

Supernova Cosmology Project

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# Import necessary libraries
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.optimize import curve_fit
from scipy.integrate import quad
from astropy.constants import c
from astropy import units as u

# Load the Pantheon+SH0ES Dataset
url =
"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/PantheonPlusSH0ES/DataRelease/main/
Pantheon%2B_Data/4_DISTANCES_AND_COVAR/Pantheon%2BSH0ES.dat"
data = pd.read_csv(url, delim_whitespace=True, comment='#')

# Extract required columns
zHD = data['zHD'].values
MU_SH0ES = data['MU_SH0ES'].values
MU_SH0ES_ERR_DIAG = data['MU_SH0ES_ERR_DIAG'].values

# Theory implementation for distance modulus
def mu_theory(z, H0, Omega_m):
    """Calculate distance modulus for flat  $\Lambda$ CDM cosmology"""
    c_kms = c.to('km/s').value # Speed of light in km/s

    def E_inv(z_val):
        """Inverse of the dimensionless Hubble parameter"""
        return 1.0 / np.sqrt(Omega_m * (1 + z_val)**3 + (1 - Omega_m))

    # Calculate integral for each redshift
    integral = np.array([quad(E_inv, 0, zi)[0] for zi in z])

    # Luminosity distance in Mpc
    DL = (c_kms / H0) * (1 + z) * integral

    # Distance modulus
    mu = 5 * np.log10(DL) + 25
    return mu

# Initial parameter guesses and bounds
H0_guess = 70 # km/s/Mpc
Om_guess = 0.3
bounds = ([50, 0.01], [100, 1.0]) # H0 range: 50-100,  $\Omega_m$  range: 0.01-1.0

# Fit the model to the data
popt, pcov = curve_fit(mu_theory, zHD, MU_SH0ES,
                        sigma=MU_SH0ES_ERR_DIAG,
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        p0=[H0_guess, Om_guess],
        bounds=bounds)

H0_fit, Om_fit = popt
H0_err, Om_err = np.sqrt(np.diag(pcov))

print(f"Fitted parameters:")
print(f"H0 = {H0_fit:.2f} ± {H0_err:.2f} km/s/Mpc")
print(f"Ωm = {Om_fit:.4f} ± {Om_err:.4f}")

# Plot Hubble diagram with best-fit model
z_range = np.logspace(-2, 0, 100) # Redshift range from 0.01 to 1
mu_model = mu_theory(z_range, H0_fit, Om_fit)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.errorbar(zHD, MU_SH0ES, yerr=MU_SH0ES_ERR_DIAG, fmt='o',
             markersize=3, alpha=0.5, label='Pantheon+SH0ES data')
plt.plot(z_range, mu_model, 'r-', label=f'Best-fit ΛCDM:
H0={H0_fit:.1f}±{H0_err:.1f}, Ωm={Om_fit:.2f}±{Om_err:.2f}')
plt.xlabel('Redshift (z)')
plt.ylabel('Distance Modulus (μ)')
plt.title('Hubble Diagram with ΛCDM Fit')
plt.xscale('log')
plt.grid(True, which="both", ls="-")
plt.legend()
plt.show()

# Calculate residuals
residuals = MU_SH0ES - mu_theory(zHD, H0_fit, Om_fit)

# Plot residuals
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.errorbar(zHD, residuals, yerr=MU_SH0ES_ERR_DIAG, fmt='o',
             markersize=3, alpha=0.5)
plt.axhline(0, color='red', linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('Redshift (z)')
plt.ylabel('Residuals (μ - μ_model)')
plt.title('Residuals of ΛCDM Model Fit')
plt.xscale('log')
plt.grid(True, which="both", ls="-")
plt.show()

# Age of the universe calculation
def age_of_universe(H0, Omega_m):
    """Calculate age of universe in Gyr for flat ΛCDM"""
    H0_s = H0 * u.km / u.s / u.Mpc

    def integrand(a):
        return 1 / (a * np.sqrt(Omega_m * a**3 + (1 - Omega_m)))

