

# Cosmology Homework 3

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## Problem 1: 12/12

### part 1. 2/2

$$C[\mathcal{N}_A](\vec{p}) = \int d^3\vec{p}' d^3\vec{q} d^3\vec{q}' \delta^4(p^\mu + p'^\mu - q^\mu - q'^\mu) \Gamma(p^\mu, p'^\mu, q^\mu, q'^\mu) \\ \left[ -f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1+f_B(\vec{q})) (1+f_B(\vec{q}')) + f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1-f_A(\vec{p})) (1-f_A(\vec{p}')) \right] \checkmark$$

$$C[\mathcal{N}_B](\vec{q}) = \int d^3\vec{q}' d^3\vec{p} d^3\vec{p}' \delta^4(p^\mu + p'^\mu - q^\mu - q'^\mu) \Gamma(p^\mu, p'^\mu, q^\mu, q'^\mu) \\ \left[ -f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1-f_A(\vec{p})) (1-f_A(\vec{p}')) + f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1+f_B(\vec{q})) (1+f_B(\vec{q}')) \right] \checkmark$$

$$d_t(a^3 n) = a^3 \dot{n}|_{\text{coll}} \text{ in a static universe } \Rightarrow d_t n = \dot{n}|_{\text{coll}} = \int d^3 p C[\mathcal{N}]$$

$$d_t(n_A + n_B) = \int d^3 p C[\mathcal{N}_A](\vec{p}) + \int d^3 q C[\mathcal{N}_B](\vec{q}) \\ = \int d^3 p d^3 p' d^3 q d^3 q' \delta^4(\Sigma p_i^\mu) \Gamma(p_i^\mu) \\ \left[ -f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1+f_B(\vec{q})) (1+f_B(\vec{q}')) + f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1-f_A(\vec{p})) (1-f_A(\vec{p}')) \right. \\ \left. - f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1-f_A(\vec{p})) (1-f_A(\vec{p}')) + f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1+f_B(\vec{q})) (1+f_B(\vec{q}')) \right] \\ = 0 \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

### part 2. 2/2

$$\dot{a} = 0 \Rightarrow d_t \rho = \dot{\rho}|_{\text{coll}} = \int d^3 p C[\mathcal{N}](\vec{p}) E(\vec{p})$$

$$d_t(\rho_A + \rho_B) = \int d^3 p C[\mathcal{N}_A](\vec{p}) E(\vec{p}) + \int d^3 q C[\mathcal{N}_B](\vec{q}) E(\vec{q}) \\ = \int d^3 p d^3 p' d^3 q d^3 q' \delta^4(\Sigma p_i^\mu) \Gamma(p_i^\mu) \leftarrow \text{for brevity, we'll write this } \int_{p_i} \Gamma \\ \left\{ \left[ -f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1+f_B(\vec{q})) (1+f_B(\vec{q}')) + f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1-f_A(\vec{p})) (1-f_A(\vec{p}')) \right] E(\vec{p}) \right. \\ \left. + \left[ -f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1-f_A(\vec{p})) (1-f_A(\vec{p}')) + f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1+f_B(\vec{q})) (1+f_B(\vec{q}')) \right] E(\vec{q}) \right\} \\ \int d^3 p d^3 p' S(\vec{p}, \vec{p}') E(\vec{p}) = \int d^3 p d^3 p' S(\vec{p}, \vec{p}') \frac{E(\vec{p}) + E(\vec{p}')}{2} \text{ if } S(p, p') = S(p', p) \text{ so} \\ d_t(\rho_A + \rho_B) = \int_{p_i} \Gamma \left\{ \left[ -f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1+f_B(\vec{q})) (1+f_B(\vec{q}')) + f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1-f_A(\vec{p})) (1-f_A(\vec{p}')) \right] \frac{E(\vec{p}) + E(\vec{p}')}{2} \right. \\ \left. + \left[ -f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1-f_A(\vec{p})) (1-f_A(\vec{p}')) + f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1+f_B(\vec{q})) (1+f_B(\vec{q}')) \right] \frac{E(\vec{q}) + E(\vec{q}')}{2} \right\}$$

by conservation of energy (e.g. the 0-component of the  $\delta^4$ ),  $E(\vec{p}) + E(\vec{p}') = E(\vec{q}) + E(\vec{q}')$ . hence,

