

Maximally symmetric hypersurfaces; isotropic cosmology.

Since this is a separate course in cosmology, we won't study cosmology here. But we do set up the stage by analyzing the space-time one obtains from the requirements of homogeneity and isotropy.

Why? In cosmology (the study of the history, dynamics, evolution of the universe on a large scale) our observations are limited, because:

(i) can only be done from one specific point, Earth, at one specific time, now (cosmologically the fact that we have been doing astronomy for ~100 years is still basically an instantaneous observation event).

(ii) can only see part of the Universe; observations are limited by

- dust and other intervening stuff
- physics, ~~as~~ the universe is opaque before recombination
- luminosity
- only see few bandwidths of light.

Hence, to make progress it is always the case that assumptions are made ~~to~~ in building mathematical models ~~describing~~ of the ~~not~~ space-time that describes the universe.

Generally / commonly two assumptions are made: approximate:

(d) Homogeneity : that there is no preferred point in the space
 (e) Isotropy — — — direction — —

These are often referred to as the Copernican Principle (since we would not occupy a preferred place in the Universe, just like Copernicus moved the center from Earth to Sun, now we are disposing with a center anywhere).

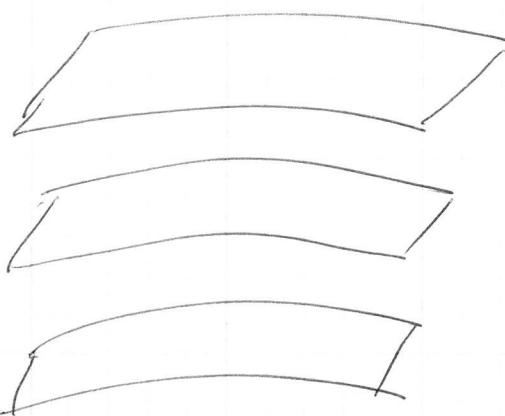
~~Proper~~: Notice that we are talking about approximate ~~strict~~ conditions. There is matter in the universe and it is not uniformly spread (there are galaxies, planets, bacteria...).

But, on average, ~~the~~ smoothing over distance scales of several intergalactic ~~lengths~~ lengths, the universe appears fairly smooth. So this is a starting ~~assumption~~ approximation that has to be improved to account for the very interesting irregularities \rightarrow whole course on cosmology.

We will restrict our attention to determining the spacetimes that are homogeneous & isotropic, and discuss briefly what Einstein's equations supply for them.

Technical def. of

Homogeneity & Holonomy. For spacetime to be homogeneous:



Need

← foliation of spacetime
by ~~spacelike~~ 1-parameter
family of spacelike surfaces
 Σ_t , and

for any Σ_t ("any time"), for any two points

$p, q \in \Sigma_t$ there is an isometry taking $p \rightarrow q$.

(Recall an isometry ϕ is $\phi: M \rightarrow M$ + $\phi^*g = g$).

In other words, there is some definition of time for which at each $t = \text{constant}$ hypersurface, the metric is the same at all points.

Isotropy: First define isotropy for an observer. We want to say that an observer sees same stuff in any direction.

So

~~For a spacetime is ^{to be} spatially isotropic about~~



timelike curve

\vec{U} = (timelike) tangent to worldline at p.

\vec{S}_i = spacelike tangent vectors at p, ^{unit magnitude,} ~~long~~
(i.e., \vec{S}_i are $\perp \vec{U}$)

Isotropy at p: an isometry leaving p and \vec{U} fixed but taking $\vec{S}_1 \xrightarrow{\text{(rotating)}} \vec{S}_2$ for any pair \vec{S}_1, \vec{S}_2 .

(So there is no preferred direction, i.e., no preferred spatial vector \perp to \vec{U}).

Isotropic space: if there is a congruence of timelike curves such that every point p and the spacetime has isotropy at every point on these curves



congruence.

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Def "isotropic observers": those in this congruence

(world)

- ~~for~~ The 2 definitions (homogeneity) required a preferred collection of subspaces.

- If spacetime is homogeneous ~~and~~ isotropic, then \vec{S}_i are \perp to \vec{U} . For if \vec{U} had a component along \vec{S}_i , say \vec{S} , then this would be a spatial vector in a preferred direction (we can project out the part that is not orthogonal to \vec{U} , to construct \vec{S}' , a preferred vector with $\vec{S} + \vec{U}$).

Actually, one must be careful; the previous note is true when the Σ_t and the isotropic observers ~~are~~ are unique. If not unique, one can choose $\Sigma_t \perp$ to J . (Example is flat nukowski)

Now, we $\Sigma_t \rightarrow M$ (embedding) to define $[h_{tt} \ g]$. h_{tt} is

Riemannian (sign + + +). (This is the same as $h = g$ restricted to act on vectors tangent to Σ_t). ~~space~~

So consider the space Σ_t with metric h_{ij} , inverse h^{ij} . We expect isotropy + homogeneity $\Rightarrow \Sigma_t$ is a 3-dm maximally symmetric space.

In fact isotropy is enough to show this (and so isotropy \Rightarrow homogeneity). Consider the 3-d curvature tensor (Weyl)

$$\bar{R}^{ij}_{kl} \quad (\text{the bar for 3-D})$$

With indexes raised or shown, this is ^{linear} map ~~on~~ L on 2-forms $L: \Omega^{(2)} \rightarrow \Omega^{(2)}$ ~~on~~ $\tilde{\omega} = \omega_{ij} dx^i \wedge dx^j$

$$\tilde{\omega} \rightarrow L(\tilde{\omega}) = \omega_{ij} \bar{R}^{ij}_{kl} dx^k \wedge dx^l$$

Now, defining the ^{positive, symmetric} inner product on $\Omega^{(2)}$ by $(\tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\omega}) = (\tilde{\omega}, \tilde{\sigma}) = \omega_{ij} \sigma_{kl} h^{ik} h^{jl}$

then L is self-adjoint; $(\tilde{\sigma}, L\tilde{\omega}) = (L\tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\omega})$

(which follows from $\bar{R}_{ijk}{}^l = \bar{R}_{k[ij]}$). \rightarrow there is a basis of orthonormal eigenvectors of L. By isotropy the eigenvalues must be all the same (else, special direction), so ~~L = K I~~

$$S_0 \quad L \propto I \quad \star$$

or

$$\bar{R}^{ij}_{\lambda k \epsilon} = \kappa (\delta^i_k \delta^j_\epsilon - \delta^i_\epsilon \delta^j_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{R}_{ijk\epsilon} = \kappa (h_{ik} h_{je} - h_{ie} h_{jk})$$

$\rightarrow h_{ij}$ is maximally symmetric.

Now, this is the statement that h_{ij} is maximally symmetric if κ is constant (same everywhere on Σ_t). This follows from homogeneity. But it also follows from the Bianchi identity

$$\bar{R}_{ijkl;m} + \bar{R}_{ijmk;l} + \bar{R}_{ijlm;k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa_{,m} (h_{ik} h_{je} - h_{ie} h_{jk}) + \kappa_{,e} (h_{ik} h_{je} - h_{ie} h_{jk}) + \kappa_{,k} (-) = 0$$

Now contract with $h_{ik} h_{je}$:

$$\kappa_{,m} (3^2 3) + \kappa_{,m} (1-3) + (1-3) \kappa_{,n} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \kappa_{,m} = 0$$

So, isotropy \Rightarrow homogeneity AND h_{ij} is maximally symmetric.

