

ASTR6403P: Physical Cosmology

Homework Set 1

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Question 1

Convert the following quantities by inserting the appropriate factors of c , \hbar and k_B :

i) $T_0 = 2.725\text{K} \rightarrow \text{eV}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} T_0 = k_B T_0 &= 1.381 \times 10^{-23}\text{J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \times 2.725\text{K} \\ &= 3.762 \times 10^{-23}\text{J} \times 6.252 \times 10^{18}\text{eV/J} \\ &= 2.348 \times 10^{-5}\text{eV}. \end{aligned}$$

ii) $\rho_\gamma = \pi^2 T_0^4 / 15 \rightarrow \text{eV}^4 \text{ and } \text{g cm}^{-3}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_\gamma &= \frac{\pi^2 T_0^4}{15} = \frac{\pi^2}{15} (2.348 \times 10^{-5}\text{eV})^4 \\ &= 2.000 \times 10^{-14}\text{eV}^4 \\ &= 2.000 \times 10^{-14}\text{eV}^4 \times (5.068 \times 10^4\text{cm}^{-1} \cdot \text{eV}^{-1})^3 \times 1.783 \times 10^{-33}\text{g} \cdot \text{eV}^{-1} \\ &= 4.642 \times 10^{-33}\text{g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}. \end{aligned}$$

iii) $1/H_0 \rightarrow \text{cm}$

Solution:

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{H_0} &= \frac{1}{67.4\text{km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{Mpc}^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{3 \times 10^8\text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}}{67.4 \times 10^3\text{m} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}} \times 3.086 \times 10^{24}\text{cm} = 1.374 \times 10^{29}\text{cm}. \end{aligned}$$

^a $H_0 = 67.4 \pm 0.5\text{km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ from Planck 2018 [1807.06209].

iv) $m_{Pl} = 1.2 \times 10^{19} \text{GeV} \rightarrow \text{K, cm}^{-1}, \text{ sec}^{-1}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} m_{Pl} &= \frac{m_{Pl}}{k_B} = \frac{1.2 \times 10^{19} \text{GeV}}{1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}} \\ &= 8.689 \times 10^{50} \text{K} \\ &= 1.2 \times 10^{19} \text{GeV} \times 5.068 \times 10^4 \text{cm}^{-1} \cdot \text{eV}^{-1} = 6.082 \times 10^{32} \text{cm}^{-1} \\ &= 6.082 \times 10^{32} \text{cm}^{-1} \times 3 \times 10^{10} \text{cm} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1} = 1.824 \times 10^{43} \text{sec}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Question 2

Calculate the Christoffel symbols for flat 2-dimensional space with polar coordinates, obtain the geodesic equation for a freely moving particle, and show the trajectory is as expected.

Solution:

$$\Gamma^k_{ij} = \frac{g^{kl}}{2} (\partial_i g_{jl} + \partial_j g_{il} - \partial_l g_{ij}).$$

The metric in 2-D polar coordinates (r, θ) is:

$$g_{rr} = 1, \quad g_{\theta\theta} = r^2, \quad g_{r\theta} = g_{\theta r} = 0.$$

and their inverses:

$$g^{rr} = 1, \quad g^{\theta\theta} = \frac{1}{r^2}, \quad g^{r\theta} = g^{\theta r} = 0.$$

Then:

$$\Gamma^r_{rr} = \frac{g^{rr}}{2} (\partial_r g_{rr} + \partial_r g_{rr} - \partial_r g_{rr}) = 0,$$

$$\Gamma^r_{r\theta} = \Gamma^r_{\theta r} = \frac{g^{rr}}{2} (\partial_\theta g_{rr}) = 0,$$

$$\Gamma^r_{\theta\theta} = \frac{g^{rr}}{2} (-\partial_r g_{\theta\theta}) = -r,$$

$$\Gamma^\theta_{rr} = \frac{g^{\theta\theta}}{2} (2\partial_r g_{\theta r} - \partial_\theta g_{rr}) = 0,$$

$$\Gamma^\theta_{r\theta} = \Gamma^\theta_{\theta r} = \frac{g^{\theta\theta}}{2} (\partial_r g_{\theta\theta}) = \frac{1}{r},$$

$$\Gamma^\theta_{\theta\theta} = \frac{g^{\theta\theta}}{2} (\partial_\theta g_{\theta\theta}) = 0.$$

The geodesic equations are:

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{d\lambda^2} + \Gamma^i_{jk} \frac{dx^j}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^k}{d\lambda} = 0.$$

Consider $\lambda = t$, for $i = r$:

$$\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2 = 0,$$

for $i = \theta$:

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{2}{r}\dot{r}\dot{\theta} = 0.$$

These are exactly the equations of motion in polar coordinates in classical mechanics, as expected.