$$d_t(\rho_A + \rho_B) = \int_{p_i} \Gamma \frac{E(\vec{p}) + E(\vec{p}')}{2} \left[ -f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1+f_B(\vec{q})) (1+f_B(\vec{q}')) + f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1-f_A(\vec{p})) (1-f_A(\vec{p}')) \right. \\ \left. - f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1-f_A(\vec{p})) (1-f_A(\vec{p}')) + f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1+f_B(\vec{q})) (1+f_B(\vec{q}')) \right] \\ = 0. \quad \checkmark$$

part 3.  $2/2$

$$C[\mathcal{N}_A] = \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{N}_A = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{g_A}{h^3} f_A \right) = \frac{g_A}{h^3} \frac{d}{dt} f_A$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} H_A = \frac{g_A}{h^3} \int d^3 p \frac{d}{dt} \left[ f_A(\vec{p}) \ln f_A(\vec{p}) + (1 - f_A(\vec{p})) \ln(1 - f_A(\vec{p})) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} [f \ln f + (1-f) \ln(1-f)] &= \dot{f} \ln f + f \frac{1}{f} \dot{f} + (-\dot{f}) \ln(1-f) + (1-f) \frac{1}{1-f} (-\dot{f}) \\ &= \dot{f} (1 + \ln f) - \dot{f} [1 + \ln(1-f)] \\ &= \dot{f} [1 + \ln f - 1 - \ln(1-f)] \\ &= \dot{f} [\ln f - \ln(1-f)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} H_A &= \frac{g_A}{h^3} \int d^3 p \dot{f}_A(\vec{p}) [\ln f_A(\vec{p}) - \ln(1 - f_A(\vec{p}))] \\ &= \int d^3 p C[\mathcal{N}_A](\vec{p}) [\ln f_A(\vec{p}) - \ln(1 - f_A(\vec{p}))] \\ &= \int_{p_i} \Gamma [\ln f_A(\vec{p}) - \ln(1 - f_A(\vec{p}))] \left[ -f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1 + f_B(\vec{q})) (1 + f_B(\vec{q}')) + f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1 - f_A(\vec{p})) (1 - f_A(\vec{p}')) \right] \\ &= \int_{p_i} \Gamma \frac{\ln f_A(\vec{p}) - \ln(1 - f_A(\vec{p})) + \ln f_A(\vec{p}') - \ln(1 - f_A(\vec{p}'))}{2} [\dots] \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

part 4.  $2/2$

$$\frac{d}{dt} H_B = \frac{g_B}{h^3} \int d^3 q \frac{d}{dt} [f_B(\vec{q}) \ln f_B(\vec{q}) - (1 + f_B(\vec{q})) \ln(1 + f_B(\vec{q}))]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [f \ln f - (1+f) \ln(1+f)] = \dot{f} (1 + \ln f) - \dot{f} [1 + \ln(1+f)] = \dot{f} [\ln f - \ln(1+f)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} H_B &= \frac{g_B}{h^3} \int d^3 q \dot{f}_B(\vec{q}) [\ln f_B(\vec{q}) - \ln(1 + f_B(\vec{q}))] \\ &= \int d^3 q C[\mathcal{N}_B](\vec{q}) [\ln f_B(\vec{q}) - \ln(1 + f_B(\vec{q}))] \\ &= \int_{p_i} \Gamma [\ln f_B(\vec{q}) - \ln(1 + f_B(\vec{q}))] \\ &\quad \times \left[ -f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1 - f_A(\vec{p})) (1 - f_A(\vec{p}')) + f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1 + f_B(\vec{q})) (1 + f_B(\vec{q}')) \right] \\ &= \int_{p_i} \Gamma \frac{\ln f_B(\vec{q}) - \ln(1 + f_B(\vec{q})) + \ln f_B(\vec{q}') - \ln(1 + f_B(\vec{q}'))}{2} \\ &\quad \times \left[ -f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1 - f_A(\vec{p})) (1 - f_A(\vec{p}')) + f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1 + f_B(\vec{q})) (1 + f_B(\vec{q}')) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} H &= \frac{d}{dt} H_A + \frac{d}{dt} H_B \\ &= \int_{p_i} \Gamma \left[ -f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1 + f_B(\vec{q})) (1 + f_B(\vec{q}')) + f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1 - f_A(\vec{p})) (1 - f_A(\vec{p}')) \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln f_A(\vec{p}) + \ln f_A(\vec{p}') - \ln(1 - f_A(\vec{p})) - \ln(1 - f_A(\vec{p}')) - \ln f_B(\vec{q}) - \ln f_B(\vec{q}') + \ln(1 + f_B(\vec{q})) + \ln(1 + f_B(\vec{q}')) \right] \\ &\quad \times \left[ \ln f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1 + f_B(\vec{q})) (1 + f_B(\vec{q}')) - \ln f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1 - f_A(\vec{p})) (1 - f_A(\vec{p}')) \right] \\ &= \int_{p_i} \frac{1}{2} \Gamma \left( \underbrace{X - Y}_{\ln Y - \ln X} \right) \quad \text{for } \begin{aligned} X &= f_B(\vec{q}) f_B(\vec{q}') (1 - f_A(\vec{p})) (1 - f_A(\vec{p}')) \\ Y &= f_A(\vec{p}) f_A(\vec{p}') (1 + f_B(\vec{q})) (1 + f_B(\vec{q}')) \end{aligned} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

