

The Friedmann Equation

1) Introduction

After a long warm up in gravity, inertial frames, the cosmological constant force, etc,

Not too hard for finding exact solutions you need started to (there are others)

A Standard Form - the most standard form

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho - \frac{k}{a^2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3}$$

$$H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

Hubble parameter - at cosmic present

$$H = H_0 = h_{70} (70 \frac{km/s}{Mpc})$$

(The Hubble constant)

It's an inverse time quantity and is the relative rate of expansion of the universe

70 km/s
as 1 Mpc

140 km/s
as 2 Mpc

$$t = \frac{1 Mpc}{70 km/s} = \frac{1000}{70} \approx 14 Gyr$$

$G = 6.67430(15) \times 10^{-11}$
MKS units
The most poorly known fundamental constant (?)

mean density of all mass-energy here in mass units

$$\rho = \rho(a)$$

To my knowledge no one considers ρ as an explicit function of time or anything else. What else could it be a function of? A real question

k is a constant of integration called curvature

Can be \pm ve and also $k \rightarrow k^2$ another form

Cosmological constant

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$k > 0$ hyper sphere
 $k = 0$ flat
 $k < 0$ hyperboloid
GR tells us

The solution is $a = a(t)$ cosmic scale factor
 $v = v_0 a(t)$, t is cosmic time

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Being 1st order t has infinite utilities & describe universal \dot{x} . It's st about \dot{x} which require ∇E 's - our usual understanding, t , in fact, the acceleration equation sn't give any more dynamics, so the symmetries imposed rather than order of the Friedmann equation may be the real dynamic limitation

It's a ordinary, nonlinear 1st order differential equation (nonlinear means solution do NOT add to solution) autonomous equation (Wiki)

↳ No explicit dependence on the independent variable cosmic time t

unless you impose an explicit time dependence.

Physical distances = can be measured with a ruler at one instant in time (Comoving)
 Their distance measures turn up
 luminous distance
 - angular distance
 - cosmic time itself
 - cosmological redshift

of the Friedmann equation may be the real dynamic limitation

All distances r that participate in the mean expansion of the universe obey

Note

$$\dot{r} = v_0 \dot{a}(t)$$

$$\ddot{r} = v_0 \ddot{a}(t)$$

$$r = v_0 a(t)$$

$$v(\text{Mpc}) = \frac{r(\text{Mpc})}{a(t)}$$

Common Mpc

a has no units and by convention $a(t=t_0) = 1$
 cosmic present

v_0 are the comoving distances - they are constant in time and by convention equal physical distances at cosmic present t_0

Actually, there is a physical way of specifying " a " also and we will consider that when we consider cosmic curvature
 Then it has units of length

When one considers curved space there is form of a with units

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$$v = \dot{r} = \dot{a} h_0$$

Perhaps universe stranger if they couldn't be added.

However, in a Newtonian physics sense they are sort of the same and can be added

- recession velocities
- NOT ordinary velocities
- rate of growth of space in a GR sense
- or speed between separating inertial frames

added one extra but when both ~~are~~

Ideal comoving frames, not my CM comoving frames

(comoving frames as I call them)

There is no limit on $v = \dot{r}$

The speed of light is the fastest speed any thing ^{physical} can move

relative to an inertial frame

- light moves at this speed in a vacuum and it is invariant \implies same for all observers \implies one of the axioms of special relativity (SR)

past you at one place in an inertial frame

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In fact, the theoretical Hubble's Law is trivially shown

Friedmann (1922) must have known this ~~but Lemaitre~~ and de Sitter (1917) too, but Lemaitre (1927) seems to be the first to explicitly publish it.

$$v = a(t) v_0$$

$$v = \dot{r} = \dot{a} r_0 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} a r_0 = H r$$

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where

$$H = \frac{\dot{r}}{r} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

i.e. $v = H r$

true recession velocity

Hubble parameter at some instant in cosmic time

physical distance at ~~once~~ instant in cosmic time

~~The observed~~

But v and r are NOT directly observable except asymptotically as $r \rightarrow 0$
 or cosmological redshift $z \rightarrow 0$

That is where Hubble's law is experimentally verified as we'll show ~~later~~ later.

↳ In the asymptotic limit.

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The Friedmann equation

is not in most senses a

But the Second Friedmann equation

(the acceleration equation) doesn't give you any more dynamics, so

maybe imposed symmetries (i.e., cosmological principle) that limits its range of behavior

dynamics equation (Equation of motion, Wiki)

— there are no forces in it.

it's an integral of motion equation with k being ^{the} integral itself

curvature and as its name suggests it describes the curvature of space

~~However~~ ^{curvature} cannot be derived in Newtonian physics, and so we will rely on GR to tell us about curvature.

$k > 0$ hyperspherical space

$k = 0$ flat space
Euclidean space

$k < 0$ hyperbolic space

In fact, the Friedmann equation ~~is~~ is a sort of energy balance equation, but in GR interpretation it loses its simple meaning I think.

It's a balance of something that is only energy in small scale classical limit sense.

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Derivation of Friedmann Eq.

a) GR derivation Alexander Friedmann 1922.

Independently, Georges Lemaitre 1927

Einstein himself seems to be the only one to notice both ~~but~~ in the 1920s he was not interested in cosmology.

In 1937, Milne & McCrea gave a Newtonian Physics derivation

Which requires some special hypotheses only justified ultimately in GR and doesn't give any notion of curvature.

A 19th century physicist without GR and SR could have derived it in essence, ~~but~~ none did.

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imply it exists, and
it does and it's general relativity

If the Friedmann eqn is true, they imply that theory which in fact is GR.

But we'll try (without being too pedantic) as what that person would have done,

Let's call them Max for James Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879), who could've done it if his mind ever wandered that way.

B) Motivation and Points for Max

- If the universe is infinite and mostly full of matter (stars to Max, galaxies to us) that on a large enough scale is homogeneous & isotropic

Can't infinite, eternal, homogeneous static by Olbers paradox

But we'll do it ideally as he might have presented to an audience Not with all the meander of actual research as done.

(the cosmological principle

- name invented by e.g. Milne (1935) but in various forms the idea went back

a long way, Einstein, de Sitter, Friedmann, Le Maître

What holds it up.

Even earlier in some sense

- Can it be static on average? (a stable equilibrium)

- Newton himself wondered about that and briefly

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and in unpublished work tried to find a universal balance

but he couldn't and no one else either

unstable unless making the system infinite magically stabilized it.

Maybe an extra hypothesis was needed to keep stars at rest on average in Newton's absolute space.

But also the universe was not in thermodynamic

equilibrium } so why should it be static in a dynamical sense?

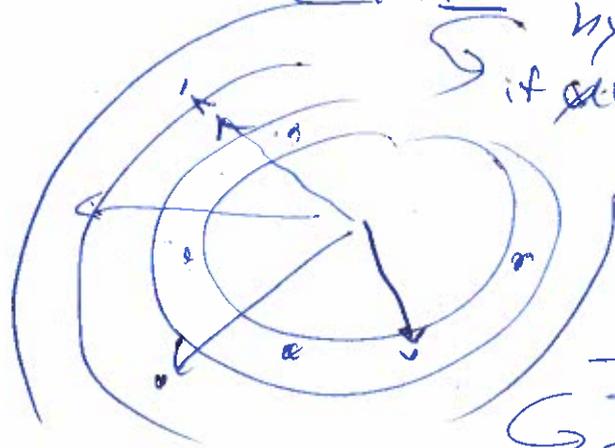
clear in a thermodynamic sense, but in a more primitive sense known for a long time Olbers Paradox

first discussed by Edmund Halley

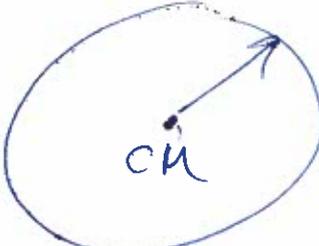
if universe static, all senses should see a star. Area of shells $\propto r^2$ inverse square field of light $\propto 1/r^2$ cancellation.

Halley said the idea was due to someone unnamed and presented in 1721 to the Royal Society with elderly Newton presiding (North-3/77)

Conclusion sky should be as bright as a star surface but it's Not



- c) So Max hypothesizes an infinite universe with all matter smoothed out into a perfect fluid of uniform density at ~~any time~~ all times.
- No viscosity
 - can have pressure, but no gradients since uniform.



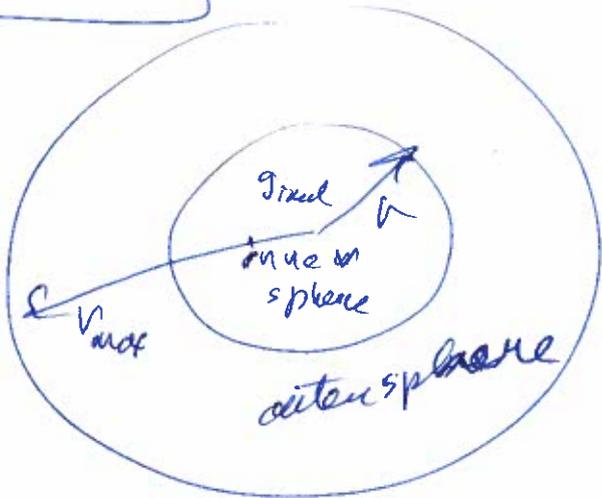
Say expanding or contracting everywhere and every point is in freefall under gravity in a sense

Max guesses there must all points ~~at~~ ~~define~~ inertial frames (comoving frames in the terminology)

Then ~~Max~~ says the shell then applies at every point

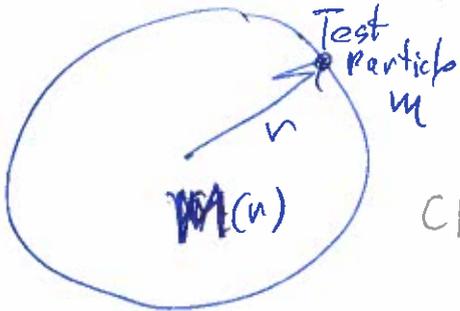
This goes beyond old Newtonian physics

Max guesses there must some more general theory of motion under gravity than Newtonian physics but knows Newtonian physics is a valid limit of it (except for absolute space) and so is trying to generalize from Newtonian physics to capture a portion of the more general theory (portion) (i.e. General relativity)



Then let v_{max} go to infinity and $g(r)$ stays the same by hypothesis.

Then every point in infinite space allows a CM comoving frame centered on it.



~~g(r) only~~
 $g(r)$ only depends on $M(u)$ not on mass beyond

— True in Newtonian physics

and Birkhoff tells us

$$r \ll r_{scale \text{ of universe}}$$

does imply ~~the~~ empty spherical cavity

is flat Minkowski space in which Newtonian physics can be done

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velocities and gravity is weak enough.

Max could

try to apply $F = ma$

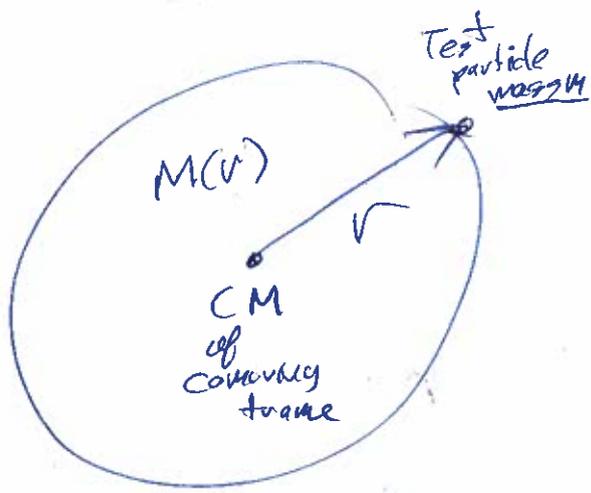
to test particle and probably does a lot hunting around,

but

arrives at a conservation of mechanical energy

approach to get an integral of motion.

In fact, we are imagining Max after all kinds of false starts and loops in his thinking



$$g(r) = -\frac{GM(r)}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$V_g = -\frac{GM(r)}{r} = -\frac{4\pi}{3} G \rho r^2$$

assume $M(r)$ initially

is conserved as r changes with expansion/contraction of sphere

After some playing around

Max also includes a Λ -force field

$$f = \frac{\Lambda}{3} r \hat{r}$$

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

$$M(r) = \frac{4\pi}{3} \rho r^3$$

given mass conserved we get $\rho \propto \frac{1}{r^3}$

Max knows the linear force has a symmetry with gravity and it's a single force and so may be universal

and also a general PE U

Apply conservation of mechanical energy to a test particle of mass m

$v \rightarrow -\infty$
at $r = \infty$
but $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$
to conserve E_{total}

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 - \frac{GM(r)}{r} m - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Lambda}{3} m r^2 + U$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m v^2 - \frac{4\pi}{3} G \rho m r^2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Lambda}{3} m r^2 + U$$

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Now the scaling behavior of the ~~of~~ universe

cannot depend on the peculiarities of a test particle

m, v, \dot{v}, E

somehow all must vanish.