Question 3

In class, we have derived how the energy of a massless particle changes in a flat expanding Universe. Repeat the calculation for a massive non-relativistic particle and find how its energy changes.

Solution:

We consider a parameter λ which satisfies:

$$P^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda},$$

and $\frac{d}{d\lambda} = \frac{dx^0}{d\lambda} \frac{d}{dx^0} = E \frac{d}{dt}$. Then in FLRW metric, with $\Gamma^0_{ij} = a\dot{a}\delta_{ij}$, we have:

$$E \frac{dE}{dt} = -\Gamma^0_{ij} P^i P^j = -a\dot{a}\delta_{ij} P^i P^j.$$

For a massive non-relativistic particle, we have mass-shell condition:

$$P^\mu P_\mu = -E^2 + a^2 \delta_{ij} P^i P^j = -m^2,$$

then the evolution of energy is:

$$E \frac{dE}{dt} = -a\dot{a}\delta_{ij} P^i P^j = -\frac{\dot{a}}{a}(E^2 - m^2).$$

the solution is:

$$E^2 - m^2 \propto a^{-2}.$$

Question 4

Consider a galaxy of physical size 5 kpc. What angle would this galaxy subtend if situated at redshift 0.1? redshift 1? Do the calculation in a flat Universe, first matter-dominated and then with 30% matter and 70% cosmological constant.

Solution:

The angle subtended in a flat Universe is:

$$\theta = \frac{l/a}{\chi(a)} = \frac{l(1+z)}{c \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}},$$

then use Friedmann Equation

$$H = \left[\frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho_{\text{cr},0} (\Omega_r(1+z)^4 + \Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_k(1+z)^2 + \Omega_\Lambda) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Finally, we can compute the angle for different redshifts:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(z) &= l(1+z) \left\{ c \int_0^z \left[\frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho_{\text{cr},0} (\Omega_r(1+z)^4 + \Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_k(1+z)^2 + \Omega_\Lambda) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} dz \right\}^{-1} \\ &= A(1+z) \left[\int_0^z (\Omega_r(1+z)^4 + \Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_k(1+z)^2 + \Omega_\Lambda)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dz \right]^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } A = \frac{l}{c} \left(\frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho_{\text{cr},0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Substitute $l = 5\text{kpc} = 1.542 \times 10^{22}\text{cm}$, $\rho_{\text{cr},0} = 1.878 \times 10^{-29} h^2 \text{g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$ and $h = 0.674^a$, we have $A = 1.123 \times 10^{-6}$.

And use Python to calculate the angle for different cosmological parameters and redshifts (see the code in the Appendix):

- Matter-dominated Universe ($\Omega_m = 1, \Omega_\Lambda = 0$): $\theta(0.1) = 2.73''$, $\theta(1) = 0.79''$.
- $\Omega_m = 0.3, \Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$: $\theta(0.1) = 2.60''$, $\theta(1) = 0.60''$.

^a $H_0 = 67.4 \pm 0.5 \text{km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ from Planck 2018 [[1807.06209](#)].

Question 5

Apply the Einstein equations to the case of non-flat Universe, with the space-time interval given by

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

where r, θ, ϕ is the standard 3D spherical coordinates, and k is a constant that describes the Universe's curvature. Calculate the Christoffel symbols, Ricci tensor and Ricci scalar. Then derive the Friedmann equation for non-flat Universe.

