

6.7a) We are given Equation 5.89:

$$H_0 t = \int_0^a \frac{da}{\sqrt{\Omega_0/a + (1 - \Omega_0)}} \quad (1)$$

Equation 1 can be returned back to its differential equation state:

$$H_0 dt = \frac{da}{\sqrt{\Omega_0/a + (1 - \Omega_0)}} \Rightarrow \frac{da}{dt} = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_0/a + (1 - \Omega_0)} \quad (2)$$

The solution to Equation 1 is given to be the following:

$$a(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega_0}{(\Omega_0 - 1)} (1 - \cos \theta) \quad (3)$$

$$t(\theta) = \frac{1}{2H_0} \frac{\Omega_0}{(\Omega_0 - 1)^{3/2}} (\theta - \sin \theta) \quad (4)$$

Equations 3 and 4 can then be differentiated:

$$\frac{da}{d\theta} = \frac{\Omega_0 \sin \theta}{2(\Omega_0 - 1)} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{dt}{d\theta} = \frac{\Omega_0}{2H_0(\Omega_0 - 1)^{3/2}} (1 - \cos \theta) \quad (6)$$

We can then use the chain rule to solve for $\frac{da}{dt}$:

$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{da}{d\theta} \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^{-1} = \frac{\Omega_0 \sin \theta}{2(\Omega_0 - 1)} \frac{2H_0(\Omega_0 - 1)^{3/2}}{\Omega_0} \frac{1}{1 - \cos \theta} \quad (7)$$

Equation 7 can then be simplified:

$$\frac{da}{dt} = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_0 - 1} \frac{\sin \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \quad (8)$$

To eliminate the θ s from Equation 8, we can first solve Equation 3 for $1 - \cos \theta$, and then use trigonometric identities to solve for $\cos \theta$. Solving for $1 - \cos \theta$ yields the following:

$$1 - \cos \theta = \frac{2a(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0} \quad (9)$$

We can then use the identity $\cos \theta = 1 - 2 \sin^2 (\theta/2)$ in Equation 3:

$$a = \frac{\Omega_0}{2(\Omega_0 - 1)} (2 \sin^2 (\theta/2)) \Rightarrow \sin (\theta/2) = \sqrt{\frac{a(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0}} \quad (10)$$

Next, we can do the same, but with the identity $\cos \theta = 2 \cos^2 (\theta/2) - 1$:

$$a = \frac{\Omega_0}{2(\Omega_0 - 1)} (2 - 2 \cos^2 (\theta/2)) \Rightarrow \cos (\theta/2) = \sqrt{1 - \frac{a(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0}} \quad (11)$$

We can combine Equations 10 and 11 by using the identity $\sin \theta = 2 \sin (\theta/2) \cos (\theta/2)$.

$$\sin \theta = 2 \sqrt{\frac{a(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{a(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0}} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{a(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0} \left(1 - \frac{a(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0} \right)} \quad (12)$$

Now, we can use Equation 9 and Equation 12 to finish solving Equation 8.

$$\frac{da}{dt} = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_0 - 1} \frac{\Omega_0}{2a(\Omega_0 - 1)} \cdot 2 \sqrt{\frac{a(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0} \left(1 - \frac{a(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0}\right)} \quad (13)$$

Simplifying yields the following (Equation 2):

$$\frac{da}{dt} = H_0 \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_0}{a} \left(1 - \frac{a(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0}\right)} = \boxed{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_0/a + (1 - \Omega_0)}} \quad (14)$$

The scale factor for this universe as a function of time is plotted in Figure 1.

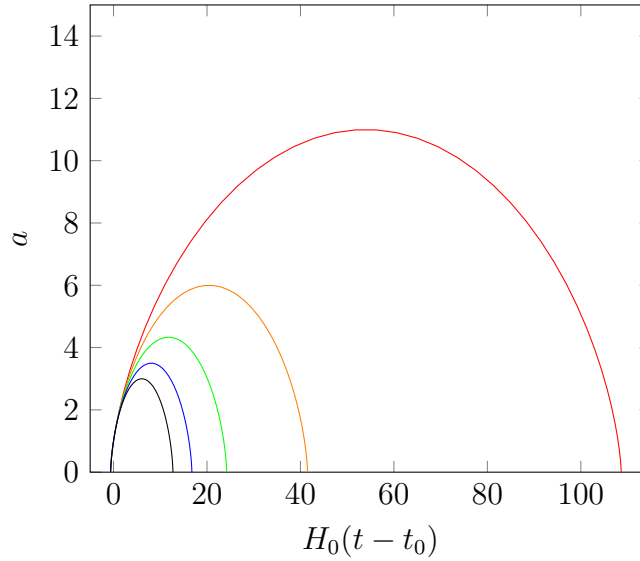


FIGURE 1. Scale Factor vs. Time for universes with $\Omega_0 = 1.1$ (red), 1.2 (orange), 1.3 (green), 1.4 (blue), and 1.5 (black)