Also $\kappa = \frac{\bar{R}}{6}$ a constant for each Σ_t

Finally we have

~~gab = gab~~

So we have a space which admits a congruence of isotropic observers with a corresponding foliation by spacelike surfaces Σ_t orthogonal to $\vec{\omega}$, which are Riemannian 3-dim maximally symmetric spaces with metric h . The full space time has metric g , and if \vec{s}, \vec{s}' are on Σ_t then $g(\vec{s}, \vec{s}') = h(\vec{s}, \vec{s}')$.

Let $\tilde{U}(\cdot) = g(0, \cdot)$. Then clearly, if we define $h(\vec{v}, \vec{x}) = 0$

$$g = h + \lambda \tilde{U} \otimes \tilde{U}$$

however, since $g(0, 0) = -1$, $\alpha(0) = -1$ and

$$-1 = 0 + \lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = -1$$

$$g = -\tilde{U} \otimes \tilde{U} + h$$

In components

$$g_{\mu\nu} = -u_\nu u_\mu + h_{\mu\nu}$$

Other Useful coordinates:

(i) Obvious choice on each Σ_t , i.e., spherical coordinates if $\bar{R} > 0$.

(ii) Assign a fixed spatial coordinate label to each isotropic observer ("comoving coordinates")

(iii) Homogeneity \Rightarrow all isotropic observers agree on proper time of Σ_t , so label Σ_t by proper time τ of isotropic observer.

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} d\chi^2 + \sin^2 \chi d\Omega_2^2 & \bar{R} > 0 \\ d\chi^2 + \chi^2 d\Omega_2^2 & \bar{R} = 0 \\ d\chi^2 + \sinh^2 \chi d\Omega_2^2 & \bar{R} < 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Robertson-Walker metric.

Note, there is a preferred set of observers: the isotropic observers.

In comoving coordinates the distance between fixed points p, p' on the hypersurface Σ_t evolves with t as $a(t)$.

Einstein's Equations

~~We have $\bar{R}_{ij} = 2k h_{ij}$~~

Need to compute Einstein's tensor. It is fairly standard to introduce radial coordinates by

$$dx = \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1-kr^2}}$$

with $k = +1, 0, -1$ for $\bar{R} > 0, = 0, < 0$. Then

$r = \sin x, x, \sinh x$ in each case. Then

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left[\frac{dr^2}{1-kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2 \right]$$

As usual $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = \frac{1}{2} (g_{\mu\lambda,\nu} + g_{\nu\lambda,\mu} - g_{\mu\nu,\lambda})$ and $R_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = g^{\mu\lambda} R_{\mu\nu}$
so

$$\Gamma_{011} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{2a\dot{a}}{1-kr^2} = -\Gamma_{110} = -\Gamma_{101}$$

$$\Gamma_{11}^0 = \frac{a\ddot{a}}{1-kr^2} \quad \Gamma_{10}^1 = \Gamma_{01}^1 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

$$\Gamma_{000} = -\frac{1}{2} 2a\dot{a}r^2 = -\Gamma_{000} = \Gamma_{000}$$

$$\Gamma_{00}^0 = a\dot{a}r^2 \quad \Gamma_{00}^\theta = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} = \Gamma_{\theta 0}^\theta$$

$$\Gamma_{0\phi\phi} = -a\dot{a}r^2 \sin^2\theta = -\Gamma_{\phi\phi 0} = -\Gamma_{\phi 0\phi}$$

$$\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^0 = a\dot{a}r^2 \sin^2\theta$$

$$\Gamma_{00}^0 = \frac{1}{2} a^2 \frac{2kr}{(1-kr^2)^2}$$

$$\Gamma_{11}^1 = \frac{kr}{1-kr^2}$$

$$\Gamma_{100} = -\Gamma_{010} = -\Gamma_{001} = -a^2 r$$

$$\Gamma_{00}^1 = -r(1-kr^2) \quad \Gamma_{10}^\theta = \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\Gamma_{1\phi\phi} = -\Gamma_{\phi 1\phi} = -\Gamma_{\phi\phi 1} = -a^2 r \sin^2\theta$$

$$\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^1 = -r(1-kr^2) \sin^2\theta \quad \Gamma_{1\phi}^\theta = \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\Gamma_{\phi\phi\phi} = -\Gamma_{\phi 0\phi} = -\Gamma_{\phi\phi 0} = -a^2 r^2 \sin^2\theta$$

$$\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^0 = -\sin\theta \cos\theta \quad \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\theta = \cot\theta$$

and

$$R_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\rho\nu}^\rho = \partial_\rho \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\rho - \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\rho + \Gamma_{\rho\lambda}^\rho \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda - \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\rho \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda$$

so we have

$$R_{\theta\theta} = -3 \partial_r \left(\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} \right) + 3 \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = -3 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - \partial_r \left(\frac{2}{r} \right)$$

$$R_{rr} = \partial_r \left(\frac{a \ddot{a}}{1-kr^2} \right) + \partial_r \left(\frac{kr}{1-kr^2} \right) - \partial_r \left(\frac{kr}{1-kr^2} \right)^2 + R_{\rho\rho}^0 R_{rr}^0 + R_{\rho\rho}^1 R_{rr}^1$$

$$= R_{\rho\rho}^0 R_{rr}^0$$

$$= \frac{\ddot{a}a + \dot{a}^2}{1-kr^2} + 3 \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) \frac{a \ddot{a}}{1-kr^2} \frac{2}{r^2} + \frac{kr}{1-kr^2} \left(\frac{2}{r} + \frac{kr}{1-kr^2} \right) - \left[2 \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) \frac{a \ddot{a}}{1-kr^2} \right]$$

$$+ \left(\frac{kr}{1-kr^2} \right)^2 + \frac{2}{r^2} \left[\cancel{a \ddot{a} r^2} \cancel{2(1-kr^2) \cancel{s \cancel{r^2}}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-kr^2} \left\{ \ddot{a}a + \dot{a}^2 + 3 \dot{a}^2 + 2kr - 2 \dot{a}^2 \right\} - \frac{2}{r^2} \cancel{(1-kr^2)}$$

$$= \frac{\ddot{a}a + 2 \dot{a}^2 + 2kr}{1-kr^2}$$

~~difficult~~

$$R_{\theta\theta} = \partial_r (a \dot{a} r^2) + \partial_r (-r(1-kr^2)) - \partial_\theta (c \tan \theta) \\ + a \dot{a} r^2 \left(3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) + (-r(1-kr^2)) \left[\frac{kr}{1-kr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \right] \\ - \left[2(a \dot{a} r^2) \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) + 2(-r(1-kr^2)) \frac{1}{r} + c \tan^2 \theta \right]$$

