

# Why the Universe can't be Infinite and why it Expands

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## Abstract

*The maximum entropy a region of space can contain is proportional to the surface area*

### I. WHY THE UNIVERSE CAN'T BE INFINITE

The entropy of a black hole is

$$S = \frac{k_b c^3}{4G\hbar} A = \alpha V^{2/3} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{k_b c^3}{4G\hbar} \sqrt[3]{3} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{2/3} \quad (2)$$

and  $A$  and  $V$  is the surface of the black hole

Therefore the entropy per unit volume of a black hole is

$$s_b = \frac{S}{V} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt[3]{V}} \quad (3)$$

And it decreases as the volume of the black hole gets larger and larger.

The main property of black holes that we are going to keep in mind is that a black hole of volume  $V$  has the maximum entropy any spherical volume  $V$  can have. Suppose we have a universe enclosed in a volume of radius  $R$  and that on large scales we can say that it

has constant entropy density  $s_u = dS/dV$ .

The maximum volume of this universe  $V_{max}$  is

$$V_{max} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{s_u}\right)^3 \quad (4)$$

Therefore the universe can't be infinite if it is homogeneous on large scales and flat

### II. WHY THE UNIVERSE EXPANDS

Suppose the volume of the Universe for some reason is exactly  $V_{max}$  it would last a blink of an eye before collapsing into a black hole. That is because the total entropy has to increase. If the universe has some kind of law that keeps its volume always equal to  $V_{max}$  we would have an expanding universe.

This could explain why our universe is expanding, and why the expansion of the universe isn't constant throughout the age of the universe.