Figure 1 shows that for larger values of Ω_0 , the maximum scale factor and crunch time decrease. This graph, and all future graphs, were plotted using pgfplots in L^AT_EX. The $H_0 t_0$ component was calculated with the following formula for each universe and subtracted from $H_0 t(\theta)$.

$$H_0 t_0 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega_0}{(\Omega_0 - 1)^{3/2}} \left[\cos^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{2(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0} \right) - \sin \cos^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{2(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0} \right) \right] \quad (15)$$

By plugging in $\theta = 2\pi$ into Equation 3 and 4, we get $a(\theta) = 0$ and the following for $t(\theta)$:

$$t(2\pi) = \boxed{t_{crunch} = \pi H_0^{-1} \frac{\Omega_0}{(\Omega_0 - 1)^{3/2}}} \quad (16)$$

By plugging in $\Omega_0 = 1.1$, Equation 16 equals $109.28 H_0^{-1}$, which appears to agree with Figure 1; the horizontal shift in the plot should be kept in mind here. The time of maximum expansion for this universe is half of t_{crunch} , as the graph is symmetric:

$$\boxed{t_{max} = \frac{1}{2} t_{crunch} = \frac{\pi}{2} H_0^{-1} \frac{\Omega_0}{(\Omega_0 - 1)^{3/2}}} \quad (17)$$

6.7b) The goal of this exercise is to return to Equation 2 from the following solution:

$$a(\eta) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega_0}{(1 - \Omega_0)} (\cosh \eta - 1) \quad (18)$$

$$t(\eta) = \frac{1}{2H_0} \frac{\Omega_0}{(1 - \Omega_0)^{3/2}} (\sinh \eta - \eta) \quad (19)$$

The process is similar to that of 6.7a. First differentiate Equations 18 and 19:

$$\frac{da}{d\eta} = \frac{\Omega_0}{2(1 - \Omega_0)} \sinh \eta \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{dt}{d\eta} = \frac{\Omega_0}{2H_0(1 - \Omega_0)^{3/2}} (\cosh \eta - 1) \quad (21)$$

Again, we can use the chain rule:

$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{da}{d\eta} \left(\frac{d\eta}{dt} \right)^{-1} = \frac{2H_0\Omega_0(1 - \Omega_0)^{3/2}}{2\Omega_0(1 - \Omega_0)} \frac{\sinh \eta}{(\cosh \eta - 1)} = H_0 \sqrt{1 - \Omega_0} \frac{\sinh \eta}{\cosh \eta - 1} \quad (22)$$

To obtain $\cosh \eta - 1$, we can simply use Equation 18:

$$\cosh \eta - 1 = \frac{2a(1 - \Omega_0)}{\Omega_0} \quad (23)$$

To find $\sinh \eta$, we again must use the fact that $\sinh \eta = 2 \sinh^2(\eta/2) \cosh^2(\eta/2)$. First use Equation 18 and the fact that $\cosh \eta = 1 + 2 \sinh^2(\eta/2)$:

$$a = \frac{\Omega_0}{2(1 - \Omega_0)} (2 \sinh^2(\eta/2)) \Rightarrow \sinh(\eta/2) = \sqrt{\frac{a(1 - \Omega_0)}{\Omega_0}} \quad (24)$$

We can then use the identity $\cosh \eta = 2 \cosh^2(\eta/2) - 1$ in Equation 18:

$$a = \frac{\Omega_0}{2(1 - \Omega_0)} (2 \cosh^2(\eta/2) - 2) \Rightarrow \cosh(\eta/2) = \sqrt{1 + \frac{a(1 + \Omega_0)}{\Omega_0}} \quad (25)$$

