

### QUESTION 1

What is the light travel time of a quasar observed at redshift  $z = 4.5$  in an Einstein-de Sitter Universe? Express your answer in terms of the Hubble Time.

In an Einstein-de Sitter universe, we know that the proper time at any redshift  $z$  is given by

$$t = \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{H_0} \left( \frac{1}{1+z} \right)^{3/2} = \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{1}{1+z} \right)^{3/2} \tau_0, \quad (1)$$

where  $\tau_0$  is the Hubble time. The total travel time is the difference between the time the photon was emitted,  $t(z = 4.5)$ , and the time it is observed,  $t_0$ , i.e. today. Therefore

$$\Delta t = \frac{2}{3} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{1+4.5} \right)^{3/2} \right] \tau_0 \approx 0.615 \tau_0.$$

### QUESTION 2

Show that in an Einstein-de Sitter Universe, angular diameter for fixed size reaches a minimum at redshift  $z = 1.25$ .

The angular diameter of an object is given as

$$\theta = \frac{l}{d_{ang}} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} d_{ang} &= \frac{d_{lum}}{(1+z)^2} \\ d_{lum} &= \frac{2c}{H_0} \left( (1+z) - \sqrt{1+z} \right). \end{aligned}$$

So we see from (2) that  $\theta$  has a minimum when  $d_{ang}$  has a maximum. Basically, we need to look at

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{1}{1+z} - \frac{1}{(1+z)^{3/2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1+z)^2} - \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) \frac{1}{(1+z)^{5/2}} \\ \sqrt{1+z} &= \frac{3}{2} \\ z &= \frac{9}{4} - 1 = \frac{5}{4} = 1.25. \end{aligned}$$

### QUESTION 3

Consider a galaxy of bolometric luminosity  $L = 10^{42}$  erg s<sup>-1</sup> and diameter  $d = 30$  kpc. Plot (1) the logarithm of the bolometric flux  $F$  and (2) the logarithm of the angular diameter  $\theta$  of the galaxy versus  $(1+z)$  over the redshift interval  $z = 0-20$  for Friedmann cosmological models (i.e.  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0$ ) with  $\Omega_m = 0, 0.2, 1,$  and  $2$ .

First we have to derive<sup>1</sup> a formula for the angular diameter distance,  $d_{ang}$ , in terms of the comoving distance. We start with the FRW metric

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - \frac{R^2(t)}{c^2} \left[ \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2 \right] = 0, \quad (3)$$

where  $r$  is the comoving distance,  $R$  the scale factor,  $k$  the curvature,  $\Omega$  the solid angle from observer to source, and the last equality comes from the fact that light travels along null geodesics. If we consider light travelling radially ( $d\Omega = 0$ ) from a source at  $(t_e, r)$  to the observer at  $(t_0, 0)$  we can rewrite this as

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_e} \frac{cdt}{R(t)} = - \int_0^r \frac{dr'}{\sqrt{1 - kr'^2}} = \int_r^0 \frac{dr'}{\sqrt{1 - kr'^2}}, \quad (4)$$

where the “-” comes from the fact that as  $t$  increases,  $r$  decreases. We also know from the Friedmann equation that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{R}^2 &= \frac{8\pi G\rho R^2}{3} - kc^2 = \frac{H_0^2 R_0^3 \Omega_0}{R} - H_0^2 R_0^2 (\Omega_0 - 1) \\ &= H_0^2 R_0^2 \left( \frac{\Omega_0 R_0}{R} - (\Omega_0 - 1) \right) \\ \Rightarrow dt &= \frac{dR}{H_0 R_0 \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_0 R_0}{R} - (\Omega_0 - 1)}}, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

for a matter dominated universe. Plugging this back into (4) we have

$$\frac{c}{H_0 R_0} \int_{R(t_0)=R_0}^{R(t_e)} \frac{dR}{R \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_0 R_0}{R} - (\Omega_0 - 1)}} = \int_r^0 \frac{dr'}{\sqrt{1 - kr'^2}}. \quad (6)$$

Now recalling that  $a = R/R_0 = 1/(1+z)$ , where  $z$  is the redshift of the source, the left hand side becomes

$$\frac{c}{H_0 R_0} \int_1^{1/(1+z)} \frac{da}{a \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_0}{a} - (\Omega_0 - 1)}}, \quad (7)$$

<sup>1</sup>I re-derive this here so I have a copy of the derivation. Skip to page 4 for the first graph.

