Updated Cosmology

with Python



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1) The most general spherically symmetric metric can be written as

$$ds^{2} = -e^{2F(r,t)}dt^{2} + e^{2H(r,t)}dr^{2} + r^{2}(d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2}\theta dphi^{2}).$$
(13)

This metric is very important as it underlies the theory of both homogeneous cosmological models and of spherically symmetric fluid models for massive stars and black holes. The functions F(r,t) and H(r,t) are determined by the material content of the space-time as described by the energy-momentum tensor and by the boundary conditions defining the problem. Compute the components of the Einstein tensor.

$$G_{00} = e^{-2H} \left(\frac{2}{r}H' - \frac{1}{r^2}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2},$$

$$G_{11} = e^{-2H} \left(\frac{2}{r}F' + \frac{1}{r^2}\right) - \frac{1}{r^2},$$

$$G_{22} = G_{33} = e^{-2H} \left(F'' + F'^2 - H'F' + \frac{1}{r}(F' - H')\right)$$

$$- e^{-2F} \left(\ddot{H} + \dot{H}^2 - \dot{H}\dot{F}\right),$$

$$G_{01} = G_{10} = \frac{2}{r}\dot{H} e^{-(F+H)}.$$

2) The Bianchi models are a large family of homogeneous but anisotropic cosmological models. We consider the homogenous and anisotropic space-time described by Bianchi type-III metric in the form

$$ds^{2} = dt^{2} - A(t)^{2} dx^{2} - B(t)^{2} e^{-2\alpha x} dy^{2} - C(t)^{2} dz^{2},$$
(14)

where A(t), B(t)andC(t) are the scale factors (metric tensors) and functions of the cosmic time t, and $\alpha = 0$ is a constant. (Bianchi type-I metric can be recovered by choosing $\alpha = 0$). Here, we assume an anisotropic fluid whose energy-momentum tensor is in diagonal form:

$$T_{\nu}^{\ \mu} = \text{diag}[1, -w_x, -w_y, -w_z] = \text{diag}[1, -w, -(w+\gamma), -(w+\delta)]\rho, \tag{15}$$

where ρ is the energy density of the fluid, w_x , w_y and w_z are the directional EoS parameters on the x, y and z axes respectively; w is the deviation-free EoS parameter of the fluid. δ and γ are not necessarily constants and can be functions of the cosmic time t.

a) Compute the components of the Einstein's field equations

$$\frac{\dot{A}}{A}\frac{\dot{B}}{B} + \frac{\dot{A}}{A}\frac{\dot{C}}{C} + \frac{\dot{B}}{B}\frac{\dot{C}}{C} - \frac{\alpha^2}{A^2} = \rho,$$
(5)

$$\frac{\ddot{B}}{B} + \frac{\ddot{C}}{C} + \frac{\dot{B}}{B}\frac{\dot{C}}{C} = -w\rho, \qquad (6)$$

$$\frac{\ddot{A}}{A} + \frac{\ddot{C}}{C} + \frac{\dot{A}}{A}\frac{\dot{C}}{C} = -(w+\delta)\rho, \qquad (7)$$

$$\frac{\ddot{A}}{A} + \frac{\ddot{B}}{B} + \frac{\dot{A}}{A}\frac{\dot{B}}{B} - \frac{\alpha^2}{A^2} = -(w+\gamma)\rho, \qquad (8)$$

$$\alpha \left(\frac{\dot{A}}{A} - \frac{\dot{B}}{B}\right) = 0 \tag{9}$$

where the over dot denotes derivation with respect to the cosmic time t.

b) Show the solution of Eqn. (4) gives $B = c_1 A$, where c_1 is the positive constant of integration. c) Substitute this solution into (7), and subtract the result from (6), to show that the the skewness parameter on the y axis is null, i.e. $\delta = 0$, which means that the directional EoS parameters, hence the pressures, on the x and y axes are equal.

The directional Hubble parameters in the directions of x, y and z for the Bianchi type-III metric may be defined as follows,

$$H_x \equiv \frac{\dot{A}}{A}, \quad H_y \equiv \frac{\dot{B}}{b}, \quad H_z \equiv \frac{\dot{C}}{C}.$$
 (16)

and the mean Hubble parameter is given as

$$H = \frac{1}{3}\frac{\dot{V}}{V} = \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\dot{A}}{A} + \frac{\dot{B}}{B} + \frac{\dot{C}}{C}\right) \tag{17}$$

By solving the set of field equations, the difference between the expansion rates on x and z axes could be found $H_x - H_z$, [see Gen Relativ Gravit (2010) 42:763–775].

3) A step further to the standard model is to consider the dark energy being dynamic, where the evolution of its EoS is usually parameterised. A commonly used form of w(z) is to take into account the next contribution of a Taylor expansion in terms of the scale factor $w(a) = w_0 + (1-a)w_a$ or in terms of redshift $w(z) = w_0 + \frac{z}{1+z}w_a$; we refer to this model as CPL. The parameters w_0 and w_a are real numbers such that at the present epoch $w|_{z=0} = w_0$ and $dw/dz|_{z=0} = -w_a$; we recover Λ CDM when $w_0 = -1$ and $w_a = 0$. a) Show the Friedmann equation for the CPL parameterisation turns out to be:

$$\frac{H(z)^2}{H_0^2} = \Omega_{m,0}(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{k,0}(1+z)^2 + (1 - \Omega_{m,0} - \Omega_{k,0})(1+z)^{3(1+w_0+w_a)}e^{-\frac{3w_az}{1+z}}.$$

By using the initial conditions from the previous homework, plot the Comoving distance d_c , luminosity distance d_L , and angular distance d_A for $[w_0 = 0.9, w_a = 0.5]$ and $[w_0 = -1.1, w_a = -0.5]$.

b) Repeat the same process in a), but now use the equation of state $w(z) = w_0 + w_a ln(1+z)$

4) As part of some models that allow deviations from Λ CDM we also use the polynomial-CDM model, that can be thought as a parameterisation of the Hubble function. This model has the following Friedmann equation:

$$\frac{H(z)^2}{H_0^2} = \Omega_{m,0}(1+z)^3 + (\Omega_{1,0} + \Omega_{k,0})(1+z)^2 + \Omega_{2,0}(1+z)^1 + (1 - \Omega_{m,0} - \Omega_{1,0} - \Omega_{2,0} - \Omega_{k,0}),$$

where $\Omega_{1,0}$ and $\Omega_{2,0}$ are two additional parameters, which within the Λ CDM both of them remain absent ($\Omega_{1,0} = 0$ and $\Omega_{2,0} = 0$). Nevertheless, $\Omega_{2,0}$ could be interpreted as a 'missing matter' component introduced to allow a symmetry that relates the big bang to the future conformal singularity [see JCAP09(2012)020].

By using the initial conditions from the previous homework, plot the Comoving distance d_c , luminosity distance d_L , and angular distance d_A for $[\Omega_{1,0} = 0.2, \Omega_{2,0} = -0.2]$ and $[\Omega_{1,0} = -0.2, \Omega_{2,0} = 0.2]$.

5) The action of a massive scalar field, with potential $V(\phi)$, is given by

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi) \right].$$
(18)

a) Show that the corresponding field equation for ϕ , obtained from the Euler-Lagrange equations, reads as

$$\Box^2 \phi + \frac{dV}{d\phi} = 0. \tag{19}$$

where the d'Alembertian is : $\Box^2 = \partial_a \partial^a$.