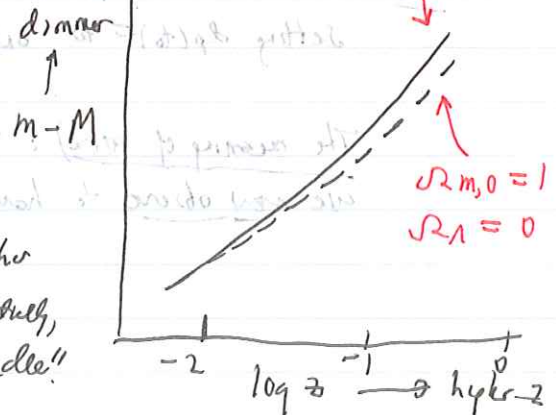
As at the beginning of this lecture we obtain $H(z)$ from knowledge of $\Omega_{m,0}$; $\Omega_{rel,0}$; and $\Omega_{\Lambda,0}$. Then use

$$d_L = c(1+z) \int_0^z \frac{dz}{H(z)}$$

Result $\rightarrow$

Type Ia Supernovae

In these supernovae, mass is transferred to a white dwarf. Once it exceeds the Chandrasekhar limit, the star explodes. Both empirically & theoretically, such supernovae appear to be a "standard candle".



Starting in ~ 2000 , observers saw that the supernovae were too dim for their given z (obtained from spectral emission lines). The discrepancy, about 0.25 mag at $z \approx 1$, seems to be fit by the $\Omega_m = 0.3$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$ curve, but NOT by other cosmologies. The best evidence yet for accelerating $R(t)$

Qualitative account:

For a given apparent brightness (+ thus d_L), the host galaxies move with too low a V_r . The expansion was too slow in the past, & has thus been accelerating

