

Cosmology Formulae Midterm 2013-14

Metric compatibility, covariant derivative and the (Levi-Civita) connection $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\alpha$:

$$\nabla_\alpha g_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \nabla_\alpha \omega_\beta = \partial_\alpha \omega_\beta - \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu \omega_\mu, \quad \nabla_\alpha A^\mu = \partial_\alpha A^\mu + \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu A^\beta, \quad \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\alpha = g^{\alpha\beta} \left(\partial_{(\mu} g_{\nu)\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\beta g_{\mu\nu} \right) \quad (1)$$

Geodesic equation and geodesic deviation (λ is an affine parameter):

$$\frac{Du^\mu}{d\lambda} + \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu u^\alpha u^\beta = 0, \quad u^\alpha = \frac{dx^\alpha}{d\lambda}, \quad \frac{Dd\xi^\mu}{d\lambda} = \mathcal{R}_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^\mu u^\alpha u^\beta \xi^\gamma \quad (2)$$

Einstein's equations:

$$G_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\Lambda}{c^2} g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G_N}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}, \quad G_{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{R} \quad (3)$$

Riemann and Ricci tensors (for a symmetric – or Levi-Civita – connection):

$$\mathcal{R}_{\beta\gamma\delta}^\alpha = 2\partial_{[\gamma} \Gamma_{\delta]\beta}^\alpha + 2\Gamma_{\mu[\gamma}^\alpha \Gamma_{\delta]\beta}^\mu, \quad \mathcal{R}_{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{R}_{\alpha\gamma\beta}^\gamma, \quad \mathcal{R} = g^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{R}_{\alpha\beta} \quad (4)$$

Covariant actions (Hilbert-Einstein and matter):

$$S_{\text{HE}} = -\frac{c^4}{16\pi G_N} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\mathcal{R} + 2\frac{\Lambda}{c^2} \right), \quad S_{\text{matter}} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}}(\psi_{\text{matter}}, g_{\alpha\beta}) \quad (5)$$

Einstein's equation and matter field equations are obtained by the variation principles:

$$\frac{\delta(S_{\text{HE}} + S_{\text{matter}})}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} = 0, \quad \frac{\delta S_{\text{matter}}}{\delta \psi_{\text{matter}}} = 0. \quad (6)$$

Matter actions (scalar, vector, fermionic) [$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$, $\nabla_\mu \psi = (\partial_\mu - \Gamma_\mu) \psi$]:

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi) (\partial_\nu \phi) g^{\mu\nu} - V(\phi) - \frac{\xi}{2} \mathcal{R} \phi^2, \quad \mathcal{L}_A = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma}, \quad \mathcal{L}_\psi = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \nabla_\mu \psi - m_\psi \bar{\psi} \psi \quad (7)$$

NB: Spin(or) connection Γ_μ is determined by the compatibility condition ($\gamma^\mu = e_a^\mu \gamma^a$):

$$\nabla_\mu \gamma_\nu = \partial_\mu \gamma_\nu - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\alpha \gamma_\alpha - \Gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu + \gamma_\nu \Gamma_\mu = 0 \quad (8)$$

Stress-energy tensor (general and perfect fluid):

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta S_{\text{matter}}}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}}, \quad (T_{\mu\nu})_{\text{perf. fluid}} = (\rho + \mathcal{P}) \frac{u_\mu u_\nu}{c^2} - g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{P} \quad (9)$$

Gravitational dilatation and redshift (cosmological redshift: $z(t) = (a_0/a(t)) - 1$):

$$\frac{\delta t_1}{\delta t_2} = \sqrt{\frac{g_{00}(r_2)}{g_{00}(r_1)}} \simeq 1 + \frac{\phi_N(r_2) - \phi_N(r_1)}{c^2}, \quad \frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2} = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} = \sqrt{\frac{g_{00}(r_2)}{g_{00}(r_1)}} \simeq 1 + \frac{\phi_N(r_2) - \phi_N(r_1)}{c^2} \quad (10)$$