part 5. 1/1

show  $(X-Y)(\ln Y - \ln X) \leq 0$  for  $X, Y > 0$ .

if  $X=Y$ , it's trivially zero. further, it's symmetric wrt  $X \leftrightarrow Y$  so WLOG assume  $X > Y$ .

$\ln$  is monotonically increasing wrt its argument, so  $X > Y \Rightarrow \ln X > \ln Y$ .

hence  $X > Y \Rightarrow (X-Y) > 0, (\ln Y - \ln X) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow (X-Y)(\ln Y - \ln X) < 0$$

so generally  $(X-Y)(\ln Y - \ln X) \leq 0$  with equality only if  $X=Y$ . ✓

part 6. 3/3

obj function:  $H + \alpha(n_A + n_B) + \beta(\rho_A + \rho_B)$ .

$$n = \int d^3p \mathcal{N} = \frac{g}{h^3} \int d^3p f, \quad \rho = \int d^3p \mathcal{N} E(p) = \frac{g}{h^3} \int d^3p f E(p)$$

$$H_A + H_B = \frac{g_A}{h^3} \int d^3p \left[ f_A(\vec{p}) \ln f_A(\vec{p}) + (1-f_A(\vec{p})) \ln(1-f_A(\vec{p})) \right] + \frac{g_B}{h^3} \int d^3q \left[ f_B(\vec{q}) \ln f_B(\vec{q}) + (1+f_B(\vec{q})) \ln(1+f_B(\vec{q})) \right]$$

$$n_A + n_B = \frac{g_A}{h^3} \int d^3p f_A(\vec{p}) + \frac{g_B}{h^3} \int d^3q f_B(\vec{q}) \quad \rho_A + \rho_B = \frac{g_A}{h^3} \int d^3p f_A(\vec{p}) E(\vec{p}) + \frac{g_B}{h^3} \int d^3q f_B(\vec{q}) E(\vec{q})$$

$$\text{obj} = \frac{g_A}{h^3} \int d^3p \left[ f_A(\vec{p}) (\ln f_A(\vec{p}) + \alpha + \beta E(\vec{p})) + (1-f_A(\vec{p})) \ln(1-f_A(\vec{p})) \right] \\ + \frac{g_B}{h^3} \int d^3q \left[ f_B(\vec{q}) (\ln f_B(\vec{q}) + \alpha + \beta E(\vec{q})) - (1+f_B(\vec{q})) \ln(1+f_B(\vec{q})) \right]$$

so, we need to solve  $\frac{\delta}{\delta f_A} \text{obj} = 0 \quad \frac{\delta}{\delta f_B} \text{obj} = 0$

$$\delta \text{obj}_A = \frac{g_A}{h^3} \int d^3p \left[ \log f_A(\vec{p}) - \log(1-f_A(\vec{p})) + \alpha + \beta E(\vec{p}) \right] \delta f_A.$$

$$\text{setting to zero} \Rightarrow \log f_A(\vec{p}) - \log(1-f_A(\vec{p})) + \alpha + \beta E(\vec{p}) = 0. \quad \checkmark$$

$$\log \frac{f}{1-f} = -\alpha - \beta E \quad \rightarrow \quad f_A(\vec{p}) = \left( e^{\alpha + \beta E(\vec{p})} + 1 \right)^{-1}. \quad \checkmark$$

$$\delta \text{obj}_B = \frac{g_B}{h^3} \int d^3q \left[ \log f_B(\vec{q}) - \log(1+f_B(\vec{q})) + \alpha + \beta E(\vec{q}) \right] \delta f_B$$

$$\text{setting to zero} \Rightarrow \log f_B(\vec{q}) - \log(1+f_B(\vec{q})) + \alpha + \beta E(\vec{q}) = 0. \quad \checkmark$$

