## (1) <u>Recombination</u>

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Saha equation for ionisation fraction  $X_e$ :  $\left(\frac{1-X_e}{X_e^2}\right) = \frac{2\zeta'(3)}{\pi^2}\eta\left(\frac{2\pi\tau}{m_e}\right)^{3/2}e^{E_I/T}$ 

a.) Derive this.

$$X_e = \frac{N_e}{N_p + N_H}$$
 — fraction of electrons left behind

$$|-X_e| = |-\frac{n_e}{n_p + n_{H}}$$

$$\frac{|-X_e|}{|-X_e|^2} = \frac{|-\frac{n_e}{n_p + n_{H}}|}{|-\frac{n_e}{n_p + n_{H}}|^2}$$

$$= \frac{N_{P} + N_{H} - N_{e}}{N_{P} + N_{H}} \cdot \frac{N_{e}^{2}}{(N_{P} + N_{H})^{2}}$$

= 
$$\frac{N_P + N_H - N_e}{n_e^2} (N_P + N_H)$$
, where Universe is uncharged so  $n_P = N_e$ 

$$\frac{1-X_e}{X_e^2} = \frac{N_H}{N_e^2} \left( N_P + N_H \right), \text{ where } \eta = \frac{N_B}{N_V}$$

= 
$$\frac{N_H}{N_e^2} \eta \eta_{\chi}$$
, where  $N_b = \eta \eta_{\chi} = \eta \times \frac{2\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} T^3$ 

$$= n \frac{2 \cdot (3)}{\pi^{2}} + \frac{3 \cdot n_{H}}{n_{e^{2}}} - E_{I} = m_{H} - m_{P} - m_{e}$$

$$= \frac{9_{H}}{n_{e} \cdot n_{P}} + \frac{2\pi}{q_{e} \cdot q_{P}} + \frac{2\pi}{T} \cdot \frac{3n_{H}}{T} \cdot \frac{m_{P} + m_{e} - m_{H}}{T} + \frac{2\pi}{q_{e} \cdot q_{P}} + \frac{2\pi}{q_{e} \cdot q$$

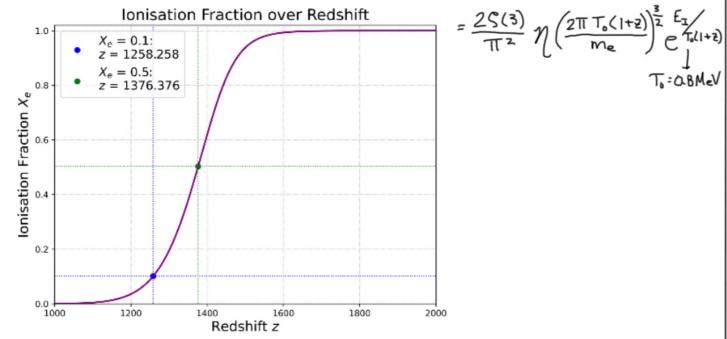
$$= \frac{2\zeta(3)}{\pi^{2}} \gamma T^{3} \left(\frac{2\pi}{m_{e}T}\right)^{3/2} e^{E_{I}/T}, \zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{s}}$$

$$\frac{1-X_e}{X_e^2} = \frac{25(3)}{\Pi^2} \eta \left(\frac{2\Pi T}{M_e}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{E_{1/4}} \leftarrow S_{aha} equation$$

b.) Solve for Xe as function of z. Plot.

(Did not solve by hand, but rearranged for quadratic formula.)

$$X_e = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1+4f}}{2f}$$
, where  $f(T, \eta) = \frac{2S(3)}{\Pi^2} \eta \left(\frac{2\Pi T}{m_e}\right)^{3/2} e^{E_{I/T}}$ 



C.) From figure, find Z at Xe = O.1. How different from Z(X = 0.5)?

See plot markers and labels:

Difference of over Z=100

d.) Calculate age of Universe at this epoch. Assume mafter-dominated.

t= 
$$\frac{2}{3H}$$

Friedmann with  $\Omega_{m} = 1 \rightarrow H = H_{0} \Omega_{m} = 1$ 
 $t = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\partial^{+5/2}}{H_{0} \Omega_{m}}$ 

When distance units cancel:

 $t = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\partial^{+5/2}}{H_{0} \Omega_{m}}$ 
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= 
$$\frac{2}{3} \frac{Gyr}{0.07} \frac{1}{11(1+1258.258)^{3/2}}$$

e.) Using this ionisation fraction, estimate Zder where Thomson scattering rate = Hubble rate.

