

Introduction to Cosmology

Basic units

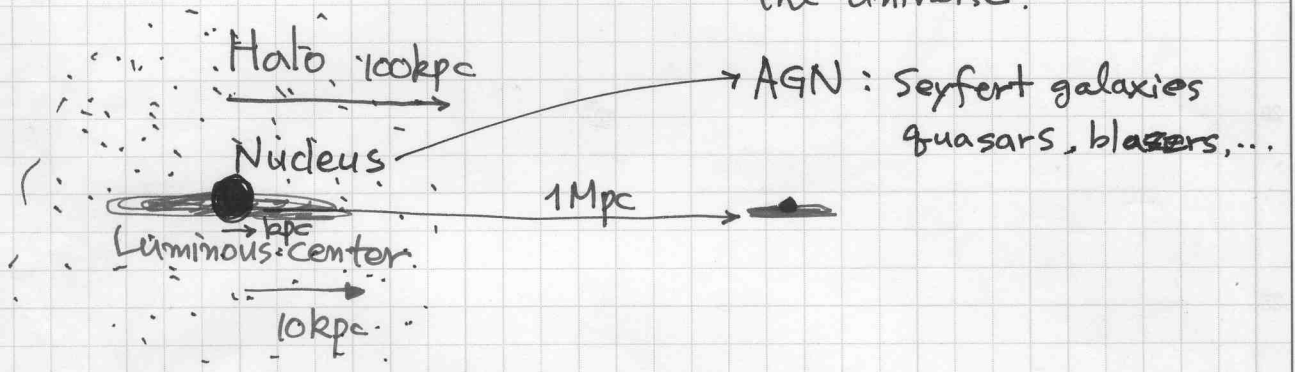
$$\hbar = c = k_B = 1$$

$$1 \text{ pc} = 3.26 \text{ light years} = 3.09 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}$$

$$M_{\odot} = 1.99 \times 10^{33} \text{ g}$$

Building blocks

- Stars : $1 - 10 M_{\odot}$
- Galaxies : $10^6 M_{\odot} - 10^{12} M_{\odot}$ basic building blocks of the universe.



- Clusters (Group) of galaxies : 2 - 1000 galaxies
- Superclusters : $\sim 100 \text{ Mpc}$
sheets, filaments & voids
- Above 100 Mpc : Homogeneous distribution of matter
- Observable universe : $\sim 10^4 \text{ Mpc}$
- Beyond the observable universe

The universe observed

Observational basis for the standard cosmology

- The expansion of the universe SNIa
Hubble constant H_0
Deceleration parameter $q_0 \rightarrow$ matter content.
- The age of the universe t_0
- The matter content of the universe
 $\Omega_i, i = M(B, DM), \Lambda, R, \dots$
- CBR : CMB, IR, UV, RW, X, γ , ν , CR, ...
- The abundances of light elements : D, ^3He , ^4He , ^7Li
- The distribution of galaxies (SDSS, 2dF, 2dF3G)

① The expansion

- luminosity distance - red shift
- angular diameter - "
- galaxy count - "

Luminosity distance $d_L = \left(\frac{L}{4\pi F} \right)^{1/2}$ "known" absolute luminosity
 Red shift $z = \frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_0} - 1$ "measured" flux
measured wavelength
original "

$$H_0 d_L = z + \frac{1}{2}(1 - q_0)z^2 + \dots$$

$\uparrow$
Hubble constant

$$H_0 = 100 h \text{ Km/s/Mpc}$$

$H_0 \rightarrow$ cosmic scale

Hubble time $9.78 h^{-1} \times 10^9 \text{ yr}$

Hubble distance $3000 h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$

$\uparrow$
Deceleration parameter
 $\rightarrow$ Matter content

$$q_0 = \sum_i \Omega_i \frac{1+3w_i}{2}$$

② Large scale isotropy & homogeneity

- Uniformity of CMB temperature

$$T_0 = 2.726 \pm 0.01 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta T_{\text{dipole}} = 3.365 \pm 0.027 \text{ mK}$$

$$\Delta T/T \approx 10^{-5}$$

⇒ At last scattering of CMB, the universe was highly isotropic & homogeneous.

- Distribution of galaxies
- Isotropy of X-ray background
- Peculiar velocity field

③ The age of the universe

- The expansion rate of the universe
- Dating the oldest stars in globular clusters
- Dating the radio active elements
- The cooling of white dwarf stars
- The cooling of hot gas in clusters

$$10 \text{ Gyr} \lesssim t_0 \lesssim 20 \text{ Gyr}$$

$$t_0 = H_0^{-1} f(\Omega_i)$$

$H_0^{-1} = 9.78 h^{-1} \text{ Gyr}$	
Model	$f(\Omega_i)$
$\Omega_T = 0$	1
$\Omega_T = \Omega_M = 1$	$\frac{2}{3}$
$\Omega_M = 0.2, \Omega_\Lambda = 0.8$	

④ CMB

- The last scattering surface

$$z \sim 1100, \quad t \sim 180,000 (\Omega_0 h^2)^{-1/2} \text{ yr}$$

- Spectrum: Blackbody, with $T = 2.726 \pm 0.01 \text{ K}$

- Anisotropy: Variation in the CMB temperature in different directions.

- the motion of our local reference frame (the earth) w.r.t the cosmic rest frame.

- rotation of the universe

- anisotropic universe

- the presence of density inhomogeneity

$$\Delta T_{\text{dipole}} = 3.365 \pm 0.027 \text{ mK}$$

$$\rightarrow v_{\text{local}} = 627 \pm 22 \text{ km/s} \quad \text{to} \quad \begin{cases} RA = 166^\circ \pm 3^\circ \\ DEC = -27.1 \pm 3^\circ \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta T_Q = 11 \pm 3 \mu\text{K}$$

$$(\Delta T/T)_{\text{rms}} = 10^{-5}$$

$\rightarrow$ Powerful test of structure formation theories.

⑤ Light element abundances

- Nucleosynthesis

$$t \approx 0.01 - 100 \text{ sec}, \quad T \approx 10 \text{ MeV} - 0.1 \text{ MeV}$$

$$D : D/H = \text{few} \times 10^{-5} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{No known astrophysical} \\ \text{processes can account for} \\ \text{these values.} \end{array}$$

$$^3\text{He} : ^3\text{He}/H \approx \text{few} \times 10^{-5}$$

$$^4\text{He} : Y = 4\text{He}/N \approx 0.25 \leftarrow \Rightarrow \text{only in "Nucleosynthesis"}$$

$$^7\text{Li} : ^7\text{Li}/H \approx 1-2 \times 10^{-10}$$

- $\rightarrow$ Determination of baryon density

$$\eta = (4-7) \times 10^{-10}, \quad 0.015 \leq \Omega_B h^2 \leq 0.026$$

- Constraint on the light species.