$$= (\ddot{a}a + \dot{a}^2)r^2 - (1-kr^2) + 2kr^2 + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} + 3 \dot{a}^2 r^2 - kr^2 - 2(1-kr^2) \\ - 2 \dot{a}^2 r^2 + 2(1-kr^2) - \frac{c \tan^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \\ = (\ddot{a}a + 2 \dot{a}^2)r^2 - 2 + 2kr^2 + \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} = (\ddot{a}a + 2 \dot{a}^2 + 2k)r^2$$

$$R_{\phi\phi} = \partial_r (a \dot{a} r^2 \sin^2 \theta) + \partial_r (-r(1-kr^2) \sin^2 \theta) + \partial_\theta (-\sin \theta \cos \theta) \\ + (a \dot{a} r^2 \sin^2 \theta) \left(3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) + (-r(1-kr^2) \sin^2 \theta) \left(\frac{kr}{1-kr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \right) + (-\sin \theta \cos \theta) \tan \theta \\ - \left[2 \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) (a \dot{a} r^2 \sin^2 \theta) + 2(-r(1-kr^2) \sin^2 \theta) \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) + 2(-\sin \theta \cos \theta) \tan \theta \right] \\ = (\ddot{a}a + \dot{a}^2)r^2 \sin^2 \theta - (1-3kr^2)\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta + 2 \dot{a}^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta \\ - kr^2 \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = (\ddot{a}a + 2 \dot{a}^2 + 2k)r^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

And

$$R = g_{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} = 3 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \frac{1}{a^2} [(\dot{a}^2 a + 2 \dot{a}^2 + 2 k) \cdot 3] \\ = 6 \left[\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 + \frac{k}{a^2} \right]$$

Now Einstein's equations are $R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$

or, since $-R = 8\pi G T$, $R_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G (T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} T)$

Model energy & matter in the universe by a perfect fluid.

For consistency with the isotropy and homogeneity of the metric we must choose the fluid to be homogeneous and isotropic, that is the fluid is at rest in comoving coordinates:

$$U^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = (\rho + p) U_\mu U_\nu + p g_{\mu\nu} \quad T^\mu_{\nu} = (\rho + p) U^\mu U_\nu + p \delta^\mu_\nu$$

Note that ~~$T^\mu_{\nu;\mu}$~~ $T^\mu_{\nu;\mu} = 0 \Rightarrow$ ad for $\nu = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{\partial}(\rho + p) \overset{\text{real!}}{\cancel{\partial}} T^\mu_{\nu;\lambda} = T^\mu_{\nu,\lambda} + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\lambda} T^\nu - \Gamma^\nu_{\nu\lambda} T^\mu$$

so $T^\mu_{\nu;\mu} = T^\mu_{\nu,\mu} + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\mu} T^\nu - \Gamma^\nu_{\nu\mu} T^\mu$

and so

$$T^\mu_{0;\mu} = -(\rho + p)_{,0} + p_{,0} + (-p)(3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a}) - (3 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a})(p)$$

so

$$\boxed{\dot{p} + 3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} (p + \rho) = 0}$$

This equation could be obtained from Einstein's, but this is simpler.

$$\text{Now } T = g^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu} = -(p+p) + 4p = 3p - p$$

$$R_{00} = 8\pi G (T_{00} - \frac{1}{2}g_{00} T)$$

$$-3 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = 8\pi G (p + \frac{1}{2}(3p-p)) = 8\pi G (\frac{1}{2}p + \frac{3}{2}p)$$

or

$$\boxed{\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(p+3p)}$$

$$\text{and } R_{tt} = 8\pi G (T_{tt} - \frac{1}{2}g_{tt} T)$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}a + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k}{1-kr^2} = 8\pi G \left[\frac{a^2}{1-kr^2} p - \frac{1}{2} \frac{a^2}{1-kr^2} (3p-p) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-kr^2} 8\pi G a^2 (p - \frac{1}{2}(3p-p))$$

\Rightarrow

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + 2\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 + 2\frac{k}{a^2} = 4\pi G (p-p)$$

Eliminate $\frac{\ddot{a}}{a}$ using above, $\frac{\dot{a}}{a}$ and $4\pi G (p+3p+3p-3p) = \frac{4\pi G}{3} p$

\Rightarrow

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 + \frac{k}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3} p}$$

These are Friedmann equations. Metrics that obey these are called FRW metrics (Friedmann-Robertson-Walker).

We have two equations for three unknowns, $a(t)$, p and ρ . But ρ and p are not independent if we know what constitutes the matter/energy in the universe. For example, a collisionless fluid (dust) has $p=0$, while radiation has $p=\frac{1}{3}p$. So we write an "equation of state" $p=w\rho$.

We will take w to be a fixed number, and are particularly interested in the cases

$$w = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{dust (or "matter")} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{radiation} \\ -1 & \text{cosmological constant.} \end{cases}$$

The last one is just the statement that if we modify Einstein's equations by adding Einstein's cosmological constant Λ :

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

then we can rewrite

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G (T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G} g_{\mu\nu})$$

and think of $-\frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G} g_{\mu\nu}$ as a contribution to $T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{(total)}} = T_{\mu\nu} + T_{\mu\nu}^{(\Lambda)}$.

Then, $T_{\mu\nu}^{(\Lambda)}$ is of the form of a fluid with $\rho = +\frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G}$ and $p = -\rho$ (so $w = -1$).

$$\text{Then } T^1_{0;\mu} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{\rho} + 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}(\rho + wp) = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{\dot{\rho}}{\rho} = -3(1+w)\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \ln \rho = -3(1+w) \frac{d}{dt} \ln a$$

$$\boxed{\rho = \rho_0 \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^{-3(1+w)}}$$

Note, $w=0 \Rightarrow \rho \sim \frac{1}{a^3}$ makes sense, $\rho \sim \frac{1}{a^3}$ value

$$w=\frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow p \sim \frac{1}{a^4} \quad \rho \sim \frac{1}{a^3} \times \text{redshift}$$

which we have not yet done.

$$w=-1 \Rightarrow \rho = \text{constant}, \text{ in fact } \rho = \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G}$$

One can then solve Einstein's equations &

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 + \frac{k}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho = \frac{8\pi G p_0}{3} \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^{3(1+w)}$$

or

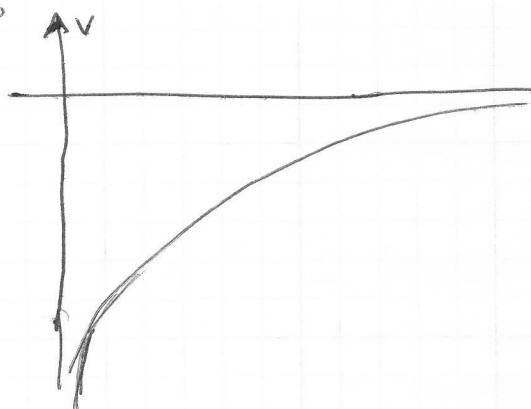
$$G\ddot{a} + \frac{k}{a^2} - \frac{8\pi G p_0 a_0}{3} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\ddot{a}^2 - \frac{8\pi G p_0 a_0^{3(1+w)}}{3} \frac{1}{a^{1+3w}} = -k}$$

