

Astro 507
Lecture 11
Feb. 14, 2020

Announcements:

- **Preflight 2 was due at noon**
- **Problem Set 2 due next Friday**

- exciting cosmological Astronomy Colloquium Tue Feb 18
Rachel Mandelbaum, Carnegie-Mellon
“Cosmology with weak lensing
in ongoing and upcoming imaging surveys”

GR on a T-Shirt

General Relativity spirit and approach:
like special relativity, only moreso

Special Relativity concepts retained:

- **spacetime**: events, relationships among them
- **interval** gives observer-independent (invariant) measure of “distance” between events
- Special Relativity is a special case of GR
SR: no gravity \rightarrow no curvature \rightarrow “flat spacetime”
GR limit: gravity sources $\rightarrow 0$ give spacetime \rightarrow Minkowski

GR: Special Relativity concepts generalized

- gravity encoded in spacetime structure
- spacetime can be curved
- coordinates have no intrinsic meaning

The Metric

Fundamental object in GR: **metric**

consider two nearby events, separated by coordinate differences $dx = (dx^0, dx^1, dx^2, dx^3)$

GR (in orthogonal spacetimes) sez:

interval between them given by “**line element**”

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= A(x) (dx^0)^2 - B(x) (dx^1)^2 - C(x) (dx^2)^2 - D(x) (dx^3)^2 \\ &\equiv \sum_{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \equiv g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \end{aligned}$$

where the **metric tensor** $g_{\mu\nu}$

- in this case (orthogonal spacetime): $g = \text{diag}(A, B, C, D)$
- components generally are functions of space & *time* coords
- is symmetric, i.e., $g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\nu\mu}$
- encodes all physics (like wavefunction in QM)

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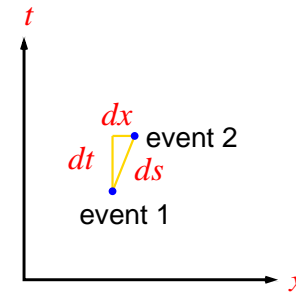
Q: if no gravity=Minkowski, what's the metric?

physical interpretation of interval: like in SR

$$ds^2 = (\text{apparent elapsed time})^2 - (\text{apparent spatial separation})^2$$

★ observers have *timelike* worldlines: $ds^2 > 0$

★ light has *null* $ds = 0$ worldlines



Simplest example: Minkowski space (Special Relativity)

$g_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1)$: constant values

Relativistic Cosmology

Cosmological Spacetimes

Want to describe spacetime of the universe
to zeroth order: **homogeneous, isotropic**

1. at each spacetime point
exactly **one** observer sees isotropy*
call these **fundamental observers**
roughly: “galaxies” i.e., us
(strictly speaking, we don’t qualify) *Q: why?*
2. isotropy at each point \rightarrow homogeneity
but can be homogeneous & not isotropic

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*We will see: observers moving w.r.t. FOs eventually come to rest w.r.t. FOs

3. homogeneity and isotropy \rightarrow symmetries

U. is “**maximally symmetric**”

\rightarrow greatly constrain allowed spacetimes

i.e., allowed metrics

Cosmological Principle and Cosmic Spacetime

Executive Summary

Cosmo Principle → at any time, space is **maximally symmetric**

- strongly restricts allowed spacetime structure
- there exist a set of **fundamental observers** (FOs)
(or “frames” or “coordinate systems”)
who see U as homogenous and isotropic
- FOs “ride on” or are at rest w.r.t. **comoving coordinates**
which don’t change with expansion
but do of course physically move apart
- FO clocks all tick at same rate, measure **cosmic time** t

[∞] Note: in a generic spacetime, not possible to “synchronize clocks”
in this way

Spaces of Constant Curvature

Amazing mathematical result:

despite enormous constraints of maximal symmetry

GR does *not* demand cosmic space to be flat (Euclidean)

as assumed in pre-relativity and special relativity

GR allows *three classes of cosmic spatial geometry*

each of which is a space of constant (or zero) curvature

- positive curvature → hyper-spherical
- negative curvature → hyperbolic
- zero curvature → flat (Euclidean)

www: cartoons

◦ All of these are *allowed* by GR and maximal symmetry
but *our* universe can have only *one* of them

Q: how do we know which of these our U has “chosen”?