We can then solve for $\sinh \eta$:

$$\sinh \eta = 2 \sinh^2(\eta/2) \cosh^2(\eta/2) = 2 \sqrt{\frac{a(1 - \Omega_0)}{\Omega_0}} \left(1 + \frac{a(1 + \Omega_0)}{\Omega_0} \right) \quad (26)$$

Next, we can plug $\cosh \eta - 1$ and $\sinh \eta$ into Equation 22:

$$\frac{da}{dt} = H_0 \sqrt{1 - \Omega_0} \cdot 2 \sqrt{\frac{a(1 - \Omega_0)}{\Omega_0}} \left(1 + \frac{a(1 + \Omega_0)}{\Omega_0} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_0}{2a(1 - \Omega_0)} \right) \quad (27)$$

We can then simplify to get back to Equation 2:

$$\frac{da}{dt} = H_0 \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_0}{a} \left(1 + \frac{a(1 + \Omega_0)}{\Omega_0} \right)} = \boxed{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_0/a + (1 - \Omega_0)}} \quad (28)$$

Equations 18 and 19 can then be plotted:

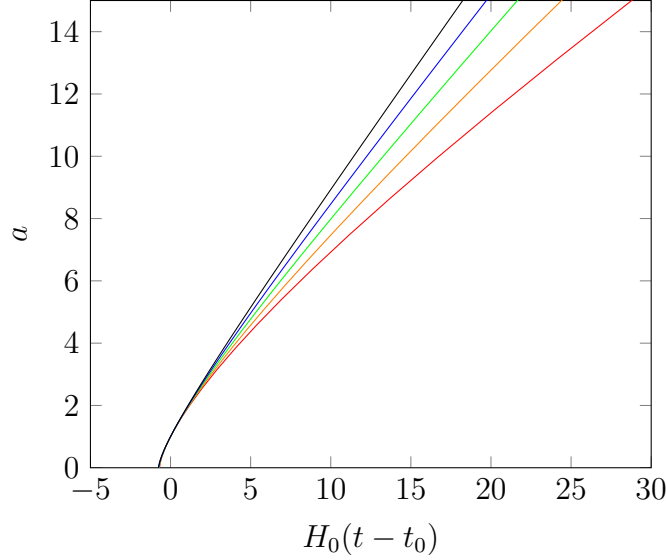


FIGURE 2. Scale Factor vs. Time for universes with $\Omega_0 = 0.9$ (red), 0.8 (orange), 0.7 (green), 0.6 (blue), and 0.5 (black)

Figure 2 shows various universes with $\Omega_0 < 1$. Universes with less matter expand at a faster rate (so are more to the left). Figure 2 was plotted using pgfplots, with the following value of $H_0 t_0$ subtracted from $H_0 t$:

$$H_0 t_0 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega_0}{(1 - \Omega_0)^{3/2}} \left[\sinh \cosh^{-1} \left(\frac{2(1 - \Omega_0)}{\Omega_0} \right) - \cosh^{-1} \left(\frac{2(1 - \Omega_0)}{\Omega_0} \right) \right] \quad (29)$$

It is clear that these universes expand forever, as Equation 18 shows that as $\eta \rightarrow \infty$, $\cosh \eta \rightarrow \infty$ so $a(\eta) \rightarrow \infty$. Equation 19 also approaches infinity because as $\eta \rightarrow \infty$, $\sinh \eta - \eta \rightarrow \infty$ so $t(\eta) \rightarrow \infty$.

6.8a) The Friedmann Equation in the presence of matter and Lambda takes the following form:

$$\frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{a^3} + (1 - \Omega_{m,0}) \quad (30)$$

Multiplying by a^2 (using the fact that $H^2 = \dot{a}^2/a^2$) and setting $\dot{a} = 0$ yields the following:

$$0 = \frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{a} + a^2 - \Omega_{m,0}a^2 \quad (31)$$

We can then solve for $a = a_{max}$ after multiplying by a :

$$0 = \Omega_{m,0} - a_{max}^3(\Omega_{m,0} - 1) \Rightarrow a_{max}^3(\Omega_{m,0} - 1) = \Omega_{m,0} \Rightarrow a_{max} = \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{\Omega_{m,0} - 1} \right)^{1/3} \quad (32)$$

Before showing that Equation 5.98 is true, I will verify 5.99 and then use that to confirm 5.98. Equation 5.99 is the following:

$$H_0 t = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0} - 1}} \sin^{-1} \left[\left(\frac{a}{a_{max}} \right)^{3/2} \right] \quad (33)$$

