

1 Dynamics and Geometry of the Universe

Homogeneous and isometric. The invariant line element is given by:

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dX^\mu dX^\nu$$

In special relativity the metric is fixed at $\{-1, +1, +1, +1\}$ whereas in general relativity the metric is a function of time and position which is influenced by the content of the universe. because homogeneous and isomeric we can describe space-time via a time-ordered sequence of symmetric 3-spaces with 3-d line element:

$$dl^2 = \gamma_{ij}(t) dx^i dx^j$$

giving the general 4d metric:

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - \gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

Therefore to determine the metric of our universe just write down line elements dl^2 of all possible maximally symmetric 3-spaces. Therefore either flat, positive curvature or negative curvature.

Flat space:

$$dl^2 = \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

Positive curvature:

$$\begin{aligned} dl^2 &= d\mathbf{x}^2 + du^2 \\ \mathbf{x}^2 + u^2 &= a^2 \end{aligned}$$

Negative curvature

$$\begin{aligned} dl^2 &= d\mathbf{x}^2 - du^2 \\ \mathbf{x}^2 - u^2 &= -a^2 \end{aligned}$$

1.1 Unified Line element

$$\begin{aligned} dl^2 &= a^2 \left[d\mathbf{x}^2 + k \frac{(\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x})^2}{1 - k\mathbf{x}^2} \right] \\ d\mathbf{x}^2 &= dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2), \mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x} = r dr \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

1.2 FRW metric

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= dt^2 - a^2(t) \left[\frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2 \right] \\ d\Omega^2 &= d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

entire dynamics of universe will be encoded in the scale factor $a(t)$. Can be scaled arbitrarily so we pick $a(t_0) = 1$

The coordinates r , θ and ϕ are unchanged as $a(t)$ evolves, and so are called the **co-moving coordinates**.

1.2.1 Physical coordinate

Position - $a(t)\mathbf{x}$

Velocity - $\frac{d}{dt}(a(t)\mathbf{x}) = \dot{a}(t)\mathbf{x} + a(t)\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = H\mathbf{x} + a(t)\mathbf{v}$

Hubble parameter - $H(t) = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$

$$dl^2 = a^2(t) [dX^2 + S_k(X)d\Omega^2]$$

$$S_k(X) = X, \sin X, \sinh X$$

$$dX = \frac{dr}{1 - kr^2}$$

If we introduce conformal time $d\tau = \frac{dt}{a}$:

$$ds^2 = a^2(\tau) [d\tau^2 - (dX^2 + S_k(X)d\Omega^2)] \quad (3)$$

This is useful as photons have $ds = 0$, so radial trajectory has $\Delta\tau = \Delta X$.

1.2.2 Calculating motion in FRW

Velocity of a particle on trajectory $X^\mu(s)$ is $U^\mu(s) = \frac{dX^\mu}{ds}$.

Particles travel along geodesics which extremise the proper time δs along their path

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dU^\mu}{ds} + \eta^\mu_{\alpha\beta} U^\alpha U^\beta &= 0 \\ \eta^\mu_{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{1}{2}(\alpha g_{\beta\lambda} + \partial_\beta g_{\alpha\lambda} - \partial_\lambda g_{\alpha\beta}) \\ \frac{dU^\mu}{ds} &= \frac{dX^\alpha}{ds} \frac{dU^\mu}{dX^\alpha} = U^\alpha \frac{dU^\mu}{dX^\alpha} \\ \rho^\mu &= mU^\mu \\ \rho^\alpha \frac{\partial \rho^\mu}{\partial X^\alpha} + \eta^\mu_{\alpha\beta} \rho^\alpha \rho^\beta &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

valid equation of geodesic line for massive and massless particles $\mu = 0$ component for FRW:

$$E \frac{dE}{dt} = -\frac{\dot{a}}{a} p^2$$

with $E^2 - \rho^2 = m^2$ get $E dE = p dp$. Therefore,

$$\frac{\dot{p}}{p} = -\frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

so $p \propto \frac{1}{a}$.

For massless particles $E = p$, and since $E = \frac{\hbar}{\lambda}$, λa .

Therefore, $\lambda_0 = \frac{a(t_0)}{a(t_1)} \lambda_1$

Redshift: $z = \frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_1}$ so $1 + z = \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_1}$ For near by sources we can Taylor expand:

$$a(t_1) = a(t_0 + (t_1 - t_0)) = a(t_0) + a'(t_0)(t_1 - t_0) + \dots$$

$$a(t_1) = a(t_0)(1 + (t_1 - t_0)H_0 + \dots)$$

$z = H_0(t_0 - t_1)$ as it is a nearby source $z = H_0 d$ as $t_0 - t_1 = d/c$ (for near things)