

Class problems #1

1. Introduce the natural physical units

$$\hbar = c = k_B = 1,$$

the Planck length (l_{Pl}), the Planck time (t_{Pl}) and the Planck mass (M_{Pl}) in the SI unit system. Compare M_{Pl} with the mass of a bacteria e.g. E.coli (in kg).

2. Derive the Friedmann equations from the cosmological principle (homogeneity and isotropy) using non-relativistic Newtonian dynamics [1, 2].
3. Find the orbital velocity of stars in a galaxy far from a massive core (stellar bulge). Assume isotropy.
4. Find the mass distribution in a galaxy that would explain flat rotational curves. Assume isotropy.
5. Estimate the orbital speed of the solar system knowing that the distance to the center of the Galaxy is about 8 kpc(define pc). The Milky Way contains about 2×10^{11} stars.
6. The estimated energy (mass) density of dark matter (DM) in the solar neighborhood is around $0.3 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$. Suppose that the DM is made of WIMPs (Weakly Interacting Massive Particle) of mass $\sim 100 \text{ GeV}$.
 - How many WIMPs are roughly inside your body at any time?
 - What is the DM flux, i.e. the number of particles per cm^2 , per s, if they move with the typical galactic velocity $v \sim 200 \text{ km/sec}$?
7. Assume that the Milky Way is a typical galaxy containing about 10^{11} stars and that averaged distance between galaxies is about 1 Mpc. Estimate the Universe density in SI units.
8. Spectral energy density for a black body radiation is

$$\varepsilon(\nu) = \frac{8\pi h}{c^3} \frac{\nu^3}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}} - 1}, \quad [\varepsilon] = \frac{\text{J}}{\text{m}^3 \text{Hz}}$$

The binding energy of the hydrogen atom is 13.6 eV. CMB has a spectrum of black body at $T = 2.728 \text{ K}$, find:

- the average energy $\langle \varepsilon \rangle$ and the number density n_{tot} of photons in eV and compare to the hydrogen atom binding energy,
 - the frequency and the wavelength of photon for the maximum of the spectrum,
 - the total photon energy density in J m^{-3} , eV m^{-3} .
9. Derive the following table

	CMB		Barions	
$\langle \varepsilon \rangle$	10^{-22} J	$6 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ J}$	10^9 eV
ε_{tot}	$4 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ J m}^{-3}$	$2 \cdot 10^5 \text{ eV m}^{-3}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ J m}^{-3}$	10^9 eV m^{-3}
n_{tot}	$4 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m}^{-3}$		1 m^{-3}	

References

- [1] Andrew Liddle, "An Introduction to Modern Cosmology".
- [2] Joan Arnau Romeu, "Derivation of Friedman equations", Barcelona, June 2014.