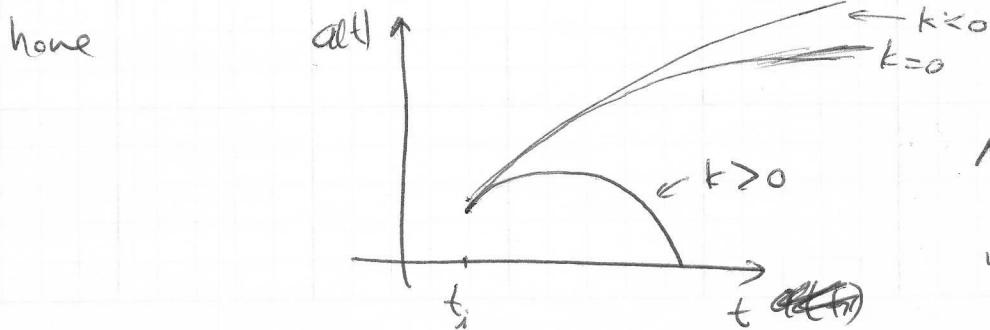
This is like the equation

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + V(x)$$

multiplied by $\frac{2}{m}$, so ~~it is a particle~~ the solution has same time dependence as a particle in a potential $V \sim \frac{(-1)}{x^{1+3w}}$ with energy $E \sim -k$. For $1+3w > 0$ $V \rightarrow -\infty$ as $x \rightarrow 0$ and $V \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$, so



Now if $E < 0$ the motion has a ~~maximum~~ turning point at some maximum r and then endlessly $r \rightarrow 0$. ~~and~~ For $E \geq 0$ the motion is unbounded provided $\dot{r} > 0$ initially. So for $w > \frac{1}{3}$ we have



Note that for $k=0$
 $\dot{r} \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$
while for $k < 0$ $\dot{r} > 0$
for $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Clearly it is of great (political) interest to know if the universe will expand for ever (and if so whether it will do so by slowing down to $\dot{a} \rightarrow 0$ asymptotically) or if it will collapse into a "big crunch". [Need to know $k > 0$.]

Note, however, that if we start with $\dot{a} > 0$ at some point, running the clock back in any case gives $\dot{a} > 0$, so it looks like the universe grew out of a singular ($a=0$) condition, or better, started small at some time and quickly grew. This is called the "big bang". However, it is not an explosion. Recall, comoving observers are separated by fixed comoving separation. It is just that the distance (space between any two of them) is $\rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow t_{\text{big bang}}$.

To figure out whether $k > 0$, $k=0$ or $k < 0$ in our present universe we can measure each term in the left of

$$\left(\frac{\ddot{a}}{a}\right)^2 - \frac{8\pi G\rho_0}{3} \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^{3(1+w)} = -\frac{k}{a^2}$$

First, if this is evaluated today, then $a=a_0$ and ~~the~~ we have

$$\left(\frac{\ddot{a}}{a}\right)|_0 - \frac{8\pi G\rho_0}{3} = -\frac{k}{a_0^2}$$

Need $H_0 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a_0}$ theubble ^{constant}~~parameter~~ (should be called bubble parameter since $H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \neq \text{const}$)

and $\rho_0 = \text{energy density}$.

H_0 can be measured from redshift vs luminosity of standard candles (see below) while ρ_0 can be "counted"

Actually, we should be more careful to include all types of matter (different equations of state) ~~admissible~~ in the analysis --- we have assumed one dominant type.

Write

$$\left(\frac{a'}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i f_{i,i} \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^{3(1+w_i)} - \frac{k}{a^2}$$

You will often see this written as

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i f_i \quad \text{not a real energy density!}$$

where one term, $i=k$ -curvature has $f_k = \frac{3}{8\pi G} \left(-\frac{k}{a^2}\right)$ (set aside f_c for critical density).

Also dividing this by H^2 ,

$$1 = \sum_i \Omega_i$$

$$\text{where } \Omega_i = \frac{8\pi G}{3H^2} f_i = \frac{f_i}{f_c}$$

where $f_c = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G}$ is a quantity depending only on the geometry - through,

which gives the critical value for which k changes sign: if we define $\Omega = \sum_{i \neq k} \Omega_i$ then we have

$$\Omega_k = 1 - \Omega$$

and $\Omega_k > 0, = 0, < 0$ ($k < 0, = 0, > 0$) iff $\Omega < 1, = 1, > 1$.

So we need to measure all components of ρ and compare them with ρ_{pc} , obtained from measuring H .

Note that the different components scale differently:

$$\Omega_\Lambda \sim a^0 \quad \Omega_k \sim \frac{1}{a^2} \quad \Omega_{\text{mat}} \sim \frac{1}{a^3} \quad \Omega_{\text{rad}} \sim \frac{1}{a^4}$$

If they were all similar today, then in the past, $a \ll 1$, Ω_{rad} should be dominant.

In fact, today it's $\Omega_\Lambda \sim \frac{1}{2} \Omega_\Lambda$ ~~$\gg \Omega_k, \Omega_{\text{rad}}$~~ with $\Omega \approx 1$.

Moreover, the evolution of $a(t)$ is still given, as before, by

$$\ddot{a}^2 - \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_{0i} \frac{a_0^{3(1+w_i)}}{a^{1+3w_i}} = -k$$

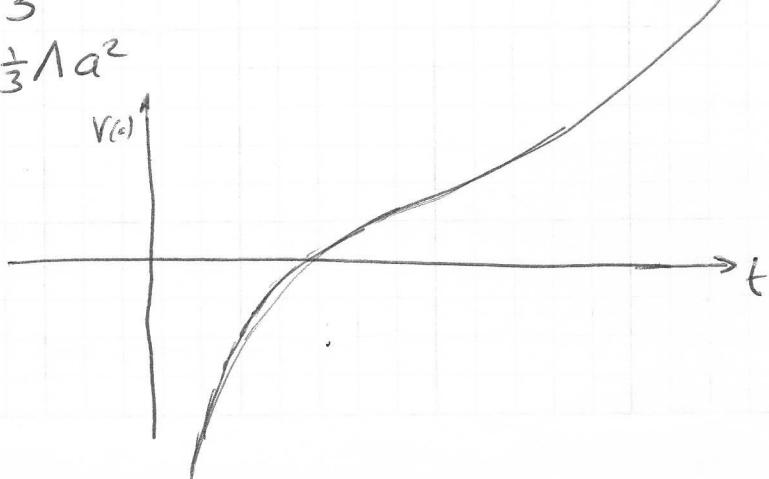
At small a , the largest w_i dominates; at large a the smallest w_i dominates. With matter, radiation and cosmological constant, we have $w_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{3}$, $w_{\text{min}} = -1$, so the "potential"

$V(a)$ has $V(a) \approx -\frac{8\pi G}{3} \frac{\Lambda a_0^4}{a^2}$ as $a \rightarrow 0$ and

