

# Ay124 PS2 Solutions

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## 1 Galaxy Masses

[3+3+4]

a) Given that,

$$\frac{dN}{dM_{\text{halo}}} \propto M_{\text{halo}}^{-2}, \quad (1)$$

and

$$\frac{dN}{dM_*} \propto M_*^{-1}, \quad (2)$$

divide the two equations and solve the differential equation,

$$\boxed{M_* = A \exp\left(-\frac{M_0}{M_{\text{halo}}}\right)}. \quad (3)$$

**Note:** There was an intention of simplify this question by setting  $dN/dM_{\text{halo}} \propto M_{\text{halo}}^{-2}$ . However, that actually caused more troubles later in this PS.

b) Plugging in two data points,

$$\text{MW: } M_{\text{halo}} = 10^{12} M_{\odot}, M_* = 10^{11} M_{\odot}$$

$$\text{LMC: } M_{\text{halo}} = 9 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}, M_* = 3 \times 10^9 M_{\odot},$$

we get

$$\boxed{A = 1.2 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}, M_0 = 3 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}}. \quad (4)$$

Therefore, the fraction of baryonic mass that turns into stars is,

$$\boxed{f_* = \frac{M_*}{f_b M_{\text{halo}}} = \frac{7.5 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}}{M_{\text{halo}}} \exp\left(-\frac{3 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}}{M_{\text{halo}}}\right)}. \quad (5)$$

This function decreases exponentially as  $M_{\text{halo}}$  approaches 0.

**Note:** 1. Aside from MW, the other data point shall be less massive than the “knee” of the Press-Schechter formalism, which happens at  $\sim$  MW. 2. The final result is highly sensitive to the other data point. Thus, the TA only cares about the qualitative description, instead of the physical numbers of the coefficients.

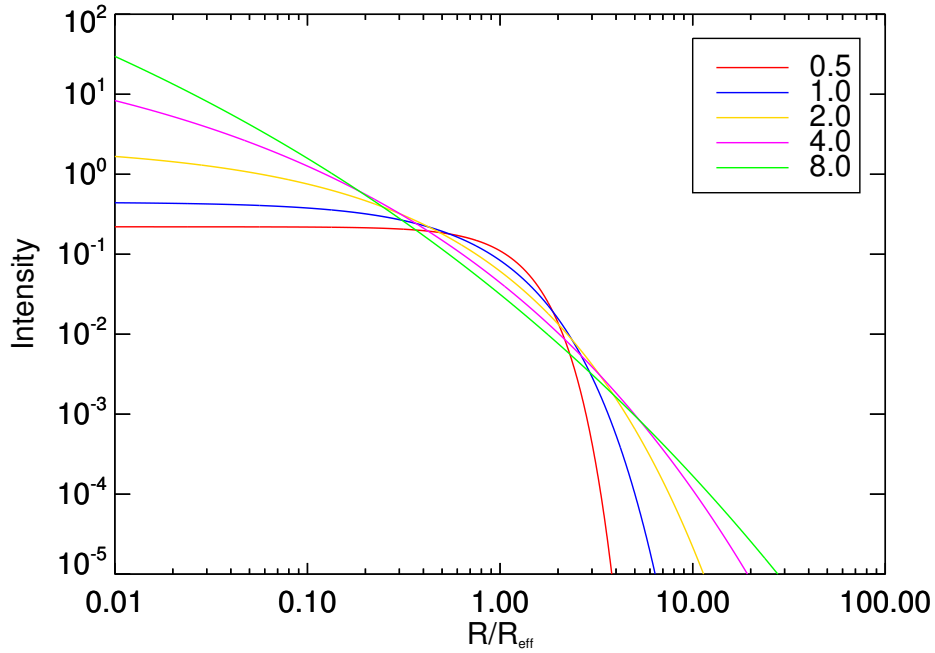


Figure 1: The Sersic profile with different Sersic indices.

c) Similar as the previous questions, solve the differential equation,

$$M_* = \left( \frac{C}{A + 1/M_{\text{halo}}} \right)^{1/7}. \quad (6)$$

Therefore,

$$f_* = \frac{M_*}{f_b M_{\text{halo}}} = \frac{1}{f_b M_{\text{halo}}} \left( \frac{C}{A + 1/M_{\text{halo}}} \right)^{1/7}. \quad (7)$$

When  $M_{\text{halo}}$  is large, this function is proportional to  $M_{\text{halo}}^{-6/7}$ , which is dropping as  $M_{\text{halo}}$  increases.

## 2 Galaxy Mass Profiles

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The easiest way to solve this question is to do it numerically with a little bit programming. You can choose an arbitrary length scale that is related to  $R_0$  as the unit of length. Then integrate the Sersic functions, renormalize the functions, and figure out where the  $R_{\text{eff}}$  are. You will figure out that since the unit of radius changed, the integration result also changed. Thus, you need to write the program recursively. Fortunately, the program

A short IDL program has been uploaded to the course website. (Sorry, the TA is very old-fashioned.) The plot is shown in Fig.1.