Max defines $v = a(t) v_0$

$\dot{v} = \dot{a}(t) v_0$ where $a(t)$ is the universal cosmic scale factor.

Divides thru by $\frac{1}{2} m v_0^2$

$$\frac{2E}{m v_0^2} = \dot{a}^2 - \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho a^2 - \frac{\Lambda}{3} a^2 + \frac{U}{\frac{1}{2} m v_0^2}$$

then this would be a universal expression

Expect this spoils things unless it has peculiar properties

We've already already got gravity and the linear force.

~~U~~ U would have to be something odd with no obvious motivation from known forces

So Max ansatzes it must be zero.

In fact a reason for the linear force is that it does satisfy the requirements for a universal eqn., it must exist!!!?

is called curvature, k is a constant of integration, which set as initial condition or boundless

quasi-boundless universe, it is unstrained, invariant, cosmological principle.

Et before g. Brans, etc. how when?

We demand this ~~must~~ to be a universal constant for all particles or else the equation can't be universal

$$k = - \frac{2E}{m v_0^2}$$

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The minus is because Max is clairvoyant about GR.

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Rewriting, we get Friedmann's equation (FF) in standard form

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

k is called the curvature (Liddle-33) But really $-k/a^2$ is how curvy space is. See lecture!

If mass is conserved $\rho \propto \frac{1}{a^3}$ (see p. 3211)

1) ~~Mass Conservation~~ Mass Not Conserved
But Max wonders what if mass is not conserved.

What if it mysteriously disappears/appears and what can that depend on in any obvious way? \rightarrow depends on a

Curvy in the sense of how flat at a particular location measured by a fixed volume bound to fix size. Measure for

~~Why~~ does Max wonder about mass nonconservation? His annual faculty evaluation at Cambridge Univ. is due and he is desperately procrastinating

Note, nonconservation depending on scale a , NOT on explicit time or anything else

Max ansatz $\rho = \rho_0 \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^n = \rho_0 a^{-n}$ where n is a general power.

But what should be the potential energy (or potential)

Max tries $g = -\frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{G\rho_0 r_0^3 \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^n}{r^2} \propto r^{1-n}$

This is just like on p. 3211 Except $\frac{1}{n-2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V &= \frac{4\pi}{3} G\rho_0 r_0^n \frac{r^{2-n}}{2-n} \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{3} G\rho_0 \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^n \frac{r^2}{2-n} \\ &= -\frac{4\pi}{3} G\rho_0 r_0^2 \frac{1}{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

Not worrying about $n=2$ case which leads to V logarithm and we are going to dispense with all n except $n=3$ anyway

and we recover that case if $n=3$.

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But Max say this potential is different for every kind of mass ^{nonconservation} (we've considered)

and ~~it~~ leads to a different Friedmann Eqn

and at this point Max wonders who is Friedmann?

But mass and it's effect ~~can only~~ must be unique or we have no guidance

fact, is ansatz leads to sort antiquavity.

So Max ansatzes

$$V = - \frac{4\pi}{3} G \rho r^2$$

and $n=3$ which has less observation or seen 3M

for all cases of mass variation (nonconservation)

It works for mass conservation. It must be some in all cases. (must? in physics means "maybe")

ste says instant even though mass-energy NOT conserved,

At this point, the Friedmann eqn must be somehow be more general than conservation of mechanical energy in Newtonian physics but whatever ~~more~~ general physics applies, it is still an integral of motion.

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Conservation Equations or Integrals of Motion

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Note the Friedmann eqn. is a sort of a 'k' conservation equation analogous to the mechanical energy conservation equation of classical mechanics.

The equation is an integral of Motion $E_{\text{mech}} = KE + PE = \text{constant}$.

Which is not an accident given our derivation (see p. 3206 - 3212).

Consider thrown ball.

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v_y^2 + mgy$$

$$v_y^2 = \frac{2E}{m} - 2gy$$

Note: $2 v_y a_y = 0 - 2g v_y$

$$a_y = -g \quad \text{which is a dynamical equation of motion.}$$

And the Friedmann acceleration equation is the analog as we show on p. 3220.

a) Note, for simple 1-d motion, the conservation eqn does give us all the solution just itself.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m} - 2gy}$$

$$\frac{dy}{\sqrt{\frac{2E}{m} - 2gy}} = \pm dt$$

$$\frac{2 \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m} - 2gy}}{-2g} = \pm \Delta t$$

$$\frac{2E}{m} - 2gy = (g \Delta t)^2$$

$$y = \frac{E}{mg} - \frac{1}{2} g \Delta t^2$$

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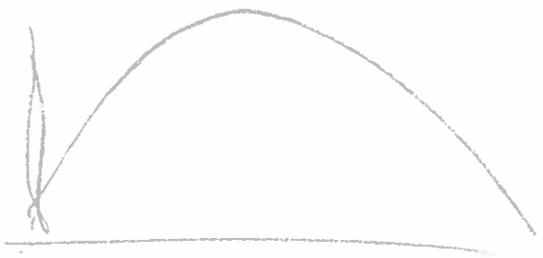
2 case $y(t=0) = 0$ and $y_{max} = \frac{E}{mg} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2}{mg}$
 $0 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_0^2}{g} - \frac{1}{2}g(0-t_0)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_0^2}{g}$

$t_0 = \frac{v_0}{g}$

$\therefore y = \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_0^2}{g} - \frac{1}{2}g(t - \frac{v_0}{g})^2$ is the whole solution given initial condition.

b) But what if not simple 1-d motion?

Trajectory 2-d motion



Bead on a frictionless wire



In both cases, there a broader range of solutions and you need more information to solve

$E = KE + PE$ is NOT sufficient.

c) The Friedmann equation is it seems like case. It's strictly 1-d and seems no place for workless constraint forces

fact we are missing the acceleration information that is NOT solutions of Friedmann eqn. These can't keep

The expanding sphere derivation seems to be like case (a).

So the Friedmann eqn. gives all solutions itself and the Friedmann acceleration eqn. just gives acceleration \ddot{a} for given \dot{a} without knowing solutions. (see p. 3220)

But (3212) and are cosmic scale factor solution

say $N_2^2 = \frac{7E}{m(y)} - 2gy$; i.e., you let mass be a function of y . Then the solutions are v given and this the case of the Friedmann eqn.

But where does mass non conservation arise

from?

Well

the

form assumed

is $P = P_0 a^{-n}$ (or $P = P_0 \rho^p$ in terms of ρ)

says changes with volume,

What changes with volume.

Being one of the developers of 19th century statistical classical mechanics Max knows the 2nd law of Thermodynamics (1st law Energy available)

$$dE = Tds - PdV + \mu dN$$

thermal (internal) energy

Temperature

entropy

pressure

Volume

chemical potential

particles

Differential form

where denominator is anything, but usually time dt

So energy can change with volume + And Max doesn't want heat energy or particles from outside as inside source because there's no outside in an isolated system

Actually probably some claim you need this is needed by Max...
I don't know about entropy concentration (Wik)

My review paper

1st law Energy available

isolated system

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But says Max, this is the 19th century, and so mass and energy are different things.

But Max also discovered Maxwell's equations of electromagnetism and derived $c \approx 3 \times 10^8$ m/s as the unique velocity of electromagnetic waves

and mc^2 has dimensions of energy like $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$,

and so Max says let's assume mass is a form of energy;

and so $E = mc^2$ at least for perfect fluids

with $dS=0$ (adiabatic) and no chemical potential or particles

$$c^2 dM = dE = -P dV$$

$$d(PV) = -\frac{P}{c^2} dV \quad \text{and } V \propto a^3$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V dP + P dV &= -\frac{P}{c^2} dV \\ dP &= -\frac{dV}{V} \left(P + \frac{P}{c^2} \right) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} dV &\propto 3a^2 da \\ \frac{dV}{V} &\approx 3 \frac{da}{a} \end{aligned}$$

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$$dP = -3 \frac{da}{a} \left(\rho + \frac{p}{c^2} \right) \quad \left\{ \dot{P} = -3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \left(\rho + \frac{p}{c^2} \right) \right.$$

Now what says Max.

Simplest idea \rightarrow simplest equation of state

$$P = w c^2 \rho$$

(EOS)

where w is a constant

just the w parameter of the cosmological perfect fluid in modern astro jargon — No other name it seems

Note, this pressure can be formal
 It doesn't have to push/pull on anything including itself and the form of the energy it destroys or creates could be anything e.g., particle energy, particles

$$dP \propto -3 \frac{da}{a} (\rho + w \rho)$$

$$\frac{dP}{P} = -3 \frac{da}{a} (1 + w)$$

$$\ln P = -3 (1 + w) \ln a$$

$$P = P_0 \left(\frac{a_0}{a} \right)^{3(1+w)}$$

$$P \left(\frac{a_0}{a} \right)^3$$

$$P \left(\frac{a_0}{a} \right)^4$$

$$P_0$$

$$P_0 \left(\frac{a_0}{a} \right)^2$$

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The assumption specified possibilities,

NR matter

$$w = 0 \text{ "matter" } \left(\frac{E_{\text{rest}}}{E_{\text{total}}} \right)$$

$$w = \frac{1}{3} \text{ "radiation" (as well)}$$

$$w = 1 \text{ "stiff matter" (as well)}$$

$$w = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ "dark energy" or "cosmological constant" } R_H = c/H_0$$

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The acceleration Equation or 2nd Friedmann Eq.

2nd order DE, but it does NOT give any behavior NOT in the Friedmann equation itself. So dynamics is limited. See pp. 321-322 Conservation Equations

Far as know, the acceleration useful to with lists and is may know without necessarily $a(t)$. ρ variations variations ρ variations ρ variations

$$\dot{a}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho a^2 - \frac{K}{2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3} a^2$$

Differentiate

curvature term vanishes. It is

$$2\dot{a}\ddot{a} = \frac{8\pi G}{3} [\dot{\rho}a^2 + 2\rho a\dot{a}] - 0 + 2\frac{\Lambda}{3} a\dot{a}$$

$-3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}(\rho + \frac{p}{c^2})$
Without the pressure and $E = mc^2$, Max, EOS would not know what ρ is except for $w = 3$.

It was a constant of integration ~~today~~ set before big bang, before inflation, but now.

divide these by $2\dot{a}$

$$\ddot{a} = \frac{4\pi G}{3} \left[-3a\left(\rho + \frac{p}{c^2}\right) + 2\rho a \right] + \frac{\Lambda}{3} a$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left[\rho + \frac{3p}{c^2} \right] + \frac{\Lambda}{3} \quad (Li-27)$$

+ $\rho = w\rho c^2$, $\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \rho [1 + 3w] + \Lambda/3$
or with $r = r_0 a$ and ρ constant substituted and r_0 cancelled out.

$$\ddot{r} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left[\frac{\rho r^3}{r^2} + \frac{3p}{c^2} r \right] + \frac{\Lambda}{3} r$$

$$\ddot{r} = -\frac{GM(r)}{r^2} - \frac{4\pi G}{3} \left(\frac{3p}{c^2} \right) r + \frac{\Lambda}{3} r$$

what? ~~As~~ - force
shall there be force for spherical symmetric mass distribution.

ations, on 271 allows to analyze rich forms acceleration, coasting, deceleration.

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Max wonders what the heck is the middle term
you do not get that from Newtonian physics

But recall he introduced non conservation of mass (p. 3213)

introduced a special potential energy (p. 3214)

ansatzed $E = mc^2$ (p. 3218)

did thermodynamics (p. 3218)

and introduced a special equation of state (p. 3219)

$$P = w c^2 \rho$$

Which led to $P = P_0 \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^{3(1+w)}$ (p. 3219)

Now

$$\ddot{a} = \frac{8\pi G a^2}{3} \sum_i \rho_i \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^{3(1+w_i)} - k + \frac{\Lambda}{3} a^2 \quad (\text{p. 3220})$$

and we can find \ddot{a} without explicit pressure
 $\rightarrow a^2 \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^{3(1+w_i)} = a_0^{3(1+w_i)} a^{-(1+3w_i)}$

$$2 \dot{a} \ddot{a} = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_i \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^{3(1+w_i)} a^{-(1+3w_i)} \dot{a} + 0 + \frac{2}{3} \Lambda a \dot{a}$$

$$\ddot{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_i \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^{3(1+w_i)} a^{-(1+3w_i)} + \frac{\Lambda}{3} a$$

A real dynamics equation of motion.

