

## Lecture 8

## Friedmann equations

from Einstein equations

We want to work out the evolution of  $a(t)$ , that will depend on what the universe contains

Schutz, Chap 12; Carroll; Vittorio, Chap. 1

We start from the FRW metric written as:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2 \left[ \frac{dr^2}{1-kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2 \right]$$

NB:  $a$  is dimensionless,  $r$  is a length,  $k$  should be  $k/r_0^2$  but we keep the notation light

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \text{diag} \left( -1, \frac{a^2}{1-kr^2}, a^2 r^2, a^2 r^2 \sin^2 \vartheta \right)$$

$$g^{\alpha\beta} = \text{diag} \left( -1, \frac{1-kr^2}{a^2}, \frac{1}{a^2 r^2}, \frac{1}{a^2 r^2 \sin^2 \vartheta} \right)$$

$$g_{\alpha\beta,0} = \text{diag} \left( 0, \frac{2a\dot{a}}{1-kr^2}, 2a\dot{a}r^2, 2a\dot{a}r^2 \sin^2 \vartheta \right)$$

$$g_{\alpha\beta,1} = \text{diag} \left( 0, \frac{2a^2 kr}{(1-kr^2)^2}, 2a^2 r, 2a^2 r \sin^2 \vartheta \right)$$

$$g_{\alpha\beta,2} = \text{diag} \left( 0, 0, 0, 2a^2 r^2 \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta \right), \quad g_{\alpha\beta,3} = 0$$

$$\Gamma^{\mu}_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \left( g_{\nu\alpha,\beta} + g_{\nu\beta,\alpha} - g_{\alpha\beta,\nu} \right)$$

$\mu=0$ :

$$\Gamma^0_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} g^{00} \left( g_{0\alpha,\beta} + g_{0\beta,\alpha} - g_{\alpha\beta,0} \right) \quad \text{non-zero for } \alpha=\beta \text{ except } \alpha=\beta=0$$

$$\Gamma^0_{00} = \frac{1}{2} g^{00} g_{00,0} = 0$$

$$\Gamma^0_{11} = -\frac{1}{2} g^{00} g_{11,0} = \frac{a\dot{a}}{1-kr^2}$$

$$\Gamma^0_{22} = -\frac{1}{2} g^{00} g_{22,0} = a\dot{a}r^2$$

$$\Gamma^0_{33} = -\frac{1}{2} g^{00} g_{33,0} = a\dot{a}r^2 \sin^2 \vartheta$$

$M=1:$ 

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^1 = \frac{1}{2} g^{11} (g_{1\alpha,\beta} + g_{1\beta,\alpha} - g_{\alpha\beta,1})$$

non-zero:

$$\alpha = \beta \neq 0, \\ \alpha = 1, \beta = 0 \text{ \& } \alpha = 0, \beta = 1$$

$$\Gamma_{11}^1 = \frac{1}{2} g^{11} g_{11,1} = \frac{k r}{1 - k r^2}$$

$$\Gamma_{22}^1 = -\frac{1}{2} g^{11} g_{22,1} = -r(1 - k r^2)$$

$$\Gamma_{33}^1 = -\frac{1}{2} g^{11} g_{33,1} = -r(1 - k r^2) \sin^2 \vartheta$$

$$\Gamma_{10}^1 = \Gamma_{01}^1 = \frac{1}{2} g^{11} g_{11,0} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

 $M=2$ 

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^2 = \frac{1}{2} g^{22} (g_{2\alpha,\beta} + g_{2\beta,\alpha} - g_{\alpha\beta,2})$$

non-zero:

$$d=3, \beta=3 \\ \alpha=2, \beta=0 \text{ \& } \alpha\gamma \\ \alpha=2, \beta=1 \text{ \& } \alpha\gamma$$

$$\Gamma_{33}^2 = -\frac{1}{2} g^{22} g_{33,2} = -\sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta$$

$$\Gamma_{20}^2 = \Gamma_{02}^2 = \frac{1}{2} g^{22} g_{22,0} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

$$\Gamma_{21}^2 = \Gamma_{12}^2 = \frac{1}{2} g^{22} g_{22,1} = \frac{1}{r}$$

 $M=3$ 

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^3 = \frac{1}{2} g^{33} (g_{3\alpha,\beta} + g_{3\beta,\alpha} - g_{\alpha\beta,3})$$

non-zero:

$$\alpha=3, \beta=0,1,2$$

$$\Gamma_{30}^3 = \Gamma_{03}^3 = \frac{1}{2} g^{33} g_{33,0} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

$$\Gamma_{31}^3 = \Gamma_{13}^3 = \frac{1}{2} g^{33} g_{33,1} = \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\Gamma_{32}^3 = \Gamma_{23}^3 = \frac{\cos \vartheta}{\sin \vartheta}$$