It can be seen from the plot that with high Sersic index, the light is more concentrated at the center, and the drop-off at the outskirts is smoother. With low Sersic index, the light is more extended at around  $R = R_{\text{eff}}$ , but drops sharply outside.

### 3 Galaxy Angular Momentum and Scaling Relations

[4+3+4+2]

a) Rearrange the definition of  $\lambda$ ,

$$|L_{\text{vir}}| = \frac{\lambda G M_{\text{vir}}^{5/2}}{|E_{\text{vir}}|^{1/2}}. \quad (8)$$

Plugging in  $|E_{\text{vir}}| \sim M_{\text{vir}} V_{\text{vir}}^2 \sim \frac{G M_{\text{vir}}^2}{R_{\text{vir}}}$ ,

$$|L_{\text{vir}}| \sim \lambda \sqrt{G M_{\text{vir}}^3 R_{\text{vir}}}. \quad (9)$$

Since the specific angular momentum is conserved,

$$|L_b| = f_b |L_{\text{vir}}|. \quad (10)$$

Meanwhile, the rotational velocity of a galaxy is relatively flat, meaning that for baryons,  $V_b \sim V_{\text{vir}}$ . Thus,

$$|L_b| = f_b M_{\text{vir}} R_{\text{eff}} V_{\text{vir}}. \quad (11)$$

Equating Eq.10 and 11 and plugging in values,

$$\boxed{R_{\text{eff}} \sim \lambda R_{\text{vir}} \sim \lambda M_{\text{vir}}^{1/3} \rho^{-1/3}}. \quad (12)$$

Plugging in Eq.3, we have,

$$\boxed{R_{\text{eff}} \sim \lambda \rho^{-1/3} \left( \frac{M_0}{\ln(A/M_*)} \right)^{1/3}}. \quad (13)$$

**Note:** Due to the complication introduced in Q1, it is also okay to use the scaling

$$\left( \frac{M_*}{10^{11} M_{\odot}} \right) \sim \left( \frac{M_{\text{halo}}}{10^{12} M_{\odot}} \right)^2, \quad (14)$$

instead of Eq.3.

b) Plug in  $M_* \sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ ,  $\lambda \sim 0.033$ , and  $\rho \sim 200 \rho_c \sim 2 \times 10^{-27} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ . We get,

$$\boxed{R_{\text{eff}} \sim 5.9 \text{ kpc}}. \quad (15)$$

(Using Eq.14,  $R_{\text{eff}} \sim 6.6 \text{ kpc}$ .)

c) Let's use Eq.14 in this question since Eq.3 gives a very nasty logarithm.

Case I:

$$V_{\text{rot}} = \sqrt{\frac{G M_{\text{halo}}}{R_{\text{vir}}}} \propto M_{\text{halo}}^{1/3} \propto M_*^{1/6}. \quad (16)$$

Case II:

$$V_{\text{rot}} = \sqrt{\frac{GM_*}{R_{\text{eff}}}} \propto \sqrt{M_*/M_*^{1/6}} \propto M_*^{5/12}. \quad (17)$$

The TF relation gives  $V_{\text{rot}} \propto M_*^{0.23}$ . Therefore, most of the galaxies are more close to DM potential.

- d) From Barkana & Loeb,  $R_{\text{vir}} \propto (1+z)^{-1}$ . Therefore,  $R_* = \lambda R_{\text{vir}} \propto (1+z)^{-1}$ . Early galaxies were formed smaller.

## 4 Matter Fluctuations and the Non-Linear Power Spectrum

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Based on the definition of correlation function,

$$\begin{aligned} dP &= n \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^\gamma \right] dV \\ &= n \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^\gamma \right] \cdot 2\pi r^2 dr. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \int n \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^\gamma \right] \cdot 2\pi r^2 dr \\ &= nV + \frac{4\pi n}{(\gamma+3)r_0^\gamma} R^{\gamma+3} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

If there is no correlation,  $\xi(r) = 0$ . Therefore, the excess correlation is,

$$\boxed{P/P_0 = 1 + \frac{3}{(\gamma+3)r_0^\gamma} R^\gamma}. \quad (20)$$

Plug in numbers,  $r_0 = 5h^{-1} \text{ Mpc} = 7.14 \text{ Mpc}$  and  $\gamma = -1.8$ . For  $R = 100 \text{ kpc}$ ,  $P/P_0 = 5428$ . For  $R = 1 \text{ Mpc}$ ,  $P/P_0 = 87$ .

Larger objects are likely to be located at the high-biased region, where there is more likely to find another galaxy.

## 5 Alternative Dark Matter Models

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