$$\log \frac{f}{1+f} = -\alpha - \beta E \quad \rightarrow \quad f_B(\vec{q}) = \left( e^{\alpha + \beta E(\vec{q})} - 1 \right)^{-1}. \quad \checkmark$$

these are the Fermi-Dirac (A) and Bose-Einstein (B) distributions

if we identify  $\alpha = -\mu/T$  and  $\beta = 1/T$ . ✓

## Problem 2: 8/12

part 1. before decoupling,  $\nu$  have  $n(T) = \frac{9}{h^3} 4\pi \frac{3}{2} \zeta(3) T^3 = \frac{12\pi}{h^3} \zeta(3) T^3 = \frac{3 \zeta(3)}{2\pi^2} T^3$  using  $\hbar=1, h=2\pi$ .  
 after,  $n = \frac{3 \zeta(3)}{2\pi^2} T_\nu^3$  so today,  $n = \frac{3 \zeta(3)}{2\pi^2} T_{\nu 0}^3 = 113 \text{ neutrinos/cm}^3$

this applies for each species individually, making a total of 338 neutrinos/cm<sup>3</sup>

part 2.  
0.5 / 1

suppose neutrino mass is  $m_\nu$ . want to find  $z(T_\nu = m_\nu)$ .

$T_\nu \propto a^{-1}$  so  $a T_\nu(a) = (1) T_\nu(1)$ . hence  $a_{nr} = \frac{T_{\nu 0}}{T_{nr}} = \frac{T_{\nu 0}}{m_\nu}$

$1 + z_{nr} = \frac{1}{a_{nr}} = \frac{m_\nu}{T_{\nu 0}} = \frac{m_\nu}{1.68 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}} = (595) \left( \frac{m_\nu}{0.1 \text{ eV}} \right)$  ✓

missing  $\rho_\nu(z)$  -0.5

part 3.  
2/2

minimum mass to be nonrelativistic today:  $m_\nu \sim T_{\nu 0} = 0.168 \text{ meV}$ .

or, to be safe,  $m_\nu \sim T_{\gamma 0} = 0.235 \text{ meV}$ .

assume  $m_\nu > T_{\nu 0}$  so  $\nu$  are nonrelativistic

$\omega_\nu = \Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{h^2}{\rho_{crit}} \rho_{\nu 0} = \frac{h^2}{\rho_{crit}} \sum_i m_i n_i$   
 $= \frac{h^2}{\rho_{crit}} \left( \frac{3 \zeta(3)}{2\pi^2} T_{\nu 0}^3 \right) \sum_i m_i = \frac{\sum_i m_i}{93.4 \text{ eV}} = 0.0107 \frac{\sum_i m_i}{1 \text{ eV}}$  ✓

Planck  $\Omega_{DM,0} = 0.26069 \Rightarrow \omega_{DM} = 0.1193$ .

$\omega_\nu < \omega_{DM} \Rightarrow \sum_i m_i < (0.1193)(93.4 \text{ eV}) = 11.1 \text{ eV}$ . ✓

part 4.  
1/1

in order for  $\nu$  to be relativistic at  $z_{eq}$ ,  $m_\nu < T_{eq}$

from Baumann Table 3.1,  $z_{eq} = 3400$ ,  $T_{eq} = 0.80 \text{ eV}$

so  $m_\nu < 0.80 \text{ eV}$  ✓

part 5. (a) spatially flat:  $ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) (dx^2 + \chi^2 d\Omega^2)$

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$\nu$  traveling on a straight line  $\Rightarrow d\Omega = 0$ .

detected with physical momentum  $p_0$ , energy  $E = \sqrt{p_0^2 + m^2}$ .

saw in lecture that  $p^2(t) = a^2(t) P_i P^i$ ,  $E = P^0 = \sqrt{p^2(t) + m^2}$

$P^i = m \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{p(t)}{a(t)}$ .  $P^0 = m \frac{dt}{d\tau} = E = \sqrt{p^2(t) + m^2}$

hence  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{a(t)} \frac{p(t)}{E(t)}$ . we know  $p \propto a^{-1}$  so  $a(t) p(t) = 1 p_0 \Rightarrow p(t) = \frac{p_0}{a}$ .

then  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{(p_0/a)}{\sqrt{(p_0/a)^2 + m^2}}$ . ✓ thus  $\chi_{dec} = \int_{t_{dec}}^{t_0} \frac{1}{a} \frac{(p_0/a)}{\sqrt{(p_0/a)^2 + m^2}} dt$  ✓  $dt = \frac{dt}{da} da = \frac{da}{\dot{a}} = \frac{da}{aH}$