Define $P_\Lambda = \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G}$ which is constant and $w_\Lambda = -1$

$$\ddot{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left[\sum_i \rho_i \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^{3(1+w_i)} \left[(1+3w_i) \right] \right] a + \frac{4\pi G}{3} \left[\frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G} \right]$$

So for the terms

- $1 + 3w_i > 0$ gives deceleration
- $1 + 3w_i = 0$ or $w_i = -1/3$ gives coasting
- $1 + 3w_i < 0$ gives acceleration

$$= \frac{4\pi G}{3} \left[\frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G} \right]$$

$$= \frac{4\pi G}{3} \left[2P_\Lambda \right]$$

$$= \frac{4\pi G}{3} P_\Lambda \left[-(1+3w_\Lambda) \right]$$

with $w_\Lambda = -1$

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and recall from p. 3219

Note Google AI tells us and as we know from examples (e.g. acceleration eqn)

we have solutions that do NOT satisfy the Friedmann eqn itself, and so can't have a constant k , the requirement for a universal solution (see p. 3212). Such solutions are therefore NOT cosmic scale factor solutions.

But for a given "a" value, the acceleration eqn gives the correct \ddot{a} and \dot{a}/a .

$\lambda(t)$ satisfying the Friedmann eqn. is necessary & sufficient for giving a cosmic scale factor, satisfying the acceleration eqn. is necessary and sufficient.

$p = 3(1+w)$ where p is power

NOT pressure

$w = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p/3 - 1 \\ 2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 0 \\ -1/3 \\ -2/3 \\ -1 \end{array} \right.$

- $p=5$ { Nonrelativistic KE density & free streaming particles
- $p=4$ radiation (extreme relativistic particles)
- $p=3$ matter (rest mass energy)

$p=2$ $R_{eff} \propto ct$ universe or curvature or cosmic strings

$p=1$ quintessence of ~~some~~ kind

$p=0$ cosmological constant or constant dark energy perfect fluid

Note $1 + 3w < 0$ or $p < -1/3$ gives an acceleration which sort of an antigravity.

In the classical interpretation of the Friedmann eqn, these terms have

"Potential energy" decreasing as " a " $\rightarrow \infty$ and so to keep the balance we have " \dot{a} " (" \rightarrow kinetic energy") increasing to ∞ .

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But what does pressure mean in

$$P = -3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\left(\rho + \frac{p}{c^2}\right) \quad (\text{eq. 3217-3218})$$

Perhaps, no more than in a
adiabatic perfect fluid ($ds=0$)
with chemical potential = 0
or $dN = 0$ or both

$$dE = -PdV$$

Ordinarily, we think of pressure doing PdV work,
but here it can be just some kind
of coefficient that controls
changes in mass-energy with volume.

Consider photons: as we show in
Lecture 4, $E_{ph} \propto \frac{1}{a}$

and $E_{ph} \propto \frac{1}{a^2}$
energy density

but the free streaming photons
are not pushing on anything
(below the level of pair creation),
Their energy seemingly vanishes.

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What of dark energy?

It's taken as uniform in boundless space

$$p = w \rho c = -\rho c$$

$w = -1$ (see p. 3222)

and so that suggests a "pulling in force", but what does this "force" act on.

- Itself?
- It's uniform, so no pressure gradients
- maybe it doesn't pull on anything.
- maybe just a formal negative pressure

In GR, the Einstein field Equations

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

$G_{\mu\nu}$ Einstein tensor
 Λ cosmological constant
 $g_{\mu\nu}$ metric tensor
 $T_{\mu\nu}$ stress-energy tensor

DE true at all points in space above quantum gravity level

In this form, $\Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$ is an aspect of gravity.

Schrodinger's idea had no immediate impact (Einstein didn't think much of it) but Georges Lemaitre used the idea in 1934 (WIK: Vacuum energy)

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But it was noticed by none other than Erwin Schrodinger in 1918 that for a perfect fluid (no viscosity)

O'Raifeartaigh et al 2017, p. 31

Carron -172

$$T_{\mu\nu} = (P + \rho/c^2) U_\mu U_\nu + P g_{\mu\nu}$$

(perfect fluid)

4-velocities

with $P_{(PF)} = -\frac{\rho c^2}{(PF)}$ would give

$$T_{\mu\nu} = 0 - \rho g_{\mu\nu}$$

(PF)

and so

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\mu\nu} &= \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu} - \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} \\ &= \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \left(T_{\mu\nu} - \underbrace{\frac{\Lambda c^4}{8\pi G} g_{\mu\nu}}_{P_{PF}} \right) \\ &= \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \left(T_{\mu\nu} + \underbrace{T_{\mu\nu}}_{PF} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Carron-172 says P_{PF} like this must be constant throughout space-time to be Lorentz invariant

Quantum Field Theory likes a perfect fluid like this that is vacuum energy, but its simple predictions give $\Lambda_{vac} \approx 10^{120} \Lambda_{observed}$ which is a significant overestimate

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Of course, you can tune Λ_{vacuum}
 to you what is needed and
 just say it's Anthropic i.e.,
 we would NOT have a chance
 being here if $\Lambda_{vac} = \Lambda_{obs}$,
 but nobody likes Anthropic arguments
 much — they always seem
 to dissipate into endless
 philosophical musing — of course,
 they could be true for Λ ,
 but we have no guidance on
 the distribution of Λ in a multiverse.

But AI threatens to solve
 quantum gravity but perhaps
 with a theory beyond human comprehension

Of course, a true Cosmological constant and
 a true constant dark energy (a true vacuum energy?)
 must be different somehow potentially observably
 though maybe indirectly.

since $\rho = \rho_0 x^{-p}$ is now allowed for all $p > 0$ not just $p=3$ and $p=0$

Actually, I like a true cosmological constant since
 only it and gravity seem to be allowed as universal forces
 by the Newtonian derivation of the Friedmann eqn. (see p. 3211)
 allowing mass non-conservation makes this feature not so clear.
 Of course, there could be constant or varying dark energy and a cosmological
 constant. After all, who needs Occam's razor.

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There must be some
observable differences
between a true cosmological constant
and a dark energy perfect
fluid.

But I haven't ~~noticed~~ looked
for any discussion.

Note gravity and cosmological
constant force

Note that odd symmetries (see p. 3053)
we've discussed
and seem to be the only
non-exotic forces
allowing the Friedmann
equation

(see p. 3212)

So Λ or ~~dark~~ energy perfect
fluid.

The question is moot.

Both are just called Λ
conflating the two concepts.

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3.24 Scaled Form of the Friedmann Equation

$$a) H^2 = \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \underbrace{\rho_{ME}}_{\text{mass-energy}} - \underbrace{\frac{k}{R^2}}_{\text{curvature term}} + \frac{\Lambda}{3}$$

I prefer R to a .
"a" looks like a constant to me.

Choose a fiducial time labeled by t_0 which is usually cosmic present, but it could be any time.

At t_0 , we have $H = H_0$, $R = R_0$

Note, $\frac{H^2}{H_0^2}$ is dimensionless

$$\therefore H^2 = H_0^2 \left[\frac{8\pi G}{3H_0^2} \rho_{M0} - \frac{k}{H_0^2 R^2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3} \right]$$

Usually set to 1, but there are other useful choices.

\therefore dimensionless

We define $\rho_c = \rho_{\text{critical}} = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$

$$\left[\rho_c \right] = \frac{T^{-2}}{E L/M^2} = \frac{T^{-2}}{\frac{ML^2}{T^2} L/M^2} = \frac{M}{L^3} \text{ correct dimensions}$$

$$H^2 = H_0^2 \left[\frac{\rho_{ME}}{\rho_c} - \frac{k}{H_0^2 R^2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3H_0^2} \right]$$

We define density parameters (representations of density components)

$$\Omega_{ME} = \frac{\rho_{ME}}{\rho_c}$$

Minus sign to make all Ω_i 's explicitly positive

$$\Omega_k = -\frac{k}{H_0^2 R^2} \text{ and so } \rho_k = \rho_c \Omega_k = -\frac{\rho_c k}{H_0^2 R^2}$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda = \frac{\Lambda}{3H_0^2} \text{ and so } \rho_\Lambda = \rho_c \Omega_\Lambda = \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{or} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{p. 3221} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{total } \Omega = \Omega_{ME} + \Omega_k + \Omega_\Lambda$$

$$= \Omega_{ME\Lambda} + \Omega_k \text{ with } \Omega_{ME\Lambda} = \Omega_{ME} + \Omega_\Lambda$$

$$\therefore H^2 = H_0^2 [\Omega] = H_0^2 [\Omega_{MEL} + \Omega_k]$$

at x_0 where $H = H_0$, we have $1 = \Omega_{MEL_0} + \Omega_{k_0}$

$$\therefore \Omega_{k_0} = 1 - \Omega_{MEL_0}$$

if $\Omega_{MEL} = 1, \Omega_k = 0$

if $\Omega_{MEL_0} \neq 1, \Omega_{k_0} \neq 0$

But only general relativity tells us this

if $\Omega_{k_0} > 0, k < 0$ and there is -ve curvature (hyperbolic space)

if $\Omega_{k_0} < 0, k > 0$ and there is +ve curvature (hyperspherical space, finite boundless space)

The reversal of signs is annoying.

Just accept it. Lesser of two evils

so $\Omega_{MEL} = 1$ is flat space or $\rho_{MEL} = \rho_c$

$$b) \rho_{critical} \approx \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G} = \begin{cases} (0.920374... \times 10^{-26}) \text{ kg/m}^3 \left(\frac{H_0}{70}\right)^2 \\ (0.1352834... \times 10^{12}) \frac{M_\odot}{\text{Mpc}^3} \left(\frac{H_0}{70}\right)^2 \end{cases}$$

$\rightarrow \sim 10$ mass of a large galaxy per Mpc^3

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As we know, evidence (from some analysis) points to $\Omega_{M\&L} \approx 1$

Planck 2018 give $|\Omega_k| < 0.005$ (Google AI),

but some people have estimated higher and lower values

standard Inflation predicts $\Omega_{M\&L}$ very close to 1, but not exactly 1, $|\Omega_k| \lesssim 10^{-5}$ (Google AI)

Recall in Friedmann equation $H^2 = \dots - \frac{k}{a^2} \dots$

and the super expansion of inflation flattens the inflation region. Driven by something that acts like a super Λ .

curvature
curviness!
Lecture 4.
as $\frac{k}{a^2}$
is smaller, the 'curviness' is measured with a fixed k even by E=Mc²

But how is k set?

can it be changed?

Apparently, Not for a homogeneous, isotropic, boundless universe in GR

c) Eliminating H_0 from the formal solution

$H^2 = H_0^2 \sum_p \Omega_p(x)$ { Sum on all different density components including curvature and Λ

Let $d\tau = H_0 dt$ and use scaled time τ where $\tau_0 = H_0 t_0$.

$h^2 = \left(\frac{dx}{d\tau}\right)^2 = \sum_i \Omega_i(x)$ { Note $H(\tau_0) = H_0$ and so $h(\tau_0) = 1$

$h^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{x}}{x}\right)^2 = \sum_i \Omega_i(x)$ and $1 = \sum_i \Omega_i(x = x_0)$

where I usually mean $\frac{dx}{d\tau} = \dot{x}$

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Say there are I density parameter constants

(where we assume each density parameter is controlled by one density parameter constant
e.g. $\Omega_i = \Omega_{i0} \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^{p_i}$

e.g. CPL density parameter
 $w(a) = w_0 + w_a(1-a)$
where $a = \frac{1}{1+z}$

$$\frac{d\Omega_i}{d\ln a} = \Omega_i (-3(1+w_0+w_a) - 3w_a(1-a))$$

(Abdul-Kavim 2005)
Power-law and exponential dependence on a
There is some physical motivation

There can be other density parameter formulae that are NOT (inverse) power laws, but I'm not going to consider them

Note, we have effectively replaced one of the density parameter constants as a free parameter, so $I-1$ free density parameter constants plus H_0 , make I controlling parameters.

Note a density parameter constant is a density-parameter parameter, but that sounds obscure.

But we make the H_0 disappear by scaling time: e.g. $H_0 dt = d\tau$

So solving, $h^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \sum_i \Omega_i(a)$ gives a scaled solution which may be all you want for studying solution behavior.
where $h = h_0$ at τ_0

But if you want real time behavior, then you have to know or set H_0 .