Ricci tensor:

$$R^{\mu}_{\alpha\mu\beta} = \Gamma^{\mu\mu}_{\alpha\beta,\mu} - \Gamma^{\mu\mu}_{\alpha\mu,\beta} + \Gamma^{\mu\mu}_{\sigma\mu} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} - \Gamma^{\mu\mu}_{\sigma\beta} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\alpha\mu}$$

It is useful to compute the term  $\Gamma_{\alpha\mu}^{\mu\alpha}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{0\mu}^{\mu} &= \cancel{\Gamma_{00}^0} + \Gamma_{01}^1 + \Gamma_{02}^2 + \Gamma_{03}^3 = 3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \\ \Gamma_{1\mu}^{\mu} &= \cancel{\Gamma_{10}^0} + \cancel{\Gamma_{11}^1} + \Gamma_{12}^2 + \Gamma_{13}^3 = \frac{k\tau^2}{1-k\tau^2} + \frac{2}{\tau} \\ \Gamma_{2\mu}^{\mu} &= \cancel{\Gamma_{20}^0} + \cancel{\Gamma_{21}^1} + \cancel{\Gamma_{22}^2} + \Gamma_{23}^3 = \frac{\cos\vartheta}{\sin\vartheta} \\ \Gamma_{3\mu}^{\mu} &= \cancel{\Gamma_{30}^0} + \cancel{\Gamma_{31}^1} + \cancel{\Gamma_{32}^2} + \cancel{\Gamma_{33}^3} = 0\end{aligned}$$

For the other terms, we can anticipate that  $R_{\alpha\beta}$  is diagonal.

We compute here  $\Gamma_{\alpha\mu}^{\mu\alpha} \Gamma_{\mu\beta}^{\beta\mu}$  for  $\alpha=\beta$ :

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$$\begin{aligned}& \cancel{0000} + \cancel{1000} + \cancel{2000} + \cancel{3000} + \\ & \dots + \cancel{1010} + \cancel{1020} + \cancel{1030} + \\ & \dots + \cancel{2020} + \cancel{2030} + \\ & \dots + \cancel{3030}\end{aligned}$$

Symmetric terms

NB:  $\Gamma$  not reported  
Symmetry  
exploited

$$\begin{aligned}+ \Gamma_{10}^1 + \Gamma_{20}^2 + \Gamma_{30}^3 &= \left(\Gamma_{10}^1\right)^2 + \left(\Gamma_{20}^2\right)^2 + \left(\Gamma_{30}^3\right)^2 \\ &= 3\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}& \cancel{0101} + \cancel{1101} + \cancel{2101} + \cancel{3101} + \\ & \dots + \cancel{1111} + \cancel{1121} + \cancel{1131} + \\ & \dots + \cancel{2121} + \cancel{2131} + \\ & \dots + \cancel{3131}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\dot{a}^2}{1-k\tau^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{k\tau^2}{1-k\tau^2}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau^2}$$

$$+ \Gamma_{31}^3 = \frac{2\dot{a}^2}{1-k\tau^2} + \left(\frac{k\tau^2}{1-k\tau^2}\right)^2 + \frac{2}{\tau^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}& \cancel{0202} + \cancel{1202} + \cancel{2202} + \cancel{3202} + \\ & \dots + \cancel{1212} + \cancel{1222} + \cancel{1232} + \\ & \dots + \cancel{2222} + \cancel{2232} + \\ & \dots + \cancel{3232}\end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{a}^2 \tau^2$$