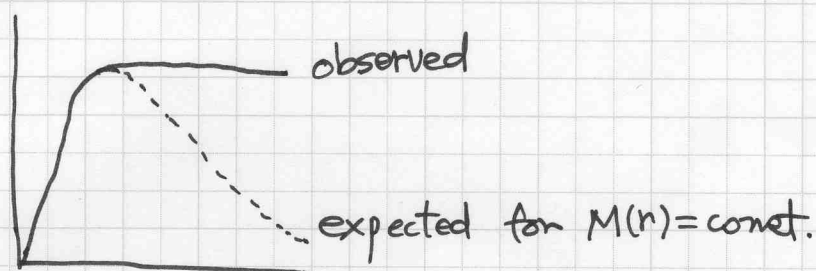
⑥ The matter density

$$\Omega_{\text{Lum}} \approx 0.01$$

$$\Omega_{\text{Halo}} \gtrsim 0.1 \quad \leftarrow \text{rotation curve}$$

• rotation curve

$$\frac{GM(r)m}{r^2} = \frac{mv^2}{r}, \quad v^2 = \frac{GM(r)}{r}$$



• Ω problem

$$\Omega_{\text{LUM}} < \Omega_{\text{B}} < \Omega_{\text{M}}$$

⑦ Large scale structure

• Hierarchy : stars - nebula - Ly α absorber

galaxies - clusters - superclusters, voids, walls

• Galaxy catalogs

• structure formation

One page review of General Relativity

Newtonian gravity : Gravitational potential = Matter (mass)

General relativity : Geometry = Matter (energy)

metric
 $g_{\mu\nu}$

EM tensor
 $T_{\mu\nu}$

→ Einstein equation $G_{\mu\nu} = \kappa^2 T_{\mu\nu}$

Einstein T $G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu}$

$\uparrow$
 $8\pi G$

Ricci T $R_{\mu\nu} = R^\lambda{}_{\mu\lambda\nu}$

Riemann T (Curvature) $R^\rho{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \Gamma^\rho_{\nu\sigma} - \partial_\nu \Gamma^\rho_{\mu\sigma} + \Gamma^\rho_{\mu\lambda} \Gamma^\lambda_{\nu\sigma} - \Gamma^\rho_{\nu\lambda} \Gamma^\lambda_{\mu\sigma}$

RC symbols (Connection) $\Gamma^\sigma_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\sigma\rho} (\partial_\mu g_{\nu\rho} + \partial_\nu g_{\rho\mu} - \partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu})$

Einstein equation can be derived from the EH action

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (\kappa^2 R + \mathcal{L}_M)$$

Prob. 1. Derive Einstein equation from the EH action.

• Geodesic equation : $\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^\mu_{\rho\sigma} \frac{dx^\rho}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\sigma}{d\tau} = 0$

Path of freely falling particle.

• Isometry and Killing vector

Symmetry of manifold (spacetime) $\xi_{\mu;\nu} + \xi_{\nu;\mu} = 0$.

maximally symmetric space : $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ Killing vectors

2D example : E^2, S^2, H^2

FRW universe

Copernican principle : the universe is pretty much the same "everywhere".

Observational facts

- The distribution of matter and radiation in the "observable universe" is homogeneous & isotropic.

- The universe is "not" static : distant galaxies are receding from us.

→ Our local ^{Hubble} volume during Hubble time
 ~ spacetime with homogeneous and isotropic spatial sections.

$$M = R \times \Sigma^1 \quad \leftarrow \text{Maximally symmetric, 3D}$$

RW metric

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

$$k = -1 \quad \text{open} \quad H^3$$

$$k = 0 \quad \text{flat} \quad E^3$$

$$k = +1 \quad \text{closed} \quad S^3$$

Note: The assumption of local homogeneity and isotropy only implies that the spatial metric is locally S^3 , H^3 or E^3 and can have different global properties.

Kinematics of RW metric

• Particle horizon

Consider the light propagation in RW metric, $ds^2=0$.

$$\int_0^t \frac{dt}{a(t)} = \int_0^{r_H} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1-kr^2}}$$

The proper distance to the horizon

$$d_H(t) = \int_0^{r_H} \sqrt{g_{rr}} dr = a(t) \int_0^t \frac{dt'}{a(t')}$$

• Freely falling particle

$$u^\mu \equiv \frac{dx^\mu}{ds}$$

"Peculiar velocity"

4-velocity w.r.t. the comoving frame

$$\frac{du^\mu}{ds} + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\lambda} u^\nu u^\lambda = 0$$

$$\mu=0: \frac{du^0}{ds} + \Gamma^0_{\mu\lambda} u^\mu u^\lambda = \frac{du^0}{ds} + \frac{\dot{a}}{a} |\vec{u}|^2 = 0.$$

Prob. 2. For RW metric, verify

$$\Gamma^0_{ij} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} g_{ij}, \quad \Gamma^i_{0j} = \Gamma^i_{j0} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \delta^i_j, \quad \Gamma^i_{jk} = ??$$

$$u^2 = (u^0)^2 - |\vec{u}|^2 = 1, \quad u^0 du^0 = |\vec{u}| d|\vec{u}| \quad (u^0) |\vec{u}| \frac{d|\vec{u}|}{ds} + \frac{\dot{a}}{a} |\vec{u}|^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{\frac{d|\vec{u}|}{ds}}{|\vec{u}|} = -\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \rightarrow |\vec{u}| \propto a^{-1}$$

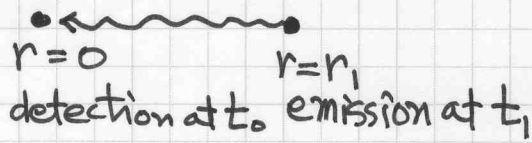
The magnitude of the 3-momentum of a freely falling particle red shifts as a^{-1} .

This is also true for massless particles.

$$\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_1} = \frac{a(t_0)}{a(t_1)} \equiv 1+z \leftarrow \text{red shift parameter}$$

• Hubble's law

A source (e.g. galaxy) with absolute luminosity $\mathcal{L}$



Luminosity distance

$$d_L^2 \equiv \frac{\mathcal{L}}{4\pi F} \quad \leftarrow \text{measured flux}$$

$$F = \frac{\mathcal{L}}{4\pi (a(t_0)r_1)^2 (1+z)^2}$$

• red shift of photon
• increased time interval between detection

$$d_L^2 = [a(t_0)r_1]^2 (1+z)^2$$

With the knowledge of $a(t)$, we can express d_L in terms of z .
Taylor expansion gives

$$H_0 d_L = z + \frac{1}{2}(1-q_0)z^2 + \dots$$

$$H_0 = \frac{\dot{a}_0}{a_0}, \quad q_0 = -\frac{a_0 \ddot{a}_0}{\dot{a}_0^2} = \Omega \sum_i \left(\frac{1+3w_i}{2} \right)$$

- Galax count - red shift relationship
- Angular diameter - red shift relationship.