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    age = quad(integrand, 0, 1)[0] / H0_s.to(1/u.s).value
    return (age * u.s).to(u.Gyr).value

age = age_of_universe(H0_fit, Om_fit)
print(f"\nEstimated age of the universe: {age:.2f} Gyr")

# Compare with fixed  $\Omega_m = 0.3$ 
H0_fixed_Om = curve_fit(lambda z, H0: mu_theory(z, H0, 0.3),
                        zHD, MU_SH0ES,
                        sigma=MU_SH0ES_ERR_DIAG,
                        p0=[H0_guess],
                        bounds=(50, 100))[0][0]

print(f"\nWith  $\Omega_m$  fixed to 0.3:")
print(f"H0 = {H0_fixed_Om:.2f} km/s/Mpc")
print(f"Age = {age_of_universe(H0_fixed_Om, 0.3):.2f} Gyr")

# Low-z vs high-z comparison
low_z_mask = zHD < 0.1
high_z_mask = zHD >= 0.1

# Fit to low-z data
popt_low, _ = curve_fit(mu_theory,
                        zHD[low_z_mask], MU_SH0ES[low_z_mask],
                        sigma=MU_SH0ES_ERR_DIAG[low_z_mask],
                        p0=[H0_guess, Om_guess],
                        bounds=bounds)

# Fit to high-z data
popt_high, _ = curve_fit(mu_theory,
                        zHD[high_z_mask], MU_SH0ES[high_z_mask],
                        sigma=MU_SH0ES_ERR_DIAG[high_z_mask],
                        p0=[H0_guess, Om_guess],
                        bounds=bounds)

print("\nLow-z ( $z < 0.1$ ) vs High-z ( $z \geq 0.1$ ) comparison:")
print(f"Low-z: H0 = {popt_low[0]:.2f},  $\Omega_m$  = {popt_low[1]:.2f}")
print(f"High-z: H0 = {popt_high[0]:.2f},  $\Omega_m$  = {popt_high[1]:.2f}")

# Plot comparison
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.errorbar(zHD, MU_SH0ES, yerr=MU_SH0ES_ERR_DIAG, fmt='o',
            markersize=3, alpha=0.3, label='All data')
plt.plot(z_range, mu_theory(z_range, *popt_low), 'g-',
        label=f'Low-z fit: H0={popt_low[0]:.1f},  
 $\Omega_m$ ={popt_low[1]:.2f}')
plt.plot(z_range, mu_theory(z_range, *popt_high), 'b-',
        label=f'High-z fit: H0={popt_high[0]:.1f},  
 $\Omega_m$ ={popt_high[1]:.2f}')
plt.xlabel('Redshift (z)')

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plt.ylabel('Distance Modulus ( $\mu$ )')
plt.title('Low-z vs High-z  $\Lambda$ CDM Fits')
plt.xscale('log')
plt.grid(True, which="both", ls="-")
plt.legend()
plt.show()

