

Sheet 5 : Solutions

Problem 1

At time $t = t_0 =$ "now" we have

$$T_0 = 2.72548 \pm 0.00057 \text{ K} \quad (5.1.1)$$

At time $t = t_1$ from which light to us is redshifted by z , the Temperature is

$$T_1 = (1+z) T_0 \quad (5.1.2)$$

so
$$z = \frac{T_1}{T_0} - 1 \quad (5.1.3)$$

T_0 we know and T_1 is calculated from Planck law through the condition that at $T = T_1$ maximum of Planck distribution occurs at frequency ν_{\max} so that $h\nu_{\max} =$ ionisation energy of hydrogen:

$$h\nu_{\max} = 13.6 \text{ eV} \quad (5.1.4)$$

The Planck law will translate that into a temperature T_1 .

Planck-law (Lecture 8, (8.34)):

$$E_\nu = h\nu \cdot \frac{8\pi}{c^3} \frac{\nu^2}{\exp(h\nu/kT) - 1}$$

$$= \frac{8\pi}{c^3} h \frac{\nu^3}{\exp(h\nu/kT) - 1}$$

$$= \frac{8\pi}{c^3} h \cdot \left(\frac{kT}{h}\right)^3 \frac{y^3}{\exp(y) - 1} \quad (5.1.5)$$

where $y := \frac{h\nu}{kT}$ (5.1.6)

In order to find the extrema of E_ν we need to find the extrema of

$$f(y) := \frac{y^3}{\exp(y) - 1} \quad (5.1.7)$$

$$f'(y) = \frac{3y^2}{\exp(y) - 1} - \frac{y^3 \exp(y)}{[\exp(y) - 1]^2}$$

$$= \frac{3y^2 (\exp(y) - 1) - y^3 \exp(y)}{[\exp(y) - 1]^2}$$

$$= \frac{y^2}{[\exp(y) - 1]^2} [\exp(y)(3 - y) - 3] \quad (5.1.8)$$

Hence

$$f'(y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(3-y) \exp(y) = 3$$

$$(y-3) \exp(y-3) = -\frac{3}{e^3} \quad (5.1.9)$$

(since $\exp(-3) = e^{-3}$).

Note that $f(0) = 0$ and $f(y \rightarrow \infty) = 0$ and $f(y) > 0$ for $y > 0$. Hence there must be a positive maximum of f for some $y > 0$.

(5.1.9) is satisfied for $y = 0$, but this is not the maximum we are interested in. In fact, from (5.1.8)

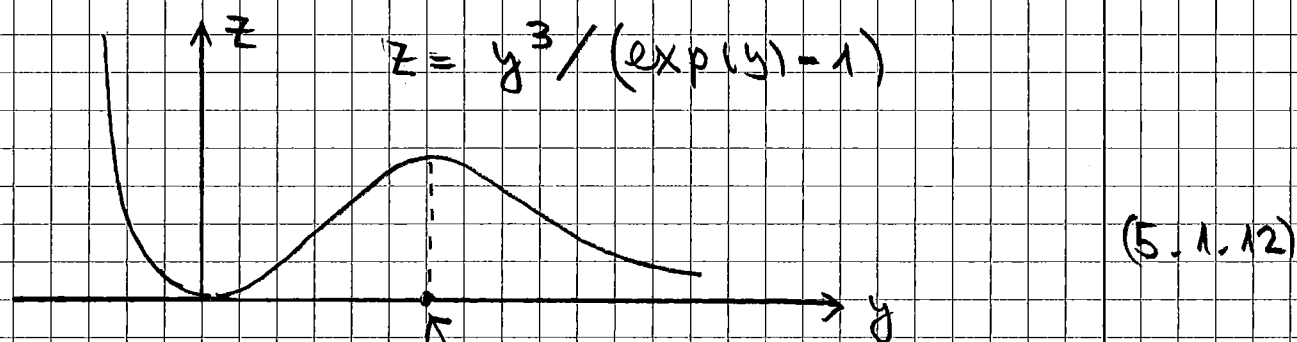
$$f''(y) = \left[\frac{y^2}{[\exp(y)-1]^2} \right]' (\exp(y)(3-y)-3) + \frac{y^2}{[\exp(y)-1]^2} [\exp(y)(3-y)-3 + 3 - \exp(y)] \quad (5.1.10)$$

