

1) Hubble's Law applies because  $z \ll 1$ :

$$v \approx zc = H_0 r$$

$$\rightarrow r = \frac{zc}{H_0} = 0.12 \times \frac{3 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}}{70 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s-Mpc}}}$$

$$r = 514.3 \text{ Mpc}$$

2) Feature in a spectrum of a galaxy at 588 nm has rest wavelength  $\lambda_0 = 485.8 \text{ nm}$ .

a) How far is the galaxy?

$$z = \frac{588 - 485.8}{485.8} = 0.21$$

Hubble's Law:

$$r = \frac{zc}{H_0} = 901.6 \text{ Mpc}$$

b) If the galaxy has a random velocity of 400 km/s our estimate for  $r$  is off:

Our  $z = 0.21$  corresponds to a recessional velocity of

$$v \approx cz \approx 6.3112 \times 10^4 \text{ km/s}$$

400 km/s is about 0.63% of this, meaning our  $z$  is off by this & same with our  $r$ :

$$\Delta r \approx \frac{\Delta z c}{H_0} = 5.7 \text{ Mpc}$$

So

$$r = 901.6 \pm 5.7 \text{ Mpc}$$

3 b Cold universe means  $T_0 = 2.725 \text{ K}$   
 Room  $T = 293 \text{ K}$  (you can use  $300 \text{ K}$  if  
 you like). The number density of  
 Blackbody ~~is~~ photons goes as

$$n \propto T^3$$

$$\therefore \frac{n_{T=293}}{n_{T=2.7}} = \left( \frac{293}{2.725} \right)^3 = 1.243 \times 10^6 \text{ more photons at room } T, \text{ than CMBT!}$$

3c Adiabatic expansion of CMB means

$$T \propto \frac{1}{R} \leftarrow \text{scale factor}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{T}{T_0} = \frac{293}{2.725} = \frac{R_0}{R} = \frac{1}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R = \frac{2.725}{293} = 0.009} \approx 100 \text{ times shorter than today.}$$

between fund. observers  
distances were

3d Using answer from 3a we can write

$$n = E_s / E_{\text{mean}} ; E_s = \left( \frac{\pi^2 k^4}{15 h^3 c^3} \right) T^4$$

and  $E_{\text{mean}} \propto kT$   
 $\rightarrow E_{\text{mean}} = 2.7 kT$

Plugging in all the constants you get

$$n = 4.1 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^{-3} = \frac{410}{\text{cc}}$$

The other way to derive this was given in the hint:

$$du = S_\lambda d\lambda \equiv \frac{\text{energy in } \lambda \rightarrow \lambda + d\lambda}{\text{volume}}$$

$$\Rightarrow dn = \frac{du}{E_\lambda} = \frac{du}{hc/\lambda} = \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^4} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}$$

Integrating gives  $n = 16\pi \underbrace{\zeta(3)}_{\text{Riemann zeta funct, } \zeta(3) \approx 1.202} \left(\frac{kT}{hc}\right)^3 \propto T^3$

#### 4) Redshift

$$\frac{dE}{dr} = -K \cdot E \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{energy loss per} \\ \text{unit distance} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ \text{constant} \end{array}$$

Integrate to find the energy vs.  $r$ :

$$\int_{E_0}^E \frac{dE'}{E'} = -K \int_0^r dr = -Kr$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right) = -Kr \Rightarrow E(r) = E_0 e^{-Kr}$$

Wavelength - redshift - energy are related by:

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} ; z \equiv \frac{\lambda_{\text{observed}} - \lambda_{\text{emitted}}}{\lambda_{\text{emitted}}}$$

We're interested in very low redshift. This means that our boxed equation on prev. page:

$$E(r) \approx E_0 (1 - Kr) ; Kr \ll 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda(r)} = \frac{1}{\lambda_0} (1 - Kr)$$

$$\text{or } \lambda_0 = \lambda(r) [1 - Kr]$$

$$\text{So, } z = \frac{\lambda(r) - \lambda_0}{\lambda_0} = \frac{\lambda(r)}{\lambda_0} [1 - 1 + Kr] = \frac{\lambda(r)}{\lambda_0} Kr$$

$$\frac{\lambda(r)}{\lambda_0} = \frac{1}{1 - Kr} \approx 1 + Kr$$

$$\Rightarrow z \approx (1 + Kr)Kr \approx Kr !$$

$$\text{Hubble: } v = zc = H_0 r \rightarrow z = \frac{H_0}{c} r$$

$\therefore$  if  $K \equiv H_0/c$  we have the linear redshift-dist. Hubble law. Note that  $K = \frac{H_0}{c} = \frac{70 \text{ km/s}}{3 \times 10^5 \text{ Mpc}} \approx \frac{1}{4285 \text{ Mpc}}$

You'll start to see deviations from linear relation at  $r \approx$  few 1000 Mpc.

(b) Compton formula:  $\Delta\lambda = \frac{h}{mc} (1 - \cos\theta) = 0.0024(1 - \cos\theta) \text{ nm}$

(i) Assuming a typical scattering  $\theta = 90^\circ$ , we have

$$\Delta\lambda \approx 0.0024 \text{ nm}; \text{ we want a } \Delta\lambda_{\text{tot}} = 100 \text{ nm} \text{ (500} \rightarrow \text{600 nm)}$$

$$N_{\text{scatterings}} = \frac{100 \text{ nm}}{0.0024 \text{ nm}} \approx \boxed{41,666 \text{ Scatterings}}$$

(ii) The probability of having 1 scatter in a density  $n_e$ , using the Thompson x-section,  $\sigma_e$ :

$$n_e \sigma_e \lambda = 1$$

↑ mean-free-path

We want  $\approx 41,700$  scatterings, so the path distance the photon travelled is  $d$  and must agree with Hubble's Law!

$$cz = H_0 d \rightarrow d = cz/H_0$$

$$z = \frac{600 - 500}{500} = 1/5$$

$$d = cz/H_0 = 3 \times 10^5 \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{70} = 857 \text{ Mpc}$$

$$1 \text{ Mpc} = 3.086 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}, \text{ so } \boxed{d = 2.6 \times 10^{25} \text{ m}}$$

Therefore Now we can find  $n_e$ , the  $e^-$  density, required to give  $N_{\text{scatt}} = 41,700$  over a distance  $d$ :

$$n_e \sigma_e d = N_{\text{scatt}} \quad ; \quad \sigma_e = 6.65 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^2$$

$$n_e = N_{\text{scatt}} / \sigma_e d$$

$$n_e = \frac{41,700}{(6.65 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^2)(2.6 \times 10^{25} \text{ m})} = 2.4 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-3} \quad !!$$

This is a ridiculously large  $e^-$  density!

(iii) Assuming a proton for every  $e^-$  (i.e. a fully ionized hydrogen-only medium), we get

$$n_p = n_e \quad ; \quad \text{so } \rho = m_p n_p$$

$$\rho = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \times 2.4 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-3}$$

$$\boxed{\rho = 4.03 \times 10^{-20} \text{ kg/m}^3}$$

(iv) Recall that critical density needed for flat universe is  $\rho_c = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G} \approx 10^{-26} \text{ kg/m}^3$

So, our  $\rho \gg \rho_c$ ,  $\rho$  is unphysically high. This is much larger than what is observed; Closed universe.

Such a large  $\rho$  would not have allowed the  
Universe to reach an age of  $\sim 15$  byrs; expansion  
would have halted long ago, leading to big crunch;