$= \int_{a_{dec}}^1 \frac{1}{a} \frac{(p_0/a)}{\sqrt{(p_0/a)^2 + m^2}} \frac{da}{H_0 \sqrt{(\Omega_r a^{-2} + \Omega_m a^{-1} + \Omega_\Lambda a^2)}}$

↑ dropped this  $\ddot{a}$  -1

(b)  $a_{nr}$  is such that  $p(a) = \frac{p_0}{a_{nr}} \sim m$  and  $\Omega_m$  dominates

0/2 taking matter domination, the integrand becomes  $\frac{1}{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m}} \frac{p_0/a}{\sqrt{(p_0/a)^2 + m^2} \sqrt{a^{-1}}} = \frac{\sqrt{p_0/m}}{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^{-1} + x^{+1}}}$  defining  $x = \frac{a}{p_0/m}$

this function has a peak at  $x=1$  i.e.  $a \sim a_{nr}$  and rapidly falls off on either side

we can write the integral as  $\chi_{dec} = \frac{\sqrt{p_0/m}}{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m}} \left[ \int_{\frac{a_{dec}}{p_0/m}}^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^{-1} + x^{+1}}} + \int_1^{m/p_0} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^{-1} + x^{+1}}} \right]$

I don't know how to do this integral expansion

(c) a "typical" neutrino has  $p_{dec} \sim T_{\nu, dec}$  ✓ +0.5

0.5/1 this would give  $p_0 \sim a_{dec} T_{\nu, dec} = \frac{1}{6 \times 10^9} (1 \text{ MeV}) = 0.167 \text{ meV}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and hence } \chi(m) &= \frac{\sqrt{p_0/m}}{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m}} \int_{\frac{a_{dec}}{p_0/m}}^{m/p_0} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^{-1} + x^{+1}}} \\ &= (7.96 \text{ Gpc}) \sqrt{\frac{0.167 \text{ meV}}{m}} \int_{\frac{1}{6 \times 10^9} \frac{m}{0.167 \text{ meV}}}^{m/0.167 \text{ meV}} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^{-1} + x^{+1}}} \\ &\approx (7.96 \text{ Gpc}) \left( \frac{m}{0.251 \text{ meV}} \right) \\ &= (31.7 \text{ Gpc}) \left( \frac{m}{1 \text{ meV}} \right) \\ &= 3170 \text{ Gpc} \frac{m}{0.1 \text{ eV}} \end{aligned}$$

wrong integral ...

I ran out of time...

### Problem 3: 4/4

part 1. 2/2 if  $\mu_b = 0$  and protons remained in equilibrium with photons, protons would have an FD distribution and the number density would go like

$$n_p = \frac{8\pi}{h^3} T^3 I_+(m_p/T) \approx \frac{2}{h^3} (2\pi m_p T)^{3/2} e^{-m_p/T} \quad \checkmark$$

today  $T = 2.73 \text{ K}$ , so  $n_p = (1.71 \times 10^{27} \text{ m}^{-3}) \exp(-3.99 \times 10^{12})$

$$V = \frac{4\pi}{3} H_0^{-3} = 1.07 \times 10^{79} \text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{so } \#_p = n_p V = (1.83 \times 10^{106}) \exp(-3.99 \times 10^{12})$$

$$= \exp(244 - 3.99 \times 10^{12})$$

$$= \exp(-3.99 \times 10^{12}) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\approx 0. \text{ and certainly } \ll 1.$$

part 2. 2/2  $\omega_b = 0.022$

$$\Omega_b = (0.022)(0.6766)^{-2} = 0.0481$$

$$\rho_{b,0} = (0.0481) \rho_{\text{crit}} = 4.14 \times 10^{-31} \text{ g/cm}^3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\rho_p = 0.76 \rho_{b,0} = 3.14 \times 10^{-31} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$n_p = \rho_p / m_p = 0.188 \text{ m}^{-3} \quad \checkmark$$

if we choose to include the protons in He nuclei,

$$\rho_{\text{He}} = 0.24 \rho_{b,0} = 9.93 \times 10^{-32} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$n_{\text{He}} = \rho_{\text{He}} / m_{\text{He}} \leftarrow 6.646 \times 10^{-27} \text{ g} = 0.0149 \text{ m}^{-3}$$

$$\text{two protons per He: } n_p + 2n_{\text{He}} = 0.218 \text{ m}^{-3}$$