Solution:

The FLRW metric of non-flat Universe is:

$$g_{tt} = -1, \quad g_{rr} = \frac{a^2}{1 - kr^2}, \quad g_{\theta\theta} = a^2 r^2, \quad g_{\phi\phi} = a^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta,$$

with their inverses:

$$g^{tt} = -1, \quad g^{rr} = \frac{1 - kr^2}{a^2}, \quad g^{\theta\theta} = \frac{1}{a^2 r^2}, \quad g^{\phi\phi} = \frac{1}{a^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta}.$$

and other components are zero. There're the non-zero components of Christoffel symbols. Ricci tensor and Ricci scalar (see Appendix for details)

Christoffel symbols:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^t_{rr} &= \frac{a\dot{a}}{1 - kr^2}, & \Gamma^t_{\theta\theta} &= a\dot{a}r^2, & \Gamma^t_{\phi\phi} &= a\dot{a}r^2 \sin^2 \theta, \\ \Gamma^r_{tr} &= \Gamma^r_{rt} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}, & \Gamma^r_{rr} &= \frac{kr}{1 - kr^2}, & \Gamma^r_{\theta\theta} &= -r(1 - kr^2), & \Gamma^r_{\phi\phi} &= -r(1 - kr^2) \sin^2 \theta, \\ \Gamma^\theta_{t\theta} &= \Gamma^\theta_{\theta t} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}, & \Gamma^\theta_{r\theta} &= \Gamma^\theta_{\theta r} = \frac{1}{r}, & \Gamma^\theta_{\phi\phi} &= -\sin \theta \cos \theta, \\ \Gamma^\phi_{t\phi} &= \Gamma^\phi_{\phi t} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}, & \Gamma^\phi_{r\phi} &= \Gamma^\phi_{\phi r} = \frac{1}{r}, & \Gamma^\phi_{\theta\phi} &= \Gamma^\phi_{\phi\theta} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}. \end{aligned}$$

Ricci tensor:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{tt} &= -3\frac{\ddot{a}}{a}, \\ R_{rr} &= \frac{a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k}{1 - kr^2}, \\ R_{\theta\theta} &= r^2(a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k), \\ R_{\phi\phi} &= r^2 \sin^2 \theta(a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k). \end{aligned}$$

Ricci scalar:

$$R = 6 \left(\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{k}{a^2} \right).$$

Then we can derive the Friedmann equation for non-flat Universe. The Einstein equations are:

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}.$$

For $\mu = \nu = t$, we have:

$$R_{tt} - \frac{1}{2}g_{tt}R = -3\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + 3\left(\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{k}{a^2}\right) = 3\left(\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{k}{a^2}\right) = 8\pi G\rho,$$

where we have used $T_{tt} = \rho$. Then take $H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$, we have the Friedmann equation for non-flat Universe:

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

we can also suppose the "energy density of curvature" $\rho_k = -\frac{3k}{8\pi Ga^2}$, then the Friedmann equation can be written as:

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}(\rho + \rho_k).$$

A Code for Question 4

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1 import numpy as np
2 from scipy import integrate
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4
5 def calculate_angle(z: float, Omega_m: float, Omega_Lambda: float,
6     Omega_r: float = 0, Omega_k: float = 0, l: float = 5, verbose: bool
7     = False) -> float:
8     """
9         Calculate the angular size of a l kpc galaxy at redshift z
10
11    Parameters:
12        z : Redshift
13        l : Physical size of the galaxy in kpc (default 5 kpc)
14        Omega : Density fraction parameter
15
16    Return:
17        Angular size
18    """
19
20
21    l_cm = l * 3.086e21 # cm
22
23    # Physical constants
24    h = 0.674 # Planck 2018
25    G = 6.674e-8 # cm^3 g^-1 s^-2
26    C = 3e10 # cm/s
27    rho_crit0 = 1.878e-29 * h**2 # g cm^-3
28
29
30    A = l_cm * np.sqrt(8 * np.pi * G * rho_crit0 / 3) / C
31    if verbose:
32        print(f"A = {A:.3e}")
33
34    def integrand(z_prime):
35        factor = (Omega_r * (1 + z_prime)**4 +
36                  Omega_m * (1 + z_prime)**3 +
37                  Omega_k * (1 + z_prime)**2 +
38                  Omega_Lambda)
39        return 1 / np.sqrt(factor)
40
41    integral_result, _ = integrate.quad(integrand, 0, z)
42
43    theta_rad = A * (1 + z) / integral_result
44
45    return theta_rad