Evaluated at an y_* satisfying (5.1.9) we get

$$f''(y^*) = \frac{y^{*2}}{(\exp(y^*) - 1)^2} (3 - \exp(y^*))$$

$$= \left[\frac{y^*}{\exp(y^*) - 1} \right]^2 \cdot 3 \cdot \left(\frac{2 - y^*}{3 - y^*} \right) \quad (5.1.11)$$

For $y^* = 0$ $f''(y^*) = 0$ and since - formally - $f(y) > 0$ for $x > 0$ and $x < 0$ we conclude that $y^* = 0$ is a minimum in which we are not interested (for us $v > 0$). Hence $y^* > 0$ must correspond to a maximum.



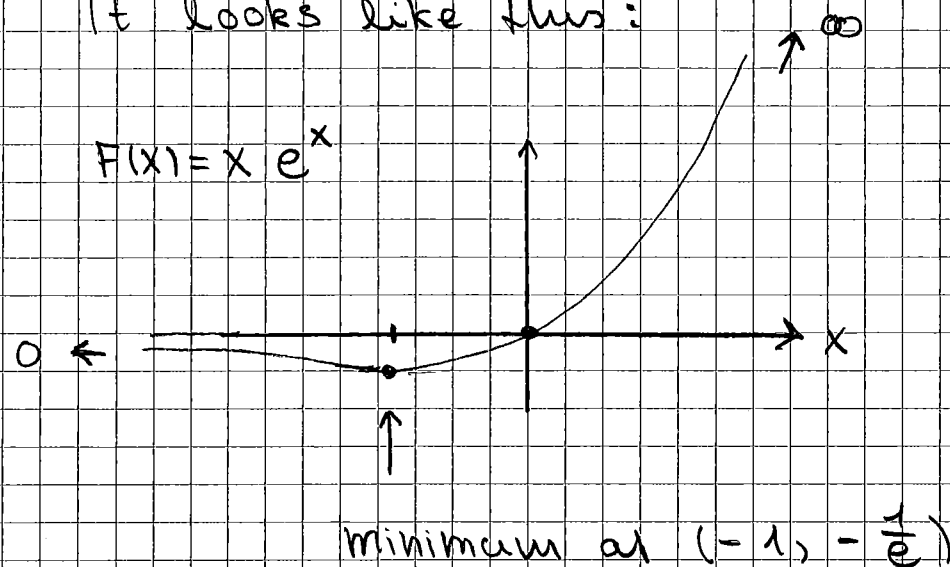
Where is the maximum? It obeys (5.1.9)

$$(y-3) \exp(y-3) = -\frac{3}{e^3} \quad (5.1.13)$$

Consider the function

$$F(x) := x \exp(x) \quad (5.1.14)$$

It looks like this:



(5.1.15)

$$F'(x) = e^x (1+x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -1$$

$$F''(x) = e^x (2+x) \rightarrow F''(x=-1) > 0$$

(5.1.16)

As F is not monotonous, it has no global inverse; rather it has two branches of inverse functions, called the Lambert W_0 and W_{-1} functions, with

$$W_0 = \left(F|_{x \geq -1} \right)^{-1}$$

$$: \left[-\frac{1}{e}, \infty \right) \rightarrow [-1, \infty)$$

monotonously increasing

(called the "principal branch")

(5.1.17)

$$W_{-1} = \left(F \Big|_{x \leq -1} \right)^{-1}$$

$$: \left[-\frac{1}{e}, 0 \right) \rightarrow [-1, -\infty)$$

monotonously decreasing

(5.1.18)

The equation

$$F(x) = y \quad (5.1.19)$$

can be solved for given y if
 $y \gg -1/e$, with two solutions
 $W_0(y)$ and $W_{-1}(y)$ if $y \in (-1/e, 0)$
 and one solution if $y \in [0, \infty)$.
 For $y = -1/e$ the solutions $W_0(y)$ and
 $W_{-1}(y)$ coincide.