Upon plugging back into (6) and rearranging integration order, we have

$$\int_0^r \frac{dr'}{\sqrt{1 - kr'^2}} = \frac{c}{H_0 R_0} \int_{1/(1+z)}^1 \frac{da}{a\sqrt{\frac{\Omega_0}{a} - (\Omega_0 - 1)}}. \quad (8)$$

Note that the left hand side takes on a different functional form for different values of  $k$ . For example, if  $k$  is negative we may factor out the constants and obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^r \frac{dr'}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{H_0^2 R_0^2}{c^2} (1 - \Omega_0) r'^2}} &= \frac{c}{H_0 R_0} \int_{1/(1+z)}^1 \frac{da}{a\sqrt{\frac{\Omega_0}{a} - (\Omega_0 - 1)}} \\ \frac{c}{H_0 R_0 \sqrt{1 - \Omega_0}} \int_0^r \frac{dr'}{\sqrt{\frac{H_0^2 R_0^2 c^2}{(1 - \Omega_0)} + r'^2}} &= \frac{c}{H_0 R_0} \int_{1/(1+z)}^1 \frac{da}{a\sqrt{\frac{\Omega_0}{a} - (\Omega_0 - 1)}} \\ \sinh^{-1} \left( \frac{r H_0 R_0 \sqrt{1 - \Omega_0}}{c} \right) &= \sqrt{1 - \Omega_0} \int_{1/(1+z)}^1 \frac{da}{a\sqrt{\frac{\Omega_0}{a} - (\Omega_0 - 1)}}. \end{aligned}$$

More generally, we may write the comoving distance as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} k = -1 \ (\Omega_0 < 1) : \quad r &= \frac{c}{H_0 R_0 \sqrt{1 - \Omega_0}} \sinh [\chi(z, \Omega_0)] \\ k = 0 \ (\Omega_0 = 1) : \quad r &= \chi(z, 1) = \frac{2c}{H_0} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+z}} \right) \\ k = +1 \ (\Omega_0 > 1) : \quad r &= \frac{c}{H_0 R_0 \sqrt{\Omega_0 - 1}} \sin [\chi(z, \Omega_0)], \end{aligned}$$

where we have plugged in the value of  $k$  as was done in (5). Now, the angular diameter distance is defined as

$$d_{ang} = \frac{l}{\theta}$$

where  $l$  is the physical size of an object which subtends an angle  $\theta$  on the sky. In a comoving formalism we say that the physical size of the object is  $l/a$  and that the comoving distance to the object is  $r$  as derived above. We may therefore say that the angle subtended by the object is

$$\theta = \frac{l/a}{r}.$$

Comparing these two expressions, we see that

$$d_{ang} = ar = \frac{r}{1+z}. \quad (9)$$

Similarly, an expression for the luminosity distance can be derived:

$$d_{lum} \equiv \left( \frac{L}{4\pi F} \right)^{1/2} = r(1+z). \quad (10)$$

Finally, what we wish to plot is

$$\begin{aligned} F(z, \chi) &= \frac{L}{4\pi r^2(\chi)} \frac{1}{(1+z)^2} \\ \theta(z, \chi) &= \frac{d}{r(\chi)}(1+z) \end{aligned}$$

for various values of  $\chi$  (essentially  $\Omega_0$ ) and  $z$ . First we need to perform the integral  $\chi(z, \Omega_0)$  for the various cases. This is done analytically for all values of  $\Omega_0$  and the equations for  $r$  are:

$k = -1$  :

$$r = \frac{c}{H_0 R_0 \sqrt{1 - \Omega_0}} \sinh \left( \ln \left[ \frac{2\sqrt{1 - \Omega_0} + 2(1 - \Omega_0) + \Omega_0}{2\sqrt{1 - \Omega_0} \sqrt{\frac{1 - \Omega_0}{(1+z)^2} + \frac{\Omega_0}{1+z}} + 2\frac{1 - \Omega_0}{1+z} + \Omega_0} \right] \right)$$

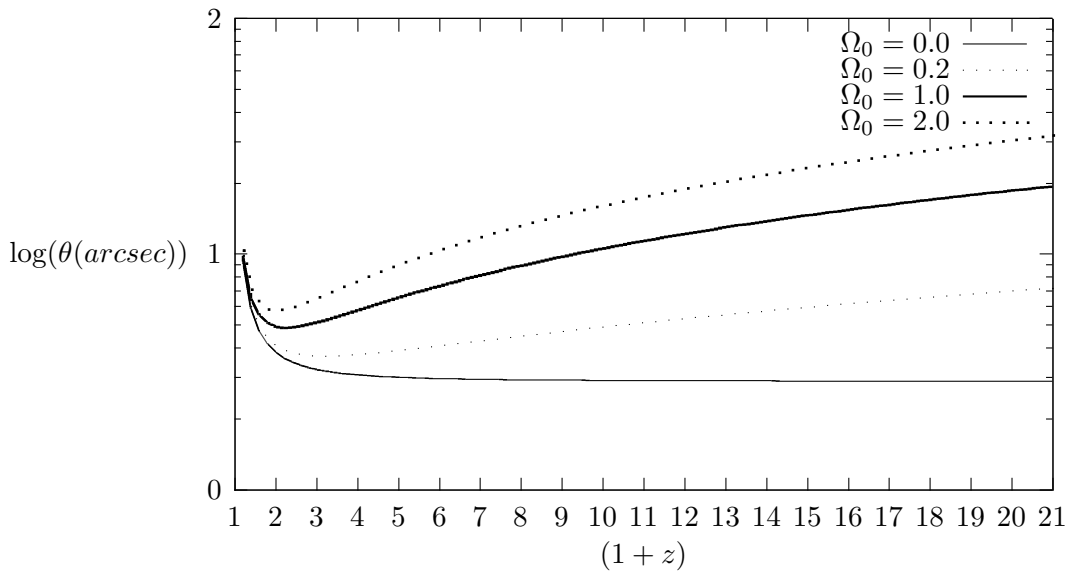
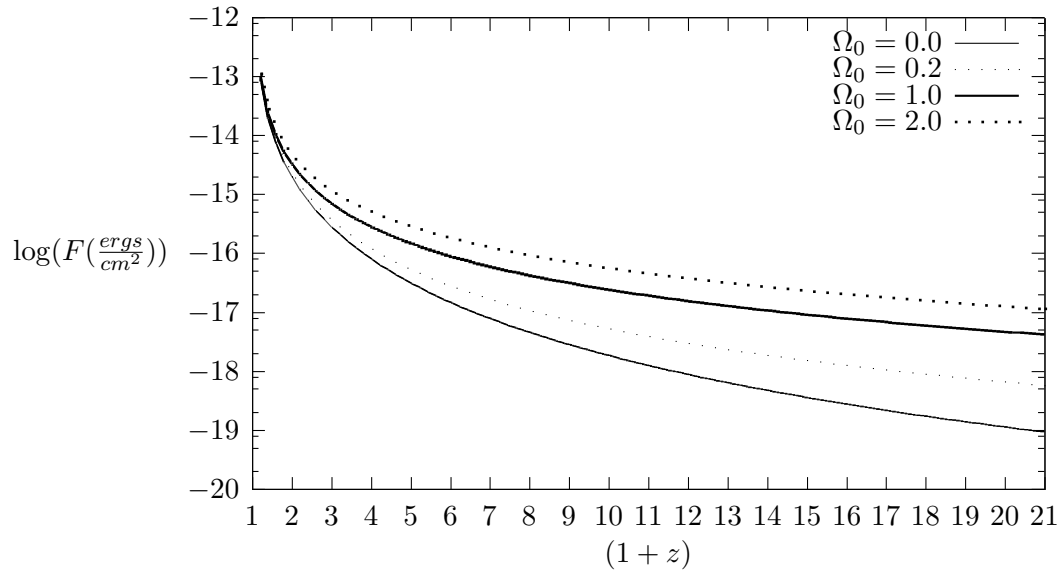
$k = 0$  :