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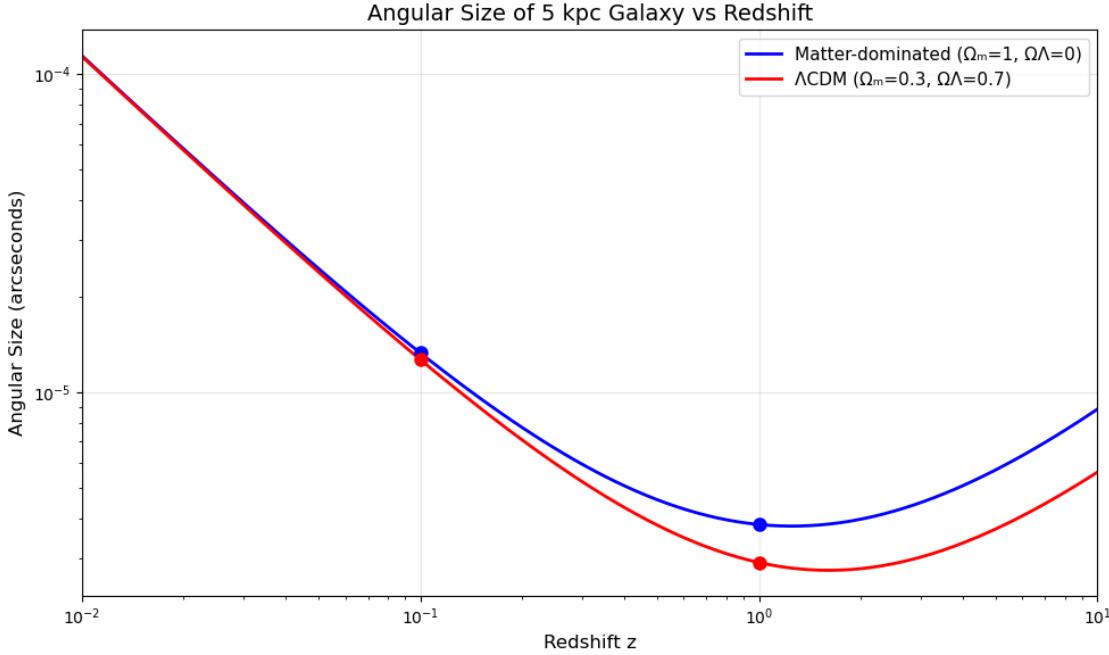


Figure 1: The angle subtended by a galaxy of physical size 5 kpc at different redshifts in two cosmological models: matter-dominated Universe ($\Omega_m = 1, \Omega_\Lambda = 0$) and $\Omega_m = 0.3, \Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$.

B Calculation of Question 5

Christoffel symbols:

$$\Gamma^\lambda_{\mu\nu} = \frac{g^{\lambda\alpha}}{2}(\partial_\mu g_{\nu\alpha} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\alpha} - \partial_\alpha g_{\mu\nu}).$$

For $\lambda = t$, we have:

$$\Gamma^t_{\mu\nu} = \frac{g^{t\alpha}}{2}(\partial_\mu g_{\nu\alpha} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\alpha} - \partial_\alpha g_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{g^{tt}}{2}(\partial_\mu g_{\nu t} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu t} - \partial_t g_{\mu\nu})$$

when $\mu = \nu = t$, $\Gamma^t_{tt} = 0$. When $\mu = \nu \neq t$, $\Gamma^t_{\mu\mu} = -\frac{g^{tt}}{2}\partial_t g_{\mu\mu}$, then $\Gamma^t_{rr} = \frac{a\dot{a}}{1-kr^2}$, $\Gamma^t_{\theta\theta} = a\dot{a}r^2$, $\Gamma^t_{\phi\phi} = a\dot{a}r^2 \sin^2\theta$. Then consider $\mu = t, \nu \neq t$:

$$\Gamma^t_{t\nu} = \frac{g^{tt}}{2}(\partial_t g_{\nu t} + \partial_\nu g_{tt} - \partial_t g_{t\nu}) = 0.$$