Differentiating both sides with respect to t results in

$$H_0 = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}-1}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(a/a_{max})^3}} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{a}{a_{max}} \right)^{1/2} \frac{da}{dt} a_{max}^{-1/2} \quad (34)$$

We can then use Equation 32 to substitute for a_{max} , plug in \dot{a} using a variation of Equation 30, and also simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 &= \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}-1}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^3(\Omega_{m,0}-1)/\Omega_{m,0}}} \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}-1}{\Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/6} H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}/a + (1-\Omega_{m,0})a^2} \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}-1}{\Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/3} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}-1}} \cdot \frac{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}/a + (1-\Omega_{m,0})a^2}}{\sqrt{a/\Omega_{m,0}} \sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}/a + (1-\Omega_{m,0})a^2}} \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}-1}{\Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/6} \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}-1}{\Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/3} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{\Omega_{m,0}-1}} \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}-1}{\Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/6} \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}-1}{\Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/3} H_0 \\ &= \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}-1}{\Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{-1/2+1/6+1/3} H_0 \\ &= \boxed{H_0} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, substituting da/dt into Equation 34 yields a true statement, so Equation 33 is a valid solution of the Friedman Equation. To verify Equation 5.98, we can use 5.99 and plug in $a = a_{max}$ and $t = t_{max}$.

$$H_0 t_{max} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}-1}} \sin^{-1} \left[\left(\frac{a_{max}}{a_{max}} \right)^{3/2} \right] = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}-1}} \sin^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}-1}} \quad (35)$$

We can then solve for t_{crunch} using the fact that $t_{crunch} = 2t_{max}$:

$$2t_{max} = \boxed{t_{crunch} = \frac{2\pi}{3H_0\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}-1}}} \quad (36)$$

Equation 33 can be plotted:

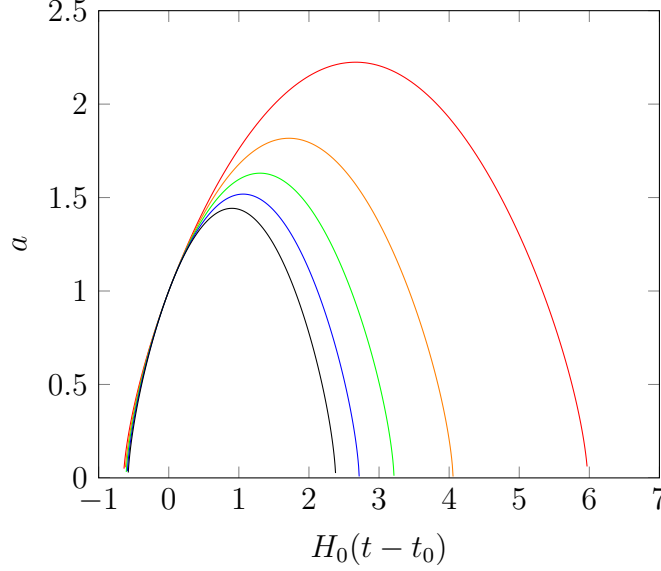


FIGURE 3. Scale Factor vs. Time for universes with $\Omega_{m,0} = 1.1$ (red), 1.2 (orange), 1.3 (green), 1.4 (blue), and 1.5 (black)

Figure 3 shows universes with $\Omega_{m,0} > 1$ and $\Omega_{\Lambda,0} < 0$. The larger values of $\Omega_{m,0}$ have a faster crunch time (so $\Omega_{m,0}$ increases to the left). It was plotted using pgfplots and shifted to the left according to the following equation:

$$H_0 t_0 = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0} - 1}} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0} - 1}{\Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/2} \quad (37)$$

Equation 36 appears to agree with Figure 3. The largest big crunch universe ($\Omega_{m,0} = 1.1$) has $t_{crunch} = 6.623H_0^{-1}$ and $H_0 t_0 = 0.646$ (from Equation 37) so it has $H_0(t - t_0) = 5.977$.