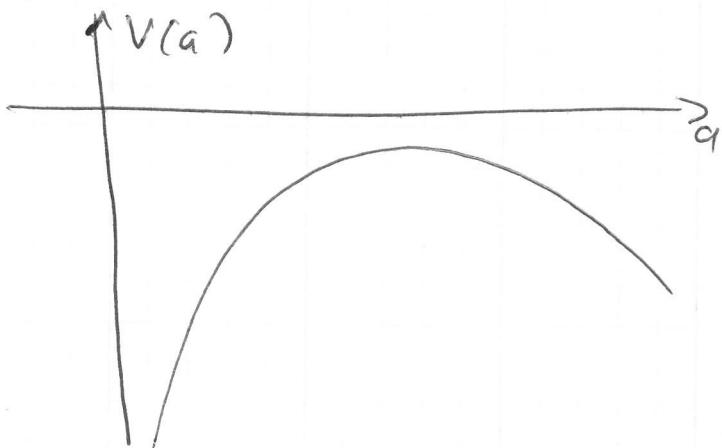
$$V(a) \approx -\frac{8\pi G}{3} \Lambda a^2 \quad \text{as } a \rightarrow \infty.$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \Lambda a^2$$

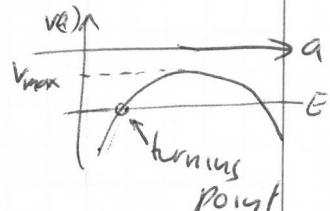
So, if $\Lambda < 0$



while, if $\Lambda > 0$



let's look at this in more detail. For $k < 0$ ("E > 0") or $k = 0$ ("E = 0"), the "particle" motion is unbounded, describing an ever expanding universe. But for $k > 0$ ("E < 0") there is a critical value of parameters beyond which the universe collapses. This occurs if the maximum of the potential $V(a)$ is above the energy E .



Recollapse condition

$$\max_a \left[-\frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_{oi} \frac{a_0^{3(1+w_i)}}{a^{1+3w_i}} \right] > -k$$

or multiplying by a - sign and using $\rho_{oi} = \frac{8\pi G}{3H_0^2} \rho_{ci}$

$$\min_a \left[H_0^2 \sum_i \frac{\rho_{ci} a_0^{3(1+w_i)}}{a^{1+3w_i}} \right] < k = -H_0^2 a_0^2 \Omega_k$$

or simply

$$\min_a \left[\frac{\rho_{rad} a_0^4}{a^2} + \frac{\rho_{m} a_0^3}{a} + \rho_{r} a^2 \right] < -a_0^2 \Omega_k$$

To simplify matter, let's ignore ρ_{rad} , since it is already negligible today. Then, taking one derivative:

$$\frac{d}{da} \left[\frac{\rho_{on} a^3}{a} + \rho_{on} a^2 \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\rho_{on} a^3}{a^2} + 2\rho_{on} a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \left(\frac{\rho_{on} a^3}{2\rho_{on}} \right)^{1/3} = a_0 \left(\frac{\rho_{on}}{2\rho_{on}} \right)^{1/3}$$

Now plug back into "potential" to find minimum

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimum} &= \frac{\rho_{on} a^3}{a_0 (2\rho_{on})^{1/3}} + \rho_{on} a^2 \left(\frac{\rho_{on}}{2\rho_{on}} \right)^{2/3} \\ &= a_0^2 \rho_{on}^{2/3} (2\rho_{on})^{1/3} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and the condition for recollapse is

$$\boxed{\frac{3}{2} \rho_{on}^{2/3} (2\rho_{on})^{1/3} < -\rho_{ok}}$$

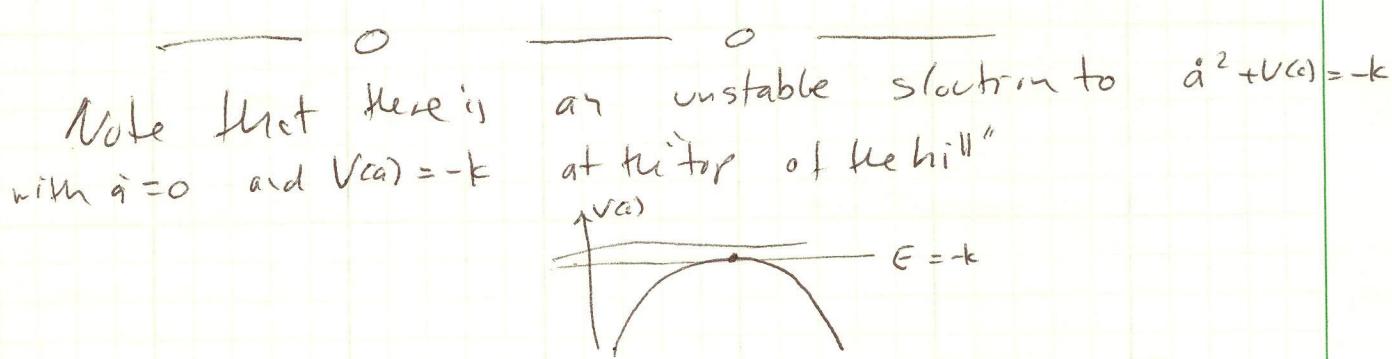
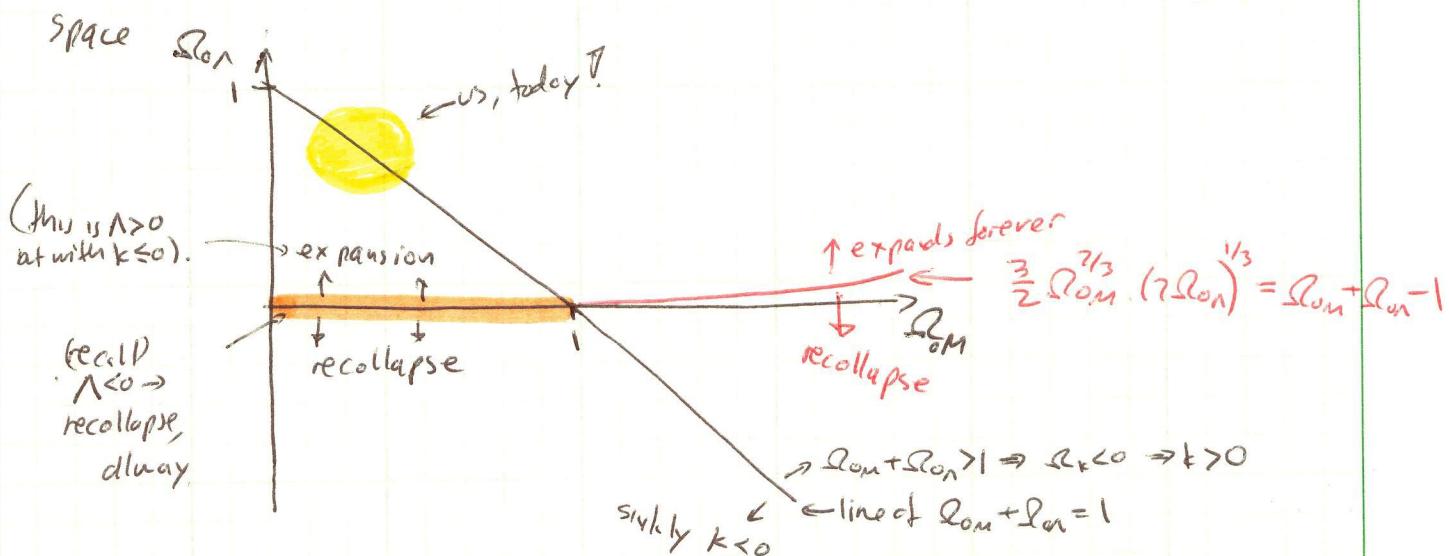
Moreover, recall that $\rho_{ok} = 1 - \rho_{on} - \rho_{on}$, so the condition is on ρ_{on} vs ρ_{on} :

$$\boxed{\frac{3}{2} \rho_{on}^{4/3} (2\rho_{on})^{1/3} < \rho_{on} + \rho_{on} - 1}$$