Dynamics of RW metric

Einstein equation

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \kappa^2 T_{\mu\nu}$$

LHS: RW metric

Connection $\Gamma^0_{ij} = a\dot{a}\tilde{g}_{ij}$, $\Gamma^i_{0j} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}\delta^i_j$, $\Gamma^i_{jk} = \tilde{\Gamma}^i_{jk}$

Ricci tensor $R_{00} = -3\frac{\ddot{a}}{a}$, $R_{ij} = (a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2\kappa) \tilde{g}_{ij}$

Ricci scalar $R = 6\left(\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{\kappa}{a^2}\right)$

RHS: Matter content of the universe.

To be consistent with the symmetries of metric

$T_{\mu\nu}$ must be diagonal and $T_{11} = T_{22} = T_{33}$

→ Energy-momentum tensor of perfect fluid.

$$T_{\mu\nu} = (p + \rho) U_\mu U_\nu + p g_{\mu\nu}$$

p, ρ : functions of t only

$U_\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ fluid at rest in comoving frame.

(i) $3\left(\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{\kappa}{a^2}\right) = \kappa^2 \rho$ "Friedmann equations"

(ii) $2\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{\kappa}{a^2} = -\kappa^2 p$

Prob. 3 Verify Ricci tensor and Friedmann equations.

Prob 4. Derive the conservation equation $T_{\mu\nu}^{;\mu} = 0$ and discuss its physical meaning.

$$T_{\mu\nu}{}^{;\nu} = 0 \rightarrow \dot{\rho} + 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}(\rho + p) = 0.$$

We have two independent equations for three unknowns a , ρ & p . So we need one more equation:

- Matter dynamics

- The equation of state enters here. $p = p(\rho)$

Basic equations for dynamical cosmology -

① Friedmann eq. $\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{k}{a^2} = \frac{\kappa^2}{3} \rho$

② EM conservation eq. $\dot{\rho} + 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}(\rho + p) = 0.$

③ Equation of state $p = p(\rho)$

Most kinds of matter content of our interest can be described by the simple equation of state $p = \omega\rho$.

EM conservation eq. $\rightarrow \rho \propto a^{-3(1+\omega)}$

$\omega = \frac{1}{3}$, $p = \frac{1}{3}\rho$ Radiation $\rho \propto a^{-4}$

$\omega = 0$, $p = 0$ Matter $\rho \propto a^{-3}$

$\omega = -1$, $p = -\rho$ Vacuum energy $\rho = \text{const.}$
(cosmological constant)

Note 1. Particle physics enters cosmology through matter dynamics, the matter content of the universe.

Note 2. The existence of Big Bang.

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{\kappa^2}{6}(\rho + 3p)$$

$\rho + 3p > 0 \Rightarrow a=0$ must have reached at some finite time in the past.

(Weak energy condition)

The expansion rate of the universe

Hubble parameter $H(t) \equiv \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)}$

Note: The Hubble constant is the present value of Hubble parameter.

Note: H^{-1} , Hubble time and length time scale for the expansion.

The critical density $\rho_c \equiv \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G}$

The ratio of density to the critical density.

$\Omega_i \equiv \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_c}$ Density parameter

Correspondence between the signs of k and $\Omega - 1$

$$\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{k}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho \rightarrow \frac{k}{H^2 a^2} = \frac{\rho}{\rho_c} - 1 = \Omega - 1.$$

$$\Omega > 1 \longleftrightarrow k = +1 \quad \text{closed}$$

$$\Omega = 1 \longleftrightarrow k = 0 \quad \text{flat}$$

$$\Omega < 1 \longleftrightarrow k = -1 \quad \text{open}$$

Note: At early times, the curvature term is negligible.

$$\frac{k}{a^2} \propto a^{-2} \ll \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho \propto a^{-3} \text{ or } a^{-4} \text{ as } a \rightarrow 0.$$

So, the Friedmann equation at early time is

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

Note: Behavior of $\Omega - 1$

$$\Omega - 1 = \frac{k}{H^2 a^2} \propto \frac{1}{\rho a^2} \propto \begin{cases} a & \text{for MD} \\ a^2 & \text{for RD} \end{cases}$$

$$|\Omega - 1| \approx \begin{cases} (1+z)^{-1} & \text{MD} \\ 10^4 (1+z)^{-2} & \text{RD} \end{cases}$$

spatial curvature, ${}^3R^{(3)} = \frac{6K}{a^2} = 6H^2(\Omega - 1)$
 radius of curvature $R_{\text{cur}}^{(3)} \equiv |K|^{-1/2} = \frac{H^{-1}}{|\Omega - 1|^{1/2}}$

- At earlier epoch, the universe was nearly critical.
- The universe close to critical density is very flat.

Integration of Friedmann equation.

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 + \frac{K}{a^2} = \frac{K^2}{3} \sum_i \rho_i = \frac{K^2}{3} \sum_i \rho_{i0} \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^{-3(1+w_i)}$$

$$\rho_i = w_i \rho_i \rightarrow \left(\frac{\rho_i}{\rho_{i0}}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^{-3(1+w)}$$

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a_0}\right)^2 = H_0^2 \left[1 - \Omega + \sum_i \Omega_i \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^{-(1+3w_i)} \right]$$

$$H_0 t = \int_0^{a/a_0} \left[1 - \Omega + \sum_i \Omega_i x^{-1-3w_i} \right]^{-1/2} dx.$$