Now, we want to solve (5.1.9)

$$(y-3) \exp(y-3) = -\frac{3}{e^3} \quad (5.1.9)$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad F(y-3) = -\frac{3}{e^3} \quad (5.1.20)$$

Since the right-hand side is negative
 and

$$-\frac{3}{e^3} > -\frac{1}{e} \quad (5.1.21)$$

there are two solutions

$$y_1 = 3 + W_0 \left(-\frac{3}{e^3} \right) \quad (5.1.22a)$$

$$y_2 = 3 + W_{-1} \left(-\frac{3}{e^3} \right) \quad (5.1.22b)$$

Since one solution of (5.1.9) is $y = 0$ this must correspond to y_2 , since W_{-1} takes values in $[-1, -\infty)$ (including -3) whereas W_0 takes values in $[-1, \infty)$ (not including -3).

Hence the solution we want is

$$y = y_* = 3 + W_0 \left(-3/e^3 \right). \quad (5.1.23)$$

Using "Wolfram Alpha" or the like, get

$$W_0 \left(-3/e^3 \right) = -0.178561 \quad (5.1.24)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_* \approx 2.82 \quad (\text{rounded}) \quad (5.1.25)$$

Hence, for Planck's law, the frequency at which E_ν has its maximum is

$$y_* = \frac{h\nu_*}{kT} = 2.82 \quad (5.1.26)$$

$$\text{or } h\nu_* = 2.82 \cdot kT \quad (5.1.27)$$

If we want this to be 13.6 eV
we must have

$$T_1 = \frac{h\nu^*}{2.82k} = \frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{2.82k} \quad (5.1.28)$$

k = Boltzmann constant

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \\ &= 8.62 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (5.1.29)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= \frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{2.82 \cdot 8.62} \cdot 10^5 \text{ K} \\ &= 5.6 \cdot 10^4 \text{ K} \end{aligned} \quad (5.1.30)$$

This is the temperature at which black-body-radiation has its maximal density at the ionisation frequency of hydrogen. From (5.1.3) with (5.1.1) we get

$$Z = \frac{5.6 \cdot 10^4}{2.73} - 1 = 2.05 \cdot 10^4 \quad (5.1.31)$$

This is 20-times larger than Z_{re} (recombination), for we calculated T at which ν_{\max} is 13.6 eV.

Problem 2

For $\Omega_{\text{rad}} \equiv 1$ and all other Ω 's equal to zero we have

$$\left(\frac{dx}{d\lambda}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{x^2} = 0 \quad (5.2.1)$$

$$\leadsto dx \cdot x = d\lambda$$

$$x(\lambda) = \sqrt{2\lambda}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } a(t) &= a_0 (2H_0 t)^{1/2} \\ &= A t^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } A = a_0 \sqrt{2H_0}$$

$$\left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} &= A t^{1/2} \\ &= a_0 \sqrt{2H_0} \end{aligned}} \right\} (5.2.2)$$

$$\text{Hence } H(t) = \frac{1}{2} t^{-1} \quad (5.2.3)$$

$$q(t) = q = -\frac{\ddot{a}a}{\dot{a}^2} = 1 \quad (5.2.4)$$

In lecture 9 we calculated (9.78):

$$\Delta\varphi : (\mathcal{D} = \text{Rre}, z_{\text{re}}) = \text{Rre} / dA(z_{\text{re}}) \quad (5.2.5)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} dA(z_{\text{re}}) &= d\alpha^{(1)} \\ &= d\alpha^{(0)} / (1+z) \Big|_{z=z_{\text{re}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= L(t_0, z_{\text{re}}) / (1+z_{\text{re}}) \quad (5.2.6)$$

Hence

$$\Delta\varphi(D=R_{re}, Z_{re}) = (1+Z_{re}) \frac{R_{re}}{L(t_0, t_{re})} \quad (5.2.7)$$

We took R_{re} to be the particle horizon at recombination, i.e.

$$R_{re} = L(t_{re}, 0) \quad (5.2.8)$$

so that

$$\Delta\varphi = (1+Z_{re}) \cdot \frac{L(t_{re}, 0)}{L(t_0, t_{re})} \quad (5.2.9)$$

We evaluated both, $L(t_{re}, 0)$ and $L(t_0, t_{re})$ for the matter dominated model, $a(t) \sim t^{2/3}$.