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d) Actually, you can set ρ_c as a controlling parameter,

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

Note, the Hubble time is Not to increase

gives $\sqrt{\frac{8\pi G \rho_c}{3}} = H_0$ or $t_{1/H_0} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi G \rho_c}}$

In this case, ρ_c sets the time scaling $H_0 dt = dx$.

But in any case, t_0 or τ_0 is usually an output: i.e., a part of the solution.

So $h^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{x}}{x}\right)^2 = \sum_i \Omega_i(x)$

is solved for $\tau(x)$ and/or $x(\tau)$,

and $\tau' = \tau(x_0)$ or $x_0 = x(\tau_0)$

is part of the solution.

e) Usually x_0 is set by $x_0 = 1$

$\therefore \left(\frac{\dot{x}}{x}\right)^2 = 1 = \sum_i \Omega_i(x_0 = 1)$

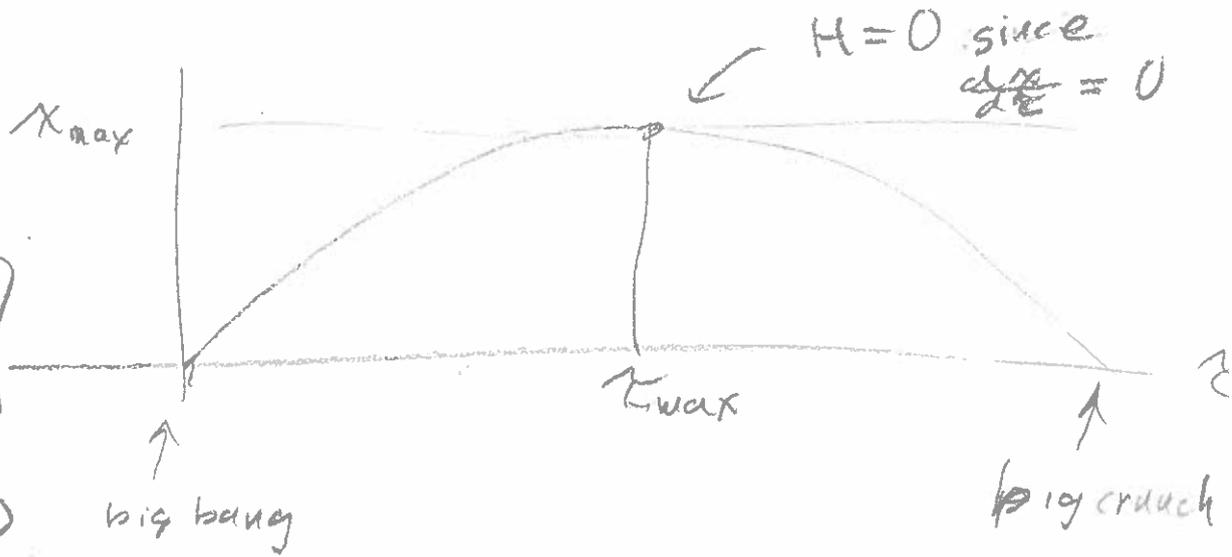
But this is NOT the only useful choice.

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For example, if $\Omega_{k0} < 0$, you can solutions with a maximum.

We consider these solutions in lecture 5 on advanced Friedmann equation solutions



In this case, you may prefer to choose $x_{max}(\tau_{max}) = 1$

Which means $\Omega_0 \neq 1$

where
$$\sum_i \Omega_i(x = x_{max} = 1) = 0$$

Ω_0 is still where $H = H_0$

But $\sum_i \Omega_i(x_{max} = 1) = 0$ means $\Omega_{MEL} > 0$ and $\Omega_k < 0$ at τ_{max}

Then you could set $\rho_{critical} = \rho_{MEL min}$

then
$$H_0 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi G \rho_c}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi G \rho_{MEL min}}}$$

Which occurs at maximum expansion

In this case,
$$h^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{x}}{x}\right)^2 = 1 = \sum_i \Omega_i(x = \Omega_0 \neq 1)$$

Note $h=1$ and $\tau = \tau_0$ may never occur in the solution. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{See p. 3230 definition of } \tau_0: \\ \text{i.e., } h(\tau_0) = 1. \end{array} \right.$

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Also there is the Einstein (static) universe



In this case $h^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{x}}{x}\right)^2 = 0 = \sum \Omega_i$ ($x = x_E$)

where x_E can be set $x_E = 1$.

In this case, $h = 0$ always and never 1, and thus there is no τ_0 (see p. 3230 where $h(\tau_0) = 1$)

3.2.5 The Deceleration Parameter q

q is a sort of scaled form of the acceleration equation (p. 3220) (but probably not useful as that even) with an annoying historical minus sign.

$$q = - \frac{\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}}{x} \frac{1}{H^2} = - \frac{\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} x}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2} = - \frac{\ddot{x} x}{(\dot{x})^2}$$

Hubble parameter

$$= - \frac{\ddot{x}}{x} \frac{1}{H^2/H_0^2} = - \frac{\ddot{x}}{x} \frac{1}{h^2}$$

Where $\ddot{x} = \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$

and $\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$

and recall

$$H_0 dt = d\tau$$

Hubble constant for some. See p. 3230

Why the minus sign? For those 1930s-1970s, most assumed that the universe was decelerating and to get a positive quantity they added a minus sign. Bad mistake.

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In 1970, Allan Sandage wrote an article 'Cosmology: the search for two numbers'

They hypothesized in those days that

H_0 and q_0 might be enough to determine $x(t) = x(z)$

and z_0 and t_0 for the actual universe.

We'd still like to know them

to high accuracy of course,

but nowadays $q(z)$ is probably most seen as diagnostic for

overall solutions (e.g., Lodha 2025

Extended Dark energy analysis using Desi DR 2 BAO measurements)

Let's hypothesize

$$h^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{x}}{x}\right)^2 = \sum_i \Omega_{i0} x^{-p_i}, \text{ where } x_0 = 1$$

$$\therefore \dot{x}^2 = \sum_i \Omega_{i0} x^{-p_i + 2}$$

$$2 \dot{x} \ddot{x} = \left[\sum_i \Omega_{i0} x^{-p_i + 1} (-p_i + 2) \right] \dot{x}$$

See p. 3234

$$\ddot{x} = \sum_i \Omega_{i0} x^{-p_i + 1} (-p_i/2 + 1)$$

$$q = -\frac{\ddot{x} x}{(\dot{x})^2} = \frac{\sum_i \Omega_{i0} x^{-p_i + 2} (p_i/2 - 1)}{\sum_i \Omega_{i0} x^{-p_i + 2}} = \frac{\sum_i \Omega_{i0} x^{-p_i} (p_i/2 - 1)}{\sum_i \Omega_{i0} x^{-p_i}}$$

$$q_0 = \left\{ -\sum_i \Omega_{i0} (p_i/2 - 1) \right.$$

with $x = x_0 = 1$

$$0.3 (3/2 - 1) + 0.7 (-1)$$

$$= 0.15 - 0.7 = -0.55$$

a well known result

for Λ -CDM model with $\Omega_{30} = \Omega_{m0} = 0.3$ and $\Omega_0 = \Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.7$

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Now, again (from p. 3235)

$$q = \frac{\sum_r \Omega_{r0} x^{-p_r} (p_r/2 - 1)}{\sum_r \Omega_{r0} x^{-p_r}}$$

Note $p/2 < 1$, or $p < 2$,
gives a negative term and thus
a positive accelerating effect.

A sort of antigravity!

$p = 2$ gives a coasting effect

$p > 2$ gives a positive term
and so a deceleration

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3.26 Elementary Solutions of The Friedmann Equation

Single density component solutions

$$h = \frac{\dot{x}}{x} = \pm \sqrt{\sum_p \Omega_{p0} x^{-p}}$$

Recall

$$\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

and

$$H_{\text{old}} = \dot{a}/a$$

and here

we choose

$$x_0 = 1$$

Note we do not have to make this choice. See p 32, 32

where $p \geq 0$ but not necessarily an integer, but physically only integer p seem well motivated.

Recall, $\Omega_p = \Omega_{p0} x^{-p}$ is a density parameter, Ω_{p0} is a density parameter constant.

Note at t_0 where $x_0 = 1$, $h = h_0 = 1$ and $\sum_p \Omega_{p0} = 1$.

If only one density component, then $\Omega_{p0} = 1$.

But for our derivation, we will leave Ω_{p0} unevaluated so that we can see where it is.

Note, the \pm means there are always expanding/contracting branches,

But unlike most autonomous 1st order ordinary DEs, the Friedmann equation solutions

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is it more or less is

can have stationary points at finite time. See p. and Homework 3 for a discussion of stationary points of autonomous 1st order ordinary DEs.

However, physically $\rho \leq 0$ is not allowed. No meaning. However, we do formally include $\rho = 0$ as a limit in discussions and formalisms.

can cyclic universes? (Sudri 1961 p. 82) just says Big Bangs start new cycle. but modern cyclic universes at some how reduce exotic behavior into Friedmann eqn use generalized Friedmann Eqn.

But with very implausible density components, you can get an a pure Friedmann Eqn. cyclic universe;

Awkward to exclude it.

Never goes to zero



Since we live in an expanding universe, the negative branch solutions have less interest and we won't consider them here.

to solve write the DE as

$$d\zeta = \frac{dx}{x \sqrt{\sum_p R_p x^{-p}}}$$

$$d\zeta = \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\sum_p R_p x^{-p+2}}}$$

In fact, always numerically and (I think) always analytically you solve for $\zeta(x)$ first and invert to get $x(\zeta)$ NOT all exact $\zeta(x)$ can be inverted to exact $x(\zeta)$.

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a) For a single density component $\rho \neq 0$

$$d\tau = \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\Omega_{\rho_0}} x^{-p/2+1}} = \frac{x^{p/2-1} dx}{\sqrt{\Omega_{\rho_0}}}$$

solution

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_{\rho_0}}} \frac{x^{p/2}}{p/2}$$

choosing $\tau(x=0) = 0$

age of universe

$$\tau_0 = \frac{2}{p} \text{ with } x=1$$

$$\Omega_{\rho_0} = 1$$

for a Big Bang singularity or a point origin in older jargon, A point in time origin is meant.

If you measure H_0

and τ_0 Curie's gives

$p = 2(q_0 + 1)$, then you know τ_0 , the age of the universe

$$\tau_0 = \frac{2}{p} \frac{1}{H_0}$$

$$\tau_0 = \frac{2}{p} \tau$$

Hubble and so $\tau_{Hubble} = \frac{1}{H_0} = \frac{p}{2} \tau_0$

Inverse solution

The Hubble time

Note, only for $p=2$, do we have $\tau_0 = \tau_{Hubble}$

$$x(\tau) = \left[\sqrt{\Omega_{\rho_0}} \left(\frac{p}{2} \right) \tau \right]^{2/p}$$

$$h = \frac{\dot{x}}{x} = \frac{2}{p} \frac{1}{\tau}$$

$$h_0 = \frac{2}{p} \frac{1}{\tau_0} = \frac{2}{p} \frac{1}{2/p} = 1$$

(see p. 3237 for the same result)

$$q = \frac{\sum \Omega_{\rho_0} x^{-p} (p/2 - 1)}{\sum \Omega_{\rho_0} x^{-p}} \text{ in general (see p. 3235)}$$

in general

$q = p/2 - 1$ and ρ_0 is a constant for a single density component

$$\therefore q_0 = q = p/2 - 1 \text{ and } p = 2(q_0 + 1)$$

$\begin{cases} < 0 \text{ for } p < 2, \text{ acceleration } > 0 \\ 0 \text{ for } p = 2, \text{ coasting (acceleration } = 0) \\ > 0 \text{ for } p > 2, \text{ deceleration } < 0, \text{ decelerative case.} \end{cases}$

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b) For $p = 0$, things are a bit different.

In this case as we see in just a moment, there is no finite time to here $H = H_0$ & $n = 1$ and so we do NOT set $x_0 = 1$

solution

$$d\tau = \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\Omega_{p0}} x^{p+1}}$$

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_{p0}}} \ln x + C$$

Inverse solution $x_0 e^{\sqrt{\Omega_{p0}} \tau}$

and there is no point origin

could be cosmological model

This is the exponential de Sitter universe.

It's pure cosmological constant universe

Recall $\Omega_\Lambda = \frac{\Lambda}{3H_0^2}$ (see p. 3228) = $\Omega_{p0} = 1$, then $H_0 = \sqrt{\Lambda/3}$

Now $x = x_0 e^\tau = x_0 e^{H_0 t} = x_0 \sqrt{\Lambda/3} t$

$\therefore \frac{\dot{x}}{x} = 1$ or $\left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) / x = H_0$

and the Hubble parameter is a constant equal to the Hubble constant at all time.

