

5.1) We know number density of neutrinos today is

$$n \approx 336 \text{ cm}^{-3} = 3.36 \times 10^2 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^{-3} = 3.36 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^{-3}$$

interaction rate can be

$$\Gamma = n \sigma v$$

$v = c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$, The cross section σ will be the area of your thumb which is about 1 cm by 2 cm-ish which

we will approximate as $\sigma = 0 (\text{cm}^2) = 0 (10^{-4}) \text{ m}^2$

Putting it together

$$\Gamma = (3.36 \times 10^8) (3 \times 10^8) (10^{-4}) = (3.36 \times 3) 10^{12} \approx 10^{13}$$

So approximately 10^{13} neutrinos pass your thumb.

8.2) $\Omega_1 = \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_{\text{crit}}}$ $\Omega_2 = \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_{\text{crit}}}$

$$\rho_{\text{crit}} = \text{constant}$$

$$\frac{\Omega_1}{\rho_1} = \frac{\Omega_2}{\rho_2}, \text{ but remember } \rho \propto a^{-3}$$

$$\Omega_1 a_1^3 = \Omega_2 a_2^3$$

$$\frac{a_1^3}{a_2^3} = \frac{\Omega_2}{\Omega_1}$$

$$a_1 = 10^{-27}$$
$$a_2 = c^N \approx$$

$$\Omega_2 = 10^{-6}$$

$$\Omega_1 = \frac{10^{94} \text{ TeV/m}^3}{\rho_{\text{crit}}}$$

$$\rho_{\text{crit}} \approx 10^{-26} \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 8 \times 10^{25} \frac{\text{eV}}{\text{kg}} = 10^9 \text{ eV/m}^3$$

$$\Omega_1 = \frac{10^{14} \text{ TeV/m}^3}{10^9 \text{ eV/m}^3 \cdot \frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{10^6 \text{ eV}}} = \frac{10^{14} \text{ TeV/m}^3}{10^{-3} \text{ TeV/m}^3} = 10^{17}$$

$$\frac{a_1^3}{a_2^3} = \frac{\Omega_2}{\Omega_1} \rightarrow \frac{(10^{-27})^3}{e^{3N}} = \frac{10^{-6}}{10^{17}}$$

$$e^{3N} = \frac{10^{17}}{10^{-6}} 10^{-81} = 10^{103} 10^{-81} = 10^{22}$$

$$e^{3N} = 10^{22}$$

$$3N = \ln 10^{22}$$

$$N = \frac{1}{3} \ln 10^{22} = 16.89$$

So there are approx 16.89 e-folds