Positive Curvature: A (Hyper-)Spherical Universe

to get an intuition: consider ordinary sphere (“2-sphere”)
using coordinates in Euclidean space (“embedding”)
sphere defined by

$$(x, y, z) \in x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2 = \text{const} \quad (1)$$

Coordinates on the sphere:

- *usual* spherical coords: center, *origin outside of the space*
- we will use coordinates with *origin in the space*
more convenient, closer to the physics Q: *why?*

origin: at north pole

$$(x, y, z) = (0, 0, +R)$$

r distance from z -axis

$r \Leftrightarrow$ latitudes

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 = R^2 - z^2$$

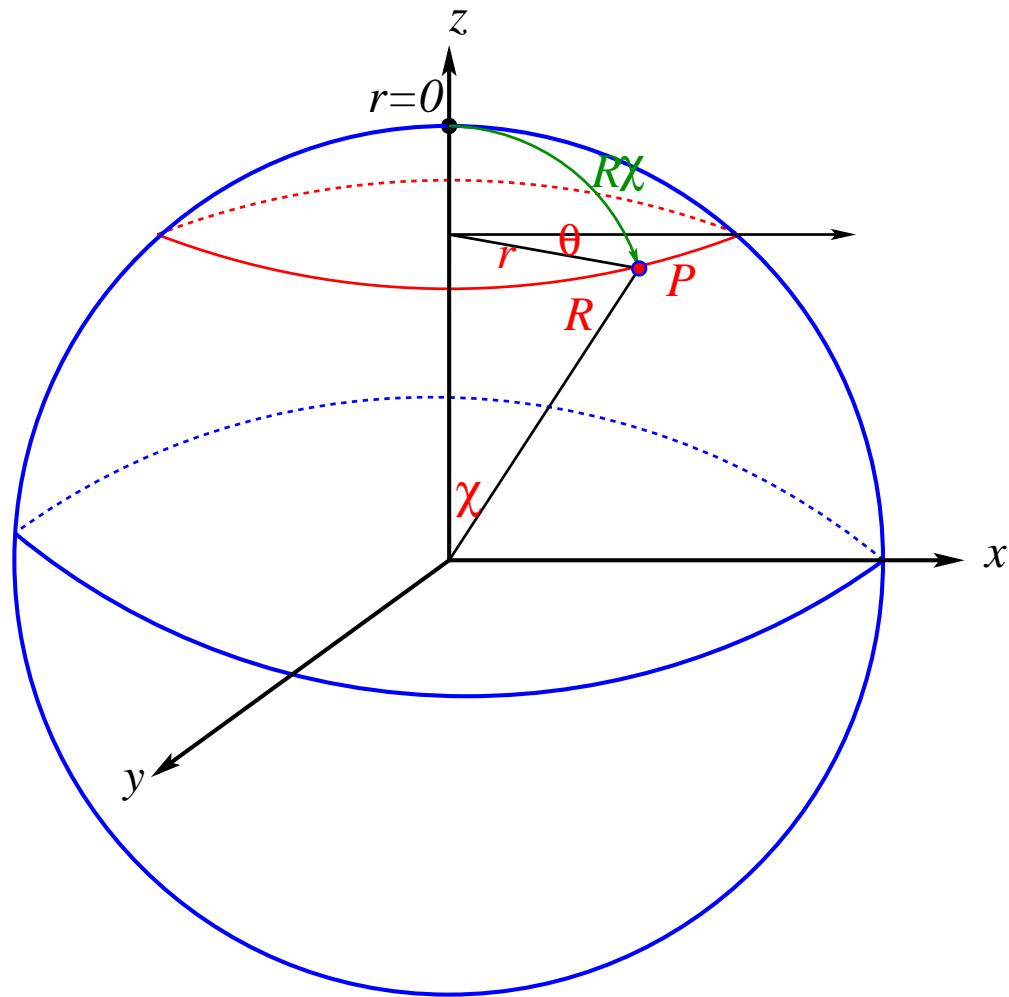
θ angle from x axis

$\theta \rightarrow$ longitude

$R\chi$

arclength on sphere from pole

χ is usual spherical polar angle



2-sphere metric:

in 3-D embedding space: $d\ell^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + dz^2$

but points, intervals constrained to lie on sphere:

$$R^2 = r^2 + z^2 = \text{const}$$

$$d(R^2) = 0 = xdx + ydy + zdz = r dr + z dz$$

so $dz = -r dr / z \rightarrow$ can eliminate z

thus in polar coords with origin at N Pole

$$d\ell^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + dz^2 = \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{R^2 - r^2}\right) dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 \quad (2)$$

$$= \left(\frac{R^2}{R^2 - r^2}\right) dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 = \frac{dr^2}{1 - r^2/R^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 \quad (3)$$

not the Euclidean expression!