6.8b) For $\Omega_{m,0} < 1$ and $\Omega_{\Lambda,0} > 0$ we can again start with Equation 30:

$$\frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{a^3} + (1 - \Omega_{m,0}) \quad (38)$$

By multiplying by $H_0^2 a^2$ and taking the square root, we end up with the following:

$$\frac{da}{dt} = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}/a + (1 - \Omega_{m,0})a^2} \quad (39)$$

Rearranging Equation 39 yields the following:

$$H_0 t = \int_0^a \frac{da}{\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}/a + (1 - \Omega_{m,0})a^2}} \quad (40)$$

Before moving on, Equation 5.100 can be proven in the following way:

$$\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{a_{m\Lambda}^3} = \Omega_{\Lambda,0} \Rightarrow a_{m\Lambda} = \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{\Omega_{\Lambda,0}} \right)^{1/3} = \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{1 - \Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/3} \quad (41)$$

Back to Equation 40, we can factor and substitute for $a_{m\Lambda}$:

$$H_0 t = \int_0^a \frac{da}{\sqrt{(1 - \Omega_{m,0}) \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{(1 - \Omega_{m,0})a} + a^2 \right)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}} \int_0^a \frac{da}{\sqrt{a_{m\Lambda}^3/a + a^2}} \quad (42)$$

We can then factor again:

$$H_0 t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}} \int_0^a \frac{da}{a_{m\Lambda}^{3/2}/a^{1/2} \sqrt{1 + (a/a_{m\Lambda})^3}} \quad (43)$$

Next, we can perform u-substitution with $u = \sqrt{1 + (a/a_{m\Lambda})^3}$, $du = \frac{1}{2}(1 + (a/a_{m\Lambda})^3)^{-1/2} \cdot \frac{3a^2}{a_{m\Lambda}^3} da$, so $a = [a_{m\Lambda}^3(u^2 - 1)]^{1/3}$ and $da = \frac{2a_{m\Lambda}^3}{3a^2} \sqrt{1 + (a/a_{m\Lambda})^3} du$. Additionally, the new limits become $a = 0 \rightarrow u = 1$ and $a = a \rightarrow u = u$. The top limit will be substituted later (it is set as u for simplicity). It is actually $u = \sqrt{1 + (a/a_{m\Lambda})^3}$.

$$H_0 t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}} \int_1^u \frac{a^{1/2}}{a_{m\Lambda}^{3/2}} \cdot \frac{2a_{m\Lambda}^3}{3a^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1 + (a/a_{m\Lambda})^3} du}{\sqrt{1 + (a/a_{m\Lambda})^3}} \quad (44)$$

We can then complete the substitution:

$$H_0 t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}} \int_1^u \frac{2a_{m\Lambda}^{3/2}}{3a^{3/2}} du = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}} \int_1^u \frac{a_{m\Lambda}^{3/2}}{\sqrt{a_{m\Lambda}^3(u^2 - 1)}} du \quad (45)$$

Equation 45 can be simplified:

$$H_0 t = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}} \int_1^u \frac{1}{\sqrt{u^2 - 1}} du \quad (46)$$

To solve Equation 46, we can use trigonometric substitution. To do this we can let $u = \sec \theta$, so $du = \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$. Also, the substitution allows for us to say that $\tan \theta = \sqrt{u^2 - 1}$. The limits become $u = 1 \rightarrow \theta = 0$ and $u = u \rightarrow \theta = \sec^{-1} u$.

$$H_0 t = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}} \int_0^{\sec^{-1} u} \frac{\sec \theta \tan \theta}{\tan \theta} d\theta = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}} \int_0^{\sec^{-1} u} \sec \theta d\theta \quad (47)$$

We can then solve the integral:

$$H_0 t = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}} \int_0^{\sec^{-1} u} \frac{\sec^2 \theta + \sec \theta \tan \theta}{\sec \theta + \tan \theta} d\theta = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}} [\ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta|]_0^{\sec^{-1} u} \quad (48)$$

Creating a triangle with the angle $\sec \theta = u$ results in $u = \sqrt{1 + (a/a_{m\Lambda})^3}$ being the hypotenuse, with 1 the adjacent side and $(a/a_{m\Lambda})^{3/2}$ the opposite side. This means that $\tan(\sec^{-1} u) = (a/a_{m\Lambda})^{3/2}$. We can plug these results into Equation 48.

$$H_0 t = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}} \ln |u + \tan(\sec^{-1} u)| = \boxed{\frac{2}{3\sqrt{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}} \ln \left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{a}{a_{m\Lambda}} \right)^3} + \left(\frac{a}{a_{m\Lambda}} \right)^{3/2} \right]} \quad (49)$$