Light deflection:

$$\vec{\alpha} = -\frac{2}{c^2} \int_{\text{source}}^{\text{observer}} d\lambda \nabla_\perp \phi_N \quad (11)$$

FLRW metric (conformal time: $d\eta = dt/a$, Gauss' curvature $R_c = 1/\sqrt{|\kappa|}$):

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a^2(t) \left(\frac{dr^2}{1 - \kappa r^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2(\theta) d\phi^2 \right) \quad (12)$$

FLRW (Friedmann) equations ($H = (d/dt) \ln(a)$, $a(t_0) = a_0 = 1$):

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G_N}{3c^2} \rho + \frac{\Lambda}{3} - \frac{c^2 \kappa}{a^2}, \quad \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G_N}{3c^2} (\rho + 3\mathcal{P}) + \frac{\Lambda}{3} \quad (13)$$

These come together with a conservation equation, and another form of the 2nd equation:

$$\dot{\rho} + 3H(\rho + \mathcal{P}) = 0, \quad \dot{H} = -\frac{4\pi G_N}{c^2} (\rho + \mathcal{P}) + \frac{c^2 \kappa}{a^2} \quad (14)$$

The principal slow roll parameter ϵ and the EoS parameter w :

$$\epsilon = -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{H} \right), \quad \text{when } \Lambda = 0 = \kappa : \epsilon = \frac{3}{2}(1+w), \quad w = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho} \quad (15)$$

(Physical) particle horizon ($ds = 0$) [comoving horizon $\ell_c = \ell_{\text{phys}}/a$]:

$$\ell_{\text{phys}} = \int_{r_{\text{in}}}^r \sqrt{g_{rr}(r')} dr' = a(t) \int_{r_{\text{in}}}^r \frac{dr'}{\sqrt{1 - \kappa r'^2}} = ac(\eta - \eta_{\text{in}}) \quad (16)$$

NB: r_{in} = initial radius (may be zero); Hubble radius: $R_H = c/H$, Hubble time: $t_H = 1/H$.

Friedmann equation and relative densities Ω_i for today ($t = t_0$, $H_0 = H(t_0)$):

$$1 = \sum_i \Omega_i + \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_\kappa, \quad \Omega_i = \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_{\text{cr}}}, \quad \rho_{\text{cr}} = \frac{3c^2}{8\pi G_N} H_0^2, \quad \Omega_\Lambda = \frac{\Lambda}{3H_0^2}, \quad \Omega_\kappa = -\frac{c^2 \kappa}{H_0^2} \quad (17)$$

The age of the Universe (in conformal time: multiply the integrand by $1/\tilde{a}$):

$$tH_0 = \int_0^a \frac{d\tilde{a}}{\sqrt{\Omega_m \tilde{a}^{-1} + \Omega_\gamma \tilde{a}^{-2} + \Omega_\Lambda \tilde{a}^2 + \Omega_\kappa + \Omega_Q \tilde{a}^{-1-3w_Q}}}, \quad (18)$$

Apparent and absolute magnitudes; luminosity distance d_L :

$$m - M = 5 \log_{10} \left(\frac{r}{\text{Mpc}} \right) + 25, \quad \mathcal{F} = \frac{\mathcal{L}}{4\pi d_L^2} \quad (19)$$

Luminosity distance in various geometries:

$$d_L(z) = (1+z)R_c \sinh \left(\frac{c}{H_0 R_c} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{E(z')} \right) \quad (\text{open universe}) \quad (20)$$

$$d_L(z) = (1+z) \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{E(z')} \quad (\text{flat universe}) \quad (21)$$

$$d_L(z) = (1+z)R_c \sin \left(\frac{c}{H_0 R_c} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{E(z')} \right) \quad (\text{closed universe}) \quad (22)$$

with (here Ω_i are defined today at $t = t_0$)

$$E(z)^2 = \Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_\gamma (1+z)^4 + \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_Q (1+z)^{3(1+w_Q)} + \Omega_\kappa (1+z)^2. \quad (23)$$