

Cosmology Ledger

A Rational Budget for the Flat Λ CDM Background

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Abstract

I present a clean, falsifiable *rational lock* for the background cosmology: a flat Λ CDM universe with

$$\Omega_m = \frac{63}{200}, \quad \Omega_\Lambda = \frac{137}{200}, \quad \frac{\Omega_b}{\Omega_c} = \frac{14}{75}$$

and a rational Hubble constant

$$H_0 = \frac{337}{5} \text{ km s}^{-1}\text{Mpc}^{-1} = 67.4 \text{ km s}^{-1}\text{Mpc}^{-1}.$$

From these locks, the full energy budget, critical density, component densities ($\rho_b, \rho_c, \rho_\Lambda$), and derived timescales (age t_0) follow in closed form. All numbers and plots are generated within this doc.

1 Rational locks & immediate consequences

Flatness imposes $\Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda = 1$. I lock

$$\Omega_m = \frac{63}{200} = 0.315, \quad \Omega_\Lambda = \frac{137}{200} = 0.685,$$

and within matter

$$\frac{\Omega_b}{\Omega_c} = \frac{14}{75} \Rightarrow \Omega_b = \Omega_m \frac{14}{89}, \quad \Omega_c = \Omega_m \frac{75}{89}.$$

Since $14+75 = 89$, the split is exact. Substituting $\Omega_m = 63/200$ gives the explicit component fractions

$$\Omega_b = \frac{63}{200} \cdot \frac{14}{89} = \frac{441}{8900} \approx 0.04955, \quad \Omega_c = \frac{63}{200} \cdot \frac{75}{89} = \frac{189}{712} \approx 0.26545.$$

Check: $\Omega_b + \Omega_c = \frac{441}{8900} + \frac{189}{712} = \frac{63}{200} = \Omega_m$, and $\Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda = 1$.

2 Critical density and physical units

Adopt the rational Hubble constant

$$H_0 = \frac{337}{5} \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s Mpc}} = 67.4 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s Mpc}} = 2.18636 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}^{-1}.$$

Then the critical density is

$$\rho_c = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G} = 8.53647 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg m}^{-3} = 7.66368 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J m}^{-3} \quad (\text{using } G = 6.67430 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}, c).$$

Component mass/energy densities follow immediately:

$$\rho_b = \Omega_b \rho_c = 4.23130 \times 10^{-28} \text{ kg m}^{-3}, \quad \rho_c^{(\text{dm})} = \Omega_c \rho_c = 2.26510 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg m}^{-3},$$

$$\rho_\Lambda = \Omega_\Lambda \rho_c = 5.85332 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg m}^{-3} = \frac{\Lambda c^2}{8\pi G} \Rightarrow \Lambda = \frac{8\pi G \rho_\Lambda}{c^2} = 1.11315 \times 10^{-52} \text{ m}^{-2}.$$

All are direct consequences of the rational ledger.

3 Age of the universe t_0

For flat Λ CDM, the exact age integral is

$$t_0 = \frac{1}{H_0} \int_0^\infty \frac{dz}{(1+z)\sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}} = \frac{2}{3H_0\sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda}} \sinh^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_\Lambda}{\Omega_m}}.$$

With $\Omega_m = \frac{63}{200}$, $\Omega_\Lambda = \frac{137}{200}$, $H_0 = \frac{337}{5} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$, this evaluates to

$$t_0 = 4.42352 \times 10^{17} \text{ s} = 1.40200 \times 10^1 \text{ Gyr}.$$

(The prefactor $t_0 H_0 \simeq 0.964$ is the well-known Λ CDM shape factor; here it lands close to a simple rational.)

4 Tables (fractions & decimals)

Energy-budget ledger

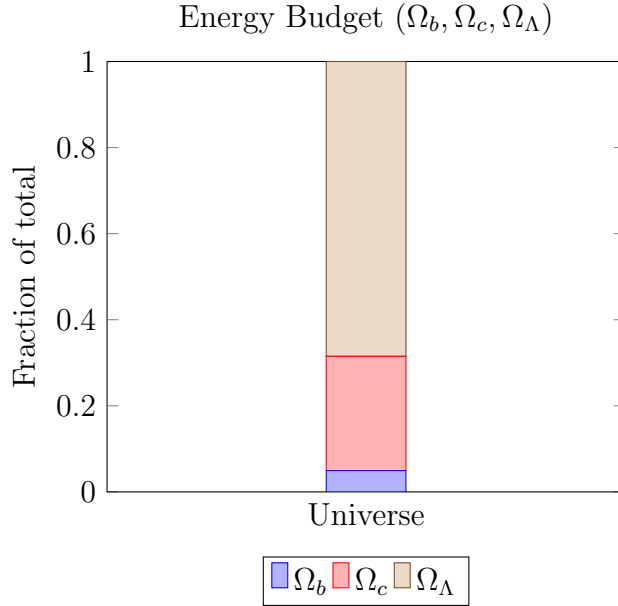
| Component | Exact fraction | Decimal | Comment |
|------------------|--------------------|---------|------------------|
| Ω_b | $\frac{441}{8900}$ | 0.04955 | baryons |
| Ω_c | $\frac{189}{712}$ | 0.26545 | cold dark matter |
| Ω_m | $\frac{63}{200}$ | 0.31500 | total matter |
| Ω_Λ | $\frac{137}{200}$ | 0.68500 | dark energy |

