

Lecture 6

General Relativity: Field Equations

Dynamics of the Universe:

$$R(t) = ?$$

$$H(x) = ?$$

Friedmann Equation

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Time and Distance vs Redshift

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(x = 1 + z = \frac{R_0}{R} \right) \rightarrow dt = \frac{-dx}{x H(x)}$$

Look - back time :

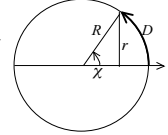
$$t(z) = \int_t^{t_0} dt = \int_{1+z}^1 \frac{-dx}{x H(x)} = \int_1^{1+z} \frac{dx}{x H(x)}$$

Age : $t_0 = t(z \rightarrow \infty)$

Distance : $D = R\chi$ $r = RS_k(\chi)$

$$\chi(z) = \int d\chi = \int_t^{t_0} \frac{c dt}{R(t)} = \frac{c}{R_0} \int_1^{1+z} \frac{R_0}{R(t)} \frac{dx}{x H(x)} = \frac{c}{R_0} \int_1^{1+z} \frac{dx}{H(x)}$$

Horizon : $\chi_H = \chi(z \rightarrow \infty)$



Need to know $R(t)$, or R_0 and $H(x)$.

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Einstein's General Relativity

• 1. Spacetime geometry tells matter how to move

- gravity = effect of curved spacetime
- free particles follow geodesic trajectories

• 2. Matter (energy) tells spacetime how to curve

- Einstein field equations
 - nonlinear
 - second-order derivatives of metric with respect to space/time coordinates

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Einstein Field Equations

$$G_{\mu\nu} \equiv R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R^\alpha{}_\alpha g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^2} T_{\mu\nu} - \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$$

$g_{\mu\nu}$ = spacetime metric ($ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$)

$G_{\mu\nu}$ = Einstein tensor (spacetime curvature)

$R_{\mu\nu}$ = Ricci curvature tensor

$R^\alpha{}_\alpha$ = Ricci curvature scalar

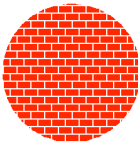
G = Newton's gravitational constant

$T_{\mu\nu}$ = energy - momentum tensor

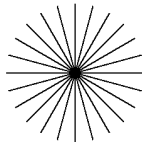
Λ = cosmological constant

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Homogeneity and Isotropy



homogeneous
not isotropic

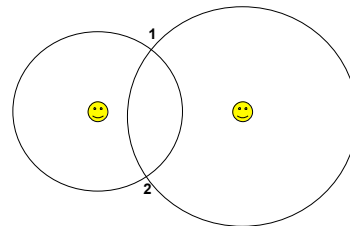


isotropic
not homogeneous

**For cosmology, assume Universe is Homogeneous.
Simplifies the equations. :)**

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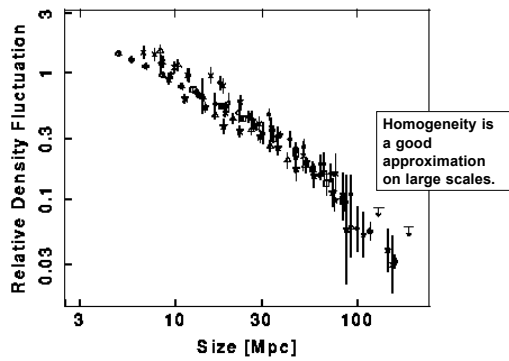
Cosmological Principle (assumed) + Isotropy (observed) => Homogeneity



$\rho_1 = \rho_2$ otherwise not isotropic
for equidistant fiducials

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Density Fluctuations vs Scale



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Homogeneous perfect fluid

density ρ pressure p

Einstein field equations:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^2} \begin{pmatrix} \rho c^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p \end{pmatrix} - \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} -c^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

---> Friedmann equations :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{R}^2 &= \left(\frac{8\pi G \rho + \Lambda}{3} \right) R^2 - k c^2 && \text{energy} \\ \ddot{R} &= -\frac{4\pi G}{3c^2} (\rho c^2 + 3p) R + \frac{\Lambda}{3} R && \text{momentum} \end{aligned}$$

Note: energy density and pressure decelerate, Λ accelerates.