↳ curved space: curvature $R^2 = \text{const!}$

Exploring Sphereland

coordinates for (2-D) observers on sphere, centered at N Pole:

$$dl^2 = dl_r^2 + dl_\theta^2 = \frac{dr^2}{1 - r^2/R^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 = R^2 d\chi^2 + R^2 \sin^2 \chi d\theta^2$$

N Pole inhabitant (2-Santa) measures radial distance from home:

$$dl_r = dr / \sqrt{1 - r^2/R^2} \equiv R d\chi$$

→ radius is $l_r = R \sin^{-1}(r/R) \equiv R\chi$

Example: construct a *circle*

locus of points at same radius l_r

• circumference $dC = dl_\theta = r d\theta = R \sin \chi d\theta$

$$\rightarrow C = 2\pi R \sin \chi < 2\pi l_r$$

• area $dA = dl_r dl_\theta = R^2 \sin \chi d\chi d\theta$

$$\rightarrow A = 2\pi R^2 (1 - \cos \chi) < \pi l_r^2$$

Q: *why are these right?*

3-D Life in a 4-D Sphere

generalize to 3-D “surface” of sphere in 4-D space
(“3-sphere”), constant positive curvature R :
3-D spherical coordinates centered on “N pole”

spatial line element

$$d\ell^2 = \frac{dr^2}{1 - r^2/R^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \quad (4)$$

- sky still has solid angle $d\Omega = \sin \theta d\theta d\pi$, $\int d\Omega = 4\pi$
- radial (proper) distance $\Delta\ell_r = R \sin^{-1}(r/R) \equiv R\chi$
- so we have found, for $\kappa = +1$,
RW metric has $f(r) = 1/(1 - r^2/R^2)$

Q: guesses for zero, negative curvature metrics?

Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker Metric

Robertson & Walker:

maximal symmetry imposes metric form

Robertson-Walker line element (in my favorite units, coords):

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

where cosmic geometry encoded via κ :

$$\kappa = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{pos curv: "spherical"} \\ 0 & \text{flat: "Euclidean"} \\ -1 & \text{neg curv: "hyperbolic"} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

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gives **interval** for neighboring events

Consider event pairs (t, r, θ, ϕ) and $(t + \delta t, r, \theta, \phi)$

- Q: what is ds^2 ?
- Q: what does ds^2 tell us physically?

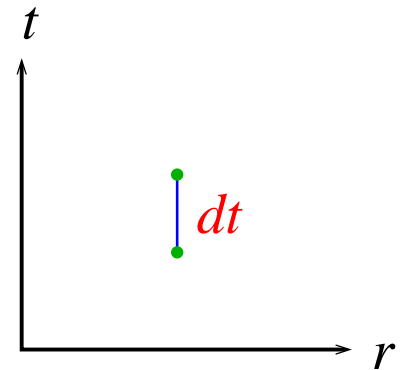
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 &= (\text{apparent elapsed time})^2 - (\text{apparent distance})^2
 \end{aligned}$$

event separation $(dt, dr, d\theta, d\phi) = (\delta t, 0, 0, 0)$

- spatial coords unchanged:
events at rest w.r.t. FO frame
- FO's apparent elapsed time is

$$ds = \delta t$$

lesson: dt is FO clock rate = **cosmic time**



now consider pair: (t, r, θ, ϕ) and $(t, r + \delta r, \theta, \phi)$

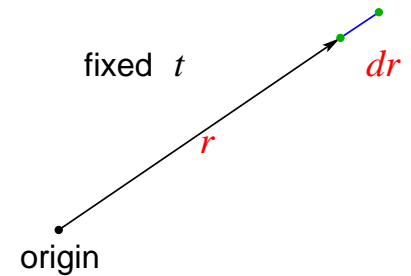
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event separation $(dt, dr, d\theta, d\phi) = (0, \delta r, 0, 0)$

- time coords unchanged:
events simultaneous in FO frame
 $\Rightarrow ds^2$ gives $-(\text{apparent distance})^2 = -dl^2$
- separation is radial only
 \Rightarrow FO finds physical radial distance is

$$dl = dl_r = a(t) \frac{\delta r}{\sqrt{1 - \kappa r^2/R^2}}$$



for event separation $(dt, dr, d\theta, d\phi) = (0, \delta r, 0, 0)$
physical radial distance is

$$dl = dl_r = a(t) \frac{\delta r}{\sqrt{1 - \kappa r^2 / R^2}} \quad (7)$$

lessons:

- radial distances sensitive to curvature R
not directly measured by r unless $\kappa = 0$
- radial distances evolve as $a(t)$ – of course!
- cosmoving radial distance is $dl_{r,\text{com}} = \delta r / \sqrt{1 - \kappa r^2 / R^2}$

now consider pair (t, r, θ, ϕ) and $(t, r, \theta + \delta\theta, \phi)$

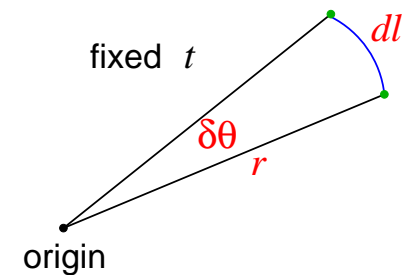
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event separation $(dt, dr, d\theta, d\phi) = (0, 0, \delta\theta, 0)$

- time coords unchanged: events give FO distance
- separation is angular only
 \Rightarrow FO finds distance = *arc length*

$$dl = dl_\theta = a(t) r \delta\theta$$



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- arc lengths depend on radial coord r
 \neq physical radial distance unless $\kappa = 0$
- arc lengths evolve as $a(t)$ – of course!
- comoving angular distance is $dl_{\theta, \text{com}} = r \delta\theta$
- similarly, $dl_\phi = a(t) r \sin(\theta) \delta\phi$

consider a region with

- $dt = dr = 0$, and
- $d\theta, d\phi \neq 0$

Q: *physical significance?*

Q: *relevant quantity?*

consider a region with

- $dt = 0$
- $dr, d\theta, d\phi \neq 0$

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region with $dt = dr = 0$ and $d\theta, d\phi \neq 0$:

- fixed time coordinate: events give spatial separation
- fixed radial coordinate r : separation is angular only
- both angular coordinates vary: sweeps 2-D region on sphere
- *area* of region is

$$dA = dl_\theta dl_\phi = a(t)^2 r^2 \sin(\theta) d\theta d\phi = a(t)^2 r^2 d\Omega \quad (9)$$

lesson:

- *solid angle* is usual $d\Omega = dA/a(t)^2 r^2 = \sin(\theta) d\theta d\phi$
- physical area of *sphere* at r is $A_{\text{sph}} = 4\pi a(t)^2 r^2$

region with $dt = 0$ and $dr, d\theta, d\phi \neq 0$:

- sweep out 3-D *spatial volume* on sphere

$$dV = dl_r dl_\theta dl_\phi = a(t)^3 \frac{r^2}{\sqrt{1 - \kappa r^2/R^2}} dr d\Omega \quad (10)$$

Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker Cosmology

Friedmann & Lemaître:

solve GR dynamics (Einstein equation)

for stress-energy of “perfect fluid” (no dissipation)

The Einstein Equation and Robertson-Walker

Einstein eq: $R_{\mu\nu} - 1/2 Rg_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}$

derivatives in Einstein eq come from curvature tensor $R_{\mu\nu}$

→ schematically: “ $R \sim \partial^2 g \sim G\rho$ ” – like Newtonian Poisson eq
but the only undetermined function in the metric

is the scale factor a , which only depends on t :

so: Einstein eqs → ODEs which set evolution of $a(t)$

⇒ these are the Friedmann equations!

and: in RW metric, local energy conservation $\nabla_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$

23 ⇒ gives 1st Law: $d(\rho a^3) = -pd(a)^3$

More detail in today’s Director’s Cut Extras

Life in a FRLW Universe

FLRW metric + Friedmann eqs for $a(t)$

→ all you need to calculate anything

particle motions, fluid evolution, observables...

Excellent first example: Propagation of light

We want to know

- photon path through spacetime
- evolution of photon λ, E during propagation
- detected redshift

Q: how to calculate these?

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Q: coordinate choices?