$q_0 = p/2 - 1$ (see p. 3239)
 $= -1$ for $p = 0$

So...

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Actually, the $P=0$ gives an example of a solution of the acceleration eqn, that is NOT a solution of the Friedmann eqn, and therefore cannot keep k constant which we require for a universal solution

(see p 3212 and 3222),

Satisfying the acceleration eqn. is necessary for being a cosmic scale factor solution but NOT sufficient. Satisfying the Friedmann eqn. is necessary and sufficient

If there is just Ω_Λ , then the scaled Friedmann eqn. is

$$\frac{\dot{\chi}}{\chi} = \pm \sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \quad (\text{see p. 3230})$$

$$\dot{\chi} = \pm \sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \chi$$

$$\chi = \chi_0 e^{\pm \sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \tau}$$

by what we mean by cosmic scale factor

and the scaled acceleration eqn. is

$$\ddot{\chi} = \Omega_\Lambda \chi \quad (\text{see p. 3234})$$

which is satisfied by $\chi = \chi_0 e^{\pm \sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \tau}$,

but also by

$$\chi = \chi_0 \sinh(\sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \tau)$$

$$\dot{\chi} = \sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \chi_0 \cosh(\sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \tau)$$

which gives $\sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \chi_0 \cosh(\sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \tau) \neq \pm \sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \chi$

but does give

$$\ddot{\chi} = \Omega_\Lambda \chi_0 \sinh(\sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \tau)$$

Another case is the Einstein (static) universe,

Note,

$x^{(2)}, x^{(3)}$, etc
are derivatives
with respect to x
NOT τ .

$$\ddot{x} = \sqrt{\sum_p R_{p0} x^{-p+2}} \quad (\text{see p. 3235})$$

$$\ddot{x} = \sum_p R_{p0} x^{-p+1} (-p/2 + 1) \quad (\text{p. 3235})$$

So $\ddot{x} = f(x)$ and say $\ddot{x} = f(x_E) = 0$

Is x_E the Einstein universe solution? NOT necessarily.
 $\dot{x}(\tau) = 0$ for all τ to be that.

$$\ddot{x} = x^{(2)} = f(x)$$

and $\dot{x} = f(x_E) = 0$

$$x^{(3)} = \frac{df}{dx} \dot{x}, \text{ let } \frac{df}{dx} = g(x) \text{ and } \dot{x}^{(3)}(x_E) = g(x_E) \dot{x}(x_E) = 0?$$

$$x^{(n)} = \sum_{l=0}^{n-3} \binom{n-3}{l} g^{(n-3-l)} \dot{x}^{(l)}$$

Leibniz rule
generalization
of product rule
(Art. 66V)

$$= \dots + g^{(0)} \dot{x}^{(n-3)}$$

$$= \dots + g \dot{x}^{(n-2)}$$

These terms
must all have
at least one
factor of \dot{x}

So if $\dot{x}_E = 0$,
all terms
are zero

and if $\dot{x}_E^{(n-2)} = 0$

then term is zero too

Implied
proof
by
induction

So if $\ddot{x}_E = 0$

all $\dot{x}_E^{(n \text{ even})} = 0$

And since $\dot{x}_E = 0$,

all $\dot{x}_E^{(n \text{ odd})} = 0$

The upshot is if $\ddot{x}_E = 0$
the acceleration equation
is satisfied

but $\dot{x}_E = 0$ for all $x_E^{(n)} = 0$ for the Einstein universe

Thus both $\dot{x}_E = 0$ and $\ddot{x}_E = 0$ are needed
for the Einstein universe.

However, $x(\tau)$ that satisfies only one $\dot{x}_E = 0$ or $\ddot{x}_E = 0$ will be a solution if it satisfies the Friedmann Eqn. Satisfying the accel. eqn is necessary Not sufficient.

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c) Special feature of the elementary solution
for $p > 0$

$$\Omega_p = \int R_{p0} \Lambda^{-p}$$

$$= \int R_{p0} \left(\sqrt{R_{p0}} \left(\frac{p}{2} \right)^{2/p} \right)^{-p}$$

See p. 3239

Note this is result does not hold for multiple density component solutions for $\sum_{p>0} \Omega_{p0} \Lambda^{-p}$ cases

$$= \int R_{p0} \Omega_{p0}^{-1} \left(\frac{p}{2} \right)^{-2} \Lambda^{-2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{p}{2} \right)^{-2} \Lambda^{-2}$$

$\Omega_p \propto \Lambda^{-2}$ in all cases of $p > 0$.

of course $\Omega_\Lambda = \int R_{p=0} = \Omega_0, p=0$
i.e., the density parameter of Λ is a constant.

d) Note Friedmann Equ. is Nonlinear.

So a sum of solutions is NOT a solution in general.

There are some special cases where a sum of solutions is a solution, but only for certain coefficients, ~~but not general coefficients.~~

But the elementary solutions don't sum to solutions ever I think.

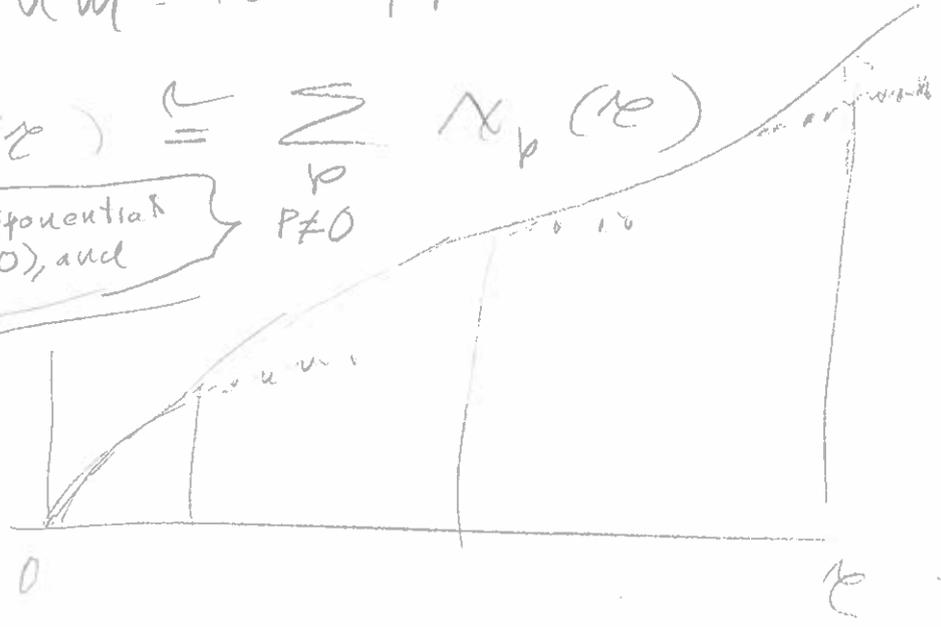
The only cases I know exact solutions are sums of exact solutions

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But in some cases the elementary solutions can sum to approximate solutions

$$X(t) \approx \sum_{p \neq 0} X_p(t)$$

$\neq 0$ gives an exponential solution (see 32.40), and so you need a way to identify the dominant.



$$\dot{X} = X \sqrt{\sum_p R_p X^{-p}}$$

The various terms become dominant at different times, and so a crude solution of phases can exist.

But I think such solutions are all very qualitative and on quantitative accuracy, you need exact solutions or high accuracy numerical solutions.

Actually, I believe I have found (I think) an educationally useful qualitative approximate solution formalism. But it is just to show how different behaviors emerge, not for any accuracy. I probably won't bore the class with it.

In fact, I've wasted far too much time finding high accuracy approximations for certain parameter choices. Perfectly worthless I think now.

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$$h^2 = \frac{P}{P_{\text{critical}}} = \Omega \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Omega} \\ = \text{density parameter} \end{array} \right.$$

The scaled Friedmann equation:

~~Omega the density~~
Parameter

$$= \Omega_{\text{ME}} + \Omega_k + \Omega_\Lambda$$

mass energy

At cosmic present where $x=1$

Recall $h = \frac{H}{H_0}$

$$h^2 = 1 = \Omega_{\text{ME}0} + \Omega_{k0} + \Omega_\Lambda$$

$$\Omega_{k0} = 1 - \underbrace{\Omega_{\text{ME}0} - \Omega_\Lambda}_{\text{always const}}$$

If these sum to -1

$$\text{then } \Omega_{k0} = 0$$

$$\Omega_{k0} = - \frac{3k}{8\pi G a_0^2} \frac{1}{x^2} \quad \hookrightarrow x=1 \text{ at cosmic present}$$

So $\Omega_{k0} = 0$ implies the universe is flat. We'll look more a curvature of the universe later.

Note $k > 0$ is ~~the~~ curvature but $\Omega_k < 0$ they

A very ~~is~~ changing change of sign.

$k < 0$ is -ve curvature but $\Omega_k > 0$

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density parameter are considered?

e) What kind of ~~Omega~~ are considered.

~~Omega~~ Typically, inverse-power law ones

$$h^2 = \Omega = \sum_{p=5}^0 \Omega_{p0} a^{-p}$$

(But see p. 3231 for the CPL density parameter.)

Note 6 parameters needed.
if you know H_0 , then you could eliminate fix one of them.

$$= \Omega_{50} a^{-5} + \Omega_{40} a^{-4} + \Omega_{30} a^{-3} + \Omega_{20} a^{-2} + \Omega_{10} a^{-1} + \Omega_{00} a^{-0}$$

- $p=0$ for Λ cosmological constant or dark energy (Je-11)
- $p=1$ for some quintessence theories
- $p=2$ for curvature, cosmic strings (some theories), R_h of universes of Fulvio Melia.
- $p=3$ "matter" in the cosmological sense of matter at rest or nearly in comoving frames
all baryonic and dark matter - really means non-relativistic matter
- $p=4$ = radiation? for radiation, but also any ~~any~~ stuff moving at extreme relativistic speeds $\sim c$
- $p=5$ for nonrelativistic KE density as for free streaming nonrelativistic cosmic neutrinos (p. 3102)

Probably always negligible to cosmic scale factor a evolution

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Density decline for elementary solutions

$$\Omega_p = \Omega_{p0} X^{-p}$$

$$= \Omega_{p0} \left[\sqrt{\Omega_{p0}} \frac{p}{2} \tau \right]^{-2} = \frac{(3/4)^2}{\tau^2}$$

So $\Omega_p \propto \tau^{-2}$

every Ω_p on p

for all $p \neq 0$ there is an inverse square decline

$\Omega_{p=0} = \Omega_\Lambda = 1$ for a constant of course

Not multi-component ones

f) Special cases of interest

$p=4$ applies to early universe before ≈ 50 kyr when universe was radiation dominated

$$X(\tau) = \left[\Omega_{40} (2) \tau \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \sim \tau^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

See p. 3239 for the general formula for $p > 0$.

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Eqn. 3.2.37 for general form

$p=3$

$$x = \left[\Omega_{30} \frac{3}{2} z \right]^{2/3} \sim z^{2/3}$$

This is for matter and is called the Einstein-de-Sitter universe (1932)

Got the Einstein static universe (1917) or Sitter universe (1917)

They proposed it as the simplest of all universes expanding universe models

$$\Omega_{\Lambda} (\text{ie. } p=2) = 0$$

$$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0 \quad (\text{so no cosmological constant})$$

Just one density component matter

and so $\Omega_{30} = \frac{\rho}{\rho_{crit}} = 1$

Einstein & de Sitter were deeply impressed by specifying the critical density

In fact identifying

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

was one of the main points of the paper of Ed S.

