

Class Test Next Tuesday

- 8 questions, each worth 5 marks, try all 8
- 4 questions on The Galaxy
- 4 questions on Galaxies & Cosmology
- G&C: first 6 lectures
 - (not including Today's)

Lecture 1: Distances to Galaxies

How do we measure distances to galaxies?

- Standard candles
 - Cepheid Variables
(don't memorise P-L relation, but know how to use it.)
- Distance modulus equation:
 - $m - M = 5 \log (d / \text{pc}) - 5$
 - $= 5 \log (d / \text{Mpc}) + 25$
 - $M =$ Absolute magnitude
 - $m =$ Apparent magnitude
 - ($M = m$ at $d = 10 \text{ pc}$)

$$F = \frac{L}{4\pi d^2}$$

$$m_1 - m_2 = -2.5 \log_{10} \frac{F_1}{F_2}$$

$$m - M = 5 \log_{10} (d / 10 \text{ pc})$$

Lecture 2: Galaxy Morphology

- Hubble tuning fork; why NOT evolutionary sequence
- Galaxy types: Ellipticals, Spirals, Irregulars
- Main features / components of each type.
- Why are Ellipticals red?
- Understand blackbodies:
 - $B_\nu(T), L = 4\pi R^2 T^4, \lambda_{\text{peak}} \sim 1/T$
- Galaxy Colours
 - blue = young hot stars
 - red = old cool stars

Lecture 3: Galaxy Fundamentals

$$m - M = 5 \log_{10} (d / \text{Mpc}) + 25$$

- How many stars? $F_{\text{Gal}} = n \cdot F_*$, F_* = "Average star"
 - Use: $m_{\text{GAL}} - m_* = -2.5 \log_{10} \frac{F_{\text{GAL}}}{F_*}$
- Formation scenarios. Observations for and against.
- Space density of galaxies: What d and $Volume$ do we see down to limiting apparent mag $m = 14$ for galaxies with absolute mag $M = -20$?
- How far apart are galaxies?

Lecture 3: Galaxy Fundamentals

- How are galaxies clustered? Like soap suds, galaxies found on the bubble surfaces: hence voids, walls, filaments, clusters.
- Mass to Light ratios: $\frac{M}{L} = X \frac{M_\odot}{L_\odot}$
 - $X = 1$ for Sun; $X \sim 10$ for a galaxy.
 - Galaxy M/L ratios indicate Dark Matter
- Average density of Universe: from galaxy counts and masses.

Lecture 4: Galaxy Spectra

- Continuum, Absorption lines, Emission lines.
- 4000A break: Due to metal absorption lines in stellar atmospheres. Strong in ellipticals, weaker in spirals, absent in irregulars.
- Absorption lines: From metals in stellar atmospheres => old stars
 - Seen in ellipticals, spiral bulges
- Emission lines: HII regions, gas ionized by hot stars => young stars in spiral disks, irregulars
- Radial velocities, redshift: $\frac{v}{c} = \frac{\lambda - \lambda_0}{\lambda_0} = z$

Lecture 5: Dark Matter

- Virial Equilibrium: Rotation = Gravity $M = \frac{v^2 r}{G}$
Calculate M given v and r
- Rotation curves: stars trace mass $\Rightarrow v = \sqrt{GM/r}$
Observe: $v = \text{constant} \Rightarrow$ Dark Matter
 $v = \text{const} \Rightarrow M \sim r$ and $\rho \sim 1/r^2 \Rightarrow$ "dark halo"
- Dark Matter in galaxy clusters:
galaxies move too fast to stay bound
- Gravitational Lensing: M given D_L , D_S and θ
- Conclusion: 90% of the mass is Dark Matter...
OR gravity theory (General Relativity)
needs to be modified

Lecture 6: Black Holes

- Black Holes: so massive & compact light cannot escape. Be able to derive Schwarzschild radius:
kinetic energy = gravitational energy: $r_s = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$
- SMBHs: observe large speeds at
some given distance: derive mass: $M = \frac{v^2 r}{G}$
- Hawking radiation, virtual pairs, BH evaporation
(no need to memorise formula for T)

Lecture 6: Quasars

- SMBH \Rightarrow AGN when feeding.
- QSOs are bright AGN, star-like but at large redshift
 \Rightarrow Luminosity up to $\sim 10^5$ that of normal galaxies.
- Broad emission lines \Rightarrow rapid rotation ($v \sim 10^4$ km/s)
- Spectrum: blackbody (accretion disk) + power law (non-thermal) Synchrotron radiation: relativistic jet with electrons spiraling in \mathbf{B} -field
- QSO model + unification scheme for Quasars, Blazars, and Radio galaxies
- Many at large redshift ($z \sim 2-3$) but few nearby
 \Rightarrow common in early Universe, then died out.