And keep in mind that we are doing the $k>0$ case, so $\rho_{ok}<0$ (although, the treatment has been general).

CAUTION: The solution to the inequality must be dealt with great care because of the cube root. There are two large (one positive and one negative) roots of the cubic (set the " $<$ " to " $=$ "), and a small, positive root. Only the last is physical.

Let's put together our results in one graph: the Ω_m , Ω_Λ parameter



That is Einstein's static universe.

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Redshift and Distances (a la Carroll).

FRW has no timelike killing vector (the metric depends explicitly on t). But there is a Killing tensor. Let $U^\mu = (1, \vec{0})$, that is, \vec{U} is the 4-vector tangent to isotropic observers in comoving coordinates (i.e., their 4-velocity). Then let

$$K_{\mu\nu} = a^2 (g_{\mu\nu} + U_\mu U_\nu)$$

where $g_{\mu\nu}$ is the FRW metric with scale factor a .

Then $\nabla_\mu K_{\mu\nu} = 0$ (see next page for check of this).

Now, take V^μ to be a tangent to a particle trajectory $V^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda}$. This is the 4-velocity for a massive particle, or the wave 4-vector for a massless particle.

Along the geodesic

$$K^2 \equiv K_{\mu\nu} V^\mu V^\nu$$

is constant. Then, for a massive particle $V_\mu V^\mu = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{K^2}{a^2} &= V_\mu V^\mu + (U_\mu V^\mu)^2 \\ &= -1 + (V^0)^2 \end{aligned}$$

But $V_\mu V^\mu = -1 \Rightarrow (V^0)^2 - g_{ij} V^i V^j = 1$ so

$$|\vec{V}|^2 \equiv g_{ij} V^i V^j = \frac{K^2}{a^2}$$

For massless particles $V_\mu V^\mu = 0$ and $V_\mu V^\mu = -\infty$

$$\text{so } \frac{K^2}{a^2} = \omega^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \omega = \frac{K}{a}$$

Check the $K_{uv;\sigma} = 0$

$$K_{uv;\sigma} = K_{uv,\sigma} - \Gamma_{u\sigma}^\lambda K_{v\lambda} - \Gamma_{v\sigma}^\lambda K_{u\lambda}$$

Check

$$K_{00;0} = K_{00,0} - 2\Gamma_{00}^\lambda K_{\lambda 0} = 0$$

$$K_{00;jj} = K_{00,jj} - 2\Gamma_{0j}^\lambda K_{\lambda 0} = 0 \quad (K_{\lambda 0} = 0 = K_{00})$$

$$K_{i0;0} = K_{i0,0} - \Gamma_{10}^\lambda K_{\lambda 0}^0 - \Gamma_{00}^\lambda K_{i\lambda}$$

$$K_{ij;0} = K_{ij,0} - \Gamma_{10}^\lambda K_{\lambda j} - \Gamma_{j0}^\lambda K_{i\lambda}$$

$$\text{Here } K_{ij} = a^2 g_{ij} = a^4 h_{ij}$$

where h_{ij} is the metric on the hypersurface of a surface \mathbf{k} .

$$\text{so } K_{ij,0} = 4\left(\frac{a}{a}\right) K_{ij}$$

$$\text{Also } \Gamma_{10}^\lambda K_{\lambda j} = \Gamma_{10}^\ell K_{\ell j} = \frac{a}{a} K_{ij}$$

$$\text{so } K_{ij,0} = 2\left(\frac{a}{a}\right) K_{ij}$$

$$K_{10;jj} = K_{10,jj}^0 - \Gamma_{ij}^\lambda K_{\lambda 0}^0 - \Gamma_{0j}^\lambda K_{i\lambda} = -\left(\frac{a}{a}\right) K_{ij}$$

$$\text{so } K_{(ij);0} = (2-1-1)\left(\frac{a}{a}\right) K_{ij} = 0$$

Finally

$$K_{ij;e} = K_{ij,e} - \Gamma_{ie}^\lambda K_{\lambda j} - \Gamma_{je}^\lambda K_{i\lambda}$$

$$K_{ij,e} = a^4 h_{ij,e}$$

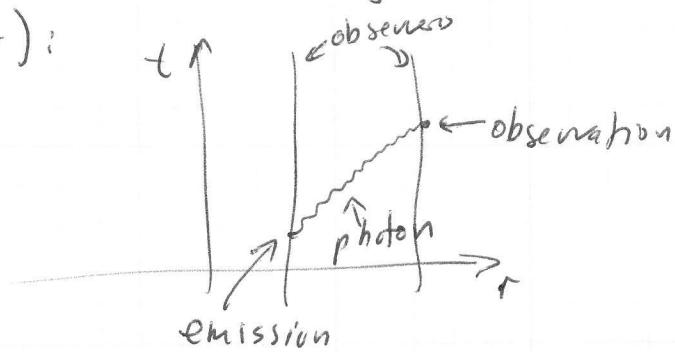
$$\text{Recall } \Gamma_{1e}^m = \frac{1}{2} g^{mp} (g_{1p,e} + g_{ep,i} - g_{ie,p})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} a^2 h^{mn} (h_{in,e} + h_{en,i} - g_{ie,n})$$

$$\text{so } \Gamma_{1e}^m K_{mj} = \frac{1}{2} a^4 h_{mj} \Gamma_{1e}^m = \frac{1}{2} a^4 (h_{ij,e} + h_{ej,i} - h_{ie,j})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } K_{ij;e} &= a^4 [h_{ij,e} - \frac{1}{2}(h_{ij,e} + h_{ej,i} - h_{ie,j}) - \frac{1}{2}(h_{ij,e} + h_{ei,j} - h_{je,i})] \\ &= 0 \quad \text{even before symmetrizing.} \end{aligned}$$

Consider two comoving observers (both have \vec{U} as tangent vector):



then, since $K = \text{constant}$

$$\omega_{\text{em}} a_{\text{em}} = \omega_{\text{obs}} a_{\text{obs}}$$

or, since $\omega_{\text{em}} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{em}}}$

$$\boxed{\frac{\lambda_{\text{em}}}{a_{\text{em}}} = \frac{\lambda_{\text{obs}}}{a_{\text{obs}}}}$$

That is $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = \frac{a_{\text{obs}}}{a_{\text{em}}} \lambda_{\text{em}}$

and since a is increasing $\lambda_{\text{obs}} > \lambda_{\text{em}} \Rightarrow \text{redshift}$.