But generally, for $q(t) = q = \text{const}$ models which are (compare (9.53))

$$a(t) = k t^{\frac{1}{1+q}} \quad (5.2.10)$$

have from (9.56)

$$L(t_0, t_1) = c t_0^{\frac{1+q}{q}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{t_1}{t_0} \right)^{q/(1+q)} \right] \quad (5.2.11)$$

For $q = 1/2$ (matter dom.) have

$$L(t_{re}, 0) = 3 c t_{re} \quad (5.2.12)$$

$$L(t_0, t_{re}) = 3 c t_0 \left[1 - \left(\frac{t_{re}}{t_0} \right)^{2/3} \right] \quad (5.2.13)$$

Hence

$$\Delta \varphi = \frac{(1+zre)}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{tre}{t_0}\right)^{1/3}\right]} \left(\frac{tre}{t_0}\right) \quad (5.2.14)$$

And with

$$(1+z) = \frac{a(t_0)}{a(t_1)} = \left(\frac{t_0}{t_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{1+q}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t_0}{tre} = (1+z)^{(1+q)} \quad (5.2.15)$$

$$= (1+z)^{3/2} \quad \text{for } q = \frac{1}{2} \quad (5.2.16)$$

We arrived at

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \varphi &= \frac{(1+zre) \cdot (1+zre)^{-3/2}}{1 - (1+zre)^{-1/2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+zre} - 1} \quad (5.2.17) \end{aligned}$$

Now, if we replace the calculation of $L(tre, 0)$ with that of the radiation dominated model, we get from (5.2.11) instead of (5.2.12) for $q=1$:

$$L^{RD}(t_{re}, 0) = 2ct_0 \quad (5.2.18)$$

But we maintain the calculation for $L(t_0, t_{re})$ in the matter dominated model ($q = \frac{1}{2}$), since matter dominance sets in long before t_{re} (compare Sheet 4, Problem 4). Then

$$\Delta\varphi = (1+z_{re}) \frac{L^{RD}(t_{re}, 0)}{L^{MD}(t_0, t_{re})} \quad (5.2.19)$$

(RD = Radiation Dominated
MD = Matter Dominated)

$$\Delta\varphi = (1+z_{re}) = \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+z_{re}} - 1} \quad (5.2.20)$$

So the only difference of replacing the dynamics between Big-Bang and Recombination by radiation dominance is that $\Delta\varphi$ gets multiplied by $2/3$, i.e. becomes yet smaller.

Problem 3

We recall from Lecture 6 the dimensionless Friedmann-Equation (G. 53a-c)

$$\left(\frac{dx}{d\lambda}\right)^2 + V(x) = E \quad (5.3.1)$$

where $\lambda = t H_0$

$$x(\lambda) = a(\lambda H_0) / a_0 \quad (5.3.2)$$

$$V(x) = -\frac{\Omega_{\text{rad}}}{x^2} - \frac{\Omega_{\text{dust}}}{x} - \Omega_{\Lambda} x^2 \quad (5.3.3)$$

$$E = \Omega_k \quad (5.3.4)$$

$$\text{and } \Omega_{\text{rad}} + \Omega_{\text{dust}} + \Omega_{\Lambda} + \Omega_k = 1 \quad (5.3.5)$$

For $\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0$ $V(x)$ is always negative and approaches $V=0$ for $x \rightarrow \infty$.

For $k=+1$,

i.e. $\Omega_k < 0$

we have $E < 0$.