The age of the universe

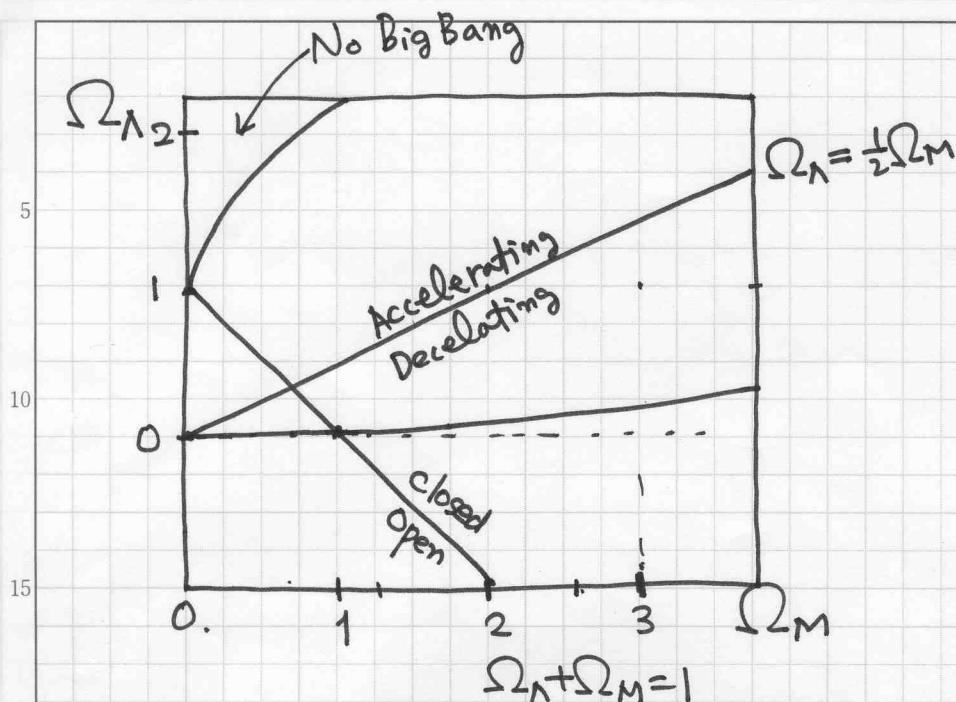
$$H_0 t_0 = \int_0^1 \left[1 - \Omega + \sum_i \Omega_i x^{-1-3w_i} \right]^{-1/2} dx \equiv f(\Omega_i)$$

Scale factor as a function of time can be obtained by solving $H_0 t$ for a/a_0 . $a \propto t^{2/3(1+w)}$ ($w \neq -1$), $e^{H_0 t}$ ($w = -1$)
 $t^{2/3}$ (MD), $t^{1/2}$ (RD)

Currently favored values

$$\Omega = 1, \quad \Omega_\Lambda = 0.7-0.8, \quad \Omega_M = 0.2-0.3$$

$$(\Omega_R \approx 10^{-4})$$



Prob. 5. Identify the lines in the figure and draw the contour lines for constant t_0 .

Note. The age of the present universe provides a very powerful constraint on Ω .

Prob. 6. Determine the relationship between the luminosity distance d_L and redshift z , as a function of the cosmological parameters $\Omega_M, \Omega_{\Lambda}$. To what order in z should we go to determine independently those parameters

prob 7. Calculate the horizon distance $d_H(t)$ as a function of the cosmological parameters.

Equilibrium thermodynamics

- Direct evidence for a hot early universe - CMB
isotropic, accurate blackbody spectrum with $T \approx 3K$.

→ The early universe is filled with
Hot. ideal gas in thermal equilibrium

- Distribution function in thermal equilibrium $f(\vec{p}) = \frac{1}{e^{(E-\mu)/T} \pm 1}$ + FD
- BE

Number density

$$n = \int \frac{g d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} f(\vec{p}) = \frac{g}{2\pi^2} \int_m^\infty \frac{(E^2 - m^2)^{1/2} E}{e^{(E-\mu)/T} \pm 1} dE$$

Energy density

$$\rho = \int \frac{g d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} E(\vec{p}) f(\vec{p}) = \frac{g}{2\pi^2} \int_m^\infty \frac{(E^2 - m^2)^{1/2} E^2}{e^{(E-\mu)/T} \pm 1} dE$$

Pressure

$$p = \int \frac{g d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{|\vec{p}|^2}{3E} f(\vec{p}) = \frac{g}{6\pi^2} \int_m^\infty \frac{(E^2 - m^2)^{3/2}}{e^{(E-\mu)/T} \pm 1} dE$$

Relativistic, Non-degenerate $T \gg m, T \gg \mu$

$$n = \left[\frac{3}{4}\right] \frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} g T^3, \quad \rho = \left[\frac{1}{8}\right] \frac{\pi^2}{30} g T^4, \quad p = \frac{1}{3} \rho$$

Non-relativistic, $m \gg T$

$$n = g \left(\frac{mT}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{-(m-\mu)/T}$$

$$\rho = mn + \frac{3}{2} p$$

$$p = nT \ll \rho$$

The total energy density : The energy density of nonrelativistic species is exponentially smaller than that of relativistic species

$$\rho_R = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_* T^4$$

$$\rho_R = \frac{1}{3} \rho_R$$

$$g_* = \sum_{\text{bosons}} g_b + \frac{7}{8} \sum_{\text{fermions}} g_f \left(\frac{T_i}{T} \right)^4 \left(\frac{T_i}{T} \right)^4 \text{ if } T_i \neq T.$$

• Entropy

The entropy in a comoving volume is conserved in thermal equilibrium.

→ Entropy is a useful fiducial quantity during expansion.

$$s = \frac{\rho + p}{T}$$

Entropy in the early universe is dominated by relativistic pfs.

$$s = \frac{2\pi^2}{45} g_* T^3 \quad \left(\text{cf. relation to } \eta_r; s = \frac{\pi^4}{45\zeta(3)} g_* \eta_r \right)$$

Uses of entropy conservation

① Number density $n \propto a^{-3}$, $s \propto a^{-3}$

$Y \equiv \frac{n}{s}$ is convenient to represent the abundances for decoupled particle.

② The evolution of temperature of the universe

$$s \propto g_* T^3 a^3 = \text{const.}$$

$$T \propto g_*^{-1/3} a^{-1}$$

Thermal history of the universe

- Thermal equilibrium : The universe has for much of its history been very nearly in thermal equilibrium.
- Departure from thermal equilibrium
Makes fossil records of the universe.

- Rule of thumb for thermal equilibrium.