$$r = \frac{2c}{H_0 R_0} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+z}} \right)$$

$k = +1$  :

$$r = \frac{c}{H_0 R_0 \sqrt{\Omega_0 - 1}} \sin \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( 1 - 2\frac{\Omega_0 - 1}{\Omega_0(1+z)} \right) - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2 - \Omega_0}{\Omega_0} \right) \right].$$

These were now plugged into the previous definitions of the flux and angular diameter equations and plugged on a logscale. For these graphs,  $R_0$  was set to unity.



#### QUESTION 4

Derive the integral relationship between radial coordinate and redshift for a Friedmann-Lemaitre model of matter density parameter  $\Omega_m$  and vacuum energy density parameter  $\Omega_\Lambda$ . Solve the relationship using Simpson's rule, and plot the luminosity distance and angular diameter distance versus redshift for redshifts  $z = 0$ –1000 for four choices of parameters: (1)  $\Omega_m = 0$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0$ ; (2)  $\Omega_m = 1$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0$ ; (3)  $\Omega_m = 0.3$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$ ; (4)  $\Omega_m = 0.5$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.5$ .

To include a vacuum energy density we need to modify a few things from the previous problem. First, we take  $\Omega_0 \rightarrow \Omega_m$ . Next, we have to modify  $k$  and the  $dt$  from the Friedmann equation, (5):

$$k \rightarrow \frac{R_0^2 H_0^2}{c^2} (\Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda - 1) \quad (11)$$

$$dt \rightarrow \frac{dR}{H_0^2 R_0^2 \sqrt{\Omega_m \left(\frac{R_0}{R}\right) + \Omega_\Lambda \left(\frac{R}{R_0}\right)^2 - (\Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda - 1)}}. \quad (12)$$

If we perform the same manipulations as before, we have an integral relationship reminiscent of (8):

$$\int_0^r \frac{dr'}{\sqrt{1 - kr'^2}} = \frac{c}{H_0 R_0} \chi'(z, \Omega_m, \Omega_\Lambda) \equiv \frac{c}{H_0 R_0} \int_{1/(1+z)}^1 \frac{da}{a \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_m}{a} + \Omega_\Lambda a^2 - (\Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda - 1)}}.$$

As before, the left hand side takes on different values for different values of  $k$ . We are only considering cases where either  $k = 0$  or  $k = -1$  and therefore:

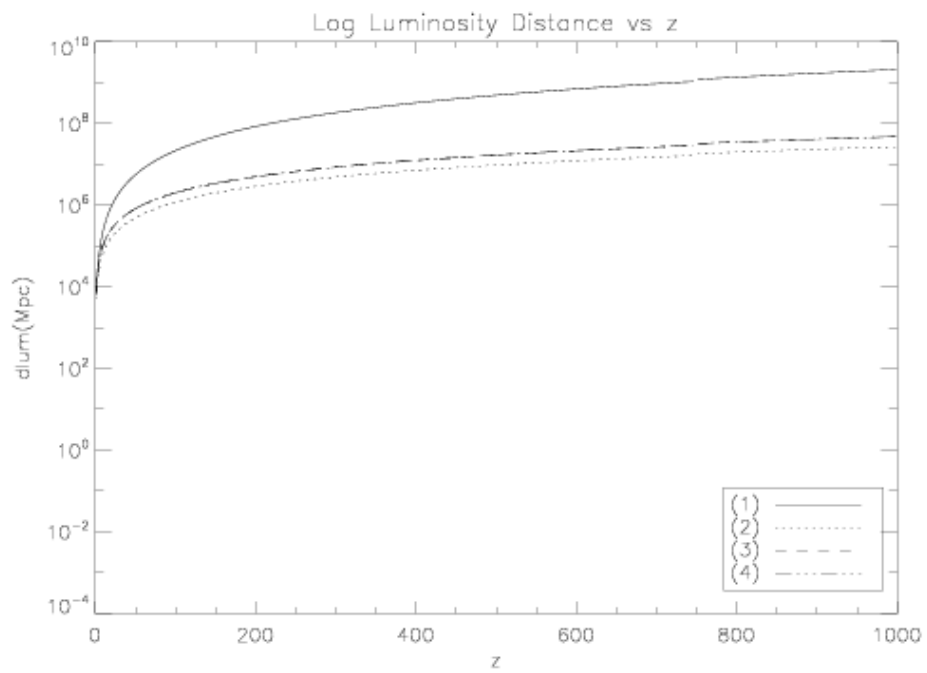
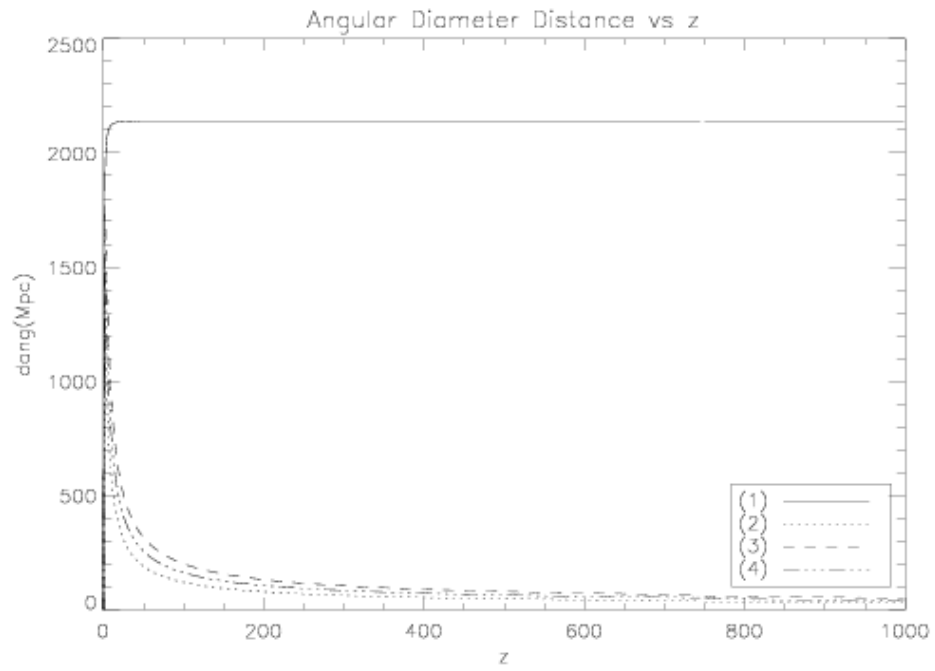
$$k = -1 \ (\Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda < 1) : \quad r = \frac{c \sinh [\chi'(z, \Omega_m, \Omega_\Lambda) \sqrt{1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_\Lambda}]}{H_0 R_0 \sqrt{1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_\Lambda}}$$

$$k = 0 \ (\Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda = 1) : \quad r = \frac{c}{H_0 R_0} \int_{1/(1+z)}^1 \frac{da}{\sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda a^4 + \Omega_m a}}.$$

For the  $k = -1$  case, our equation for  $r$  simplifies greatly because we have both  $\Omega_m$  and  $\Omega_\Lambda$  set to 0. We therefore have

$$r(\Omega_\Lambda = \Omega_m = 0) = \frac{c}{H_0 R_0} \sinh [\ln(1+z)].$$

We are plotting the angular diameter distance and the luminosity distance (given by (9) and (10)) versus redshift.