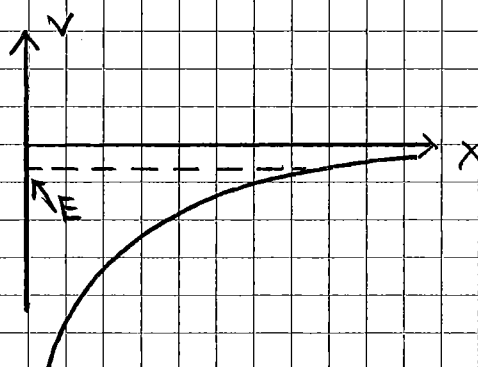
Hence "particle"

rolls up and

down again the potential hill. Note

that

$$\Omega_k := -\frac{k c^2}{H_0^2 a_0^2} < 0 \quad (5.3.6)$$



So that for $k = +1$ have

$$\Omega_k = - \frac{c^2}{H_0^2 a_0^2} \quad (5.3.7)$$

and for $\Omega_\Lambda = \Omega_{\text{rad}} = 0$

$$\Omega_{\text{dust}} = 1 - \Omega_k > 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \parallel \\ & \frac{8\pi G \rho_0}{3 H_0^2} \Rightarrow \rho_0 > \frac{3 H_0^2}{8\pi G} =: \rho_{\text{crit}} \end{aligned} \quad (5.3.8)$$

In case $\Omega_\Lambda = \Omega_{\text{rad}} = 0$ we write

$$\Omega := \Omega_{\text{dust}} \quad (5.3.9)$$

$$\Omega_k = 1 - \Omega \quad (\text{cosm. triangle}) \quad (5.3.10)$$

and (5.3.1) becomes

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dx} \right)^2 = \frac{\Omega}{x} + (1 - \Omega) \quad (5.3.11)$$

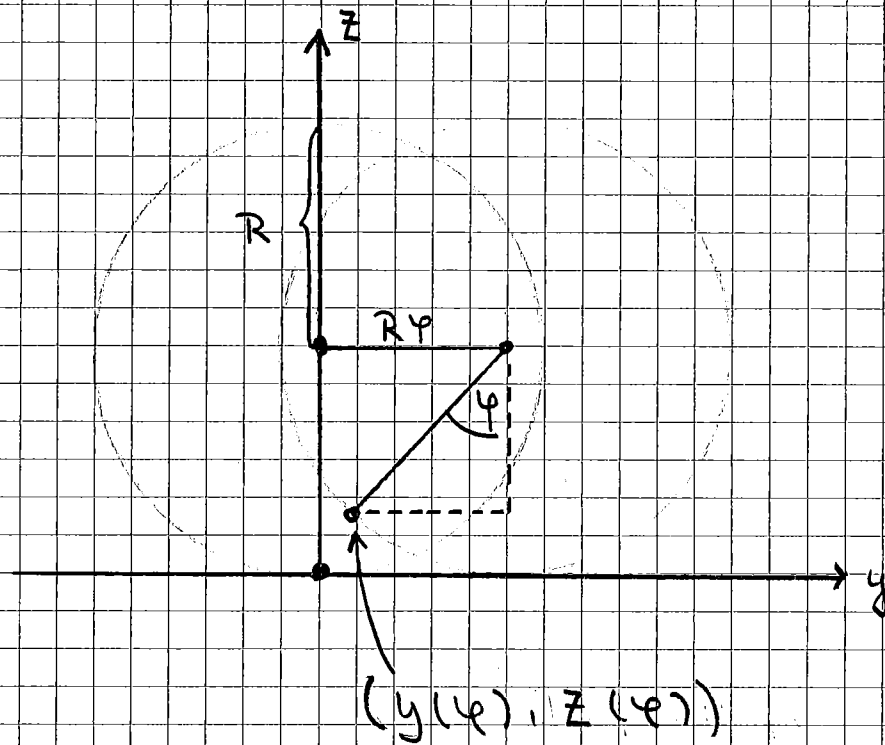
$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\Omega - 1} \left(\frac{dx}{dx} \right)^2 = \frac{\Omega}{\Omega - 1} \frac{1}{x} - 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{dx}{d\sigma} \right)^2 = \frac{2R}{x} - 1 \quad (5.3.12)$$

$$\text{where } \sigma := \sqrt{\Omega - 1} \lambda \quad (5.3.13)$$

$$R := \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega}{\Omega - 1} \quad (5.3.14)$$

We recall once more the "cycloid",
i.e. the curve described by a fixed
point on the circumference of a
rolling wheel