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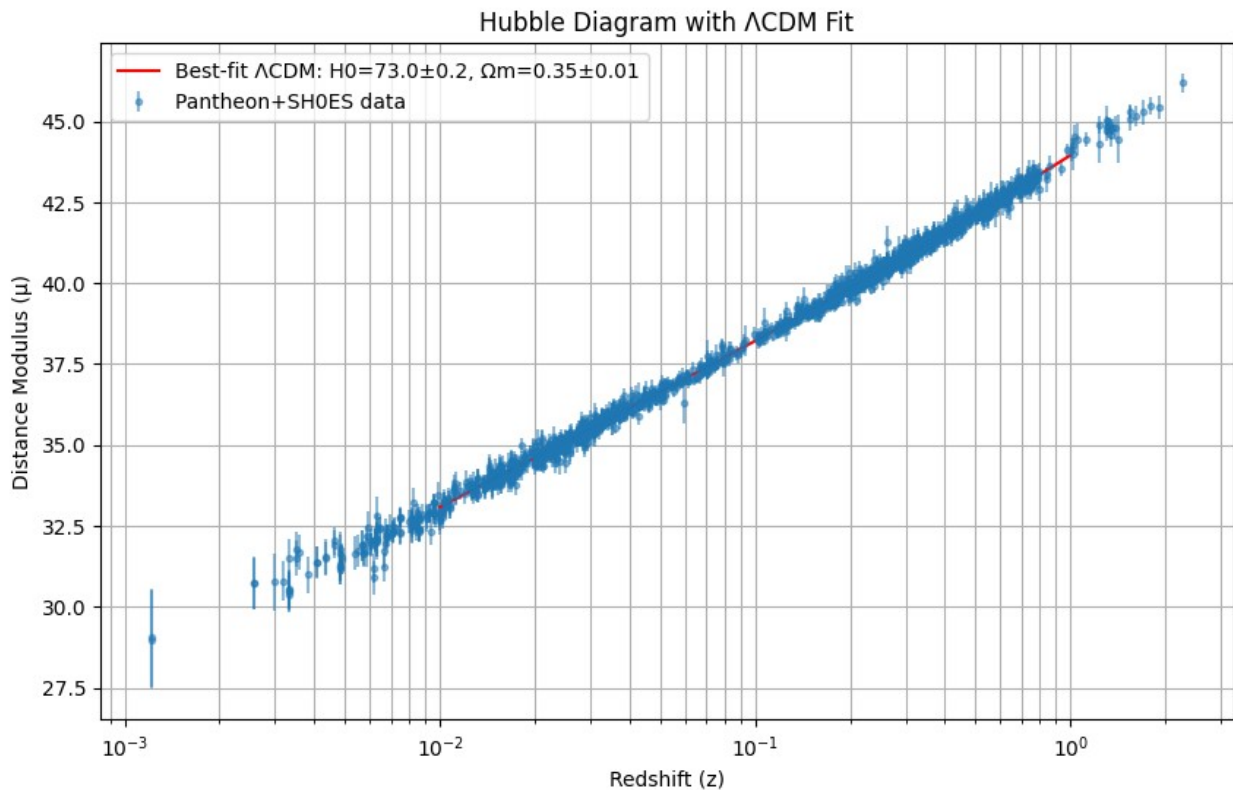
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