### QUESTION 5

Determine the proper and comoving volumes of the Universe bounded by  $\Delta\Omega = 1 \text{ arcmin}^2$  and redshift intervals of (1)  $z = 1\text{--}1.1$ , (2)  $z = 3\text{--}3.1$ , and (3)  $z = 10\text{--}10.1$  for an Einstein-de Sitter cosmological model.

We know the relation between comoving volume,  $V_0$ , and the proper volume,  $V$

$$V_0 = V(1+z)^3.$$

The next thing we need is to express the proper volume in terms of the solid angle, and redshift as was done in class for an Einstein-de Sitter universe:

$$V = \frac{4c^3\Omega\Delta z}{H_0^3} \left( \frac{1}{(1+z)^{9/2}} - \frac{2}{(1+z)^5} + \frac{1}{(1+z)^{11/2}} \right).$$

We use  $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  and  $\Omega = 1 \text{ arcmin}^2 \approx 8.46 \times 10^{-8} \text{ sr}$ :

$z = 1 \text{ to } 1.1$

$$V \approx 10.10 \text{ Mpc}^3$$

$$V_0 \approx 80.80 \text{ Mpc}^3$$

$z = 3 \text{ to } 3.1$

$$V \approx 1.30 \text{ Mpc}^3$$

$$V_0 \approx 83.24 \text{ Mpc}^3$$

$z = 10 \text{ to } 10.1$

$$V \approx 0.027 \text{ Mpc}^3$$

$$V_0 \approx 35.62 \text{ Mpc}^3$$



**APPENDIX:**  
**PLOTTING WITH GNUPLOT**

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#
# ***** Program for plotting Flux and angular diameter
#   as function of redshift.
# *****

# change terminal to LaTeX files
set terminal latex

# set constants
c = 3e5 # km / s
h = 7e-2 # km / s / kpc
L = 1e43 # ergs / s
d = 3e1 # kpc
aspr = 3600.0*180.0/pi # '' / rad
cmpkpc = 3.08568025e21 # cm / kpc

# set plot properties for angular diameter
set logscale y
set xrange [1:21]
#set yrange [1e-5:1e-4]
set xtics 1
set format x "%g$"
set format y "%T$"
set xlabel "(1+z)"
set ylabel '$\log(\theta(arcsec))\quad\quad$'
set out "ang.tex"

# define functions

# ***** R for Omega Less than One *****
ROLO(x,omega) = c*sinh(log((2*sqrt(1-omega) + 2*(1-omega) + omega)/(2*\
sqrt(1-omega)*sqrt((1-omega)/(x**2) + omega/x) + 2*(1-omega)/x + omega)))/(\
h*sqrt(1-omega))

# ***** R for Omega Equal One *****
ROEO(x) = 2*c*(1-1/sqrt(x))/h

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# ***** R for Omega Greater than One *****
ROGO(x,omega) = c*sin(asin(1-(2*(omega-1))/(omega*x)) - asin((2-omega)/omega\
))/(h*sqrt(omega-1))

# ***** Theta for Omega Less than One *****
TOLO(x,omega) = d*x/ROLO(x,omega)*aspr

# ***** Theta for Omega Equal One *****
TOEO(x) = d*x/ROEO(x)*aspr

# ***** Theta for Omega Greater than One *****
TOGO(x,omega) = d*x/ROGO(x,omega)*aspr

# plot the angular diameter for the values required
plot TOLO(x,0.0) title '$\Omega_0=0.0$' lt 1, TOLO(x,0.2) title \
'$\Omega_0=0.2$' lt 2, TOEO(x) title '$\Omega_0=1.0$' lt 3, TOGO(x,2.0) \
title '$\Omega_0=2.0$' lt 4

# set plot properties for flux

set ylabel '$\log(F(\frac{\text{ergs}}{\text{cm}^2)})\text{quad}\text{quad}$'
set out "flux.tex"
#set yrange [1e23:1e31]