(5.3.15)

$$y(\varphi) = R(\varphi - \sin \varphi)$$

$$z(\varphi) = R(1 - \cos \varphi)$$

(5.3.16)

$$\frac{dz}{dy} = \frac{dz/d\varphi}{dy/d\varphi} = \frac{\sin \varphi}{1 - \cos \varphi}$$

$$= \frac{(1 - \cos^2 \varphi)^{1/2}}{1 - \cos \varphi} = \left[\frac{1 + \cos \varphi}{1 - \cos \varphi} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \left[\frac{-1 + \cos \varphi + 2}{1 - \cos \varphi} \right]^{1/2} = \left(\frac{2R}{z} - 1 \right)^{1/2} \quad (5.3.17)$$

The differential equation for the graph $Z = Z(y)$ of the cycloid is

$$\frac{dZ}{dy} = \left(\frac{ZR}{Z} - 1 \right)^{1/2} \quad (5.3.18)$$

In our case

$$\frac{dX}{d\sigma} = \left(\frac{2R}{X} - 1 \right)^{1/2} \quad (5.3.19)$$

So that we read off parametric solution

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma &= \sigma(\varphi) = R(\varphi - \sin \varphi) \\ X &= X(\varphi) = R(1 - \cos \varphi) \end{aligned} \right\} (5.3.20)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{where } X &= \frac{a}{a_0}, \quad \sigma = \sqrt{\Omega - 1} \lambda \\ R &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega}{\Omega - 1} \end{aligned} \right\} (5.3.21)$$

In terms of t and $a(t)$ this reads:

$$t(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2H_0} \frac{\Omega}{(\Omega - 1)^{3/2}} (\varphi - \sin \varphi) \quad (5.3.22a)$$

$$a(\varphi) = \frac{a_0}{2} \frac{\Omega}{\Omega - 1} (1 - \cos \varphi) \quad (5.3.22b)$$

So the universe starts at $\varphi = 0, t = 0$ at a "Big-Bang", expand to a maximal size at $\varphi = \pi$, i.e.

$$t_{\max} = \frac{\pi}{2H_0} \frac{\Omega}{(\Omega-1)^{3/2}} \quad (5.3.23a)$$

$$a_{\max} = a_0 \frac{\Omega}{\Omega-1} \quad (5.3.23b)$$

and then recollapse at a "Big-Crunch" at $\varphi = 2\pi$

$$t_* = 2 t_{\max} = \frac{\pi}{H_0} \frac{\Omega}{(\Omega-1)^{3/2}} \quad (5.3.24)$$

where the time from Big-Bang to Big-Crunch is the "lifetime" t_* .

The distance a light-signal travels is given by

$$\begin{aligned} dx &= c \frac{dt}{a(t)} = c \frac{da}{\dot{a} a} \\ &= c \frac{da}{H a^2} = \frac{dx}{H(x) x^2} \frac{c}{a_0} \end{aligned} \quad (5.3.25)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(x) &= H_0 \left(\Omega_{\text{rad}} x^{-4} + \Omega_{\text{dust}} x^{-3} + \Omega_{\kappa} x^{-2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \Omega_{\Lambda} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{H_0}{x^2} \left(\Omega x - (\Omega-1) x^2 \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 X^2 H(X) &= H_0 \left(\Omega X - (\Omega - 1) X^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
 &= H_0 (\Omega - 1)^{1/2} \left[-X^2 + \frac{\Omega}{\Omega - 1} X \right]^{1/2} \\
 &= H_0 (\Omega - 1)^{1/2} \left[-\left(X - \frac{\Omega}{2(\Omega - 1)} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Omega}{2(\Omega - 1)} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\
 &= H_0 \frac{\Omega}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega - 1}} \left[-\left(\frac{2(\Omega - 1)}{\Omega} X - 1 \right)^2 + 1 \right]^{1/2} \quad (5.3.26)
 \end{aligned}$$

Inserting this into (5.3.25) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 dX &= \frac{2\sqrt{\Omega - 1}}{H_0 \Omega a_0} c \cdot \frac{dX}{\left[-\left(\frac{2(\Omega - 1)}{\Omega} X - 1 \right)^2 + 1 \right]^{1/2}} \\
 &= \frac{c}{H_0 a_0 \sqrt{\Omega - 1}} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{1 - z^2}} \quad (5.3.27)
 \end{aligned}$$

with $z := \left(\frac{2(\Omega - 1)}{\Omega} X - 1 \right)$ (5.3.28)

