Cosmology 1FA209, 2017 Lecture 4: Cosmological models and the fate of the Universe



Seminar I request

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Outline

 Properties and fate of single-component Universes

- Empty Universe
- Flat Universe
- Matter/Radiation/Lambda-dominated Universe
- Einstein-de Sitter Universe
- Properties and fate of multiple-component Universes
 - Matter + curvature
 - Benchmark model
 - Other dark energy scenarios

Covers chapter 5 in Ryden

What the dynamics of the Universe can tell you



Density evolution (general)

- Friedmann equation + fluid equation + equation of state \rightarrow a(t), ϵ (t) or t(a), ϵ (a)
- Problem: There are many components in the Universe →
 - Evolution complicated
 - Different components dominate evolution at different times

Multiple energy components

Often, one just writes ϵ and Ω

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{w} \mathcal{E}_{w}$$
$$\Omega_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{w} \frac{\mathcal{E}_{w}}{\mathcal{E}_{c}}$$

Remember:

- w = 0 (non relativistic matter)
- w = 1/3 (radiation and relativistic matter)
- w = -1 (cosmological constant)
- w < -1/3 (dark energy) \rightarrow Positive acceleration

Density evolution

Fluid equation + eq. of state (see exercise session) \rightarrow

$$\mathcal{E}_{w}(a) = \mathcal{E}_{w,0}a^{-3(1+w)}$$

$$\begin{cases} w_m = 0 \implies \varepsilon_m(a) = \varepsilon_{m,0} a^{-3} \\ w_r = 1/3 \implies \varepsilon_r(a) = \varepsilon_{r,0} a^{-4} \\ w_\Lambda = -1 \implies \varepsilon_\Lambda(a) = \varepsilon_{\Lambda,0} \end{cases}$$

The benchmark model The currently favoured cosmological model: Ω_M≈0.31 $\Omega_{\rm M} = \Omega_{\rm Non-baryons\,(CDM)} + \Omega_{\rm Baryons}$ More on this in $\Omega_{\text{Non-baryons (CDM)}} \approx 0.26$ the dark matter $\Omega_{\text{Baryons}} \approx 0.05$ lecture Ω_∧≈0.69 $\Omega_{\rm R} \approx 8.4 \times 10^{-5}$ $\Omega_{\rm R} = \Omega_{\rm CMB} + \Omega_{\rm v} + \Omega_{\rm starlight}$ $\Omega_{\rm CMB} \approx 5.4 \times 10^{-5}$ $\Omega_{\rm v} \approx 3.6 \times 10^{-5}$ $\Omega_{\text{starlight}} \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$ $\Omega_{\rm tot} = \Omega_{\rm M} + \Omega_{\Lambda} + \Omega_{\rm R} \approx 1.0 \rightarrow$ Flat Universe ($\kappa = 0$)

Why are single-component Universes relevant then?

$$w_{m} = 0 \implies \varepsilon_{m}(a) = \varepsilon_{m,0}a^{-3}$$
$$w_{r} = 1/3 \implies \varepsilon_{r}(a) = \varepsilon_{r,0}a^{-4}$$
$$w_{\Lambda} = -1 \implies \varepsilon_{\Lambda}(a) = \varepsilon_{\Lambda,0}$$

Values of Ω_{M} , Ω_{Λ} , Ω_{R} today + these relations $\rightarrow \epsilon_{M} \geq \epsilon_{\Lambda}$ at some point in the past (matter-dominated Universe) $\epsilon_{R} \geq \epsilon_{M}$ even further back (radiation-dominated Universe)

The different epochs of the Universe can be approximated by single-component evolution

Different components dominate the sum at different times



Intermission: What are you looking at?







The Milne Universe (empty)

Of pretty limited relevance for our Universe, but provides simple demonstration of how to derive current age of Universe, a(t) and t(z) from the Friedmann equation

$$H(t)^{2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3c^{2}} \varepsilon(t) - \frac{\kappa c^{2}}{R_{0}^{2}} \frac{1}{a(t)^{2}}$$
$$\varepsilon(t) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$
$$H(t)^{2} = -\frac{\kappa c^{2}}{R_{0}^{2}} \frac{1}{a(t)^{2}} \Rightarrow$$
$$\dot{a}(t)^{2} = -\frac{\kappa c^{2}}{R_{0}^{2}}$$

The Milne Universe (empty) II

Empty, static Universe Empty, negatively curved

Current age of Universe:

$$\dot{a}(t)^{2} = -\frac{\kappa c^{2}}{R_{0}^{2}}$$

$$\kappa = 0 \implies \dot{a}(t) = 0$$

$$\kappa = -1 \implies$$

$$\dot{a}(t) = \frac{\mathrm{d}a}{\mathrm{d}t} = \pm \frac{c}{R_{0}}$$
If expanding (not contracting) \implies

$$t_{0} = \frac{R_{0}}{c}, \quad a(t) = \frac{t}{t_{0}}, \quad t(z) = \frac{t_{0}}{1+z}$$