Define the redshift as

$$z = \frac{\lambda_{\text{obs}} - \lambda_{\text{em}}}{\lambda_{\text{em}}} = \frac{a_{\text{obs}}}{a_{\text{em}}} - 1$$

$$\boxed{\frac{a_{\text{obs}}}{a_{\text{em}}} = \frac{1}{1+z}}$$

\Rightarrow Measuring z gives the factor by which the universe has grown since emission as $1+z$.

The instantaneous physical distance $d_p(t)$ between isotropic observers is the distance between them on a common t =constant surface. Recall

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) [dx_1^2 + S_k^2(x) d\Omega^2]$$

where $S_{+1} = \sin x$ $S_0 = x$ $S_{-1} = \sinh x$. Then the distance between an isotropic observer at $x=0$ and one at x is

$$d_p(t) = a(t)x$$

Taking $\frac{d}{dt}$, we have $\dot{d}_p = \dot{a}x = \dot{a}\left(\frac{dx}{a}\right) = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)d_p$

So, interpreting $\dot{d}_p = v_p$, the "velocity of separation" of the isotropic observers, we have
(really, the rate at which space is growing between them)

$$v_p = H d_p$$

which is Hubble's law (if we evaluate that today we have

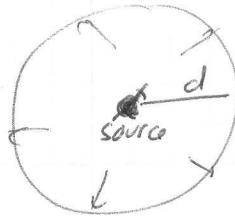
$$v_{p0} = H_0 d_{p0}.$$

The problem at hand, though, is that H_0 , which is of cosmological interest, cannot be directly determined from the above because we have no way of measuring d_{p0} or v_{p0} directly. The problem (beyond other accidental issues, like the fact that Galaxies are not necessarily isotropic observers), is that

- (i) we have no ruler to measure d_{p0} , we have to infer it from other observations, like luminosity (see below)
- (ii) we cannot observe v_{p0} , the velocity today of an observer far away, because light was emitted in the past. This is a small effect if the time T of light travel is much smaller than H_0^{-1} .

In flat space, the luminosity L (defined as energy/time emitted) of a source, and the flux F (defined as energy/frequency received) are related by

$$L = 4\pi d^2 F$$



So we define a luminosity distance, d_L , by

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

This is useful if we can identify objects in the sky as "standard candles", i.e., objects that have the same intrinsic luminosity. Then measuring the flux at Earth we can directly infer the relative distance, d_L , to Earth.

In a FRW background, ~~the~~ photons from a source ($x=0$) get redshifted by $(1+z)$. Moreover, since we are looking at energy/time ~~emitted vs received~~, ~~of the~~ energy emitted over a ~~per~~ time interval δt is received over a time interval $(1+z)\delta t$. So $\frac{F}{L} = \frac{1}{(1+z)^2 A}$

where A is the area of a sphere centered at $x=0$ with comoving radius X . Now, from ds^2 we have

$$A = 4\pi a_0^2 S_r(x)$$

S_r

$$d_L = \sqrt{\frac{L}{4\pi F}} = (1+z) a_0 S_r(x)$$

(Note: check on δt argument. Emit two photons at $t=0$ and $t=\delta t$. They follow null geodesics from $x=0$ to $x=\delta t$

$$ds^2 = 0 = -dt^2 + a^2 d\chi^2$$

Or

$$\frac{d\chi}{dt} = \bar{a}'$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi = \int_0^t \bar{a}'(t') dt' = \int_{\delta t}^{t+\delta t} \bar{a}'(t') dt'$$

and we want δT . But then, from the equality

$$\int_0^{\delta t} \bar{a}(t') dt' = \int_t^{t+\delta T} \bar{a}(t') dt'$$

and if δt is infinitesimal

$$a(t)\delta t = a(t')\delta T \quad \text{or} \quad \delta T = \left(\frac{a(t)}{a(t')}\right)^{-1} \delta t = \left(\frac{a_{\text{em}}}{a_{\text{obs}}}\right)^{-1} \delta t$$

Now, the expression for d_L is not very useful since it depends on χ explicitly; not an observable. However, as in the note above,

$$\chi = \int_0^t \bar{a}(t') dt' = \int \frac{dt'}{da} \frac{da}{a} = \int_{a_{\text{em}}}^{a_{\text{obs}}} \frac{da}{a} =$$

Now using $\frac{a_{\text{em}}}{a_{\text{obs}}} = \frac{a}{a_0} = \frac{1}{1+z}$, where we have $a_{\text{obs}} = a_0(1+z)$

and $a_{\text{em}} = a$, the scale factor at emission corresponding to redshift z , we can change variables from a to z . Using $\dot{a} = Ha$, we have

$$\chi = \int_0^z \left[\left(\frac{a_0}{(1+z)^2} dz' \right) \left(\frac{1}{a^2 H} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{a_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

Note added: At this point a solution of Friedmann equations gives $a(t)$, the integral can be done if we invert $t=t(a)$, and then express the result in terms of the redshift. We instead write the integral as an integral over z :

To perform the integral we need a solution to Friedmann equations, which give $H(z)$. Of course,

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i p_i$$

$$\text{and we know } p_i = p_{0i} \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^{3(1+w_i)} = p_{0i} (1+z)^{3(1+w_i)}$$

Moreover, recall that evaluating this today and dividing by H_0^2 we get

$$1 = \sum_i \Omega_{0i}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3H_0^2} \sum_i p_{0i} (1+z)^{3(1+w_i)} = \sum_i \Omega_{0i} (1+z)^{3(1+w_i)}$$

let $E(z) = H(z)/H_0$. Then

$$x = \frac{1}{a_0 H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{E(z')} \quad \text{with } E(z) = \sqrt{\sum_i \Omega_{0i} (1+z)^{3(1+w_i)}}$$

and this can be plugged into $dl = (1+z)a_0 S_k(x)$

to get dl in terms of z , a_0 and H_0 . But the integration has to be done numerically

Note that now we need a_0 in addition to H_0 and z . But if we know Ω_{0k} we can get a_0 (since $\Omega_{0k} = -\frac{3}{8\pi G} \frac{k}{a_0^2}$) except for the case $k=0$. However, for $k=0$ $S_k(x) = x^2$ and a_0 drops out of dl . For $k \neq 0$ we can use $\Omega_{0k} = 1 - \Omega_0$ to infer Ω_{0k} and use it above. So, ~~simplifying~~ recalling that

$$a_0 \cdot \Omega_{0k} = \frac{8\pi G}{3H_0^2} p_{0k} = -\frac{k}{H_0^2 a_0^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{then } a_0^2 = -\frac{k}{\Omega_{0k} H_0^2} \quad \text{or} \quad a_0 = \frac{1}{H_0 \sqrt{1 - \Omega_{0k}}} = \frac{1}{H_0 \sqrt{1 - \Omega_0}}$$

(provided $k \neq 0$).

$$\text{So, finally } \boxed{dl = \frac{(1+z)}{H_0 \sqrt{1 - \Omega_0}} S_k \left[\sqrt{1 - \Omega_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{E(z')} \right]}$$

Exercise: do the integral $\int_0^z \frac{dz'}{E(z')}$ (numerically?) \rightarrow Elliptic integral... need numerics to plot anyway.