For $\lambda = r$, we have:

$$\Gamma^r_{\mu\nu} = \frac{g^{r\alpha}}{2}(\partial_\mu g_{\nu\alpha} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\alpha} - \partial_\alpha g_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{g^{rr}}{2}(\partial_\mu g_{\nu r} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu r} - \partial_r g_{\mu\nu})$$

when $\mu = \nu = r$, $\Gamma^r_{rr} = \frac{g^{rr}}{2}\partial_r g_{rr} = \frac{kr}{1-kr^2}$. When $\mu = \nu \neq r$, $\Gamma^r_{\mu\mu} = -\frac{g^{rr}}{2}\partial_r g_{\mu\mu}$, then $\Gamma^r_{tt} = 0$, $\Gamma^r_{\theta\theta} = -r(1-kr^2)$, $\Gamma^r_{\phi\phi} = -r(1-kr^2)\sin^2\theta$. Then consider $\mu = r, \nu \neq r$:

$$\Gamma^r_{r\nu} = \frac{g^{rr}}{2}(\partial_r g_{\nu r} + \partial_\nu g_{rr} - \partial_r g_{r\nu}) = \frac{g^{rr}}{2}\partial_\nu g_{rr}.$$

then $\Gamma^r_{rt} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$, $\Gamma^r_{r\theta} = \Gamma^r_{r\phi} = 0$.

For $\lambda = \theta$, we have:

$$\Gamma^\theta_{\mu\nu} = \frac{g^{\theta\alpha}}{2}(\partial_\mu g_{\nu\alpha} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\alpha} - \partial_\alpha g_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{g^{\theta\theta}}{2}(\partial_\mu g_{\nu\theta} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\theta} - \partial_\theta g_{\mu\nu})$$

when $\mu = \nu = \theta$, $\Gamma^\theta_{\theta\theta} = \frac{g^{\theta\theta}}{2}\partial_\theta g_{\theta\theta} = 0$. When $\mu = \nu \neq \theta$, $\Gamma^\theta_{\mu\mu} = -\frac{g^{\theta\theta}}{2}\partial_\theta g_{\mu\mu}$, then $\Gamma^\theta_{tt} = 0$, $\Gamma^\theta_{rr} = 0$, $\Gamma^\theta_{\phi\phi} = -\sin\theta \cos\theta$. Then consider $\mu = \theta, \nu \neq \theta$:

$$\Gamma^\theta_{\theta\nu} = \frac{g^{\theta\theta}}{2}(\partial_\theta g_{\nu\theta} + \partial_\nu g_{\theta\theta} - \partial_\theta g_{\theta\nu}) = \frac{g^{\theta\theta}}{2}\partial_\nu g_{\theta\theta},$$

then $\Gamma^\theta_{\theta t} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$, $\Gamma^\theta_{\theta r} = \frac{1}{r}$, $\Gamma^\theta_{\theta\phi} = 0$.

For $\lambda = \phi$, we have:

$$\Gamma^\phi_{\mu\nu} = \frac{g^{\phi\alpha}}{2}(\partial_\mu g_{\nu\alpha} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\alpha} - \partial_\alpha g_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{g^{\phi\phi}}{2}(\partial_\mu g_{\nu\phi} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\phi} - \partial_\phi g_{\mu\nu})$$

when $\mu = \nu = \phi$, $\Gamma^\phi_{\phi\phi} = \frac{g^{\phi\phi}}{2}\partial_\phi g_{\phi\phi} = 0$. When $\mu = \nu \neq \phi$, $\Gamma^\phi_{\mu\mu} = -\frac{g^{\phi\phi}}{2}\partial_\phi g_{\mu\mu}$, then $\Gamma^\phi_{tt} = 0$, $\Gamma^\phi_{rr} = 0$, $\Gamma^\phi_{\theta\theta} = 0$. Then consider $\mu = \phi, \nu \neq \phi$:

$$\Gamma^\phi_{\phi\nu} = \frac{g^{\phi\phi}}{2}(\partial_\phi g_{\nu\phi} + \partial_\nu g_{\phi\phi} - \partial_\phi g_{\phi\nu}) = \frac{g^{\phi\phi}}{2}\partial_\nu g_{\phi\phi},$$

then $\Gamma^\phi_{\phi t} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$, $\Gamma^\phi_{\phi r} = \frac{1}{r}$, $\Gamma^\phi_{\phi\theta} = \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}$.