Worked Example: Photon Propagation

photon path: radial null trajectory $ds = 0$ (Fermat)

★ emitted at $r_{\text{em}}, t_{\text{em}}$

★ observed at $r_{\text{obs}} = 0, t_{\text{obs}}$

for FOs at r_{em} and $r_{\text{obs}} = 0$,
any t_{em} and t_{obs} pairs have

$$\int_{t_{\text{em}}}^{t_{\text{obs}}} \frac{dt}{a(t)} = \int_0^{r_{\text{em}}} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1 - \kappa r^2 / R^2}}$$

time-dep time-indep

Since RHS is time-independent Q: *why?*

then *any* two pairs of emission/observation events
between comoving points $r \rightarrow 0$ must have

$$\int_{t_{\text{em},1}}^{t_{\text{obs},1}} \frac{dt}{a(t)} = \int_{t_{\text{em},2}}^{t_{\text{obs},2}} \frac{dt}{a(t)} \quad (11)$$

consider two sequential emission events, lagged by δt_{em}
subsequently seen as sequential observation events with δt_{obs}

time-independence of propagation integral means

$$\int_{t_{\text{em}}}^{t_{\text{obs}}} \frac{dt}{a(t)} = \int_{t_{\text{em}} + \delta t_{\text{em}}}^{t_{\text{obs}} + \delta t_{\text{obs}}} \frac{dt}{a(t)}$$

rearranging...

$$\int_{t_{\text{em}}}^{t_{\text{em}} + \delta t_{\text{em}}} \frac{dt}{a(t)} = \int_{t_{\text{obs}}}^{t_{\text{obs}} + \delta t_{\text{obs}}} \frac{dt}{a(t)}$$

if δt small (Q: *compared to what?*)

then $\delta t_{\text{em}}/a(t_{\text{em}}) = \delta t_{\text{obs}}/a(t_{\text{obs}})$ and so

$$\frac{\delta t_{\text{obs}}}{\delta t_{\text{em}}} = \frac{a(t_{\text{obs}})}{a(t_{\text{em}})}$$

Q: *observational implications?*

Observational implications:

★ for *any* pairs of photons

$$\frac{\delta t_{\text{obs}}}{\delta t_{\text{em}}} = \frac{a(t_{\text{obs}})}{a(t_{\text{em}})} = \frac{1 + z_{\text{em}}}{1 + z_{\text{obs}}}$$

and since $a(t_{\text{obs}}) > a(t_{\text{em}})$

→ $\delta t_{\text{obs}} > \delta t_{\text{em}}$

→ distant happenings appear in slow motion!

→ **time dilation!**

cosmic time dilation recently observed!

Q: *how would effect show up?*

Q: *why non-trivial to observationally confirm?*

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Director's Cut Extras

proper spatial distances:

- i.e., results using meter sticks
- measured **simultaneously** ($dx^0 = 0$)

length element:

$$d\ell^2 = -ds^2 = d\ell_1^2 + d\ell_2^2 + d\ell_3^2 = g_{11}(dx^1)^2 + g_{22}(dx^2)^2 + g_{33}(dx^3)^2$$

space (3-)volume element:

$$\begin{aligned} dV_3 &= d\ell_1 d\ell_2 d\ell_3 \\ &= \sqrt{|g_{11}g_{22}g_{33}|} dx^1 dx^2 dx^3 \end{aligned}$$

spacetime 4-volume element:

$$\begin{aligned} dV_4 &= d\ell_0 dV_3 = \sqrt{|g_{00}g_{11}g_{22}g_{33}|} dx^0 dx^1 dx^2 dx^3 \\ &= \sqrt{|\det g|} dx^0 dx^1 dx^2 dx^3 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Minkowski space, Cartesian coords

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2$$

length: $d\ell^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$

3-volume: $dV_3 = dx dy dz$

4-volume: $dV_4 = dx dy dz dt$

Example: Minkowski space, spherical coords

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - dr^2 - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$$

length: $d\ell^2 = dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$

3-volume: $dV_3 = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi \equiv r^2 dr d\Omega$

4-volume: $dV_4 = r^2 dr d\Omega dt$

The Cosmic Line Element

cosmological principle:

can divide spacetime into time “slices”

i.e., 3-D spatial (hyper) surfaces

▷ populated by fundamental observers

▷ with coords, e.g., (t, x, y, z)

▷ choose FO's to have $d\vec{x} = 0$

i.e., spatial coords are **comoving** (“fixed to expanding grid”)

on surface: fundamental observers must all have

$ds^2 = dt^2 \rightarrow$ i.e., $g_{tt} = \text{const} = 1$ Q: why?

