PROBLEM SET 3 – Astronomy 113

- 1. Assume that there are 10^{-75} galaxies per cubic centimeter in the Universe and that each galaxy has a mass of $10^{11} \rm M_{\odot}$ within a radius of 8 kpc. If all galaxies have flat rotation curves between 8 kpc and some fixed radius R, then how does the density parameter of galaxy mass, $\Omega_{\rm galaxies}$, depend on R?
- 2. A galaxy with luminosity L is at a redshift z=1. By what factor will its expected flux differ between the steady-state universe, and Friedmann $\Lambda=0$ models with $q_0=0, 1/2,$ and 1?
- 3. A standard candle has spectral luminosity $L_{\nu} = C\nu^{-\pi}$, where C is a constant. What is the K(z) correction in the flux-redshift relation for such a standard candle if all fluxes are measured today between frequencies ν_a and ν_b ?
- 4. If the current temperature of the microwave background is 2.7 K, and if the present density parameter of the universe is Ω_o , at what redshift did the energy density of matter equal the radiation energy density?
- 5. In a radiation dominated universe, what is the time dependence of the Hubble parameter, H, and of the deceleration parameter, q?
- 6. You make two measurements of the microwave background radiation temperature on earth from opposite directions on the sky (180 degrees apart). If the result of these measurements are 2.702 K and 2.715 K from these two directions, then what is the temperature of the microwave background, and what lower limit can you set on the earth's velocity with respect to a co-moving observer? Assume the measurements are exact.