• Estimate Universe age at this Zder. Find ionisation frac at this Zder.

Interaction rate Ty ~ ne OT, where OT ~ 2 × 10-3 MeV-2 At decoupling, (Tdec) = H(Tdec)

Substitute for No to find / (TLec):

$$\begin{split} \Gamma_{\gamma}(T_{dec}) &= n_b X_e(T_{dec}) \, \sigma_{\tau}, \text{ where from 1a, } n_b = \eta \, n_{\gamma} \\ &= \frac{2S(3)}{\pi^2} \eta \, \sigma_{\tau} \, X_e(T_{dec}) \, T_{dec}^3 \end{split}$$

Solve for 
$$H(T_{dec})$$
:
$$C = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{m}}{\text{sec}} \frac{11 \times 10^{16} \text{s}}{\text{m}} \frac{11}{\text{m}} \frac{1.24 \times 10^{-12} \text{ MeV}}{\text{m}}$$

$$H(T_{dec}) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m} \left(\frac{T_{dec}}{T_0}\right)^{3/2} C = 7.60 \times 10^{36} \text{ Gyr}^{-1} \text{ MeV}^{-1}$$

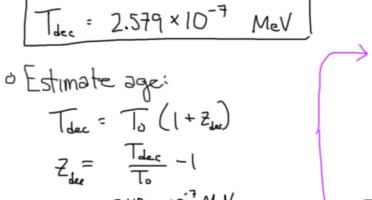
To = aBMeV

$$\frac{2\varsigma(3)}{\pi^{2}} \eta \sigma_{\tau} X_{e} (T_{dec}) T_{dec}^{3} = H_{0} \sqrt{\Omega_{m}} (\frac{T_{dec}}{T_{0}})^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$X_{e} (T_{dec}) T_{dec}^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{\pi^{2}}{2\varsigma(3)} \frac{H_{0} \sqrt{\Omega_{m}}}{\eta \sigma_{\tau} T_{0}^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{H_{0} = 0.07 G_{\gamma}}{\sigma_{\tau} \approx 2 \times 10^{-3}} \frac{T^{\frac{3}{2}}}{H_{e} V^{2}} = T^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\frac{1.2021 G_{\chi} | O^{-10} | 2.73 K = 2.3525 \times 10^{-10} MeV}{\sigma_{\tau} \sigma_{\tau} \sigma_{$$

$$T_{dec} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & T^2 & 0.07 & Gyr & MeV & 10-3 & MeV^2 \\ 2 & 1.2021 & Gyr & 7.60 \times 10^{36} & 6 \times 10^{-10} & 2 \times 10^{-3} & (2.3525 \times 10^{-10})^{3/2} & MeV^{3/2} \end{bmatrix}^{\frac{2}{3}}$$



From my plot, (Z=1095)= 0.004

$$\frac{2}{3} \frac{3 \frac{1}{4 \text{dec}^2}}{\frac{1}{4 \text{dec}}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4 \text{dec}}} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4 \text{dec}}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \frac{6 \text{yr}}{\frac{1}{4 \text{dec}}} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4 \text{dec}}}$$

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Universe would be Z62 Myr with redshift 1095 and ionisotion fraction 0.004

# 2. "What It?" BBN

Neutron fraction defined as  $X_n \equiv \frac{n_n}{n_n + n_p}$ 

a.) Derive equilibrium abundance  $X_n = \frac{e^{-\alpha/1}}{1 + e^{-\alpha/T}}$ where  $Q = m_n - m_p = 1.3 \text{ MeV}$ 

From Baumann (3.126):

$$\left(\frac{N_n}{N_p}\right)_{eq} = \left(\frac{m_n}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{m_n}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{m_n}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{m_n}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{m_n}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{m_n}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{m_n}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{m_n}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left(\frac{m_n - m_p}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2$$