Interaction rate

Expansion rate

$$\Gamma_{\text{int}}$$

$$>$$

$$H$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{int}} \equiv n \langle \sigma |v| \rangle = \Gamma_{\text{int}}(T)$$

Note: For $\Gamma_{\text{int}} = aT^n$ ($n > 2$)

$$N_{\text{int}} = \int_t^\infty \Gamma_{\text{int}}(t') dt' = \frac{(\Gamma/H)|_t}{n-2}$$

A particle interacts less than once after $\Gamma=H$

- Rough understanding of decoupling

① interaction mediated by a massless gauge boson

$$\sigma \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{s}, \quad \alpha = \frac{g^2}{4\pi}$$

$$\Gamma \sim n \langle \sigma |v| \rangle \sim T^3 \cdot \frac{\alpha}{T^2} = \alpha^2 T$$

$$H \sim T^2/M_p$$

$$\Gamma/H \sim \alpha^2 M_p/T$$

$$T > \alpha^2 M_p \sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}, \quad \Gamma/H \gtrsim 1$$

$$T < \alpha^2 M_p, \quad \text{frozen}$$

② interaction mediated by a massive gauge boson

$$\sigma \sim G_x^2 s, \quad G_x \sim \frac{\alpha}{m_x^2}$$

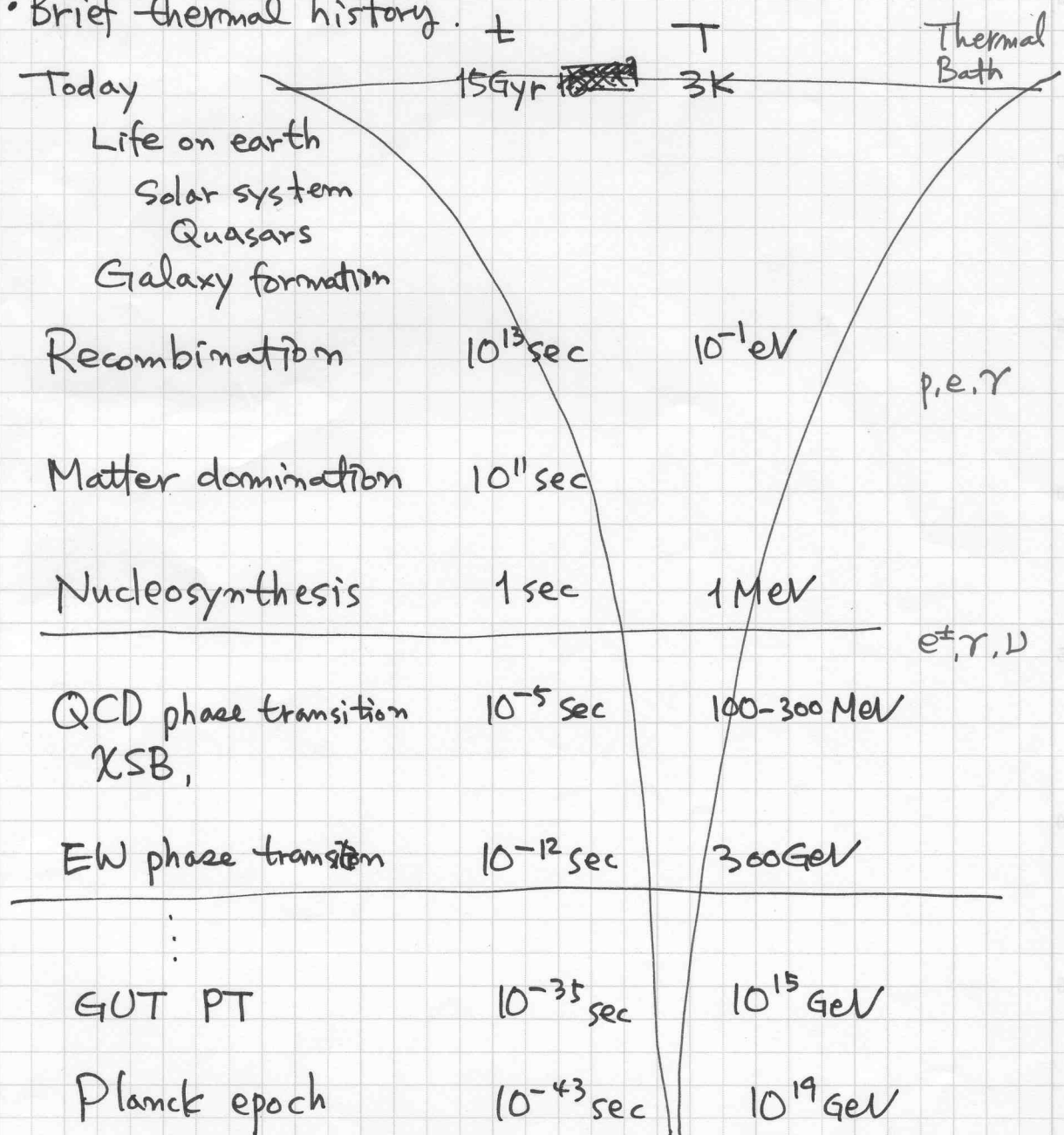
$$\Gamma \sim n \langle \sigma | v | \rangle \sim T^3 \cdot G_x^2 T^2 = G_x^2 T^5$$

$$\Gamma/H \sim G_x^2 M_P T^3$$

$$m_x \gtrsim T \gtrsim G_x^{-1/3} M_P^{-1/3} \sim \left(\frac{m_x}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{4/3} \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \Gamma/H \gtrsim 1$$

$T \lesssim \text{ " } \text{ freeze out.}$

• Brief thermal history. t T



• The electroweak phase transition

$SU(2) \times U(1)$ symmetry is restored above $T_c \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$.

Around T_c , phase transition occurs $\langle \phi \rangle = 0 \rightarrow \langle \phi \rangle \neq 0$.

Consequences of PT.

1st order — bubble creation

2nd order — smooth transition

Topological defects.

SM : 2nd order

MSSM : ?

Electroweak baryogenesis

• The quark-hadron transition

$T \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$

thought to be 2nd order

• Neutrino decoupling

interaction $e^+e^- \leftrightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$

$$\sigma \approx G_F^2 s$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{int}} = n \langle \sigma | v | \rangle \approx G_F^2 T^5$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\text{int}}}{H} \approx \left(\frac{G_F^2 T^5}{T^2/M_p} \right) \approx \left(\frac{T}{1 \text{ MeV}} \right)^3$$

• Neutrino temperature, $e^\pm$ annihilation

$$S = g_* T^3 = \text{const}$$

before $e^\pm$ annihilation

$$g_* = \frac{11}{2}$$

$$\frac{11}{2} T_b^3 = 2 T_f^3$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$T_\nu$$

after $e^\pm$ annihilation

$$g_* = 2$$

$$\left(\frac{T_f}{T_\nu} \right) = \left(\frac{11}{4} \right)^{1/3} \approx 1.40.$$

interaction $n \leftrightarrow p e \bar{\nu}_e$

$$\frac{n}{p} = e^{-\Delta m/T}, \quad \Delta m = m_n - m_p = 1.3 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\approx 1/6 \quad \text{at decoupling}$$

$$\rightarrow 1/\eta \quad \text{at } T \approx 0.1 \text{ MeV due to neutron decay}$$