For $a \ll a_{m\Lambda}$, we can assume $\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{a}{a_{m\Lambda}}\right)^3} \approx 1$ because the a component is negligible compared to 1. We can then use the Taylor series approximation $\ln(1+x) \approx x$. This gives the following approximation:

$$H_0 t \approx \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}}} \ln \left[1 + \left(\frac{a}{a_{m\Lambda}} \right)^{3/2} \right] \approx \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}}} \left(\frac{a}{a_{m\Lambda}} \right)^{3/2} \quad (50)$$

We can then solve for $a(t)$:

$$a(t) \approx \left(\frac{3H_0 t \sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}}}{2a_{m\Lambda}^{3/2}} \right)^{2/3} = \left[\frac{3}{2} H_0 t (1-\Omega_{m,0})^{1/2} \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{1-\Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/2} \right]^{2/3} \quad (51)$$

Further simplification yields the following solution:

$$\boxed{a(t) \approx \left(\frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}} H_0 t \right)^{2/3}} \quad (52)$$

In the case of $a \gg a_{m\Lambda}$, the 1 in the square root term from Equation 49 becomes insignificant compared to the a component.

$$H_0 t \approx \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}}} \ln \left[2 \left(\frac{a}{a_{m\Lambda}} \right)^{3/2} \right] \quad (53)$$

We can then exponentiate to solve for $a(t)$:

$$\exp(3H_0 t \sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}}/2) = 2 \left(\frac{a}{a_{m\Lambda}} \right)^{3/2} \Rightarrow \boxed{a(t) \approx 2^{-2/3} a_{m\Lambda} \exp(\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}} H_0 t)} \quad (54)$$

Equation 54 is slightly different from Equation 5.103—it is shifted vertically. However, it matches Equation 49 when graphed so I will keep the $2^{-2/3}$ factor. To verify Equation 5.104, we can set $a = 1$ in Equation 49:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 t &= \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}}} \ln(1/a_{m\Lambda}^{3/2} + \sqrt{1+a_{m\Lambda}^{-3}}) \\ &= \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}}} \ln \left[\left(\frac{1-\Omega_{m,0}}{\Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/2} + \left(\frac{\Omega_{m,0} + 1 - \Omega_{m,0}}{\Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/2} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}}} \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}} + 1}{\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Solving for $t = t_0$ yields

$$\boxed{t_0 = \frac{2H_0^{-1}}{3\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}}} \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}} + 1}{\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}}} \right)} \quad (55)$$

We can then plug in $\Omega_{m,0} = 0.32$ and $H_0^{-1} = 14.60$ Gyr (from $H_0 = 67 \pm 2$ km/s/Mpc) to approximate t_0 for our universe:

$$t_0 \approx \frac{2(H_0^{-1})}{3\sqrt{1-0.32}} \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-0.32} + 1}{\sqrt{0.32}} \right) = 0.9468 H_0^{-1} = \boxed{13.822 \pm 0.401 \text{ Gyr}} \quad (56)$$

$t_{m\Lambda}$ is the time when $a = a_{m\Lambda}$ and can be found by making the corresponding substitution:

$$t_{m\Lambda} = \frac{3H_0^{-1}}{2\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}}} \ln(\sqrt{2}+1) \approx \frac{2(H_0^{-1})}{3\sqrt{1-0.32}} \ln(1+\sqrt{2}) = \boxed{0.7125H_0^{-1} = 10.400 \pm 0.297 \text{ Gyr}} \quad (57)$$

Equation 49 can be plotted:

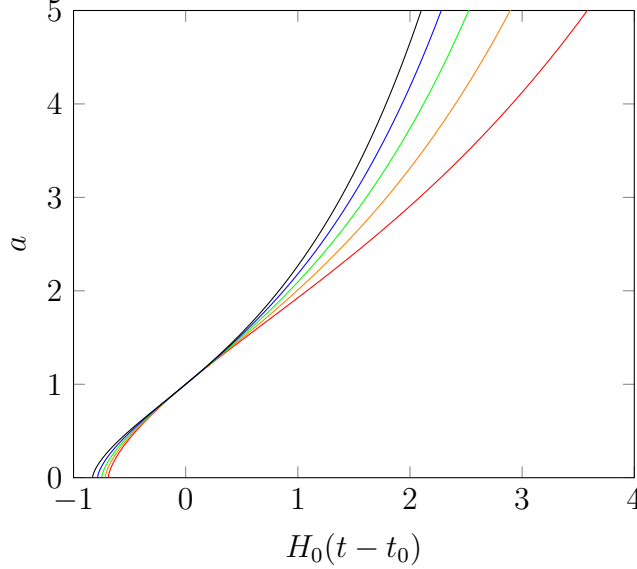


FIGURE 4. Scale Factor vs. Time for universes with $\Omega_{m,0} = 0.9$ (red), 0.8 (orange), 0.7 (green), 0.6 (blue), and 0.5 (black)