Because  $m_n$  is very close to  $m_p$ , we disregard  $\left(\frac{m_n}{m_p}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ :

$$\left(\frac{N_n}{N_p}\right)_{eq} = e^{-(m_n - m_p)/T}$$
, where  $Q = m_n - m_p$ 

$$\left(\frac{n_n}{n_p}\right)_{eq} = e^{-Q/T}$$

Putting this into the given In expression:

$$X_n \equiv \frac{n_n}{n_n + n_p} \rightarrow \text{dividing by } n_p \text{ in all terms}$$

$$\sum_{N} = \frac{\frac{N_{p}}{N_{p}}}{\frac{N_{p}}{N_{p}}}$$

$$X_n = \frac{e^{-\alpha/T}}{1 + e^{-\alpha/T}}$$
 = intended expression for neutron fraction  $X_n$ 

b.) Estimate freeze-out abundance of neutrons  $X_n$ . Assume "freeze-out" temperature is 0.8 MeV

$$X_n = \frac{e^{-\alpha/T}}{1+e^{-\alpha/T}}$$
, where Q=1.3 MeV, T=0.8 MeV

$$=\frac{e^{-1.625}}{1+e^{-1.625}}$$

$$=\frac{0.19691}{1.19691}$$

C.) Calculate mass fraction of helium  $Y_p = \frac{4n_{He}}{n_H}$ . Assume all neutrons from 4b are converted to helium-4.

No neutron decay, so all n -> He

\* Important: The wording was unclear to me (and others), so
my interpretation of 'assume all neutrons are
converted' is that we are being told to not account
for decay. I also think we're being told to use this
Ye expression and not derive it.

So that's what I solve here:

$$Y_p = \frac{4n_{He}}{n_H}$$
, where  $n_{He} = \frac{1}{2}n_n$  and  $n_H = n_P - n_n$ 

$$= \frac{H \cdot \frac{1}{2} n_n}{n_{p} - n_n}$$

$$= \frac{2 \frac{n_n}{n_p}}{\frac{n_p}{n_p} - \frac{n_n}{n_p}}$$

$$= \frac{2X_n}{1-X_n}$$

Mass fraction of Helium for freeze-out neutron abundance of Xn = 0.1645.

d) If we maintained freeze-out temperature but doubled Q, how is He abundance impacted?

$$X_{n} = \frac{e^{-\alpha/T}}{1 + e^{-\alpha/T}}$$
-2.6 MeV/0.8

$$=\frac{e^{-3.25}}{|+e^{-3.25}|}$$

$$= \frac{0.03877}{1.03877}$$

Now use this to colculate helium mass fraction:

$$Y_{p} = \frac{4n_{He}}{n_{He}}$$

$$= \frac{4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} n_n}{n_P \cdot n_n}$$

$$= \frac{2 \frac{n_n}{n_p}}{\frac{n_p}{n_p} - \frac{n_n}{n_p}}$$

$$=\frac{2(0.0373)}{1-0.0373}$$

### 3.) Freeze-In DM

Huterer 6.4

DM particle  $\chi$  produced by  $\tau \to \chi \chi$  and  $Sn_{\chi} = -2 Sn_{\sigma}$  with  $\Gamma \equiv \Gamma_{\sigma \to \chi \chi}$  (no n dependence; only on  $\sigma$ ).

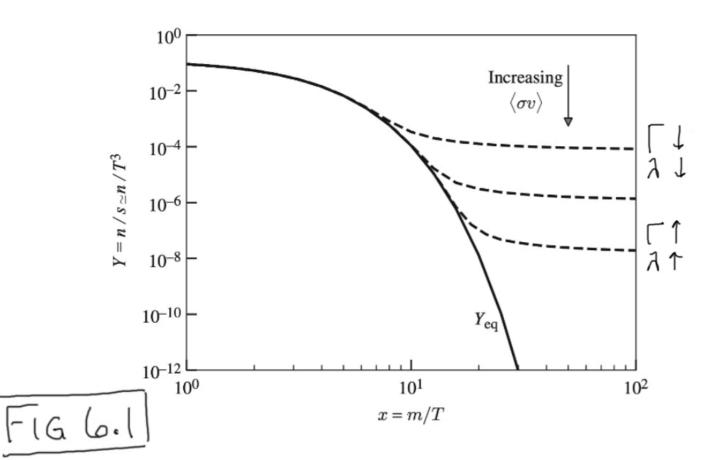
For small enough T, nx increases then flattens when No becomes Boltzmann suppressed: No de-mate «1