$\rightarrow g_{tt}$ indep of space, time

these give:

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - g_{ii}(dx^i)^2 \quad (12)$$

Cosmological Principle and the Cosmic Metric

homogeneity and time

no space dependence on $d\ell_0 = dt$

- can define **cosmic time** t (FO clocks)
- at fixed t , time lapse dt not “warped” across space

homogeneity and space

- at any t , properties invariant under translations
- no center
- can pick arbitrary point to be origin
- e.g., here!

Cosmological spacetime encoded via cosmic **metric** which determines how the interval depends on coordinates any observer computes interval between events as

$$ds^2 = (\text{elapsed time})^2 - (\text{spatial displacement})^2$$

Cosmic metric so far:

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - g_{ii}(dx^i)^2 \quad (13)$$

where: t is cosmic time

now impose *isotropy*

- at any cosmic t , interval invariant under rotations
- pick arbitrary origin, then (comoving) spherical coords the usual r, θ, ϕ , with $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ and arbitrary origin (usually, but not always, here!)

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Q: now that does metric look like?

For *fundamental* observers, maximal symmetry demands metric which can* be written as:

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a(t)^2 dl_{\text{com}}^2 \quad (14)$$

$$= dt^2 - a(t)^2 \left[f(r) dr^2 + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right] \quad (15)$$

$a(t)$ is the cosmic scale factor

$f(r)$ is as yet undetermined

- for flat (Euclidean) space, $f(r) = 1$
- so $f \neq 1 \rightarrow$ non-Euclidean spatial geometry = curved space!

Q: why same time dep for radial and angular displacements?

Note power of cosmo principle

\rightarrow only allowed dynamics is uniform expansion $a(t)$!

*other space & time coordinates possible and sometimes useful

but in all cases space and time must *factor* in this way

Curvature

maximal symmetry requires that Universe spatial “3-volume” is a “**space of constant curvature**”

at any time t : cosmic curvature is a length $\mathcal{R}(t)$

- today: $\mathcal{R}(t_0) \equiv R$
- Q : *dependence on scale factor?*

For the relativists: max symmetry means *spatial* curvature tensor must take the form

$$R_{ijkl}^{(3)} = \frac{\kappa}{\mathcal{R}(t)^2} (h_{ik}h_{jl} - h_{jk}h_{il}) \quad (16)$$

where $\kappa = -1, 0, \text{ or } +1$

and h is the spatial part of metric g

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Note: the curvature scalar is really one single number K

but for $K \neq 0$ one can identify a sign $\kappa \equiv K/\|K\|$ and lengthscale $\mathcal{R}^2 \equiv 1/\|K\|$

Perfect fluid:

- “perfect” → no dissipation (i.e., viscosity)
- stress-energy: given density, pressure fields ρ, p and 4-velocity field $u_\mu \rightarrow (1, 0, 0, 0)$ for FO

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \rho u_\mu u_\nu + p(g_{\mu\nu} - u_\mu u_\nu) \quad (17)$$

$$= \text{diag}(\rho, p, p, p)_{\text{FO}} \quad (18)$$

Recall: stress-energy conservation is

$$\nabla_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (19)$$

where ∇_μ is covariant derivative

For RW metric, this becomes:

$$d(a^3 \rho) = p d(a^3) \quad (20)$$

1st Law of Thermodynamics!

Einstein equation

$$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu} \quad (21)$$

Given RW metric (orthogonal, max symmetric):

- Q: *how many nonzero Einstein eqs generally? here?*
- Q: *what goes into $G_{\mu\nu}$? what will this be for RW metric?*

Einstein eq:

$G_{\mu\nu}, T_{\mu\nu}$ symmetric 4×4 matrices \rightarrow 10 independent components
in general, Einstein \rightarrow 10 equations

but cosmo principle demands: space-time terms $G_{0i} = 0$

and off-diagonal space-space $G_{ij} = 0$

else pick out special direction \Rightarrow only diagonal terms nonzero

and all 3 “ p ” equations same

Einstein \rightarrow two independent equations

$$G_{00} = 3 \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 + \frac{3\kappa}{R^2 a^2} \quad (22)$$

$$= 8\pi G T_{00} = 8\pi G \rho \quad (23)$$

$$G_{ii} = 6 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + 3 \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 + \frac{3\kappa}{R^2 a^2} \quad (24)$$

$$= 8\pi G T_{ii} = 8\pi G p \quad (25)$$

After rearrangement, these become
the Friedmann “energy” and acceleration equations!