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Local Conservation of Energy

$d[\text{energy}] = \text{work}$

$$d[\rho c^2 R^3] = -p d[R^3]$$

$$\dot{\rho} c^2 R^3 + \rho c^2 (3 R^2 \dot{R}) = -p (3 R^2 \dot{R})$$

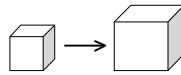
$$\dot{\rho} = -3 \left(\rho + \frac{p}{c^2} \right) \frac{\dot{R}}{R} \quad p = p(\rho) = \text{equation of state}$$

$$\text{Friedmann 1: } \dot{R}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho R^2 + \frac{\Lambda}{3} R^2 - k c^2$$

$$(2 \dot{R} \ddot{R}) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} (\dot{\rho} R^2 + 2 R \dot{R} \rho) + \frac{\Lambda}{3} (2 R \dot{R})$$

$$\ddot{R} = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \left(\frac{\dot{\rho} R^2}{2 \dot{R}} + R \rho \right) + \frac{\Lambda}{3} R$$

$$\ddot{R} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left(\rho + \frac{3p}{c^2} \right) R + \frac{\Lambda}{3} R = \text{Friedmann 2}$$

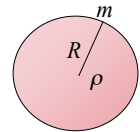


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Newtonian Analogy

$$E = \frac{m}{2} \dot{R}^2 - \frac{G M m}{R} \quad M = \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 \rho$$

$$\dot{R}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho R^2 + \frac{2E}{m}$$



Friedmann equation:

$$\dot{R}^2 = \left(\frac{8\pi G \rho + \Lambda}{3} \right) R^2 - k c^2$$

same equation if $\rho \rightarrow \rho + \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G}$, $\frac{2E}{m} \rightarrow -k c^2$

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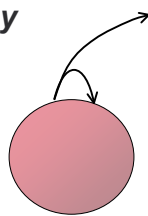
$$E = \frac{m}{2} \dot{R}^2 - \frac{G M m}{R}$$

$$V_{\text{esc}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 G M}{R}}$$

$$E > 0 \quad V > V_{\text{esc}} \quad R \rightarrow \infty \quad V_{\infty} > 0$$

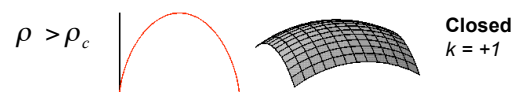
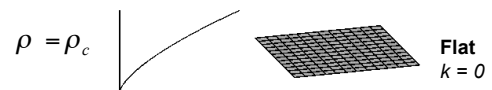
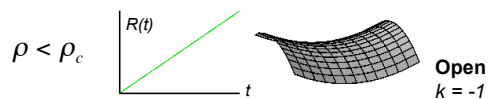
$$E = 0 \quad V = V_{\text{esc}} \quad R \rightarrow \infty \quad V_{\infty} = 0$$

$$E < 0 \quad V < V_{\text{esc}} \quad R \rightarrow 0$$



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Density - Evolution - Geometry



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Critical Density

- Derive using Newtonian analogy:
escape velocity:

$$V_{esc}^2 = \frac{2GM}{R} = \frac{2G}{R} \left(\frac{4\pi R^3 \rho}{3} \right) = \frac{8\pi G R^2 \rho}{3}$$

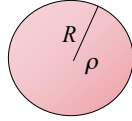
Hubble expansion:

$$V = \dot{R} = H_0 R$$

critical density:

$$\left(\frac{V_{esc}}{V} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G \rho}{3 H_0^2} \equiv \frac{\rho}{\rho_c}$$

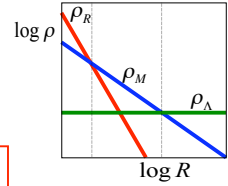
$$\rho_c = \frac{3 H_0^2}{8\pi G}$$



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radiation -> matter -> vacuum

- radiation: $\rho_R \propto R^{-4}$
- matter: $\rho_M \propto R^{-3}$
- vacuum: $\rho_\Lambda = \text{const}$

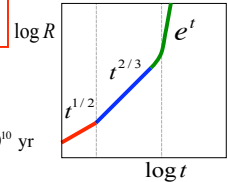


$$\rho(x) = \rho_R x^4 + \rho_M x^3 + \rho_\Lambda$$

$$x = 1 + z = \frac{R_0}{R} = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\rho_R = \rho_M \text{ at } x \sim \frac{\rho_M}{\rho_R} \sim 10^4 \quad t \sim 10^4 \text{ yr}$$

$$\rho_M = \rho_\Lambda \text{ at } x \sim \left(\frac{\rho_\Lambda}{\rho_M} \right)^{1/3} \quad z \sim 0.3 \quad t \sim 10^{10} \text{ yr}$$