a) FREEZE OUT

Boltzmann for freeze out: 
$$\frac{1}{3^3} \frac{d(n_2^3)}{dt} = -\langle \sigma v \rangle \left[ n_1 n_2 - \left( \frac{n_1 n_2}{n_3 n_4} \right)_{eq} n_3 n_4 \right] = -\langle \sigma v \rangle \left[ n^2 - n_{eq}^2 \right]$$
 For freezeout Boltzmann eq: 
$$\frac{dY}{dx} = -\frac{\lambda}{x^2} \left[ Y^2 - Y_{eq}^2 \right]$$

FREEZEIN

Boltzmann for freeze-in:  $\frac{1}{a^3} \frac{d(na^3)}{dt} = 2 \Gamma h(t) n_{\sigma,eq}(t)$ , where  $h(x) \simeq \frac{x}{x+2}$ ,  $x = \frac{m_{\sigma}}{T}$ Show for freeze-in Boltzmann:  $\frac{dY}{dx} = \lambda_i \times h(x) Y_{eq}(x)$ 



Freezeout of particle species. The y-axis is the comoving number-density-to-entropy ratio  $Y \equiv n/s$ , which is proportional to the comoving number density of particles  $(na^3)$ . The x-axis is the mass of the particle divided by the temperature of the universe, x = m/T; basically, time flows to the right. The freezeout abundance depends on the annihilation cross-section of the particle multiplied by its velocity; the more efficient annihilation is (larger  $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ ), the lower the final abundance. The three dashed curves correspond respectively to cases  $\lambda = 10^5, 10^7, 10^9$ ; see text for details.

P) blot A(x)

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = \lambda_{1} \times h(x) Y_{eq}(x), \text{ where } Y_{eq} = \frac{n_{eq}}{T^{3}} = \frac{n_{eq}}{M^{3}}$$

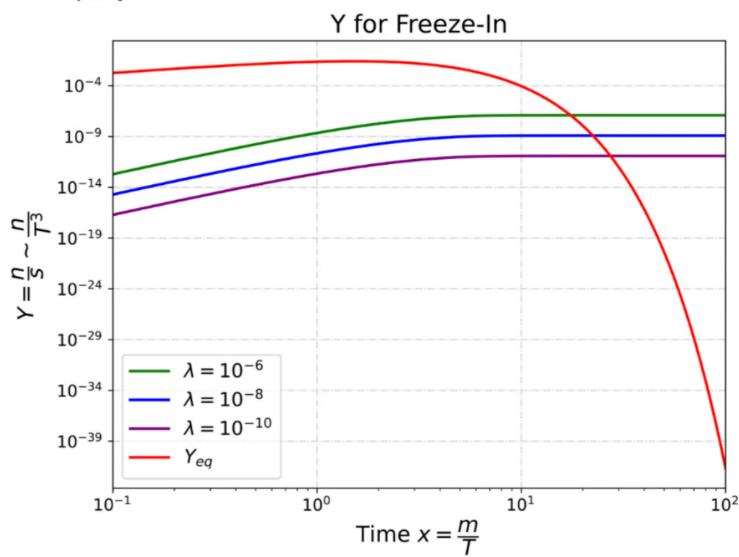
$$\frac{dY}{dx} = \lambda_{1} \times \left(\frac{X}{X+2}\right) \frac{n_{eq} X^{3}}{M^{3}}$$

$$X \ll 1 Y_{eq} \sim 0.1$$

$$X \gg 1 Y_{eq} \sim \left(\frac{X}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-X}$$

$$X \gg 1 Y_{eq} \sim \left(\frac{X}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-X}$$

I integrated and plotted this in my code file. Here's the result:

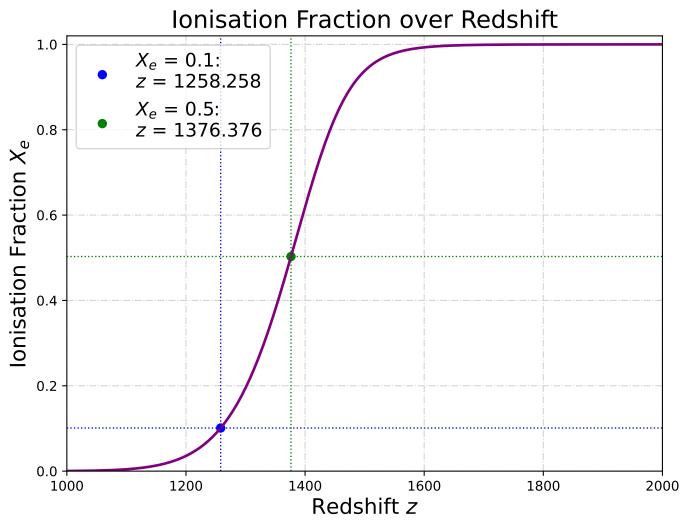


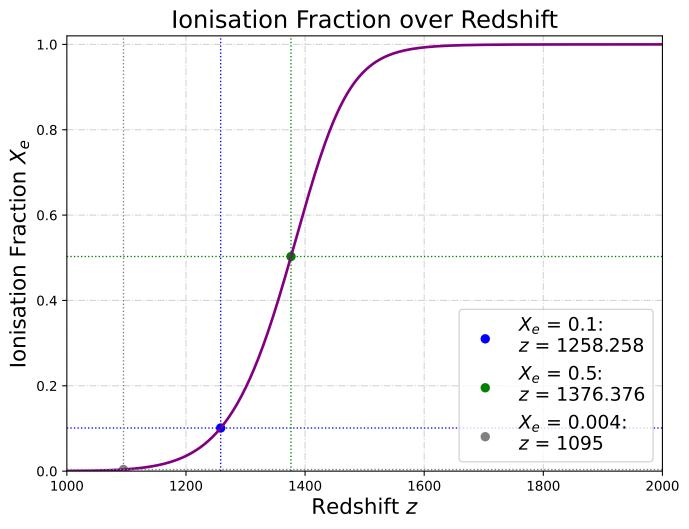
C.) Difference between freeze-out and freeze-in:

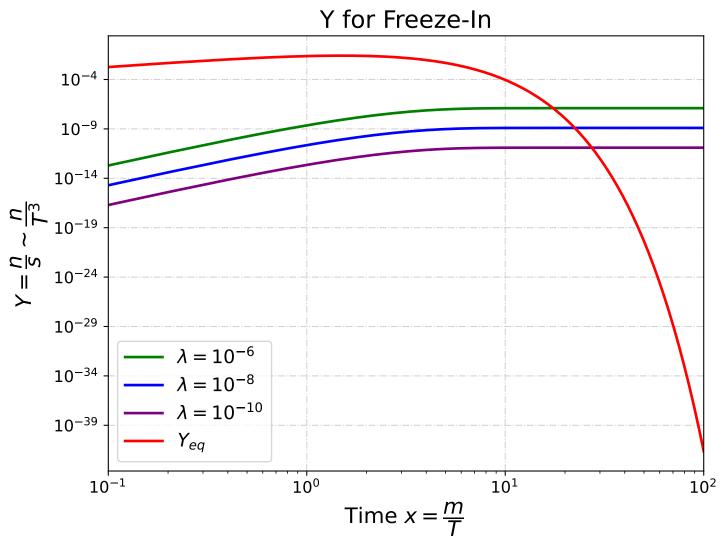
In terms of time dependence, we see that for freeze-out the Yx curves decrease before levelling out, whereas for freeze-in the Yx curves increase before levelling out.

Additionally, the Yeq curve draps off much earlier in time for freeze-in than freeze-out.

Regarding the impact of the reaction rate [ as this question asks, in Huterer 6.1 to the left for freeze-out, the greater reaction rates are lower on the plot, meaning that annihilation efficiency correlates with lower final abundances. The opposite is actually true of the freeze-in scenario, as our higher - I curves (higher reaction rate [ ) are actually at higher 1/2 values.