They never wrote the $x(z)$ formula in the paper

(O'Rabertusky p. 6-7)

A contemporary cosmologist ~~Heckmann~~ Otto Heckmann described ~~it~~ as not very profound

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Age of universe of EDS

Einstein in 1933 review article thought simple models such as the EDS model were too simple to extrapolate to $t=0$, and so was unconcerned about the age problem (O'Rait-23, McCrea (1984) say general cosmologist call 60 of them though the's

$$z(A_0=1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_{3,0}}} \frac{1}{\beta/2} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \leftarrow = 1 \text{ since only matter}$$

$$t = \frac{2}{3} H_0^{-1}$$

see p 3094d
Natural unit

Precisely because it was the simplest model and data allowed it in 1960-1990s, it was then the standard cosmology

$$\frac{2}{3} \frac{1 \text{ Mpc}}{500 \text{ km/s}} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 2 \text{ Gyr}$$

1932 value
This was too short for Earth age $\approx 2-3 \text{ Gyr}$ in those days
Only Lemaitre with his Λ tried to deal with this well, Eddington too with the Lemaitre-Eddington Λ

$$= \frac{4}{3} \text{ Gyr}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \frac{1 \text{ Mpc}}{70 \text{ km/s}} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 14 \text{ Gyr}$$

$$\stackrel{2025 \text{ value}}{\approx} 10 \text{ Gyr}$$

But much too short
Globular Cluster age $\approx 13 \text{ Gyr}$

Recall p. 3094d
Natural time unit
 $\frac{1 \text{ kpc}}{1 \text{ km/s}} \approx 0.98 \text{ Gyr} \approx 1 \text{ Gyr}$
 $\therefore \frac{1000}{70} \approx 14 \text{ Gyr}$

$$\frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{50} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 20 = 13 \text{ Gyr} \quad \text{OK}$$

$\rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 100$
1960-1990s $\rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \cdot 10 = 7 \text{ Gyr}$
Too short

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 \text{ kpc}}{1 \text{ km/s}} &= \frac{3 \times 10^{16} \text{ km}}{1 \text{ km/s}} \\ &= 3 \times 10^{16} \text{ s} \left(\frac{1 \text{ yr}}{\pi \times 10^7 \text{ s}} \right) \\ &\approx 10^9 \text{ yr} \approx 1 \text{ Gyr} \end{aligned}$$

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But even before
the discovery
of the acceleration
of Universe in 1998,
the EdS universe was
falling out of favor

$\Omega_{M0} \approx 0.3$) This was
being
estimated
for
barionic
and dark matter

But the
inflation paradigm
said $\Omega_0 = 1$ to very
high accuracy

∴ And (Though
Not
exactly)

$H_0 \sim 60 - 80$

So the range was narrowing
getting close to ruling
out the EdS age. *even if
the universe
was flat*

So EdS fell out with ^{of favor and} the acceleration
of universe proof. ~~and~~ for good,
we now have Λ -CDM universe

So
there
→ an
EdS phase.

But from 50 kyr to 10 Gyr in Λ -CDM
there is a matter dominated universe
EdS phase.
 Λ -CDM is true.

But now we are in
the de Sitter phase if
 Λ -CDM is true.

$P = 0$ (mostly recapitulates p. 3240) 3273
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$$A = A_0 e^{\sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \tau}$$

de Sitter found this solution from GR in 1917

but not finding the Friedmann equation

— It was a tricky ~~effect~~

$$\sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} \tau = \cancel{\sqrt{\Lambda/3}} H_0 t$$

see p. 3224

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda / (8\pi G)}{\frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}}} H_0 t = \sqrt{\Lambda/3} t$$

$$\therefore A = A_0 e^{\sqrt{\Lambda/3} t}$$

$$\textcircled{H} \text{ de } \frac{\dot{A}}{A} = \sqrt{\Lambda/3}$$

\therefore The invariant Hubble parameter of the de Sitter universe is

$$H_{\text{deSitter}} = \sqrt{\Lambda/3} = \cancel{\sqrt{\Lambda/3}}$$

Λ -CDM
value
 $\Omega_\Lambda \approx 0.7$

$$= \sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda} H_0$$
$$= \sqrt{0.7} \cdot 70 = 0.84 \cdot 70 \approx 60 \frac{\text{km/s}}{\text{Mpc}}$$

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De Sitter universe
had no matter

→ it was a pure cosmological
constant universe

But it did predict

the expansion of universe
and the cosmological redshift
and Edwin Hubble was
aware of that in the 1920s.

and
explicitly
+ obey
Hubble's
law
at no
time before
matter
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did not
obey it

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Of course, it hasn't gone away

since $t = 10$ Gyr we've
been in a Λ dominated

universe and if the

Λ -CDM model is extrapolated
to the future, we asymptotically

approach a cold, low density
de Sitter universe.

Also inflation era is predicted
to be a de Sitter phase.

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3.27 Non-Elementary Solutions: A First Look

a) Just a first look since we cover non-elementary exact solutions in Lecture 5.

First recall scaled Friedmann equation

$$\frac{\dot{x}}{x} = \pm \sqrt{\sum_p \Omega_{p0} x^{-p}} \quad (\text{p. 3228})$$

for (inverse) power law density components $p \geq 0$

where at x_0 , $\frac{\dot{x}}{x} = 1$ and we have chosen $x = 1$ at x_0 (which is usual, but not required, see p. 3232)

b) Numerically one always solves for $\mathcal{Z}(x)$

$$d\mathcal{Z} = \pm \frac{dx}{x \sqrt{\sum_p \Omega_{p0} x^{-p}}} \quad \text{using}$$

the midpoint method or Runge-Kutta with small enough steps for the accuracy required.

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d) To my knowledge (not exhaustive), there are no exact solutions for ~~for~~ more components.

For 1 component, there is always an exact solution
(see 3239 - 3240)

see solutions

For 2 components, there is an infinite set of exact solutions, but only for certain sets of powers

Note, if $P_1 > 0$ and $P_0 = 0$ then there is always $\gamma(\infty)$ and $x(\infty)$ exact solutions

But there are other cases too

see lecture 5

For 3 components, there is also an infinite set of exact solutions, but only for certain sets of powers,

Note, if $P_2 > 0$, $P_1 = P_2/2$, $P_0 = 0$ then there are exact solutions $\gamma(x)$ and $x(\infty)$.

But there are other exact solutions too.

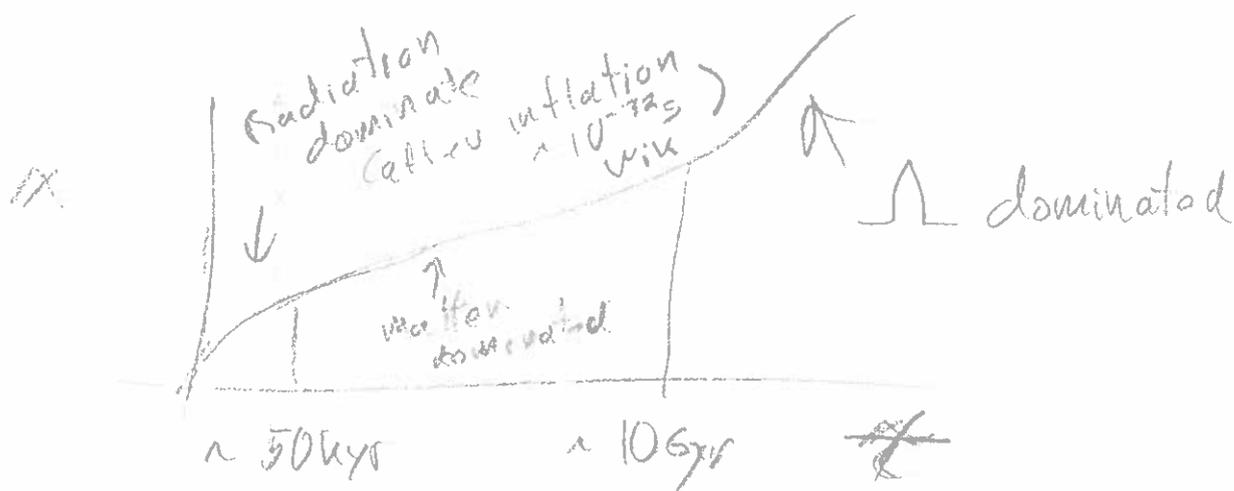
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Of course, only a few of these exact solutions are of physical interest.

d) Radiation - Matter - Λ universe

↑ This is the Λ -CDM universe



This model is still definitely in contention (c. 2026) despite many analyses for dynamical dark energy since many others say those analyses are NOT decisive.

There is NO exact solution that spans all phases.

But There is $\rho(x)$ and $x(t)$ exact for radiation-matter universe and $\rho(x)$ and $x(t)$ exact for matter- Λ universe. (complex solution of a cubic)

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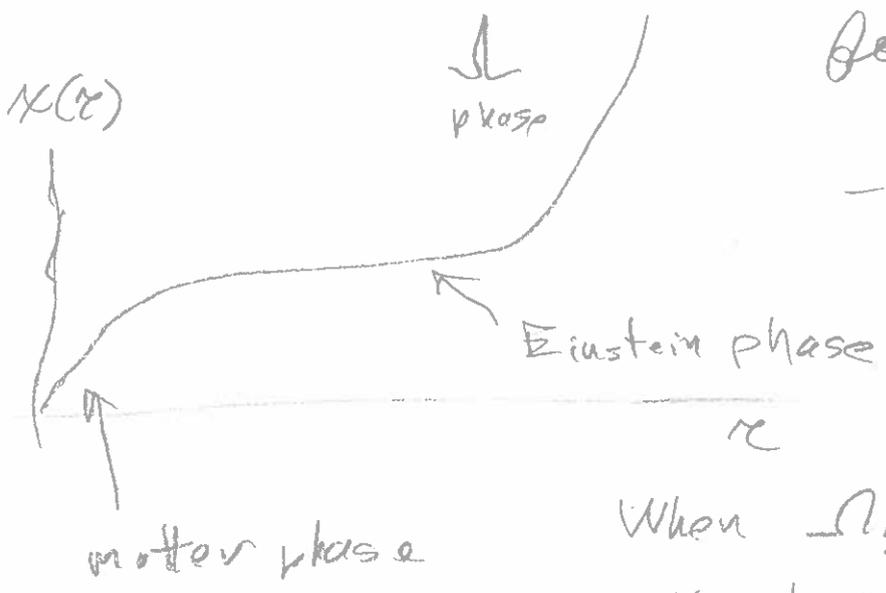
You can just join the two exact solutions in mid matter phase where radiation and Λ are both negligible.

The radiation phase is so brief that the matter- Λ exact solution can be regarded as the Λ -CDM model solution.

e) The Historically Interesting Lemaitre universe
circa early 1930s

$$\frac{\dot{X}}{X} = \sqrt{\Omega_{30} X^{-3} + \Omega_{20} X^{-2} + \Omega_0}$$

$\Omega_{20} < 0$
for $k > 0$ and so positive curvature - a hyperspherical, finite, unbounded universe



When $\Omega_{30} X^{-3} + \Omega_{20} X^{-2} + \Omega_0 \approx 0$, you have the Einstein nearly-static phase.

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You can adjust $\Omega_{\text{E}}, \Omega_{\text{M}}, \Omega_{\text{R}}$
to make the Einstein phase as
long as you like.

This allowed Lemaitre to
avoid the age of universe problem
discussed on p. 3247 for
the EdS universe and
similar cosmic scale factor
solutions.

Also Lemaitre also argued
that the Einstein phase was
when collapse of density fluctuation
in the original gas of particles
fragmented from his primeval atom
picture would lead to
the formation of galaxies.
He did explore the GR collapse
solution quantitatively
with what is called
the Lemaitre-Tolman metric.

Of course, this work in the 1930s
was all pre-computer and so
structure formation computer simulations
were beyond its scope.

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The Lemaitre universe has no exact solution,
and so Lemaitre probably did
approximation or tedious by hand
Midpoint method numerical calculations
to produce his solutions,

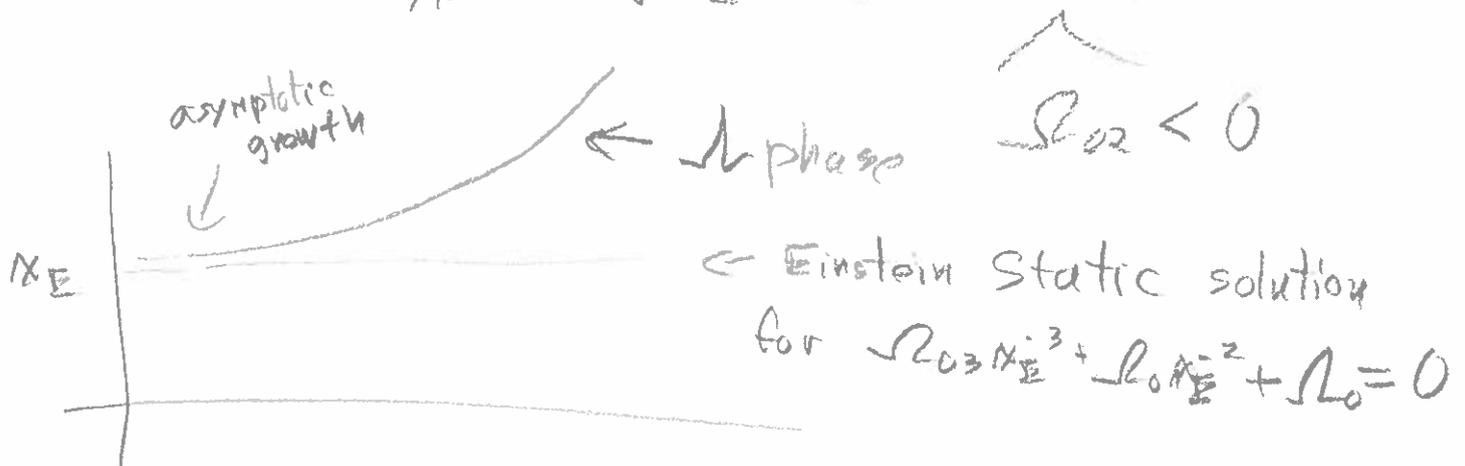
But the analogous radiation-curvature- Λ universe

satisfying $\frac{\dot{a}}{a} = \sqrt{\Omega_{\text{rad}} a^{-4} + \Omega_{\text{curv}} a^{-2} + \Omega_{\Lambda}}$

does have an exact solution
and we will cover that in Lecture 5.