Ricci tensor:

$$R_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\lambda \Gamma^\lambda_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\nu \Gamma^\lambda_{\mu\lambda} + \Gamma^\lambda_{\sigma\lambda} \Gamma^\sigma_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma^\lambda_{\sigma\nu} \Gamma^\sigma_{\mu\lambda}.$$

For $\mu = \nu = t$, we have:

$$R_{tt} = \partial_\lambda \Gamma^\lambda_{tt} - \partial_t \Gamma^\lambda_{t\lambda} + \Gamma^\lambda_{\sigma\lambda} \Gamma^\sigma_{tt} - \Gamma^\lambda_{\sigma t} \Gamma^\sigma_{t\lambda}.$$

The first term is zero since $\Gamma^\lambda_{tt} = 0$. The second term is:

$$-\partial_t \Gamma^\lambda_{t\lambda} = -\partial_t (\Gamma^t_{tt} + \Gamma^r_{tr} + \Gamma^\theta_{t\theta} + \Gamma^\phi_{t\phi}) = -\partial_t \left(3\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) = -3\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + 3\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2}.$$

The third term is zero since $\Gamma^\sigma_{tt} = 0$. The fourth term is:

$$-\Gamma^\lambda_{\sigma t} \Gamma^\sigma_{t\lambda} = -(\Gamma^t_{tt} \Gamma^t_{tt} + \Gamma^r_{rt} \Gamma^r_{tr} + \Gamma^\theta_{\theta t} \Gamma^\theta_{t\theta} + \Gamma^\phi_{\phi t} \Gamma^\phi_{t\phi}) = -3\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2}.$$

Then we have:

$$R_{tt} = -3\frac{\ddot{a}}{a}.$$

For $\mu = \nu = r$, we have:

$$R_{rr} = \partial_\lambda \Gamma_{rr}^\lambda - \partial_r \Gamma_{r\lambda}^\lambda + \Gamma_{\sigma\lambda}^\lambda \Gamma_{rr}^\sigma - \Gamma_{\sigma r}^\lambda \Gamma_{r\lambda}^\sigma.$$

The first term is:

$$\partial_\lambda \Gamma_{rr}^\lambda = \partial_t \Gamma_{rr}^t + \partial_r \Gamma_{rr}^r + \partial_\theta \Gamma_{rr}^\theta + \partial_\phi \Gamma_{rr}^\phi = \partial_t \left(\frac{a\dot{a}}{1 - kr^2} \right) + \partial_r \left(\frac{kr}{1 - kr^2} \right) = \frac{a\ddot{a} + \dot{a}^2}{1 - kr^2} + \frac{k(1 + kr^2)}{(1 - kr^2)^2}.$$

The second term is:

$$-\partial_r \Gamma_{r\lambda}^\lambda = -\partial_r (\Gamma_{rt}^t + \Gamma_{rr}^r + \Gamma_{r\theta}^\theta + \Gamma_{r\phi}^\phi) = -\partial_r \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} + \frac{kr}{1 - kr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \right) = -\frac{k(1 + kr^2)}{(1 - kr^2)^2} + \frac{2}{r^2}.$$

The third term is:

$$\Gamma_{\sigma\lambda}^\lambda \Gamma_{rr}^\sigma = (\Gamma_{tt}^t + \Gamma_{rr}^r + \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\theta + \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\phi) \Gamma_{rr}^t = 3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \frac{a\dot{a}}{1 - kr^2} = 3 \frac{\dot{a}^2}{1 - kr^2}.$$

The fourth term is:

$$-\Gamma_{\sigma r}^\lambda \Gamma_{r\lambda}^\sigma = -(\Gamma_{tr}^t \Gamma_{rt}^t + \Gamma_{rr}^r \Gamma_{rr}^r + \Gamma_{\theta r}^\theta \Gamma_{r\theta}^\theta + \Gamma_{\phi r}^\phi \Gamma_{r\phi}^\phi) = -\left(\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{k^2 r^2}{(1 - kr^2)^2} + \frac{2}{r^2} \right).$$

Then we have:

$$R_{rr} = \frac{a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k}{1 - kr^2}.$$

For $\mu = \nu = \theta$, we have:

$$R_{\theta\theta} = \partial_\lambda \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\lambda - \partial_\theta \Gamma_{\theta\lambda}^\lambda + \Gamma_{\sigma\lambda}^\lambda \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\sigma - \Gamma_{\sigma\theta}^\lambda \Gamma_{\theta\lambda}^\sigma.$$

The first term is:

$$\partial_\lambda \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\lambda = \partial_t \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^t + \partial_r \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^r + \partial_\theta \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\theta + \partial_\phi \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\phi = \partial_t (a\dot{a}r^2) + \partial_r (-r(1 - kr^2)) = r^2(a\ddot{a} + \dot{a}^2) + (3kr^2 - 1).$$