# ***** Flux for Omega Less than One *****
FOLO(x,omega) = (L/(4*pi))*(1/(x*ROLO(x,omega)*cmpkpc))**2

# ***** Flux for Omega Equal One *****
FOEO(x) = (L/(4*pi))*(1/(x*ROEO(x)*cmpkpc))**2

# ***** Flux for Omega Greater than One *****
FOGO(x,omega) = (L/(4*pi))*(1/(x*ROGO(x,omega)*cmpkpc))**2

# plot the flux for the values required
plot FOLO(x,0.0) title '$\Omega_0=0.0$' lt 1, FOLO(x,0.2) title \
'$\Omega_0=0.2$' lt 2, FOEO(x) title '$\Omega_0=1.0$' lt 3, FOGO(x,2.0) title \
'$\Omega_0=2.0$' lt 4

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exit
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## NUMERICAL INTEGRATION

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FUNCTION calcr, z, om, ol
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```
if N_params() eq 0 then begin
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  print,'Syntax: result = ldist(z, Om = , Ol = ])'
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  print,'Returns luminosity distance in Mpc'
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  print,'Assumes R_0 = 0'
```

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  return, 0.
```

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endif
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```
; Assuming H_0 = 70 km / s / Mpc
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H0 = 70
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c = 2.9979e5
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zval = 1./(1.+z)
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```
if (om + ol) EQ 1.0 then begin
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; Simpson's Rule
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;
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; Equation we are integrating:  $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{Ol*x^4 + Om*x}}$ 
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;  $\sqrt{Ol*x^4 + Om*x}$ 
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; where Ol is the density fraction of the vacuum energy
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; Om is the density fraction of the matter
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; Initial position
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  x1 = 1./(1.+z)
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  dstep = (1.0 - x1)/2.
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  x2 = x1 + dstep
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  x3 = 1.
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; Integrand values at the various positions
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f1 = 1.0/sqrt(om*x1 + ol*x1^4)
f2 = 1.0/sqrt(om*x2 + ol*x2^4)
f3 = 1.0/sqrt(om*x3 + ol*x3^4)

sum = (dstep/3.)*(f1 + 4.*f2 + f3)

r = c*sum/H0
return,r
endif

; The analytic expression
if (om + ol) LT 1 then begin
    r = c*sinh(alog(1+z))/H0
    return,r
endif

end

; make an array: z[i] = (0.0, 1.0, ... , 999.0, 1000.0)
z=findgen(1001)

; angular diameter distance
;
;           r
;   dang = -----
;           (1 + z)
;
;
dang1 = calcr(z,0.0,0.0)/(1+z)
dang2 = calcr(z,1.0,0.0)/(1+z)
dang3 = calcr(z,0.3,0.7)/(1+z)
dang4 = calcr(z,0.5,0.5)/(1+z)

; luminosity distance
;
;
;   dlumm = r * (1 + z)
;

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dlum1 = (1+z)*calcr(z,0.0,0.0)
dlum2 = (1+z)*calcr(z,1.0,0.0)
dlum3 = (1+z)*calcr(z,0.3,0.7)
dlum4 = (1+z)*calcr(z,0.3,0.7)

set_plot,'PS'
device, filename='dang.ps'

plot,z,dang1,xtitle='z',ytitle='dang(Mpc)','$
    ,title='Angular Diameter Distance vs z',linestyle=0
oplot,z,dang2,linestyle=1
oplot,z,dang3,linestyle=2
oplot,z,dang4,linestyle=4
legend,['(1)', '(2)', '(3)', '(4)'],linestyle=[0,1,2,4],/right,/bottom

device, filename='dlum.ps'

plot,z,dlum1,/ylog,xtitle='z',ytitle='dlum(Mpc)','$
    ,title='Log Luminosity Distance vs z',linestyle=0
oplot,z,dlum2,linestyle=1
oplot,z,dlum3,linestyle=2
oplot,z,dlum4,linestyle=4
legend,['(1)', '(2)', '(3)', '(4)'],linestyle=[0,1,2,4],/right,/bottom

end

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