$$-(1-k\tau^2)$$

$$\left(\frac{\cos\vartheta}{\sin\vartheta}\right)^2$$

$$+ \Gamma_{32}^3 = 2\dot{a}^2 \tau^2 - 2(1-k\tau^2) + \left(\frac{\cos\vartheta}{\sin\vartheta}\right)^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{array}{l}
 \cancel{0} \cancel{3} \cancel{0} \cancel{3} + \cancel{1} \cancel{3} \cancel{1} \cancel{3} + \cancel{2} \cancel{3} \cancel{2} \cancel{3} + \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3} + \\
 + \cancel{1} \cancel{3} \cancel{1} \cancel{3} + \cancel{2} \cancel{3} \cancel{2} \cancel{3} + \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3} + \\
 + \cancel{2} \cancel{3} \cancel{2} \cancel{3} + \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3} + \\
 + \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3} = 2\dot{a}^2 r^2 \sin^2 \vartheta \\
 \phantom{+ \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3}} - 2(1 - kr^2) \sin^2 \vartheta \\
 \phantom{+ \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3}} - 2 \cos^2 \vartheta
 \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

 $R_{00}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{00} &= \cancel{\Gamma^M_{00,\mu}} - \Gamma^M_{0\mu,0} + \cancel{\Gamma^M_{\sigma\mu}} \Gamma^\sigma_{00} - \Gamma^M_{\sigma 0} \Gamma^\sigma_{\mu 0} = \\
 &= -\frac{d}{dt} \left( 3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) - 3 \left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = -3 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{11} &= \Gamma^M_{11,\mu} - \Gamma^M_{1\mu,1} + \Gamma^M_{\sigma\mu} \Gamma^\sigma_{11} - \Gamma^M_{\sigma 1} \Gamma^\sigma_{\mu 1} = \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{a\dot{a}}{1-kr^2} \right) + \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{kr}{1-kr^2} \right) - \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{kr}{1-kr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \right) + \frac{3\dot{a}}{a} \frac{a\dot{a}}{1-kr^2} \\
 &+ \left( \frac{kr}{1-kr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \right) \frac{kr}{1-kr^2} - \frac{2\dot{a}^2}{1-kr^2} - \left( \frac{kr}{1-kr^2} \right)^2 - \frac{2}{r^2} = \\
 &= \frac{a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k}{1-kr^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{22} &= \Gamma^M_{22,\mu} - \Gamma^M_{2\mu,2} + \Gamma^M_{\sigma\mu} \Gamma^\sigma_{22} - \Gamma^M_{\sigma 2} \Gamma^\sigma_{\mu 2} = \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} (a\dot{a}r^2) - \frac{d}{dr} [r(1-kr^2)] - \frac{d}{d\vartheta} \frac{\cos \vartheta}{\sin \vartheta} + 3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} a\dot{a}r^2 - \\
 &- \left( \frac{kr}{1-kr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \right) r(1-kr^2) - 2\dot{a}^2 r^2 + 2(1-kr^2) - \left( \frac{\cos \vartheta}{\sin \vartheta} \right) = \\
 &= r^2 (a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{33} &= \Gamma^M_{33,\mu} - \Gamma^M_{3\mu,3} + \Gamma^M_{\sigma\mu} \Gamma^\sigma_{33} - \Gamma^M_{\sigma 3} \Gamma^\sigma_{\mu 3} = \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} (a\dot{a}r^2 \sin^2 \vartheta) - \frac{d}{dr} [r(1-kr^2) \sin^2 \vartheta] - \frac{d}{d\vartheta} \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta +
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + 3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} a \dot{r}^2 \sin^2 \vartheta - \left( \frac{k r}{1 - k r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \right) r (1 - k r^2) \sin^2 \vartheta + \\
& - \frac{\cos \vartheta}{\sin \vartheta} \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta - 2 \dot{r}^2 r^2 \sin^2 \vartheta + 2(1 - k r^2) \sin^2 \vartheta + 2 \cos^2 \vartheta = \\
& = r^2 (a \ddot{a} + 2 \dot{a}^2 + 2k) \sin^2 \vartheta
\end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that the space part of  $R_{\alpha\beta}$  is:

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{ij} &= (a \ddot{a} + 2 \dot{a}^2 + 2k) \text{diag} \left( \frac{1}{1 - k r^2}, r^2, r^2 \sin^2 \vartheta \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{a^2} (a \ddot{a} + 2 \dot{a}^2 + 2k) g_{ij} = \left( \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + 2 \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{2k}{a^2} \right) g_{ij}
\end{aligned}$$

