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GALAXIES AND COSMOLOGY

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HOMEWORK #4
MULTI COMPONENT UNIVERSES

Problem 1: Lookback Time - Redshift Relation:

Be t_e the cosmic time at which radiation is emitted. The most distant galaxies known are observed at a redshift of $z \sim 7.5$. For a source at $z = 7.5$, compute t_e in the case of i) a nearly empty (e.g. CMB only), flat universe with no dark energy; ii) the concordance universe; iii) the Einstein-de Sitter model. Assume $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$. Compare (in words) the time available to assemble the earliest observed galaxies in the three models.

Problem 2: Pulling an Einstein:

Ryden 6.4

Problem 3: Evolution of redshift with time. Is it measurable?

Ryden 5.3

Problem 4: “Quintessence”

Ryden 6.3