

Homework 1 Solution

AST422

(a)

Assume : $P(z) = L(z) = \text{const}$

$\rho(z) = \text{const} \Rightarrow n(z) = \text{const}, \text{assume}, m = \text{const}$

1.

Euclidian : z

$$S(r) = \frac{L(r)}{4\pi r^2} \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$N(> S) = \int_0^r n(r) 4\pi r^2 dr = 4\pi n \cdot \frac{1}{3} r^3 = \frac{4\pi n}{3} \left(\frac{L}{4\pi S}\right)^{3/2} \propto S^{-3/2}$$

Discussion:

simply, assume :

$$L(r) \sim r^{-\alpha}, n(r) \sim r^{-\beta}$$

$$S(r) = \frac{L(r)}{4\pi r^2} \propto \frac{1}{r^{2+\alpha}}$$

1)

$2 + \alpha > 0$:

$$r \uparrow, L(r) \uparrow, \text{or } \downarrow \text{ slower, than, } \frac{1}{r^2}, S(r) \downarrow$$

$$N(> S) = \int_0^r n(r) 4\pi r^2 dr \sim \int_0^r r^{-\beta} r^2 dr \sim \frac{1}{3-\beta} r^{3-\beta} \Big|_{\epsilon}^r \sim \frac{1}{3-\beta} S^{-\frac{3-\beta}{2+\alpha}}$$

$3 - \beta > 0$:

$$r \uparrow, n(r) \uparrow, \text{or } \downarrow \text{ slower, than, } \frac{1}{r^3}, N(> S) \uparrow$$

$$S \uparrow, N(> S) \downarrow$$

$3 - \beta < 0$:

$$r \uparrow, n(r) \downarrow \text{ faster, than, } \frac{1}{r^3}, N(> S) \uparrow$$

$$S \uparrow, N(> S) \downarrow$$

2)

$2 + \alpha < 0$:

$r \uparrow, L(r) \uparrow$ faster, than, $r^2, S(r) \uparrow$

$$N(> S) = \int_r^\infty n(r) 4\pi r^2 dr \sim \int_r^\infty r^{-\beta} r^2 dr \sim \frac{1}{3-\beta} r^{3-\beta} \Big|_r^\infty \sim \frac{1}{3-\beta} S^{-\frac{3-\beta}{2+\alpha}} \Big|_s^\infty$$

$3 - \beta > 0$:

$r \uparrow, n(r) \uparrow$, or \downarrow slower, than, $\frac{1}{r^3}, N(> S) \uparrow$

$S \uparrow, N(> S) \downarrow$

$3 - \beta < 0$:

$r \uparrow, n(r) \downarrow$ faster, than, $\frac{1}{r^3}, N(> S) \uparrow$

$S \uparrow, N(> S) \downarrow$

Other assumptions:

If not Euclidian space, geometry $f \sim 1/r^2$ no longer hold.

Expanding/Contracting universe, the light would be redshifted/blueshifted.

Finite age of the universe changes the integration upper limit to horizon distance.

(b)

$$N(> S) \propto S^{-\gamma}$$

$$n(S) = \frac{dN(> S)}{dS} \propto S^{-\gamma-1}$$

$$B = \int_0^\infty n(S) S dS \propto \int_0^\infty S^{-\gamma-1} S dS \propto \frac{1}{1-\gamma} S^{-\gamma+1} \Big|_0^\infty$$

$1 - \gamma > 0$, i.e., $\gamma < 1$, diverge, for, bright, fluxes

$1 - \gamma < 0$, i.e., $\gamma > 1$, diverge, for, faint, fluxes

$$\gamma = 1, B = \ln S \Big|_0^\infty \rightarrow \infty$$

for, finite, upper limit, of, S , in, reality, observation,

$\Rightarrow \gamma > 1$, infinite

$\Rightarrow \gamma < 1$, finite

(c)

1)

$$m = -2.5 \log S + C$$

$$\Rightarrow S = C \cdot 10^{-0.4m}$$

from, (a)

$$N(< m) = N(> S) \propto S^{-3/2} \propto 10^{-3/2 \cdot (-0.4m)} \propto 10^{0.6m}$$

2)

$$\text{for, } N(< m) \propto 10^{\alpha m}$$

$$B = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} n(m) S(m) dm$$

$$n(m) = \frac{dN(< m)}{dm} \propto 10^{\alpha m}$$

$$S(m) \propto 10^{-0.4m}$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} n(m) S(m) dm \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 10^{-0.4m} \cdot 10^{\alpha m} dm \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 10^{(\alpha-0.4)m} dm \propto 10^{(\alpha-0.4)m} \Big|_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$$

similarly, constrain, the, bright, end

$\alpha > 0.4$, infinite

$\alpha < 0.4$, finite

3)

dark night, finite age of the universe