Figure 4 shows universes with $\Omega_{m,0} < 1$. The universes that accelerate faster have lower $\Omega_{m,0}$, so $\Omega_{m,0}$ increases to the right. This equation was plotted parametrically, and the x component was shifted to the left according to

$$H_0 t_0 = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}}} \ln \left[\left(\frac{1-\Omega_{m,0}}{\Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/2} + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{1-\Omega_{m,0}}{\Omega_{m,0}} \right)} \right] \quad (58)$$

These universes expand forever, as both terms within the natural log increase with a , so as $a \rightarrow \infty$, $H_0 t \rightarrow \infty$.

6.9) We are given the following formulation of the Friedmann Equation:

$$\frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \frac{\Omega_{r,0}}{a^4} + \frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{a^3} \quad (59)$$

Equation 59 can then be solved for \dot{a} :

$$\frac{da}{dt} = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}/a^2 + \Omega_{m,0}/a} = \frac{H_0}{a} \sqrt{\Omega_{r,0} \left(1 + \frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{\Omega_{r,0}} a \right)} \quad (60)$$

Before moving on, we can make an expression for a_{rm} :

$$\frac{\Omega_{r,0}}{a_{rm}^4} = \frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{a_{rm}^3} \Rightarrow a_{rm} = \frac{\Omega_{r,0}}{\Omega_{m,0}} \quad (61)$$

Substituting Equation 61 into Equation 60 gives the following:

$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}}{a} \sqrt{1 + a/a_{rm}} \Rightarrow H_0 dt = \frac{ada}{\Omega_{r,0}^{1/2} \left[1 + \frac{a}{a_{rm}}\right]^{-1/2}} \quad (62)$$

Equation 62 is the outcome we should get by differentiating 5.110, which is as follows:

$$H_0 t = \frac{4a_{rm}^2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}} \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{a}{2a_{rm}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{a}{a_{rm}}\right)^{1/2} \right] \quad (63)$$

The following should be true:

$$\frac{a}{\Omega_{r,0}^{1/2} \left[1 + \frac{a}{a_{rm}}\right]^{-1/2}} = \frac{d}{da} \left[\frac{4a_{rm}^2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}} \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{a}{2a_{rm}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{a}{a_{rm}}\right)^{1/2} \right] \right] \quad (64)$$

We can then go through with the differentiation:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{-4a_{rm}^2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}} \left[\left(\frac{-1}{2a_{rm}} \right) \left(1 + \frac{a}{a_{rm}}\right)^{1/2} + \left(1 - \frac{a}{2a_{rm}}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{a}{a_{rm}}\right)^{-1/2} \cdot \frac{1}{a_{rm}} \right] \\ &= \frac{-4a_{rm}^2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}} \left[\frac{-1/(2a_{rm}) - a/(2a_{rm}^2) + 1/(2a_{rm}) - a/(4a_{rm}^2)}{\sqrt{1 + a/a_{rm}}} \right] \\ &= \frac{-4a_{rm}^2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}} \left(\frac{-3a}{4a_{rm}^2} \right) \left[1 + \frac{a}{a_{rm}} \right]^{-1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we are left with the following statement, confirming the fact that 5.110 is a solution of 5.108:

$$\boxed{\frac{a}{\Omega_{r,0}^{1/2} \left[1 + \frac{a}{a_{rm}}\right]^{-1/2}} = \frac{a}{\Omega_{r,0}^{1/2} \left[1 + \frac{a}{a_{rm}}\right]^{-1/2}}} \quad (65)$$

For $a \ll a_{rm}$, we can approximate Equation 63 by using the third-order Taylor series expansion of the part of the equation in brackets. The approximation will work the following way, if we say that $f(a) = H_0 t$:

$$H_0 t \approx f(0) + f'(0)a + \frac{1}{2}f''(0)a^2 \quad (66)$$

First, we can solve for $f(0)$ by plugging in $a = 0$ to Equation 63.