### **ASTR 600 - Cosmology**

#### **HW 4**

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In [1]: # Our lovely imports
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.integrate import quad
from scipy.special import zeta
```

#### **Problem 1**

part ii.)

```
In [2]: # Constants
        # Masses
        m_p = 938.272 \# MeV/c^2
        m_n = 940.6 \# MeV/c^2
        m_e = 0.511 \# MeV/c^2
        m_phot = 0
        m_H = 938.8 \#939.0 \# MeV/c^2
        # Number densities
        #n_p =
        \#n_n =
        #n_e =
        #n_phot =
        \#n_H = n_p - n_n
        #n He = (1/2)*n n
        \#n_B = n_p + n_H
        # Defined
        E_I = 0.0000136 \# MeV, so 13.6 eV \#m_p + m_e - m_H
        print(E_I)
        eta = 6 * 10**-10 # ___ #n_B/n_gamma
```

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In [3]: z = np.linspace(1000, 2000, 1000)
        T \circ = 2.3525 * 10**-10 #MeV #2.73 K ###0.8 MeV
        T = T o * (1 + z)
In [4]: # Build the solution function
        def build_Xe_solution(T, eta, E_I, m_e):
            f = ((2*zeta(3))/(np.pi**2)) * eta * (((2*np.pi*T)/m_e)**(3/2)) *
            X_e = (-1 + np.sqrt(1 + (4*f))) / (2*f)
            return X e
In [5]: Plot results
       lef Xe_solution_plot(z, X_e):
           ## PLOT ##
           # Set figure
           fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,6))
           plt.plot(z, X_e, ls='-', color='purple', lw=2)
           ## POINTS ##
           ## For X e = 0.1 ##
           # Add point
           index_Xe01 = np.where(X_e \ge 0.1)[0][0]
           Xe01 = X e[index Xe01]
           z_Xe01 = z[index_Xe01]
           print("z at X e = 0.1:", z Xe01.round(3))
           plt.scatter(z[index Xe01], X e[index Xe01], color='blue', label='$X
           # Add pointer lines
           plt.axhline(Xe01, ls=':', c='blue', lw=1)
           plt.axvline(z_Xe01, ls=':', c='blue', lw=1)
           ## For X e = 0.5 ##
           # Add point
           index_Xe05 = np.where(X_e >= 0.5)[0][0]
           Xe05 = X_e[index_Xe05]
           z_Xe05 = z[index_Xe05]
           print("z at X_e = 0.5:", z_Xe05.round(3))
           plt.scatter(z[index_Xe05], X_e[index_Xe05], color='green', label='$
           # Add pointer lines
           plt.axhline(Xe05, ls=':', c='green', lw=1)
           plt.axvline(z_Xe05, ls=':', c='green', lw=1)
           ## Part 1e ##
           ## For z=1095 ##
           # Add point
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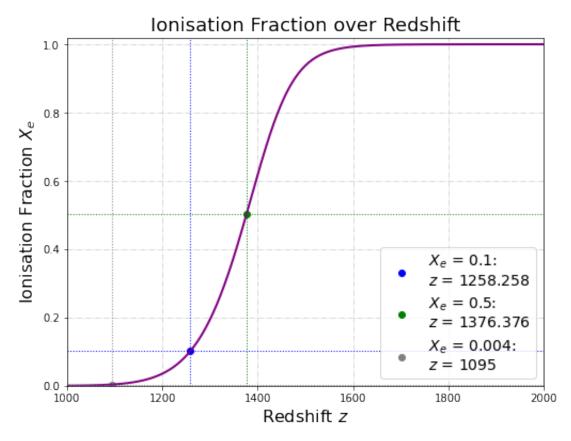
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index z1095 = np.where(z >= 1095)[0][0]
z 1095 = z[index z1095]
Xe_z1095 = X_e[index_z1095]
print("X_e at z = 1095:", Xe_z 1095.round(3))
plt.scatter(z[index_z1095], X_e[index_z1095], color='grey', label='
# Add pointer lines
plt.axhline(Xe z1095, ls=':', c='grey', lw=1)
plt.axvline(z_1095, ls=':', c='grey', lw=1)
## End of part le addition ##
## LABELLING ##
# Label axes
plt.xlabel('Redshift $z$', fontsize=16)
plt.ylabel('Ionisation Fraction $X_e$', fontsize=16)
# Increse axis numbering text size
ax.tick_params(axis='both', which='major', labelsize=10)
ax.tick_params(axis='both', which='minor', labelsize=10)
# Plot features
plt.xlim(1000, 2000)
plt.ylim(0, 1.02)
plt.legend(fontsize=14)
plt.grid(True, color='lightgrey', ls='-.')
plt.title('Ionisation Fraction over Redshift', fontsize=18)
