Cosmology I

Introduction

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- FYS2081 Cosmology I (Kosmologia I) 5.9-20.10.2023
- https://moodle.helsinki.fi/course/view.php?id=60341
 - Lecture notes
 - Homework problems
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- Lectures : Mo 14-16, Tu 14-16 in Physicum A315 The first lecture is on Tuesday, Sep 5th.
- Homework problem sets given out on Tuesdays, due the following Tuesday
- Exercise sessions: Fr 12-14 and 14-16 in Physicum A315
- The course is lectured in English (I take questions also in Finnish)
- Exam: Monday, Oct 23, 13-17 (TBC)
- Grade: 1/3 from homework, 2/3 from exam

Cosmology curriculum



Introduction

- Cosmology
 - The universe as a whole
 - structure
 - history
- The present universe is a result of evolution
 - expands
 - initial state was very different ("Big Bang")
 - age 13.8 Gyr
- Cosmology is based on
 - Laws of physics (known, hypothetical)
 - Observations
 - Redshift of distant galaxies
 - Primordial abundances of light element isotopes
 - Cosmic microwave background (CMB)
 - Distribution of galaxies (large scale structure)

Laws of Physics

- General relativity (GR) theory of gravitation
- SU(3) ⊗ SU(2) ⊗ U(1) quantum field theory (standard model of particle physics)
- Nuclear and atomic physics
- Thermodynamics

Observations

In the observable universe (= our past light cone) there are hundreds of billions of galaxies

Hubble Ultra Deep Field: NASA/ESA/S. Beckwith(STScI) and The HUDF Team.

Our Past Light Cone

- We can see the history of the universe
 - speed of light = 300 000 km/s = 1 light year / year
 - we see distant objects in the past:
 - Sun: 8 minutes
 - Sirius: 8.6 years
 - Andromeda galaxy: 2 million years
 - Distant galaxies: billions of years
- Age of the universe ~14 billion years
 - => The maximum distance we can see is the distance light travelled in this time (horizon)
 - At which distance we see the big bang (cosmic microwave background)



Expansion of the universe

• Edwin Hubble (1929): Redshift of distant galaxies



$$= \frac{\lambda - \lambda_0}{\lambda_0} \quad \text{or} \quad 1 + z = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_0}$$
Hubble law $cz = H_0 r$
Hubble constant

Possible interpretation: Doppler effect galaxy is receding with velocity v = cz=> $v = H_0r$

> Modern value: $H_0 \approx 70 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$ (1 Mpc = 3.26 million light years)

 $h = H_0 / (100 \text{ km/s/Mpc}) \approx 0.7$

A modern Hubble diagram



• Everything appears to slow down (e.g., supernova lightcurves)



- General relativity (Einstein): the galaxies are not moving, but the space between them is expanding
 - Wavelength expands with the universe

$$1 + z \equiv \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} = \frac{\delta t_2}{\delta t_1} = \frac{a(t_2)}{a(t_1)}$$

- Redshifts can be measured accurately
 - The Hubble law then gives a distance estimate
 - Large redshift surveys (2DFGRS, SDSS) map the 3-dimensional distribution of galaxies



• Redshift

=> distances between galaxies are increasing
=> the universe is expanding

- GR: a(t) scale factor increases with time
- Going back in time:
 - $a(t) \rightarrow 0$
 - $\rho \rightarrow \infty$ ~ 14 x 10⁹ years ago

 $T \rightarrow \infty$

• Planck time $\rho \approx \rho_{Pl} \approx 5 \times 10^{96} \text{ kg/m}^3$ T $\approx T_{Pl} \approx 1.4 \times 10^{32} \text{ K}$

GR Quantum gravity

Big Bang

- The universe was once
 - very hot
 - very dense
 - expanding fast
- Homogeneous & in thermal equilibrium

=> simple, we can calculate

• High T => high energies => particle physics

Natural units: $c = k_B = \hbar = 1$

- Relativity: space and time unified into spacetime: use same units for time and distance
 - 1 s = 299 792 458 m, 1 year = 1 light-year, c = 1
 - Velocity is dimensionless, < 1 for massive particles
 - Same units for energy and mass
- Measure temperature in energy units: $k_BT = T$
 - $1 \text{ K} = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J}$
 - $-1 \text{ eV} = 11600 \text{ K} = 1.78 \times 10^{-36} \text{ kg} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
- Quantum physics: energy related to time
 - Energy of photon related to its angular frequency: E = $\hbar \omega$ = ω
 - $1 \text{ eV} = 1.52 \text{ x} 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$

The Standard Model of particle physics

 $SU(3) \otimes SU(2) \otimes U(1)$ (symmetries)

Electroweak theory (EW)

Quantum chromodynamics (QCD)

• T > 100 GeV:

Fermions:	Quarks:	d	u	S	С	b	t
(matter)	Leptons:	e⁻	ν_{e}	μ-	ν_{μ}	τ	ν_t
Gauge bosons: (interactions)	8 gluons W ⁺ W ⁻ W ⁰	В					

These are all massless

Higgs boson Η

Short history of the universe I



Short history of the universe II



Short history of the universe III





Atoms formed in recombination

Structure formation

- Cosmic microwave background
 - => early universe was homogeneous few x 10⁻⁵ density fluctuations = seeds of galaxies
- Gravity => fluctuations grow
 - => galaxies,

clusters of galaxies,

superclusters, "walls", "voids"



= large scale structure of the universe



Structure formation

- 1. Origin of fluctuations
 - Inflation ? +
 - Cosmic strings ?
- 2. Growth of fluctuations
 - Caused by gravity
 - Depends on composition / nature of matter
 - Dark matter ? Baryonic dark matter -
 - Hot dark matter -

+

Cold dark matter

Dark matter

- "Luminous" matter: stars, gas, dust
- Motions of galaxies => there's more matter (gravity) => dark matter
- Ordinary = baryonic, dark matter (BDM): "jupiters", brown dwarfs, intergalactic gas
- 2. Non-baryonic dark matter
 - 1. Hot dark matter (HDM): neutrinos m ~ 1 eV
 - 2. Cold dark matter (CDM): "exotic" particles, e.g., axions, neutralinos
- Need both baryonic and non-baryonic dark matter
 - Big bang nucleosynthesis
 - Galaxy motions
 - Structure formation

Dark Energy

GR: gravity depends on both energy density and pressure

- source of gravity = ρ + 3p
- equation of state $\rho(p)$ expansion law
- distance-redshift relation of supernovae

=> expansion is accelerating => ρ +3p < 0

=> a negative pressure component

- > 2/3 of total energy density
- uniformly distributed
- large negative pressure
- Possibilities:
 - vacuum energy (cosmological constant)
 - scalar field (quintessence)

Cosmological principle

- Copernican principle: We do not occupy a privileged position in the universe
- Cosmological principle: The universe is homogeneous and isotropic (at large scales)
 - The evidence for isotropy (as seen from our location) is stronger than for homogeneity
 - Copernican principle => should be isotropic as seen from other locations also
 - Isotropic from everywhere => homogeneous
- These principles are invoked to arrive at plausible models, which are then tested against observation

Cosmology I

- 1. Introduction
- 2. General relativity (brief introduction)
- 3. Friedmann-Robertson-Walker (FRW) universe
- 4. Thermal history of the early universe
- 5. Big bang nucleosynthesis (BBN)
- 6. Dark matter

Cosmology II

- 7. Inflation
- 8. Structure formation
- 9. Cosmic microwave background (CMB) anisotropy

THE END