A) Eddington-Lemaitre Universe

also $\frac{\dot{a}}{a} = \sqrt{\Omega_{\text{mat}} a^{-3} + \Omega_{\text{curv}} a^{-2} + \Omega_{\Lambda}}$



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Lemaître found a the solution

that at $t = -\infty$ is the Einstein universe

but the Einstein universe

is unstable to global perturbation
and one guesses local perturbations

lead to overall expansion

with local collapses

to form galaxies

Eddington favor this model

to avoid the point origin and

the age problem altogether and put

(see
p. 3247)

whatever created the Einstein phase
at some undetermined

long age universe

Again there is no exact solution

but the analogous

radiation - curvature - Λ universe

does have an exact solution

that we will discuss

in lecture 5

9) Approximate Solutions

I wasted a lot of time trying to find good approximate solution. For special parameter choices it can be done.

But one would like a general approximate solution even if only a good qualitative one, but only educational interest.

If you want high accuracy, you find an exact solution if possible and if not use high accuracy numerical solution by the midpoint method, Runge-Kutta, or other means.

Actually, I've found a

Very qualitatively for solutions that expand from a point origin

semi-general qualitatively good approximation. It may be covered in lecture 4

$$x = \sum_{i=2}^{I-2} \Omega_{i0} x^{-p_i} + x(p_{I-1}, p_I)$$

p_i decrease with index i

Exact if $I=1$

Good asymptotically for p_1 and p_I

Goodish in phases where one term in

$$x = x \sqrt{\sum_i \Omega_{i0} x^{-p_i}} \text{ dominates}$$

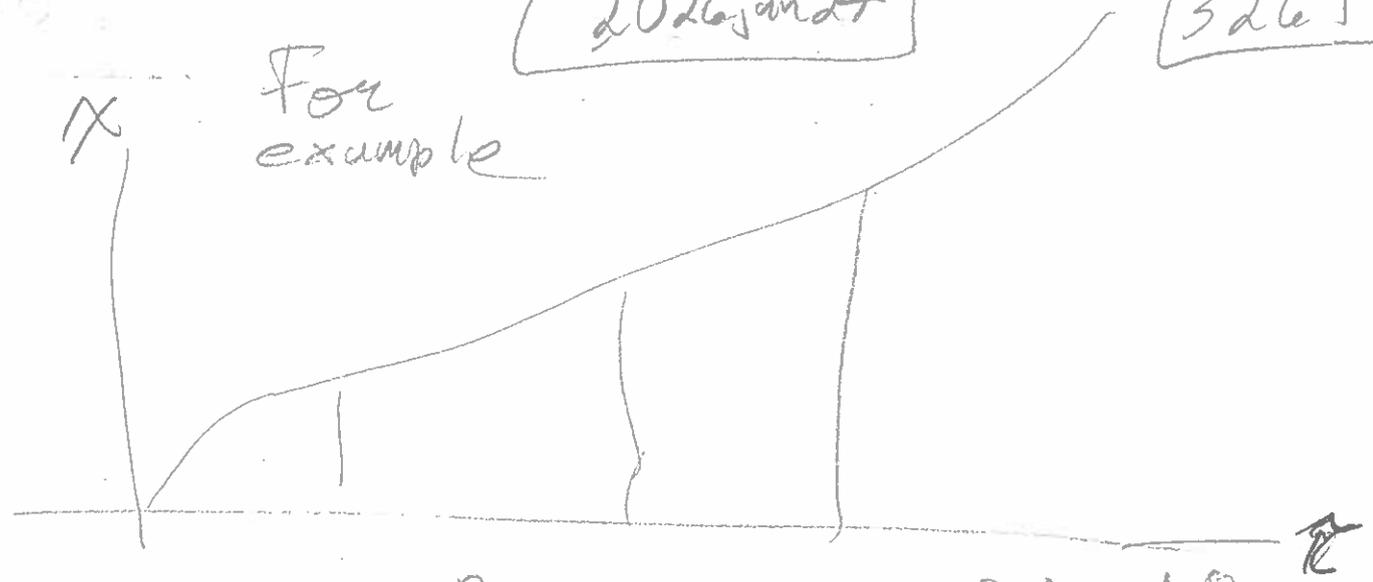
Use if $p_I = 0$.

There is always an exact solution for inverse-power law density parameter of two density components if one is $p=0$

Recall, the elementary $p=0$ solution never goes to zero

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$P=4$

$P=3$

$P=2$

$P=1 \text{ and } 0$

Radiation

matter

curvature

quintessence and Λ

The larger the power P , the earlier its phase of dominance.

The phase transitions

are specified by equality points,

This is true of exact solution (analytic or numerical) too, of course.

$\tau_1 < \tau_2 < \tau_3$
 $\dots \tau_4$

$$\Omega_{i0} \kappa^{-P_i} = \Omega_{i+1,0} \kappa^{-P_{i+1}}$$

where $P_i > P_{i+1}$

$$\Omega_{i0} = \Omega_{i+1,0} \kappa^{P_i - P_{i+1}}$$

$$\kappa_{\text{equality } i} = \left[\frac{\Omega_{i0}}{\Omega_{i+1,0}} \right]^{\frac{1}{P_i - P_{i+1}}}$$

The end of the i th phase

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An educationally interesting case

is

$$\frac{\dot{x}}{x} = \sqrt{\sum_{p=4}^{\infty} \Omega_{p0} x^{-p}}$$

at least to consider for a moment

There is an exact solution

$$x(\eta)$$

(Steiner-9)

an auxiliary variable

$$d\eta = \frac{dz}{x}$$

is conformal time

(Steiner-6 aside from constants)

But $x(\eta)$ is exact in terms

of the Weierstrass elliptical P-function (Steiner-7, 9)

A special function that is only analytic by definition,

but that is also true of $e^x, \sin x, \cos x, \sinh x, \cosh x, \dots$

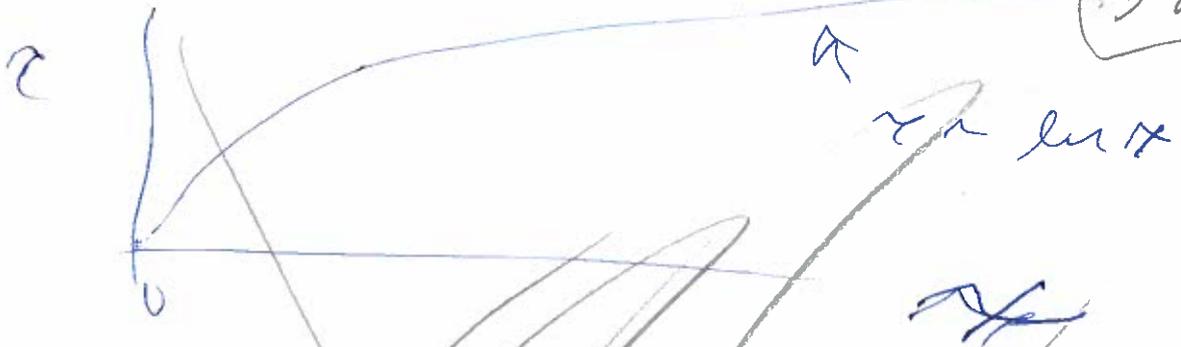
But for a complete solution,

you need $z(\eta) = \int_0^\eta x(\eta') d\eta'$

which can only be done numerically in general (Steiner-11)

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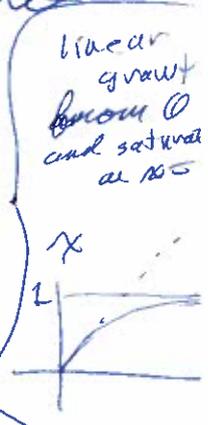
But time is the coordinator of all physics, so we'd like even very crudely to have some sort of analytic approximation $x(z)$

At the moment (but maybe not forever)

I suggest

$$x(z) = \prod_{p=4}^{\infty} \left[(1 - \delta_{p,4}) + x_p(z_p) \operatorname{atan} \left(\frac{x_p(z)}{x_p(z_p)} \right) \right] e^{\sqrt{\Omega_4} z}$$

0 for $p=4$



At best this could be sort of qualitative and maybe not good at all.

for $z \ll z_p$
 $x_p(z)$
 for $z \gg z_p$
 $x_p(z_p)$ Saturation

I was tempted to test it, but a lied down till the feeling went away.

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(Ordinary)

1st Order Autonomous Differential Equations

Have No Stationary Points
except at Infinity and
constant solutions (a continuum
of stationary points)

These can have stationary points NOT at infinity. except for special cases which aren't that rare and include the Friedman Eq.

d) Proof except for the special cases

Let $x' = f(x)$

where $x' = \frac{dx}{dt}$ and t is the independent variable

and $f(x_i) = 0$ and so x_i is a zero of $f(x)$. There can be a set of zeros in general $\{x_i\}$.

We assume $f(x)$ is infinitely differentiable with respect to x (not t) at x_i .

∴ We can Taylor expand around x_i

$$\Delta x' = f(x) = f_0 + \Delta x f_1 + \Delta x^2 f_2 + \dots$$

$x' = \Delta x'$
since $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d\Delta x}{dt}$
Hence $f(x_i) = 0$ } $f_i = \frac{1}{i!} \frac{d^i f}{dx^i} \Big|_{x_i}$ etc.

We truncate to 2025 Jun 05 / 3265 lowest non-zero order.

$\Delta X' = \Delta X^l f_l$, where all $f_{k < l} = 0$

different by t \rightarrow

$\Delta X'' = 2\Delta X^{l-1} \frac{d\Delta X^l}{dt} f_l$ where we drop f_l constant for simplicity

~~$\propto 2\Delta X^{l-1} \Delta X^l$~~

$\Delta X''' \propto (2l-1)\Delta X^{2l-2} \Delta X^l$ where we drop coefficient for simplicity

~~$\propto \Delta X^{2l-1}$~~

~~$\propto (2l-1)\Delta X^{2l-2} \Delta X^l$~~

~~$\propto \Delta X^{3l-2}$~~

The pattern is clear: every time differentiated

$\Delta X^{(n)} = \Delta X^{nl - (n-1)}$ add l to the exponent and subtract

~~$\propto \Delta X^{nl - (n-1)}$~~

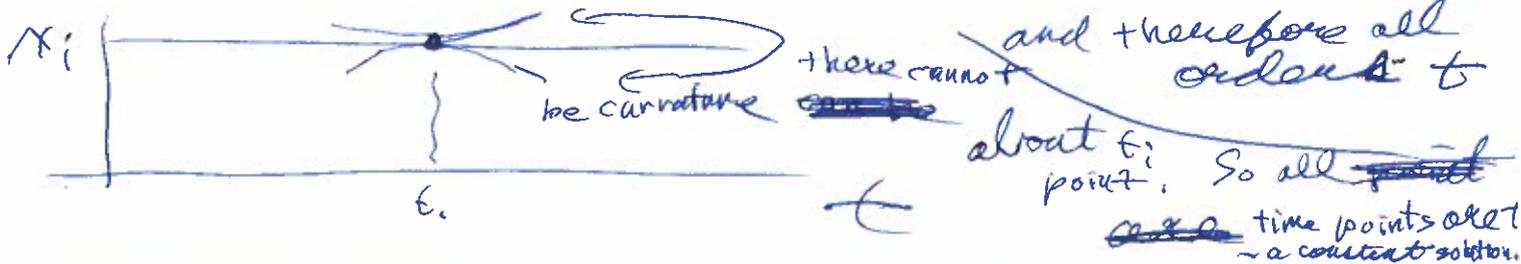
$\propto \Delta X^{(n-1)l + 1}$ where $n \geq 1$