## SAVE ##
# Save and show
plt.savefig("HW4Q1ePlot.pdf", format="pdf", bbox inches="tight", ov
plt.show()
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In [6]: Xe_solution_plot(z, build_Xe_solution(T, eta, E_I, m_e))
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z at  $X_e = 0.1$ : 1258.258 z at  $X_e = 0.5$ : 1376.376  $X_e$  at z = 1095: 0.004

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plt.savefig("HW4Q1ePlot.pdf", format="pdf", bbox\_inches="tight", ov erwrite=True)



build\_Xe\_solution(T, eta, E\_I, m\_e)

In [7]: zeta(3)

Out[7]: 1.2020569031595942

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#### **Problem 3**

part ii.)

#### **Numerical integration**

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In [8]: # Define function to build integrand
def integrand(x):
    # Integrand expression for comoving distance that was provided in
    dY = ((x**2)/(x+2)) * (x/(2*np.pi))**(3/2) * np.exp(-x)
    return dY
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lambdas = [10**-6, 10**-8, 10**-10]
x = np.linspace(0.01, 100, 1000)
Y_numint_list = {}

for lambda_val in lambdas:
    # Calculate the integral for comoving distance numerically
    Y_numint = lambda_val * quad(integrand, 0.1, 100)[0]
    #Y_numint = lambda_val * Y_numint
    Y_numint_list.append(Y_numint)
    print(np.shape(Y_numint))
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In [30]: lambda1 = 10**-6
lambda2 = 10**-8
lambda3 = 10**-10

x = np.linspace(0.01, 100, 1000)

#Y_numint_list = {}

# Calculate the integral numerically
Y1 = [lambda1 * quad(integrand, 0, x_val)[0] for x_val in x]
Y2 = [lambda2 * quad(integrand, 0, x_val)[0] for x_val in x]
Y3 = [lambda3 * quad(integrand, 0, x_val)[0] for x_val in x]

Yeq = (x/(2*np.pi))**(3/2) * np.exp(-x)

#Y_numint_list.append(Y_numint)
#print(np.shape(Y1))
#print(Y1)
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In [43]: # Plot results
         def Y_plot(x, Y1, Y2, Y3):
             ## PLOT ##
             # Set figure
             fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,6))
             # Plot
             plt.loglog(x, Y1, ls='-', color='green', lw=2, label='\$\lambda = 1
             plt.loglog(x, Y2, ls='-', color='blue', lw=2, label='\ lambda = 10
             plt.loglog(x, Y3, ls='-', color='purple', lw=2, label='$\lambda =
             plt.loglog(x, Yeq, ls='-', color='red', lw=2, label='$Y_{eq}$')
             #for Y in Y list:
                 #plt.plot(x, Y, ls='-', color='purple', lw=2)
             ## LABELLING ##
             # Label axes
             plt.xlabel('Time x = \frac{m}{T}, fontsize=16)
             plt.ylabel('$Y = \frac{n}{s} \simeq \frac{n}{T^3}, fontsize=16)
             # Increse axis numbering text size
             ax.tick_params(axis='both', which='major', labelsize=12)
             ax.tick_params(axis='both', which='minor', labelsize=12)
             # Plot features
             plt.xlim(0.1, 100)
             #plt.ylim(0, 1.02)
             plt.legend(fontsize=14)
             plt.grid(True, color='lightgrey', ls='-.')
             plt.title('Y for Freeze-In', fontsize=18)
             ## SAVE ##
             # Save and show
             plt.savefig("HW4Q3Plot.pdf", format="pdf", bbox_inches="tight", ov
             plt.show()
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In [44]: Y\_plot(x, Y1, Y2, Y3)

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