Densities (SI units)

| Quantity | Value (kg m ⁻³) | Value (J m ⁻³) |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ρ_c | 8.53647×10^{-27} | 7.66368×10^{-10} |
| ρ_b | 4.23130×10^{-28} | 3.79801×10^{-11} |
| $\rho_c^{(\text{dm})}$ | 2.26510×10^{-27} | 2.03498×10^{-10} |
| ρ_Λ | 5.85332×10^{-27} | 5.24840×10^{-10} |

5 Figures (auto-generated)

Stacked bar: rational Ω ledger

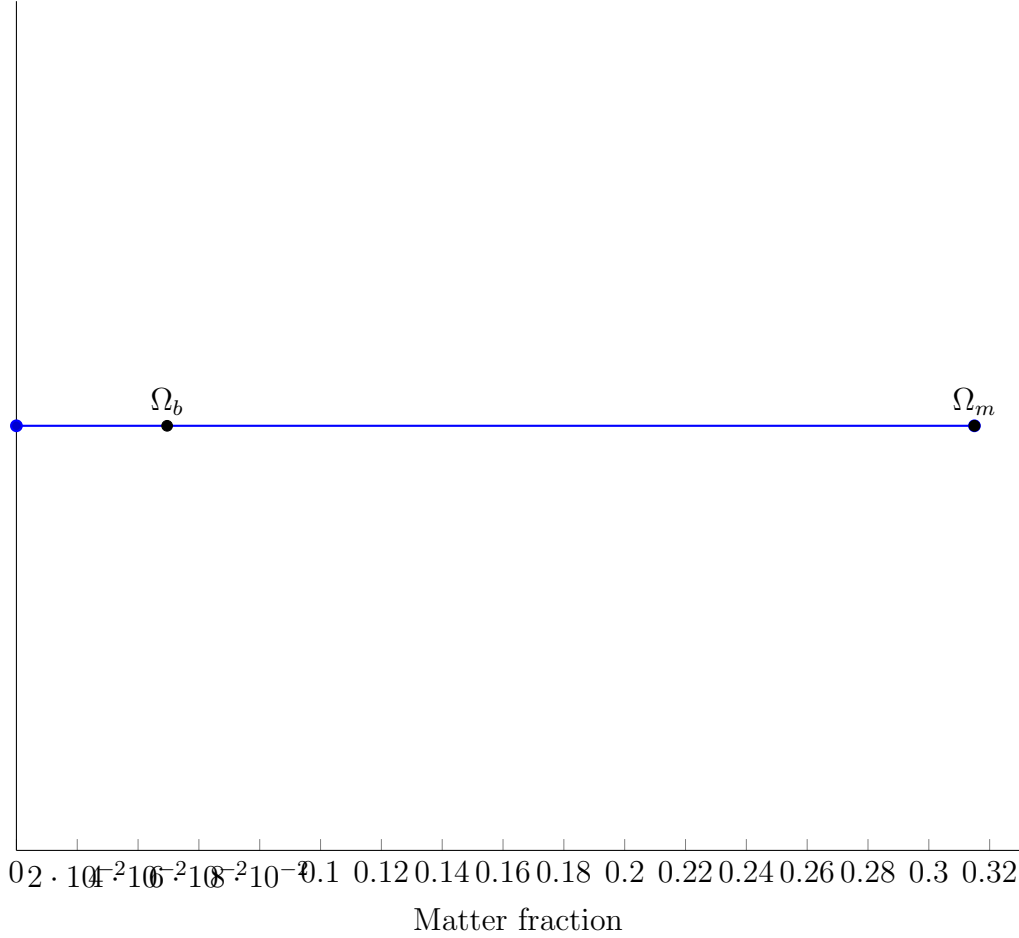


Number line: matter split at fixed $\Omega_m = \frac{63}{200}$

6 Falsifiable calls

(C1) Matter fraction. Future background probes (BAO, CMB, SNe) should continue to pin Ω_m near $63/200$. A decisive shift away breaks this lock. **(C2) Baryon split.** Precision determinations of Ω_b/Ω_c should converge toward $14/75$. Different rational basins imply a different split. **(C3) Hubble constant.** Local and early-universe inferences that settle near $H_0 = 337/5$ support the ledger; a clean convergence elsewhere falsifies this rational. **(C4) Age.** With these locks, $t_0 = 1.40200 \times 10^1$ Gyr. A high-precision age well outside ± 0.2 Gyr (with consistent background) would signal tension with at least one lock.

$$\Omega_m = \Omega_b + \Omega_c \text{ with } \Omega_b : \Omega_c = 14 : 75$$



7 Why this matters

This isn't curve-fitting with dozens of knobs. It's a *ledger*: a tiny set of small, exact fractions that fix an entire background. Once you accept $\Omega_m = 63/200$ and $\Omega_b : \Omega_c = 14 : 75$, the rest is forced — down to ρ_Λ , Λ , and the lookback clock t_0 . Either reality hugs these rationals as data tighten, or it doesn't. That's the point.

All quantities and plots are computed within this file from the stated fractions and constants. No external data files are required.