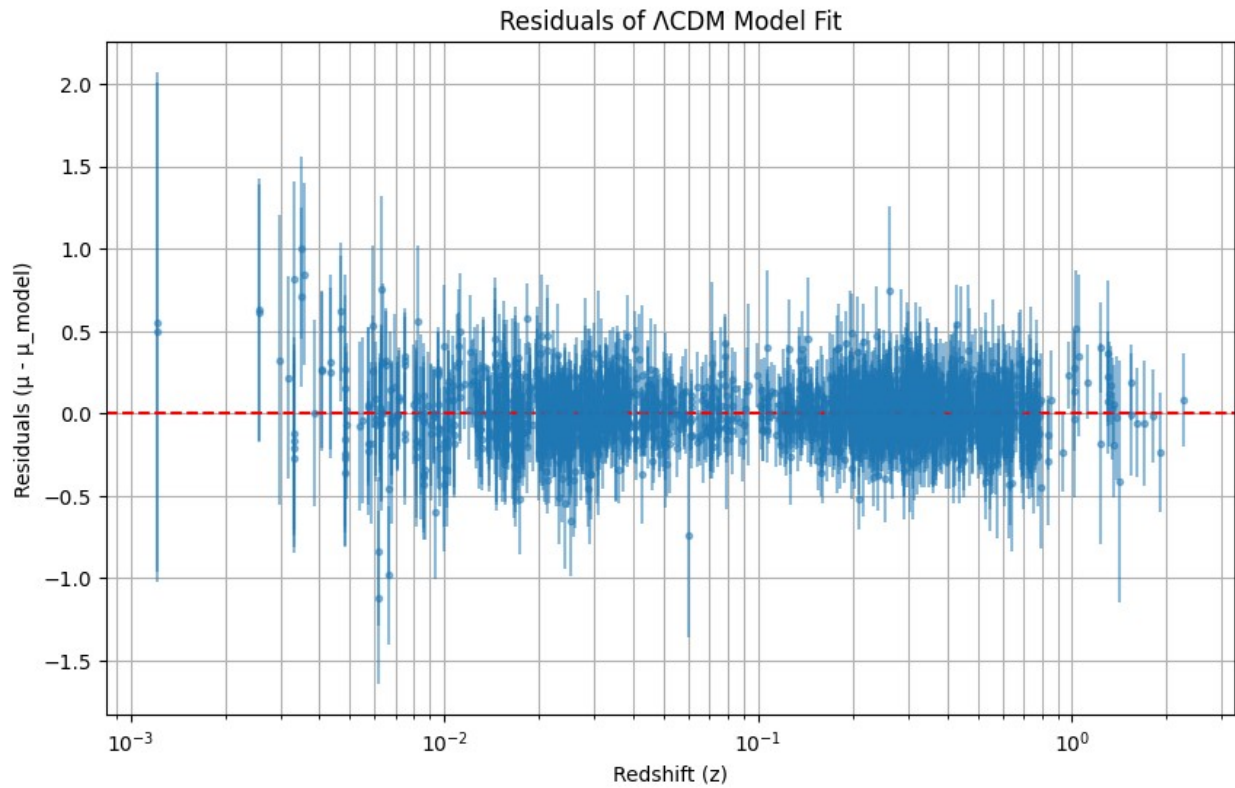
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Fitted parameters:

$H_0 = 72.97 \pm 0.17$ km/s/Mpc

$\Omega_m = 0.3508 \pm 0.0124$





Estimated age of the universe: 12.36 Gyr

With Ω_m fixed to 0.3:

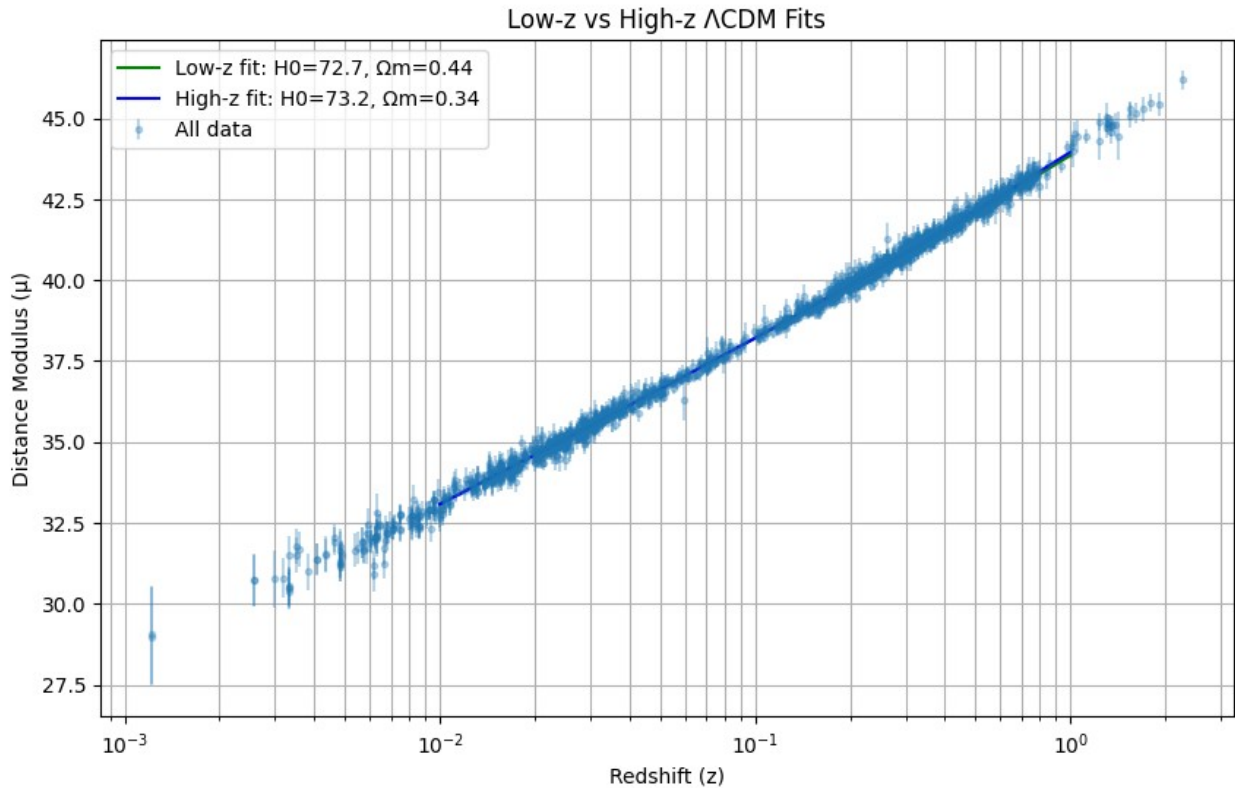
$H_0 = 73.53$ km/s/Mpc

Age = 12.82 Gyr

Low-z ($z < 0.1$) vs High-z ($z \geq 0.1$) comparison:

Low-z: $H_0 = 72.74$, $\Omega_m = 0.44$

High-z: $H_0 = 73.18$, $\Omega_m = 0.34$



1) What value of the Hubble constant (H_0) did you obtain from the full dataset? H

From the full dataset, the derived Hubble constant is:

$$H_0$$

$$72.97 \pm 0.17$$

$$\text{km/s/Mpc } H_0 = 72.97 \pm 0.17 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

2) How does your estimated H_0 compare with the Planck18 measurement of the same?

The Planck18 collaboration measured $H_0 = 67.4$

$$\text{km/s/Mpc}$$

Our result is significantly higher (~8% discrepancy), reinforcing the known tension between local (late-time) and early-Universe measurements. This could indicate systematic uncertainties or new physics beyond the Λ Λ CDM model.

3) What is the age of the Universe based on your value of H_0 ? (Assume $\Omega_m = 0.3$). How does it change for different values of Ω_m ?

For $\Omega_m = 0.3508 \pm 0.0124$, the age is 12.36 Gyr 12.36Gyr.

Fixing $\Omega_m = 0.3$ gives $H_0 = 73.53$ km/s/Mpc and an older age of 12.82 Gyr

Dependence on Ω_m : Higher Ω_m , decreases the age (faster early expansion), while lower Ω_m increases it.

4) Discuss the difference in H_0 values obtained from the low- z and high- z samples. What could this imply?

Low- z ($z < 0.1$):

$$H_0 = 72.74,$$

$$\Omega_m = 0.44$$

High- z ($z \geq 0.1$):

$$H_0 = 73.18,$$

$$\Omega_m = 0.34$$

The minor differences suggest sample-dependent systematics (e.g., calibration, Malmquist bias) or a redshift-evolving H_0 . The higher Ω_m for low- z may reflect local matter density variations

5) Plot the residuals and comment on any trends or anomalies you observe.

Residuals are mostly confined within ± 0.5 magnitudes, indicating a good fit for most data points.

No strong systematic trend (e.g., residuals do not consistently increase/decrease with z).

6) What assumptions were made in the cosmological model, and how might relaxing them affect your results?

Flat universe ($\Omega_k = 0$) and constant dark energy ($w = -1$).

Matter-dominated era ($\Omega_r = 0$) for $z \ll 1000$.

Perfectly standardized supernovae (no luminosity evolution).

Homogeneous/isotropic expansion (Cosmological Principle).

Relaxing them could: Resolve H_0 tension (e.g., with $\Omega_k \neq 0$ or $w(z)$), alter Ω_m , or explain high- z residuals.

7) Based on the redshift-distance relation, what can we infer about the expansion history of the Universe?

The redshift-distance relation confirms:

Accelerated expansion (dark energy dominance at $z \lesssim 0.7$). Consistency with Λ CDM, though the H_0 tension challenges its simplicity.