Interacting from $X = 0$ (or $X = 0$ ($a = 0$, Big-Bang) or $z = -1$ to X for X ;
i.e. $z = \frac{2(\Omega - 1)}{\Omega} X - 1$, we get, using

$$\int \frac{dz}{\sqrt{1 - z^2}} = \arcsin(z) \quad (5.3.29)$$

$$\chi = \frac{c}{H_0 a_0 \sqrt{\Omega - 1}} \arcsin(z) \Big|_{-1}^{\frac{2(\Omega-1)}{\Omega} x - 1} \quad (5.3.30)$$

Using (5.3.10) and (5.3.7), i.e.

$$\Omega - 1 = -\Omega x = \frac{c^2}{H_0^2 a_0^2}$$

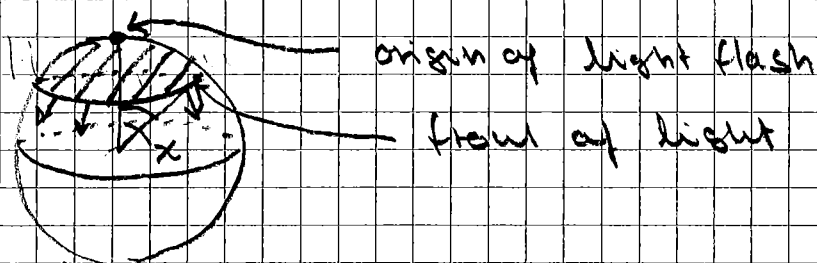
so that

$$\frac{c}{H_0 a_0 \sqrt{\Omega - 1}} = 1 \quad (5.3.31)$$

We get

$$\chi = \frac{\pi}{2} + \arcsin\left(\frac{2(\Omega-1)}{\Omega} x - 1\right) \quad (5.3.32)$$

This formula gives the polar angle χ of the spherical cap on S^3 covered by the light-flash that started at $\chi=0$ at $x=0$ ($a=0$).



The semi-sphere ("half the universe") is covered for $\chi = \pi/2$

This happens for

$$\chi = \frac{\Omega}{2(\Omega-1)} \quad (5.3.33)$$

$$\text{i.e. } a = \frac{a_0}{2} \frac{\Omega}{\Omega-1} \quad (5.3.34)$$

which by (5.3.22b) means $\varphi = \frac{\pi}{2}$
and hence

$$t(\varphi = \frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{1}{2H_0} \frac{\Omega}{(\Omega-1)^{3/2}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right) \quad (5.3.35)$$

The 3-sphere is fully covered by the light flash for $\chi = \pi$, i.e.

$$\frac{2(\Omega-1)}{\Omega} \chi - 1 = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \chi = \frac{\Omega}{\Omega-1}$$

$$\text{or } a = a_0 \frac{\Omega}{\Omega-1} \quad (5.3.36)$$

which is for $\varphi = \pi$ and

$$t = t_{\max} = \frac{\pi}{2H_0} \frac{\Omega}{(\Omega-1)^{3/2}} \quad (5.3.37)$$

That is, in a dust-dominated universe can the observer see the whole universe at the time of maximal expansion.

Now we repeat the same analysis for a radiation-driven dynamics.

This time we set

$$\Omega_{\text{dust}} = \Omega_{\Lambda} = 0$$

$$\Omega_{\text{rad}} =: \Omega > 1$$

$$\Omega_K = 1 - \Omega < 0$$

(5.3.38)

The Friedmann-Equation (5.3.1) then

is

$$\left(\frac{dx}{d\lambda}\right)^2 = \frac{\Omega}{x^2} - (\Omega - 1)$$

$$\frac{dx}{\left[\frac{\Omega}{x^2} - (\Omega - 1)\right]^{1/2}} = d\lambda$$

$$\frac{x dx}{[-(\Omega - 1)x^2 + \Omega]^{1/2}} = d\lambda$$

(5.3.39)

