

# Hubble's Law and The FRW Metric

We have read Hubble's 1929 paper, seen what is now called a Hubble Plot, and we know the current best estimate of the expansion rate of the universe today

$$H_0 \approx \frac{70 \text{ km/sec}}{\text{Mpc}}$$

TWB use  $H_0 = (73 \pm 2) \frac{\text{km/sec}}{\text{Mpc}}$

and in units where  $c=1$  and time is measured in meters

$$H_0 = (8.0 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-27} \frac{1}{\text{meter}}$$

That's the observation. The theory is that

$$(\Delta \tau)^2 = \Delta t^2 - R^2(t) [(\Delta x)^2 + S^2(x) (\Delta \phi)^2]$$

what is the relationship between  $H$  and  $R$ ?

Well, that is easy actually.  $H(t)$  is the slope of the line in the Hubble Plot.  $H_0$  is the value of that slope today.

The slope of the line is the recession velocity of a galaxy divided by the distance to the galaxy. The distance to a galaxy at  $\chi_{\text{galaxy}}$  is  $d(t) = R(t) \chi_{\text{galaxy}}$ .

The recession velocity is

$$\frac{d(t+\Delta t) - d(t)}{\Delta t}$$

So

$$H(t) = \frac{\frac{d(t+\Delta t) - d(t)}{\Delta t}}{d(t)} = \frac{\frac{R(t+\Delta t) - R(t)}{\Delta t} \chi_{\text{galaxy}}}{R(t) \chi_{\text{galaxy}}}$$

$\frac{R(t+\Delta t) - R(t)}{\Delta t}$  is the derivative of

$R(t)$  w.r.t.  $t$ , usually written  $\frac{dR}{dt}$ , but TWB have a shorthand,  $\dot{R}$ , so we'll use that:  $H(t) = \frac{\dot{R}}{R}$  This is Eq. 60