

Homework 2 Solution

AST422

(1)

$$T_0 = \frac{1}{H_0} = \frac{1}{500 \text{ km/s/Mpc}} = \frac{1}{500 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s} / 3.09 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}} = 6.2 \times 10^{16} \text{ s} = \frac{6.2 \times 10^{16} \text{ s}}{3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s}} = 2 \text{ Gyr} \\ < T_{\text{earth}} \sim 5 \text{ Gyr}$$

(2)

$$T_0 = \frac{1}{H_0} = \frac{1}{73 \text{ km/s/Mpc}} = \frac{1}{73 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s} / 3.09 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}} = 4.2 \times 10^{17} \text{ s} = \frac{4.2 \times 10^{17} \text{ s}}{3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s}} \approx 13.4 \text{ Gyr}$$

(3)

$$R_0 = \frac{c}{H_0} = \frac{3 \times 10^5 \text{ km/s}}{71 \text{ km/s/Mpc}} = 4225 \text{ Mpc} \sim 4300 \text{ Mpc}$$