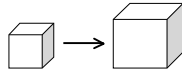
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Equation of State ----- w

Equation of state:

$$\rho \propto R^{-n} \quad n = 3(1+w)$$

$$w = \frac{\text{pressure}}{\text{energy density}} = \frac{p}{\rho c^2} = \frac{n}{3} - 1$$



Radiation: (n = 4, w = 1/3)

$$p_R = \frac{1}{3} \rho_R c^2$$

Matter: (n = 3, w = 0)

$$p_M \sim \rho_M c_s^2 \ll \rho_M c^2$$

Vacuum: (n = 0, w = -1)

$$p_\Lambda = -\rho_\Lambda c^2$$

Negative Pressure ! ?

$$d[\text{energy}] = \text{work}$$

$$d[\rho c^2 R^3] = -p d[R^3]$$

$$\rho c^2 (3 R^2 dR) + R^3 c^2 d\rho = -p (3 R^2 dR)$$

$$1 + \frac{R d\rho}{\rho} = -\frac{p}{\rho c^2} = -w$$

$$w = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{d[\ln \rho]}{d[\ln R]} - 1$$

$$w = \frac{n}{3} - 1$$

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Density Parameters

critical density: density parameters (today):

$$\rho_c \equiv \frac{3 H_0^2}{8\pi G} \quad \Omega_R \equiv \frac{\rho_R}{\rho_c} \quad \Omega_M \equiv \frac{\rho_M}{\rho_c} \quad \Omega_\Lambda \equiv \frac{\rho_\Lambda}{\rho_c} = \frac{\Lambda}{3 H_0^2}$$

total density parameter today:

$$\Omega_0 \equiv \Omega_R + \Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda$$

density at a past/future epoch in units of today's critical density:

$$\Omega(x) \equiv \frac{\rho}{\rho_c} = \sum_w \Omega_w x^{-3(1+w)} = \Omega_R x^4 + \Omega_M x^3 + \Omega_\Lambda \quad x = 1 + z = R_0/R$$

in units of critical density at the past/future epoch:

$$\Omega(x) = \frac{8\pi G \rho}{3 H^2} = \frac{H_0^2}{H^2} \sum_w \Omega_w x^{-3(1+w)} = \frac{\Omega_R x^4 + \Omega_M x^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}{\Omega_R x^4 + \Omega_M x^3 + \Omega_\Lambda + (1 - \Omega_0) x^2}$$

Note: radiation dominates at high z, can be neglected at lower z.

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Hubble Parameter Evolution -- H(z)

$$H^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\dot{R}}{R} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho + \frac{\Lambda}{3} - \frac{k c^2}{R^2}$$

$$\frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \Omega_R x^4 + \Omega_M x^3 + \Omega_\Lambda - \frac{k c^2}{H_0^2 R_0^2} x^2$$

$$\text{evaluate at } x=1 \rightarrow 1 = \Omega_0 - \frac{k c^2}{H_0^2 R_0^2}$$

Dimensionless Friedmann Equation:

$$\frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \Omega_R x^4 + \Omega_M x^3 + \Omega_\Lambda + (1 - \Omega_0) x^2$$

Curvature Radius today:

$$R_0 = \frac{c}{H_0} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\Omega_0 - 1}} \rightarrow \begin{cases} k = +1 & \Omega_0 > 1 \\ k = 0 & \Omega_0 = 1 \\ k = -1 & \Omega_0 < 1 \end{cases}$$

Density determines Geometry

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Possible Universes

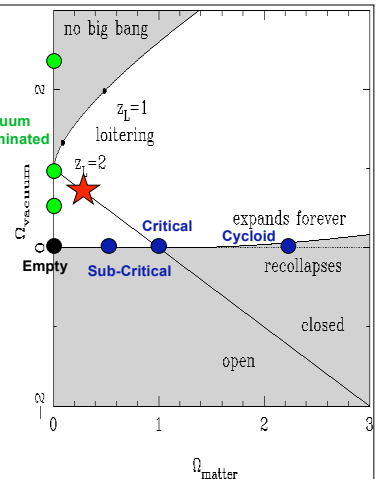
$$H_0 \approx 70 \frac{\text{km/s}}{\text{Mpc}}$$

$$\Omega_M \sim 0.3$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda \sim 0.7$$

$$\Omega_R \sim 8 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\Omega = 1.0$$



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