• Nucleosynthesis

Equilibrium number density of nuclear species

A : mass number

Z : charge

Kinetic equilibrium

$$n_A = g_A \left(\frac{m_A T}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{(\mu_A - m_A)/T}$$

chemical potential

Chemical equilibrium

$$\mu_A = Z \mu_p + (A-Z) \mu_n$$

proton
chemical potential

neutron chemical potential

$$n_A^{\text{EQ}} = \frac{g_A A^{3/2}}{2^A} \left(\frac{2\pi}{m_N T} \right)^{3(A-1)/2} n_p^Z n_n^{(A-Z)} e^{B_A/T}$$

mass fraction

$$X_A^{\text{EQ}} = \frac{g_A (3)^{A-1} 2^{(3A-5)/2}}{\pi^{(A-1)/2}} A^{5/2} \eta^{A-1} \left(\frac{T}{m_N} \right)^{3(A-1)/2} X_p^Z X_n^{A-Z} e^{B_A/T}$$

$$\eta = \frac{n_n}{n_p} = 2.68 \times 10^{-8} (\Omega_B h^2)$$

$$\sim 10^{-10} - 10^{-9}$$

To determine whether a given set of nuclei will actually be in thermal equilibrium at a given epoch in the early universe, one has to take the rates of the relevant nuclear reactions from accelerator experiments.

$T \gtrsim 0.3 \text{ MeV}$: the lightest few nuclei in thermal equilibrium.

$T \sim 0.1 \text{ MeV}$: neutrons bind into ${}^4\text{He}$

$$X = \frac{2n}{n+p} \approx 22\% \quad \text{for } n/p = 1/7$$

accurate calculations $\rightarrow$ computer.

• Photon decoupling

$e^- \gamma \leftrightarrow e^- \gamma$ (Thomson scattering)

$$\Gamma_{\text{int}} = n_e \sigma_T \leftarrow \text{Thomson cross section}$$

$\uparrow$ $\sigma_T = 6.65 \times 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2$

electron number density

$\rightarrow$ Equilibrium abundance of free electron

$p e^- \leftrightarrow H \gamma \leftarrow \text{Hydrogen atom}$

n_H, n_p, n_e, n_γ : # densities of H-atom, proton, free el. γ

charge neutrality : $n_p = n_e$

Baryon conservation : $n_B = n_p + n_H$ (we neglect n_{neutrons} in ${}^4\text{He}$)

Equilibrium # density : $n_i = g_i \left(\frac{m_i T}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{(\mu_i - m_i)/T}$

Due to $p e^- \leftrightarrow H \gamma$, $\mu_p + \mu_e = \mu_H$

$$n_H = g_H \left(\frac{m_H T}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{(\mu_H - m_H)/T}$$

$$n_p = g_p \left(\frac{m_p T}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{(\mu_p - m_p)/T}$$

$$n_e = g_e \left(\frac{m_e T}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{(\mu_e - m_e)/T}$$

$$\frac{n_H}{n_p n_e} = \frac{g_H}{g_p g_e} \left(\frac{2\pi}{T} \frac{m_H}{m_p m_e} \right)^{3/2} e^{[(\mu_H - \mu_p - \mu_e) - (m_H - m_p - m_e) T] / T}$$

$= 0 \qquad \qquad \qquad = -B = 13.6 \text{ eV}$

$$n_H = \frac{g_H}{g_p g_e} n_p n_e \left(\frac{m_e T}{2\pi} \right)^{-3/2} e^{B/T}$$

$$g_p = g_e = 2, \quad g_H = 4, \quad n_B = \eta n_r$$

Fractional ionization $X_e \equiv \frac{n_p}{n_B}$

$$n_H = n_B - n_p, \quad n_e = n_p$$

$$\frac{1 - n_p/n_B}{n_p^2/n_B^2} = n_B \left(\frac{2\pi}{m_e T} \right)^{3/2} e^{B/T} \frac{2\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} T^3$$

$$= \frac{1 - X_e^{EQ}}{(X_e^{EQ})^2} = \eta n_r \left(\frac{2\pi}{m_e T} \right)^{3/2} e^{B/T}$$

$$\frac{1 - X_e^{EQ}}{(X_e^{EQ})^2} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}\zeta(3)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \eta \left(\frac{T}{m_e} \right)^{3/2} e^{B/T}$$

$$\eta = (\Omega_B h^2) \times (2.68 \times 10^{-8}) X_e^{EQ}$$

$$T = (1+z) \times (2.7 \text{ K})$$

$$\Gamma_{int}(e p \leftrightarrow H \gamma) \gtrsim H$$

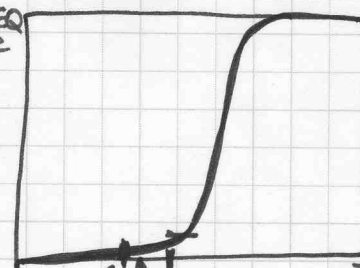
$$\text{for } (1+z) > 1100$$

Residual ionization fraction $X_\infty \approx 3 \times 10^{-5} \Omega_0 / \Omega_B h$

Decoupling of photon

$$\Gamma_{int}(e \leftrightarrow \gamma) = X_e \eta n_r \sigma_T \approx H \text{ for } z \approx 1100$$

universe: opaque $\xrightarrow{\text{recombination}}$ transparent



recombination, $X_e \approx 0.1$

$$T_{rec} \approx 0.3 \text{ eV} \ll B \approx 13.6 \text{ eV}$$

freeze-in of
free electron

Ch. 3. Inflation

3.1 Motivation for inflation

Inflation $\Rightarrow$ initial conditions required for Hot Big Bang.

- homogeneous & isotropic universe
- flat universe
- inhomogeneity of the universe.

3.1.1 Flatness problem

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 + \frac{K}{a^2} = \frac{\rho}{3M_p^2}, \quad \rho_c = 3M_p^2 H^2, \quad \Omega = \frac{\rho}{\rho_c}$$

$$\rightarrow \Omega - 1 = \frac{K}{a^2 H^2}$$

◦ Initially flat ($\Omega=1$) $\rightarrow$ remains flat for all times.

◦ aH is a decreasing function of time

$$\text{MD: } a \propto t^{2/3}, \quad aH \propto t^{2/3} \cdot \frac{2/3 t^{-1/3}}{t^{2/3}} = \frac{2}{3} t^{-1/3}$$

$$|\Omega - 1| \propto t^{2/3}$$

$$\text{RD: } a \propto t^{1/2}, \quad aH \propto t^{1/2} \cdot \frac{1/2 t^{-1/2}}{t^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2}$$

$$|\Omega - 1| \propto t$$

$$\Omega_0 \sim 1 \Rightarrow |\Omega(t_{\text{nuc}}) - 1| \lesssim 10^{-16}$$

◦ Finely tuned initial conditions are needed. -

◦ At Planck epoch

$\Omega \gtrsim 1 \rightarrow$ recollapse almost immediately. ^{a few $\times 10^{-43}$ s}

$\Omega \lesssim 1 \rightarrow$ cools below 3K within the first second.