$$f(0) = \frac{4a_{rm}^2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}} \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{0}{2a_{rm}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{0}{a_{rm}}\right)^{1/2} \right] = \frac{4a_{rm}^2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}} (1 - 1) = 0 \quad (67)$$

Next, we can solve for $f'(0)$ by differentiating Equation 63, which was already done to obtain Equation 65, so we can simply plug in $a = 0$ to that:

$$f'(a) = \frac{a}{\Omega_{r,0}^{1/2} \left[1 + \frac{a}{a_{rm}}\right]^{-1/2}} \Rightarrow f'(0) = \frac{0}{\Omega_{r,0}^{1/2} \left[1 + \frac{0}{a_{rm}}\right]^{-1/2}} = 0 \quad (68)$$

Next, we can find $f''(0)$ by differentiating Equation 65 and plugging in $a = 0$.

$$f''(a) = \frac{1}{\Omega_{r,0}^{1/2} \left[1 + \frac{a}{a_{rm}}\right]^{-1/2}} - \frac{a}{2\Omega_{r,0}^{1/2} \left[1 + \frac{a}{a_{rm}}\right]^{-3/2}} \left(\frac{1}{a_{rm}} \right) \Rightarrow f''(0) = \frac{1}{\Omega_{r,0}^{1/2}} \quad (69)$$

Now, we can do the Taylor approximation:

$$H_0 t \approx \frac{a^2}{2\Omega_{r,0}^{1/2}} \Rightarrow \boxed{a \approx (2\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}H_0 t)^{1/2}} \quad (70)$$

In the case of $a \gg a_{rm}$, we can approximate Equation 63 by getting rid of all of the 1s, as they are negligible compared to the terms that depend on a :

$$H_0 t \approx \frac{4a_{rm}^2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}} \left(\frac{a}{2a_{rm}} \right) \left(\frac{a}{a_{rm}} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{4a_{rm}^2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}} \left(\frac{a^{3/2}}{2a_{rm}^{3/2}} \right) \quad (71)$$

Further simplification yields the following:

$$H_0 t \approx \frac{2a_{rm}^{1/2}a^{3/2}}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}} \Rightarrow a \approx \left(\frac{3}{2}H_0 t \Omega_{r,0}^{1/2} \frac{\Omega_{m,0}^{1/2}}{\Omega_{r,0}^{1/2}} \right)^{2/3} \quad (72)$$

We are then left with

$$\boxed{a \approx \left(\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}}H_0 t \right)^{2/3}} \quad (73)$$

To find the time where radiation and matter are equal, we can set $a = a_{rm}$ in Equation 63.

$$H_0 t_{rm} = \frac{4a_{rm}^2}{3\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}} \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) (1+1)^{1/2} \right] \Rightarrow \boxed{t_{rm} = \frac{4}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \frac{a_{rm}^2}{\sqrt{\Omega_{r,0}}} H_0^{-1}} \quad (74)$$

Equation 74 is approximately equal to

$$t_{rm} \approx 0.3905 \frac{\Omega_{r,0}^2}{\Omega_{m,0}^2 \Omega_{r,0}^{1/2}} H_0^{-1} = \boxed{0.3905 \frac{\Omega_{r,0}^{3/2}}{\Omega_{m,0}^2} H_0^{-1}} \quad (75)$$

For our universe, Equation 75 is equal to the following (with $H_0^{-1} = 14.60$ Gyr, $\Omega_{m,0} = 0.32$, and $\Omega_{r,0} = 9.0 \times 10^{-5}$):

$$t_{rm} \approx 0.3905 \frac{(9.0 \times 10^{-5})^{3/2}}{0.32^2} H_0^{-1} = \boxed{3.256 \times 10^{-6} H_0^{-1} = 47526 \pm 1457 \text{ yr}} \quad (76)$$

z_{rm} can be calculated with Equation 61:

$$a_{rm} = \frac{\Omega_{r,0}}{\Omega_{m,0}} = \frac{9.0 \times 10^{-5}}{0.32} \approx 2.813 \times 10^{-4} \Rightarrow \boxed{z_{rm} = \frac{1 - a_{rm}}{a_{rm}} \approx 3555} \quad (77)$$