Straight forward integration with

$x = 0$ for $\lambda = 0$ gives

$$-\frac{1}{(\Omega - 1)} \left[-(\Omega - 1)x^2 + \Omega\right]^{1/2} + \frac{\Omega^{1/2}}{\Omega - 1} = \lambda$$

$$\rightarrow -\left[-(\Omega - 1)x^2 + \Omega\right]^{1/2} = ((\Omega - 1)\lambda - \Omega^{1/2})$$

$$-(\Omega-1)x^2 + \Omega = ((\Omega-1)x - \Omega^{1/2})^2$$

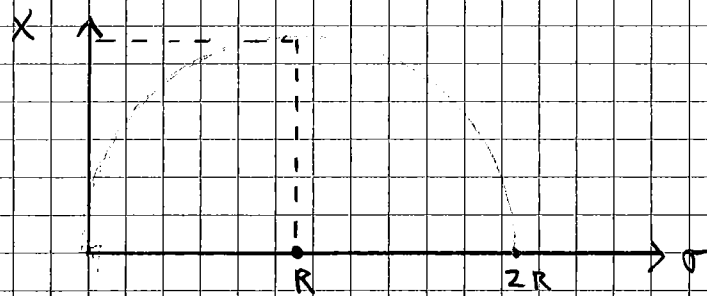
$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 + \left[\lambda(1-\Omega)^{1/2} - \left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega-1} \right)^{1/2} \right]^2 = \frac{\Omega}{\Omega-1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 + \left[\sigma - \left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega-1} \right)^{1/2} \right]^2 = \frac{\Omega}{\Omega-1} \quad (5.3.40)$$

This describes a circle of radius

$$R = \left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega-1} \right)^{1/2} \quad (5.3.41)$$

and centre $(R, 0)$ in the σ - x plane of which only the upper semicircle $x \geq 0$ is relevant here



We set

$$\sigma = (\Omega-1)^{1/2} x \quad (5.4.43)$$

Maximal expansion is at $\sigma = R$

with $x = R$, i.e.

$$t_{\max} = \frac{1}{H_0} \frac{\Omega^{1/2}}{\Omega-1} = \frac{1}{2} t_* \quad \leftarrow \text{lifetime} \quad (5.3.44a)$$

$$a_{\max} = a_0 \left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega-1} \right)^{1/2} \quad (5.3.44b)$$

Regarding the light flash we get,
instead of (5.3.26)

$$X^2 H(X) = H_0 (\Omega - (\Omega - 1) X^2)^{1/2} \quad (5.3.45)$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} dX &= \frac{c}{a_0 H_0} \frac{dX}{[\Omega - (\Omega - 1) X^2]^{1/2}} \\ &= \frac{c}{a_0 H_0} \left(\frac{1}{\Omega}\right)^{1/2} \frac{dX}{\left[1 - \frac{\Omega - 1}{\Omega} X^2\right]^{1/2}} \\ &= \frac{c}{a_0 H_0} \left(\frac{1}{\Omega - 1}\right)^{1/2} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{1 - z^2}} \end{aligned} \quad (5.3.46)$$

where $z = \left(\frac{\Omega - 1}{\Omega}\right)^{1/2} X$ (5.3.47)

Again (5.3.31) holds (since $\Omega - 1 = -\Omega \kappa = c^2 / H_0^2 a_0^2$), so that

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \text{arc sin } (z) \Big|_0^{\left(\frac{\Omega - 1}{\Omega}\right)^{1/2} X} \\ &= \text{arc sin} \left[\left(\frac{\Omega - 1}{\Omega}\right)^{1/2} X \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5.3.48)$$

This is the semi-sphere $\chi = \frac{\pi}{2}$ for

$$X = \left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega - 1}\right)^{1/2} \quad (5.3.49)$$

i.e.

$$a = a_{\max} = a_0 \left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega - 1} \right)^{1/2} \quad (5.3.50)$$

and twice as much, i.e. $\chi = \pi$, corresponding to the whole S^3 , if the z -integration extends from $z=0$ (Big-Bang) to $z=1$ (maximal extent) and back to $z=0$ (Big-Crunch).

So for the radiation-dominated universe the observer sees only half of the universe at $a = a_{\max}$ and has to wait until the Big-Crunch in order to see all of it! ∇