◦ Flatness problem $\sim$ Age problem ^{$\sim 10^{-11}$ s}

How did our universe get to be so old?

3.1.2 Horizon problem

Scale factor $a \propto t^{2/3}$ (MD), $t^{1/2}$ (RD)

particle horizon $d_H \propto t$

CMB: Why the temperature seen in different regions of the sky is so accurately the same?

→ The homogeneity must form part of the initial condition

BBN:

3.1.3 Unwanted relics

- gravitino, $m_{\tilde{g}} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$
 $\tau \sim 10^6 \text{ s}$ $\Rightarrow$ Spoil BBN $\Rightarrow T_R \lesssim 10^9 \text{ GeV}$
- Moduli
- Topological defect.

3.1.4. Homogeneity and isotropy

Whether we can develop a theory of the origin of the inhomogeneity?
or Is it also one of initial condition.

3.2 Inflation in the abstract

Inflation — an epoch during which the scale factor of the universe is accelerating.

$$\underline{\ddot{a} > 0} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{H^{-1}}{a} \right) < 0$$

comoving Hubble length
comoving coordinate of Hubble length

* In comoving coordinates (coordinates fixed with expansion) the observable universe becomes smaller during inflation.

How inflation solves the problems?

— Flatness problem

$$\Omega - 1 = \left(\frac{k}{a^2 H^2} \right) \text{ decreases during inflation.}$$

— Unwanted relics

Diluted by large expansion

— Horizon problem.

Huge reduction in comoving Hubble length

→ Our present observable universe originated from a tiny region that was well inside the Hubble radius.

Material driving inflation

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = - \frac{\rho + 3p}{6M_p^2} \Rightarrow \underline{\rho + 3p < 0}$$

ρ is always positive, "negative pressure is needed."

3.3 Scalar fields in cosmology

"material with the unusual property of a negative pressure"

— scalar field

- * No direct observation of fundamental scalar
- * crucial role in SSB in particle physics.
- * vital role in cosmology?

— Inflaton — the scalar field responsible for inflation

— Lagrangian $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi)$ "potential"

homogeneous scalar field $\phi = \phi(t)$

energy density and pressure

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_\phi = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi) \\ p_\phi = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi) \end{array} \right.$$

— The equations of motion

$$H^2 = \frac{1}{3M_p^2} \left[\underline{V(\phi)} + \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 \right]$$

$V(\phi)$ is more important than $\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2$ for inflation.

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} = -\frac{dV}{d\phi} \quad \leftarrow \quad \underline{\Box \phi + V' = 0}$$

— The condition for inflation

$$\rho + 3p = \left(\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V \right) + 3 \left(\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - V \right) = 2(\dot{\phi}^2 - V) < 0$$

$$\underline{\dot{\phi}^2 < V(\phi)}$$

— The curvature term — neglected.

3.4 Slow-roll inflation

The slow roll approximation

$$\boxed{H^2 \approx \frac{V(\phi)}{3M_p^2} \quad (1)} \quad \boxed{3H\dot{\phi} \approx -V'(\phi) \quad (2)}$$

$$\left(\text{cf } H^2 = \frac{V(\phi) + \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2}{3M_p^2} \quad \ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} = -V'(\phi) \right)$$

The slow-roll parameters

$$\epsilon(\phi) = \frac{M_p^2}{2} \left(\frac{V'}{V} \right)^2, \quad \eta(\phi) = M_p^2 \frac{V''}{V}$$

Necessary condition (but not sufficient!) for slow-roll approx.

$$\epsilon(\phi) \ll 1, \quad |\eta(\phi)| \ll 1$$

These two conditions involves only $V(\phi)$. We may choose $\dot{\phi}$ so that SRA is violated.

$$* \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{V'}{3H} \right)^2 \ll V$$

use (2) $\frac{M_p^2}{6} \frac{V'^2}{V^2} \ll 1$ $3M_p^2 H^2 = V$

$$* 3H\ddot{\phi} + 3\dot{H}\dot{\phi} = -V''\dot{\phi}, \quad \ddot{\phi} = -\frac{3\dot{H} + V''}{3H} \dot{\phi} \ll 3H\dot{\phi}$$

$$2H\dot{H} = \frac{V'}{3M_p^2} \dot{\phi} \quad \dot{H} = \frac{2V'}{3H^2 M_p^2} H\dot{\phi} = -\frac{2}{9} \frac{V'^2}{V}$$

$$\left(3H^2 \ddot{\phi} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{V'^2 \dot{\phi}^2}{3M_p^2} \right) = -V''(H\dot{\phi}) - \frac{V'}{3}$$

$$\frac{V}{M_p^2} \ddot{\phi}$$

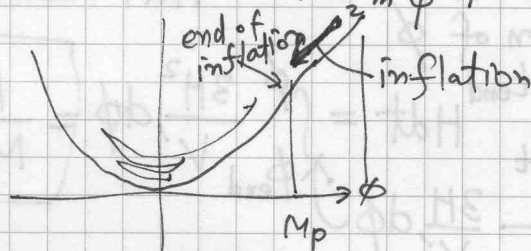
$$3\dot{H} + V'' \ll 9H^2 = \frac{3V}{M_p^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{M_p^2 \dot{H}}{V} + \frac{M_p^2 V''}{3V} \right) \ll 1.$$

$$* 3H\dot{\phi} = -V' \quad \& \quad \epsilon \ll 1 \rightarrow H^2 = \frac{V(\phi)}{3M_p^2}$$

$$* \text{Example } V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{M_p^2}{2} \left(\frac{m^2 \phi}{\frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{2M_p^2}{\phi^2} \right) \ll 1 \Rightarrow \phi^2 \gg 2M_p^2$$



3.4.1. Relation between inflation and slow-roll

The slow-roll approximation is a sufficient condition for inflation

$$\text{From } \dot{H} = \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - H^2, \quad \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = \dot{H} + H^2 > 0$$

Condition for inflation.

$$\textcircled{1} \dot{H} > 0 \Rightarrow p < -\rho \text{ exotic matter.}$$

$$\textcircled{2} -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} < 1$$

$$2H\dot{H} = \frac{V'}{3M_p^2} \dot{\phi}, \quad 2H^2\dot{H} = \frac{V'}{3M_p^2} H\dot{\phi}$$

$$\frac{V'^2}{18M_p^2 H^4} = \frac{M_p^2 V'^2}{2V^2} = \epsilon, \quad \dot{H} = \frac{-V'^2}{18M_p^2 H^2}$$

sufficient but not necessary

It is possible for inflation to continue even if the slow-roll conditions are violated.