$l \geq 1$

\therefore the exponent $P = (n-1)l + 1 \geq 1$

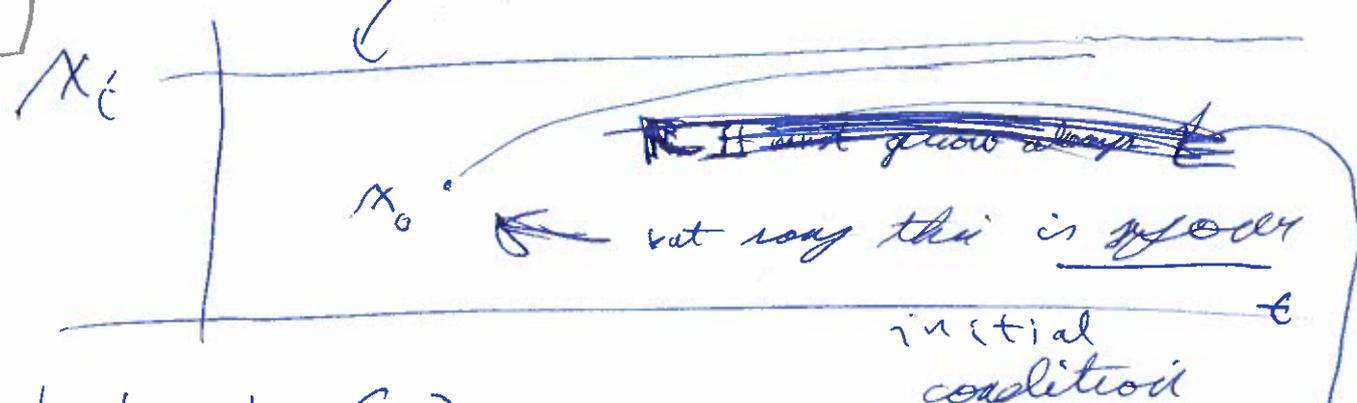
$\Delta X^{(n)}(\Delta x=0) = 0$

$\Delta X^{(n)}(X_i) = 0$ to lowest order in ΔX



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$x(t) = x_i$ constant solutions.



intuitive x (?)
 it's clear that $x(t)$ (with initial condition $x_0 < x_i$) can only reach x_i as $t \rightarrow \infty$ since all orders of $x^{(n)}$ must be zero when $x(t)$ reaches x_i

initial condition
 and $f(x < x_i) > 0$
 then $x(t)$ must always grow

But can we prove definitely?
 Yes. Proof



Let $y = \pm (x - x_i) = \pm \Delta x$ where
 +ve case for $x > x_i$
 -ve case for $x < x_i$

$\Delta x' = \Delta x^l f_l$
 $y' = (\pm 1)^{l-1} y^l f_l$

and so $y' > 0$ always

Case 1 $l = 1$ meaning $f_1 \neq 0$
 $y' = y f_1$

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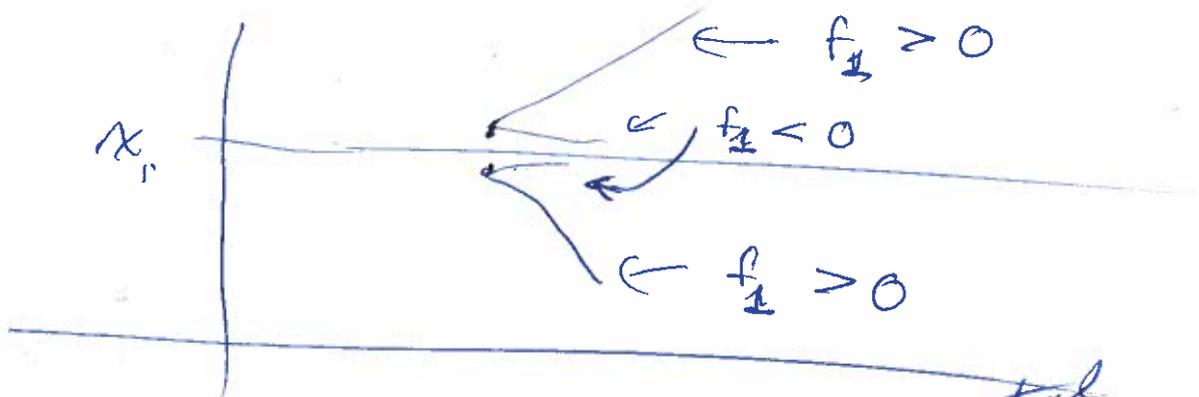
$$\frac{dy}{y} = f_1 dt$$

$$\ln(y/y_0) = f_1(t - t_0)$$

$$y = y_0 e^{f_1(t - t_0)}$$

(±1) ↪
cancels
on
both
sides

$$\Delta x = \Delta x_0 e^{f_1(t - t_0)}$$



So $f_1 < 0$ leads to exponential convergence

but the stationary point is at infinity

$f_1 > 0$ leads to divergence which is only exponential to lowest order.

A stable case of the constant solution since perturbations damp out

Case $\lambda \geq 2$

$$\frac{dy}{y^\lambda} = (\pm 1)^{\lambda-1} f_\lambda$$

$$\frac{y^{-\lambda+1} - y_0^{-\lambda+1}}{-\lambda+1} = (\pm 1)^{\lambda-1} f_\lambda(t - t_0)$$

An unstable case of the constant solution since perturbations lead to divergence

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$\Delta x = y =$

$$\left[(-l+1)(\pm 1)^{l-1} f_2(t-t_0) + y_0^{-l+1} \right]^{1/l-1}$$

$-l+1 < 0$
hence $l \geq 2$

$y_0 > 0$
 by definition

~~$(\pm 1)^{l-1} f_2(t-t_0)$~~

if l is odd
 $l-1$ is even

$(\pm 1)^{l-1} = 1$

then $f_2 < 0$, converges

~~converges~~ (stable constant solution)

$f_2 > 0$

diverges (unstable constant solution)

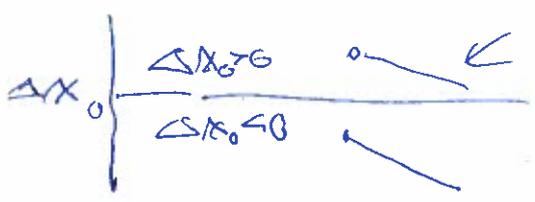
$(\pm 1)^{l-1} f_2 < 0$

for convergence and > 0 divergence to infinity but only to lowest order in Δx

if l is even, $l-1$ is odd

$(\pm 1)^{l-1} = \pm 1$

+ve $\Delta x_0 > 0$
-ve $\Delta x_0 < 0$



$f_2 < 0$ diverges



converges

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Note if the constant solution is only stable for perturbations of one sign, then it is ~~usually~~ unstable since if perturbations of any sign can happen.

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It's stable if the the divergent perturbation are somehow constrained Not to happen.

b) Special Cases where there are stationary points NOT at infinity

But only one kind of special case I know of that is relevant to the Friedmann Eq.

Say $X' = [f(x)]^{1/k}$

where $k > 0$ to avoid pointless generality

$X' = X^{(n-1)}$
So $n \geq 1$ and integer

and $X'(x=x_i) = [f(x_i)]^{1/k} = 0$
expand $f(x)$ which is infinitesimally differential about x_i where $f(x_i) = 0$

$$\Delta X' = \left[\Delta x^l f_x + \Delta x^{l+1} f_{x+1} + \dots \right]^{1/k}$$

where l is the lowest nonzero term and $l \geq 1$ and integer

$$= \left[\Delta x^l f_x \right]^{1/k} \left[1 + O(\Delta x) \right]^{1/k}$$

this term goes to zero as $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ and so can be dropped

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$\therefore X' = [X^l f_l]^{\frac{1}{k}}$ to lowest order in l
 $X' \propto X^{\frac{l}{k}}$

$X'' \propto X^{\frac{l}{k}-1} X' = X^{2\frac{l}{k}-1}$

$X''' \propto X^{2\frac{l}{k}-2} X^{\frac{l}{k}} = X^{3\frac{l}{k}-2}$

\vdots
 $X^{(n)} \propto X^{\frac{l}{k} - (n-1)}$
 $= X^{(\frac{l}{k}-1)n+1}$

$= \frac{1}{1}, \frac{2}{2}, \frac{3}{3}$
 ...
 1 is just on p. 3244.
 usually the other case is 2, $k=2$
 \rightarrow most likely in Einstein universe case in fact

If $\frac{l}{k} = 1$, then $X' \propto X^1$ and we are back to p. 3244 with only a stationary point at ∞ solution and exponential convergence/divergence

If $\frac{l}{k} > 1$, then exponent $p = (\frac{l}{k}-1)n+1$ increases forever with n and all $X^{(n)}(X_i) = 0$ and again we have only stationary points at ∞ as on p. 3243

$= X^{\frac{l}{k}}$
 and $\frac{l}{k}$ is not an integer if it is 5 exactly non 3244 3245

If $\frac{l}{k} < 1$, then eventually we get $\propto X^{-2}$ and as $\Delta X \rightarrow \infty$ we have a singularity which is not a stationary point and may be unphysical

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Unless for $\frac{l}{k} < 1$ there is a stopping n

such that $p=0 = (\frac{l}{k} - 1)n + 1$

At the stopping n ,

Integrating n times $\hookrightarrow X^{(n)} = C$

~~$X = C t^n + \dots$~~

but the constants of integration have to be such that at

$t_i, X = X_i$

and $X^{(n-1)} = 0$

and $X^{(n)} = C$

The stopping n formula is

$$\frac{l}{k} = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$$

$$= 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots, 1$$

$\nearrow n=1$ $\downarrow n=2$

$n \neq \infty$

This means $X^{(n)} = C \neq 0$

and that is not allowed by the hypothesis that $X'(X_i) = 0$.

The physically most relevant for $l=1$ and $k=2$ and this term appears in Friedmann Equation cases.

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Friedmann eqn

$$\frac{\dot{X}}{X} = \pm \sqrt{\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \Omega_p X^{-p}}$$

Most relevant cases

$\frac{k}{l} = \frac{2}{2}$ and only stationary points at ∞ & constant solution

$\frac{k}{l} = \frac{1}{2}$ and a finite stationary point.

Einstein universe
- constant solution

Lemaître universe
- no stationary point at all, so no constant solution

except with parameters such one to the other.

Einstein universe
- limiting case of Lemaître universe

I know of no others, but they probably exist, but maybe only for unlikely density behaviors

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c) A super-interesting exception

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$$x' = f(x) \text{ and } f(x_i) = 0$$

A $k=2$
from p. 3270
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$$x'' = \frac{df}{dx} x' \text{ but } \neq 0$$

$$x'' = \frac{df}{dx} f \text{ at } x=x_i$$

Let $\frac{df}{dx} f = g(x)$

$$\frac{1}{2} f^2 = \int g dx + C$$

$$f = \pm \sqrt{2(\int g dx + C)}$$

where g and C are chosen

so that $f(x_i) = 0$

But $f(x)$ must always be

There are many possible solutions for g ,
but the most obvious one (after a little
playing around) is ...

OK,
a lot
of playing
around

~~$g(x) = 2Dx$ which is not zero at $x=x_i$~~
 ~~$\int g dx = Dx^2$ and $D = -C/x_i$~~
 ~~$f = \pm \sqrt{2(Dx^2 + C)}$~~
 ~~$\frac{df}{dx} = \pm \frac{Dx}{\sqrt{Dx^2 + C}}$~~

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$$x'' = \frac{df}{dx} f = -Cx = -GW^2 x$$

the

$$x'' = -W^2 x$$

parameterize
C as GW^2

and the general solution
is an old friend

$$x = A \sin \omega t + B \cos \omega t$$

$$x' = \omega (A \cos \omega t - B \sin \omega t)$$

omega
 $\left(\frac{\Delta x}{x_i}\right)^2 \left(\frac{x_i + \Delta x}{x_i}\right)^2$
 $\approx 1 + 2\frac{\Delta x}{x_i}$

but this is not the original 1st order DE
and has two integration constants.

so let's say $B = 0$ and then

$$x = w A (\pm \sqrt{1 - \dots})$$

... is

$$f = \pm w x_i \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{x_i}\right)^2}$$

which is 0
at $x = x_i$
Note that
 $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = 1/2$
use on p. 3250

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \pm w - x_i \frac{-\frac{x}{x_i^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{x_i^2}}}$$

$$x'' = f \frac{df}{dx} = (w x_i)^2 \left(-\frac{x}{x_i^2}\right)$$

which is not 0
at $x = x_i$

$$x'' = -w^2 x \text{ which is an old friend.}$$

Solution matches the condition

$$x = x_i \cos(\omega t) \text{ which is a maximum at } t=0$$

Note

$$x' = -w x_i \sin(\omega t) = -w x_i \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \omega t}$$

$$= -w x_i \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{x_i}\right)^2} = f(x)$$