The second term is:

$$-\partial_\theta \Gamma_{\theta\lambda}^\lambda = -\partial_\theta (\Gamma_{\theta t}^t + \Gamma_{\theta r}^r + \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\theta + \Gamma_{\theta\phi}^\phi) = -\partial_\theta \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} + \frac{1}{r} + \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \right) = -\frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}.$$

The third term is:

$$\Gamma_{\sigma\lambda}^\lambda \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\sigma = (\Gamma_{tt}^t + \Gamma_{rr}^r + \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\theta + \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\phi) \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^t = 3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} a\dot{a}r^2 = 3\dot{a}^2 r^2.$$

The fourth term is:

$$-\Gamma_{\sigma\theta}^\lambda \Gamma_{\theta\lambda}^\sigma = -(\Gamma_{t\theta}^t \Gamma_{\theta t}^t + \Gamma_{r\theta}^r \Gamma_{\theta r}^r + \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\theta \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\theta + \Gamma_{\phi\theta}^\phi \Gamma_{\theta\phi}^\phi) = -\left(\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\sin^2\theta} \right).$$

Then we have:

$$R_{\theta\theta} = r^2(a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k).$$

For $\mu = \nu = \phi$, we have:

$$R_{\phi\phi} = \partial_\lambda \Gamma^\lambda_{\phi\phi} - \partial_\phi \Gamma^\lambda_{\phi\lambda} + \Gamma^\lambda_{\sigma\lambda} \Gamma^\sigma_{\phi\phi} - \Gamma^\lambda_{\sigma\phi} \Gamma^\sigma_{\phi\lambda}.$$

The first term is:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\lambda \Gamma^\lambda_{\phi\phi} &= \partial_t \Gamma^t_{\phi\phi} + \partial_r \Gamma^r_{\phi\phi} + \partial_\theta \Gamma^\theta_{\phi\phi} + \partial_\phi \Gamma^\phi_{\phi\phi} \\ &= \partial_t(a\dot{a}r^2 \sin^2 \theta) + \partial_r(-r(1 - kr^2) \sin^2 \theta) + \partial_\theta(-\sin \theta \cos \theta) \\ &= r^2 \sin^2 \theta(a\ddot{a} + \dot{a}^2) + (3kr^2 - 1) \sin^2 \theta. \end{aligned}$$

The second term is:

$$\begin{aligned} -\partial_\phi \Gamma^\lambda_{\phi\lambda} &= -\partial_\phi(\Gamma^t_{\phi t} + \Gamma^r_{\phi r} + \Gamma^\theta_{\phi\theta} + \Gamma^\phi_{\phi\phi}) \\ &= -\partial_\phi\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} + \frac{1}{r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}\right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The third term is:

$$\Gamma^\lambda_{\sigma\lambda} \Gamma^\sigma_{\phi\phi} = (\Gamma^t_{tt} + \Gamma^r_{rr} + \Gamma^\theta_{\theta\theta} + \Gamma^\phi_{\phi\phi}) \Gamma^t_{\phi\phi} = 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}a\dot{a}r^2 \sin^2 \theta = 3\dot{a}^2r^2 \sin^2 \theta.$$

The fourth term is:

$$-\Gamma^\lambda_{\sigma\phi} \Gamma^\sigma_{\phi\lambda} = -(\Gamma^t_{t\phi} \Gamma^t_{\phi t} + \Gamma^r_{r\phi} \Gamma^r_{\phi r} + \Gamma^\theta_{\theta\phi} \Gamma^\theta_{\phi\theta} + \Gamma^\phi_{\phi\phi} \Gamma^\phi_{\phi\phi}) = -\left(\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}\right).$$

Then we have:

$$R_{\phi\phi} = r^2 \sin^2 \theta(a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k).$$

Ricci scalar:

$$R = g^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} = g^{tt} R_{tt} + g^{rr} R_{rr} + g^{\theta\theta} R_{\theta\theta} + g^{\phi\phi} R_{\phi\phi}.$$

Substitute the components of metric and Ricci tensor, we have:

$$R = -3\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \frac{1 - kr^2}{a^2} \frac{a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k}{1 - kr^2} + \frac{1}{a^2 r^2} r^2 (a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k) + \frac{1}{a^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta} r^2 \sin^2 \theta (a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k).$$

Then we have:

$$R = 6 \left(\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{k}{a^2} \right).$$