Fate of the Universe in a Milne Universe



Eternal, constant expansion ('Big Chill')

Proper distance in a Milne Universe

Proper distance from us to object which emitted light at t_e :

$$d_{p}(t_{0}) = c \int_{t_{e}}^{t_{0}} \frac{dt}{a(t)}$$

$$a(t) = \frac{t}{t_{0}} \implies d_{p}(t_{0}) = ct_{0} \int_{t_{e}}^{t_{0}} \frac{dt}{t} = ct_{0} \ln\left(\frac{t_{0}}{t_{e}}\right)$$

$$t_{e} = \frac{t_{0}}{1+z} \implies d_{p}(t_{0}) = ct_{0} \ln(1+z) = \frac{c}{H_{0}} \ln(1+z)$$

Intermission: What are you looking at?





Flat, single-component Universes

For
$$w \neq -1$$
:



$$\mathcal{E}(t) = \mathcal{E}_0 \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{-2}$$

Important types of flat, single-component Universes

Radiation-only Universe (radiation-dominated epoch):

$$t_0 = \frac{1}{2H_0}, \quad a(t) = \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{1/2}$$

Matter-only Universe (matter-dominated epoch):

$$t_0 = \frac{2}{3H_0}, \quad a(t) = \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{2/3}$$

Λ -only Universe I

$$\Lambda \text{ has } w = -1 \implies$$
$$\dot{a}^2 = \frac{8\pi G \varepsilon_{\Lambda}}{3c^2} a^2$$
$$Rearrange:$$
$$\dot{a}^2 = H_0^2 a^2 \quad \text{if}$$
$$H_0 = \left(\frac{8\pi G \varepsilon_{\Lambda}}{3c^2}\right)^{1/2}$$

Λ -only Universe II

Solution :

 $a(t) = e^{H_0(t-t_0)}$ de Sitter Universe (de Sitter phase) Same growth as in Steady state cosmology





de Sitter Universe/phase (after 'present')

Intermission: What are you looking at?



Einstein-de Sitter Universe I

This served as the benchmark model up until the mid-1990s

 Flat (i.e. critical-density), matter-dominated Universe

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$$\Omega_{\rm M}$$
 = 1.0, $\Omega_{\rm tot}$ = 1.0, κ = 0

$$t_0 = \frac{2}{3H_0}, \quad a(t) = \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{2/3}$$



Asymptotically approaches zero expansion, but no recollapse



Einstein-de Sitter Universe

Intermission: What are you looking at?



Multiple-component Universes I



Note: Valid for current time only!

Multiple-component Universes II



Multiple-component Universes III

For 3 components with arbitrary curvature, the FE may be rewritten:



More components can easily be added as additional terms, as long as you know their a(t)-dependence **Multiple-component Universes IV**

Time (from Big Bang):

$$t(a) = \frac{1}{H_0} \int_0^a \frac{\mathrm{d}a}{\left[\Omega_{R,0} a^{-2} + \Omega_{M,0} a^{-1} + \Omega_{\Lambda,0} a + (1 - \Omega_{\mathrm{tot},0})\right]^{1/2}}$$

Lookback-time = t_0 -t(a)

Nasty integral! No simple analytical solution in general case \rightarrow Use numerical integration!

Special case: Matter + Curvature I

$$\frac{H(t)^2}{H_0^2} = \frac{\Omega_{\rm M,0}}{a(t)^3} + \frac{1 - \Omega_{\rm M,0}}{a(t)^2}$$

H(t)-evolution → Possible fates of Universe
 This is one of the hand-in exercises!
 (Note: Lots of help on page 86-87 in Ryden)

Special case: Matter + Curvature II



Intermission: What does "end of the Universe" actually mean?

• All life ends? • All stars fade away? All black holes evaporate? • All matter destroyed? • Space ends? •Time ends?



Special case: Matter + Curvature III



Up until the mid-9os, these were the only 3 possible fates of the Universe typically quoted in textbooks

Matter + curvature + Λ



Properties of the benchmark model

 Matter-radiation equality: • a \approx 2.8×10⁻⁴ • t ≈ 4.7×10⁴ yr • Matter- Λ equality: • a ≈ 0.75 • t ≈ 9.8 Gyr •Now: • a = 1 •t≈13.7-13.8 Gyr

Properties of the benchmark model II



Other Dark Energy Models

What if dark energy is something other than Λ ?

- Varying equation of state w(t)?
- Constant $w \neq -1$?



More on this in exercise session

Our ignorance about the nature of dark energy \rightarrow Ultimate fate of our Universe unclear