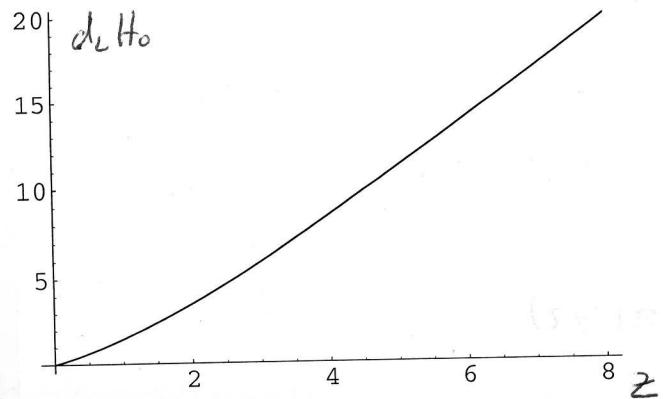
for the case that we have only Λ and nothing (and the three cases $k=0, 1$).

$$E(z) = \Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_k (1+z)^2$$

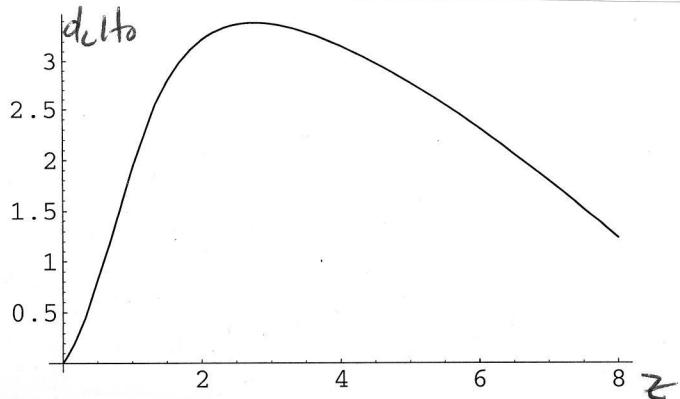
$$\text{where } \Omega_k = 1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_\Lambda.$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_m &= 0.3 \\ \Omega_\Lambda &= 0.5 \\ \Omega_k &= 0.2 \quad k = -1\end{aligned}$$



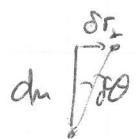
$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_m &= 0.3 \\ \Omega_\Lambda &= 1.5 \\ \Omega_k &= -0.8 \quad k = +1\end{aligned}$$

Note the maximum from $S_k[x] = \sin x$
(eventually has a zero).

There are other measures of distance:

i) Proper motion distance, d_M .

In flat space



$$d_M \delta r_1 = d_M \delta\theta \quad \text{so, } d_M \propto \delta\theta$$

So define:

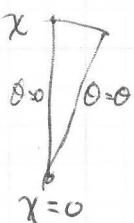
$$d_M = \frac{r_1}{\theta}$$

ii) Angular diameter distance, d_A :

In flat space, $d_A \propto \theta$, so $d_A = \frac{D}{\theta}$.

Exercise: Show $d_A = (1+z)^{-2} d_L$ and $d_M = (1+z)^{-1} d_L$.

Aus: For d_A let the observer be at $x=0$ and the light emitted from x , with θ ranging from 0 to θ .

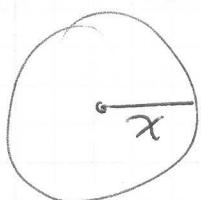


Null lines still have $\dot{x} = \frac{1}{\alpha}$. But doing this way is problematic since comparing the tangent vectors at the observer (the origin) is bad (coordinate singularity).

Avoiding coordinate singularity is messy.

Easier:

(observer at $x=0$).



with $\theta = 2\pi$ in $d_A = \frac{D}{\theta}$. But now

by geometry, at emission x ,

$$D = 2\pi a_{em} S_r(x)$$

$$\text{so } d_A = \frac{2\pi a_{em} S_r(x)}{2\pi} = a_{em} S_r(x) = \frac{1}{1+z} a_0 S_r(z) = \frac{d_L}{(1+z)^2}$$

$$\text{Similarly } d_M = \frac{\delta r_1 / \delta t_{emiss}}{\delta\theta / \delta t_{tot}} = \frac{\delta r_1}{\delta\theta} \cdot \frac{\delta t_{tot}}{\delta t_{em}}$$

$$\text{But } \frac{\delta r_1}{\delta\theta} = d_A = \frac{1}{(1+z)} a_0 S_r(x) \text{ and } \frac{\delta t_{tot}}{\delta t_{em}} = (1+z) \Rightarrow d_M = a_0 S_r(x) = \frac{d_L}{1+z}$$

Lookback Time:

If today's time is t_0 and the time when a photon was emitted by a comoving observer (or at an event coincident with a comoving observer) with coordinate x is t_{em} , then

$$\Delta t = t_0 - t_{em} = \int_{t_{em}}^{t_0} dt = \int_{a_{em}}^{a_0} \frac{da}{a} = \int_{a_{em}}^{a_0} \frac{da}{aH}$$

Using $H = H_0 E(z)$ and $a = \frac{a_0}{1+z}$ we have

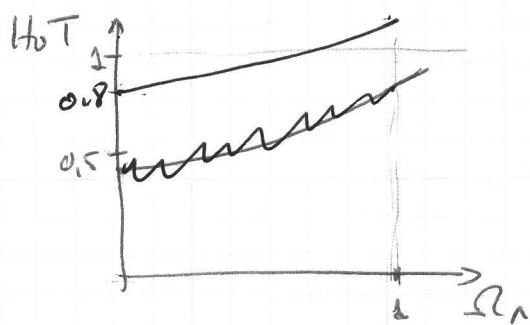
$$\boxed{\Delta t = \frac{1}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{(1+z')E(z')}}$$

Lookback time

The integral is dimensionless, the units are set by $H_0^{-1} \sim 10^{10}$ yrs. In particular, as $z \rightarrow \infty$ the integral goes to a fixed finite number (that depends on the details of $E(z')$), of order 1. So we are tempted to say

$$T = \text{age of universe} = \frac{1}{H_0} \int_0^\infty \frac{dz'}{(1+z')E(z')} \approx \frac{1}{H_0}$$

In fact, I get (from Mathematica) that for $\Omega_m = 0.3$ $\Omega_{rad} = 0$ (written over Ω_m)



So, for fixed Ω_m , T increases with Ω_m (albeit slowly).

This is not the whole story because there is also radiation! But adding $\Omega_{rad} = 10^{-3} \Omega_m$ changes the result a negligible amount.