In practice, the amount of inflation that occurs under this circumstance is very small.

Inflation model = potential + a way of ending inflation.

$$\epsilon(\phi) \gtrsim 1$$

or other way.

3.4.2 Amount of inflation

The number of e-foldings

$$N(t) \equiv \ln \frac{a(t_{\text{end}})}{a(t)}$$

← scale factor at the end of inflation

— measures the amount of inflation that still has to occur after time t .

— To solve the horizon & flatness problems, around 70 e-foldings are required.

— Use of the comoving Hubble length $\frac{1}{aH}$

$$\tilde{N}(t) = \ln \frac{a(t_{\text{end}}) H(t_{\text{end}})}{a(t) H(t)}$$

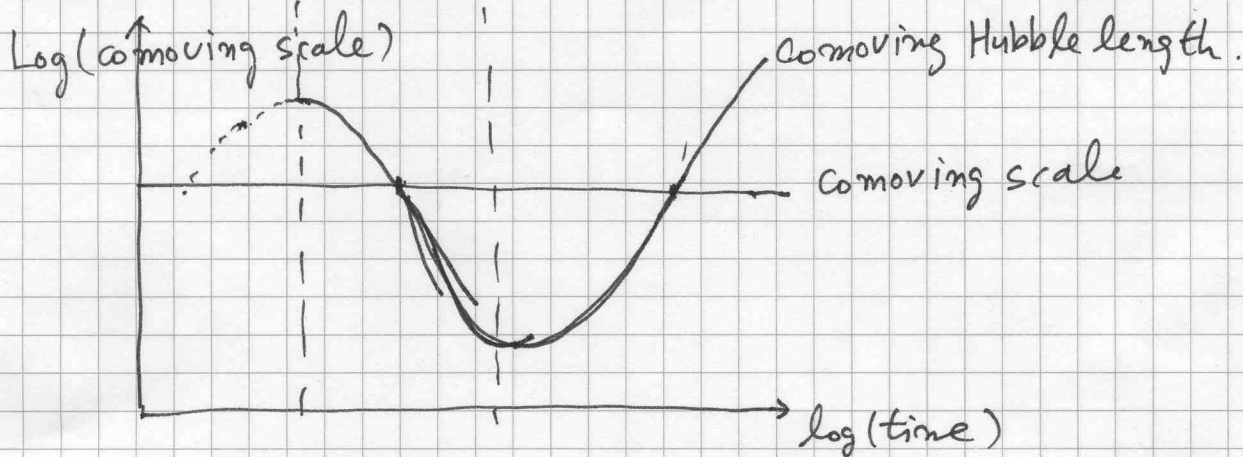
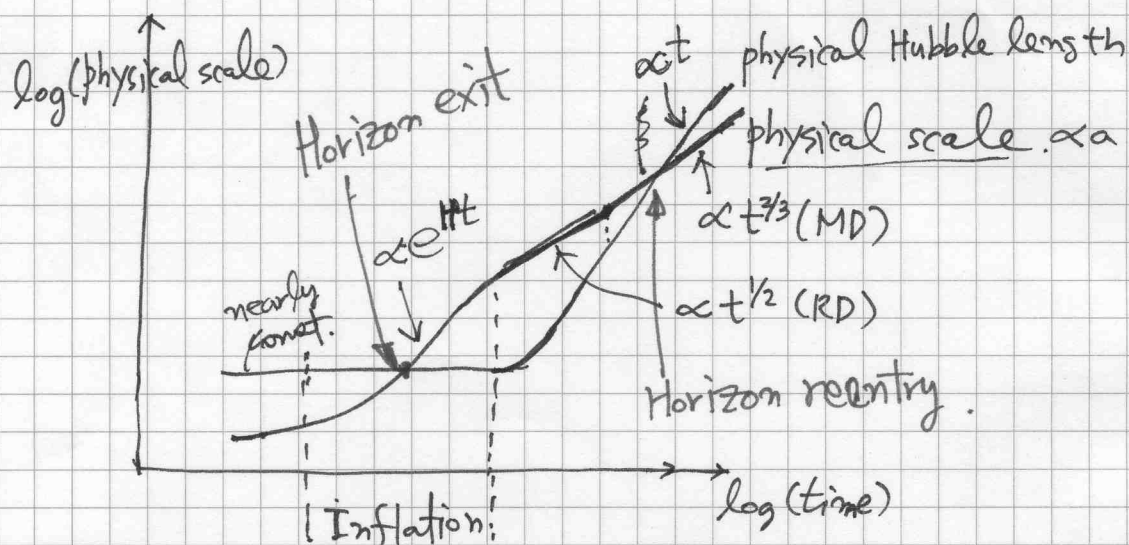
← technically more accurate
 $H(t) \sim \text{const} \Rightarrow \tilde{N} = N$.

— N as a function of ϕ

$$N = \ln \frac{a(t_{\text{end}})}{a(t)} = \int_t^{t_{\text{end}}} H dt = \int_{\phi_{\text{end}}}^{\phi} \frac{3H^2}{V'} d\phi = \frac{1}{M_p^2} \int_{\phi_{\text{end}}}^{\phi} \frac{V}{V'} d\phi$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \dot{\phi} = \frac{-V'}{3H} \Rightarrow dt = -\frac{3H}{V'} d\phi$$

3.4.1 Evolution of scales



For the comoving scale k t_k

- From the time $k=aH$ to the end of inflation t_{end}
- From the end of inflation ~~until~~ HBB is restored. reheating t_{reh}
- RD $\leftarrow t_{\text{eg}}$
- MD

$$\frac{k}{a_0 H_0} = \frac{a_k H_k}{a_0 H_0} = \frac{a_k}{a_{\text{end}}} \cdot \frac{a_{\text{end}}}{a_{\text{reh}}} \cdot \frac{a_{\text{reh}}}{a_{\text{eg}}} \cdot \frac{a_{\text{eg}}}{a_0} \cdot \frac{H_k}{H_0}$$

$$N(k) = 62 - \ln \frac{k}{a_0 H_0} \rightarrow \ln \frac{10^{16} \text{ GeV}}{V_k^{1/4}} + \ln \frac{V_k^{1/4}}{V_{\text{end}}^{1/4}} - \frac{1}{3} \ln \frac{V_{\text{end}}^{1/4}}{\rho_{\text{reh}}^{1/4}}$$

$1 \sim 10^4$