

Eureka Proposal — Redshift reduction telescope

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1.1 Theme Chosen

Theme 3: Intelligent Systems (Robotics, Coding and Machines)

1.2 Grade and Section

- Bodapati, Shashank: 7B
- Jain, Daksh: 7D
- Malhan, Shivansh: 7A
- Shokeen, Ahaan: 7A

1.3 Roles

- Bodapati, Shashank: Prototyper
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- Malhan, Shivansh: Presenter
- Shokeen, Ahaan: Documenter

2 Problem Statement

We want to address the problem of cosmological redshift and blueshift. This is a problem because whilst astronomers can use software to correct for redshift and blueshift (hereon referred to as RSBS), it is annoying to obtain the image and then correct it. Our product aims to be an all-in-one tool; a telescope that colour corrects for RSBS, analyses the images to compare them with images of known, catalogued galaxies; to obtain the distance, obtains the velocity, obtains the redshift z ; negative values are blueshift, and positive values are redshift.

3 Background Research

3.1 Mathematics (wow)

In our project, we have used the physical concepts of special relativity, Hubble's law, cosmological expansion, redshift and blueshift, and the computer science concept of programming. These shall be applied into the product through programming, i.e., we shall program the computer to account for these effects, such as adjusting for relativity and colour-correcting the images, using OpenCV, a Python library that is good at editing images through code. To demonstrate this, some mathematics follows:

Converting H_0 to SI units (we do not want to make that mistake again):

$$H_0 \approx 69.8 \text{ kms}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1} = \frac{69.8 \cdot 10^3}{10^6(3.09 \cdot 10^{16})} \approx 2.23 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Using the formula for a galaxy 40 Ym away with an emitted wavelength of 620 nm:

$$v = H_0 \cdot d \Rightarrow v = (2.23 \cdot 10^{-18})(4 \cdot 10^{25}) = 8.92 \cdot 10^7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

Because we are dealing with speeds close to the speed of light, we cannot use the simple Doppler formula $z = \frac{v}{c}$. Hence, we must use the full relativistic formula:

$$z = \left(1 + \frac{v}{c}\right)\gamma - 1.$$

γ , the Lorentz factor, is approximately 1 for all $v \ll c$, but since this galaxy is receding at a speed close to the speed of light, we must calculate it through:

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}.$$

Now, substituting that into the original formula:

$$z = \left(1 + \frac{v}{c}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} - 1$$

Finally, we can substitute our own values into the formula:

$$z = \left(1 + \frac{8.92 \cdot 10^7}{3 \cdot 10^8}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{(8.92 \cdot 10^7)^2}{(3 \cdot 10^8)^2}}} - 1 \approx 0.359$$

Hence, the observed wavelength is calculated by $\lambda_{obs} = \lambda_{emit}(1 + z)$:

$$\lambda_{obs} = (6.2 \cdot 10^{-7})(1 + 0.359) \approx 8.43 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 843 \text{ nm}$$

This shifts the visible red light into the infrared spectrum. Our telescope then reverses this process to reconstruct the original image.

3.2 Extant solutions

Solutions to this that are currently present include:

- Manual computer processing after image capture
- Manually using formulae to reconstruct image

The underlying problem is the lack of convenient conversion. If the above calculations were to be carried out through an integrated computer that displayed the image relatively quickly, it would be easy to obtain a nice view of the observable universe.

4 Challenges and Fallacious Mathematics

4.1 Forgetting SI unit conversion

These can be demonstrated through a mathematical example for a galaxy with real wavelength 620 nm and a distance of 400 Pm:

$$v = H_0 \cdot d \Rightarrow v \approx 69.8(4 \cdot 10^{17}) = 2.792 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

Because we are dealing with speeds faster than the speed of light, we cannot use the simple Doppler formula $z = \frac{v}{c}$. Hence, we must use the full relativistic formula:

$$z = \left(1 + \frac{v}{c}\right)\gamma - 1.$$

γ , the Lorentz factor, is approximately 1 for all $v \ll c$, but since this galaxy is receding faster than the speed of light, we must calculate it through:

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}.$$

Now, substituting that into the original formula:

$$z = \left(1 + \frac{v}{c}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} - 1$$

Finally, we can substitute our own values into the formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= \left(1 + \frac{2.792 \cdot 10^{19}}{3 \cdot 10^8}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{(2.792 \cdot 10^{19})^2}{(3 \cdot 10^8)^2}}} - 1 = (9.3067 \cdot 10^{10}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{-9.3067 \cdot 10^{10}}} - 1 \\
 &= (9.3067 \cdot 10^{10}) \frac{1}{305068.2984} i - 1 = \frac{9.3067 \cdot 10^{10}}{305068.2984} i - 1 = 305068.2984 i - 1 \\
 &= -1 + 305068.2984 i
 \end{aligned}$$

Interesting, a complex redshift! This is physically impossible, because i is *imaginary*, but the reason for this error is because we have forgotten to convert H_0 into SI units. It was quite funny when we discovered we had complex redshift, because, well, that means the galaxy is outside the Hubble Horizon and pulling the light back with it.

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