Ricci scalar:

$$\begin{aligned}
R &= g^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta} = g^{00} R_{00} + g^{11} R_{11} + g^{22} R_{22} + g^{33} R_{33} = \\
&= -R_{00} + \left( \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + 2 \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{2k}{a^2} \right) g^{ij} g_{ij} = \\
&= 3 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + 3 \left( \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + 2 \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{2k}{a^2} \right) = 6 \left( \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{k}{a^2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

It is convenient to solve the Einstein equations in the form:

$$R_{\alpha\beta} = 8\pi G \left( T_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} T g_{\alpha\beta} \right)$$

We assume a perfect fluid:

$$T^{\alpha\beta} = (p + \rho) U^\alpha U^\beta + p g^{\alpha\beta} = \text{diag} (p, p g_{ij})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= g_{\alpha\beta} T^{\alpha\beta} = (p + \rho) g_{\alpha\beta} U^\alpha U^\beta + g_{\alpha\beta} g^{\alpha\beta} p = \\
&= -(p + \rho) + 4p = -p + 3p
\end{aligned}$$

(NB: because  $g_{00} = -1$ ,  $U^0 = \sqrt{-\frac{1}{g_{00}}} = 1$ ,  $U_0 = -1$ )

00 component of the equation:

$$R_{00} = 8\pi G (T_{00} - \frac{1}{2} T g_{00})$$

$$-3 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = 8\pi G \left[ \rho + \frac{1}{2} (-\rho + 3p) \right] = 4\pi G (\rho + 3p)$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \left[ \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = - \frac{4\pi G}{3} (\rho + 3p) \right]$$

ij component of the equation:

$$R_{ij} = 8\pi G (T_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} T g_{ij}) \quad \text{all } \propto g_{ij}$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + 2 \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + 2 \frac{k}{a^2} = 8\pi G \left[ p - \frac{1}{2} (-\rho + 3p) \right] = 4\pi G (\rho - p)$$

$$- \frac{4\pi G}{3} (\rho + 3p) + 2 \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + 2 \frac{k}{a^2} = 4\pi G (\rho - p)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \left[ \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho - \frac{k}{a^2} \right]$$

The same equation can be obtained from the trace of the Einstein equation:

$$R = 8\pi G (T - 2T) = -8\pi G T$$

$$6 \left( \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{k}{a^2} \right) = -8\pi G (-\rho + 3p)$$

$$- \frac{4\pi G}{3} (\rho + 3p) + \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{k}{a^2} = - \frac{4\pi G}{3} (-\rho + 3p)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho - \frac{k}{a^2}$$

Energy conservation takes this form (see also Vittorio, ser. 1.6):

$$T^\alpha_\beta = (\rho + p) U^\alpha U_\beta + p \delta^\alpha_\beta = \text{diag}(-\rho, p, p, p)$$

$$T^M_{\nu;\mu} = T^M_{\nu,\mu} + \Gamma^M_{\sigma\mu} T^\sigma_\nu - \Gamma^\sigma_{\nu\mu} T^M_\sigma = 0$$

all space derivatives vanish, for  $\nu=0$ :

$$T^0_{0,0} + \Gamma^M_{0\mu} T^0_\mu - \Gamma^1_{01} T^1_1 - \Gamma^2_{02} T^2_2 - \Gamma^3_{03} T^3_3 =$$

$$= - \frac{d}{dt} \rho - 3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \rho - 3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} p = 0$$

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$$\dot{\rho} = -3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} (\rho + p)$$

This is how density changes under Hubble expansion, and it contains pressure

These three equations are not independent: take the time derivative of the second

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} \right) = 2 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \left( \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} \right) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \dot{\rho} + 2k \frac{\dot{a}}{a^3}$$

then use the third equation to obtain  $\dot{\rho}$  and the second again for  $\dot{a}^2/a^2$ :

$$2 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \left( \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho + \frac{k^2}{a^2} \right) = -8\pi G \frac{\dot{a}}{a} (\rho + p) + 2k \frac{\dot{a}}{a^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho - 4\pi G (\rho + p) = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} (\rho + 3p)$$

We can write the third equation as follows:

$$a^3 d\rho = -3a^2 da (\rho + p)$$

$$a^3 d\rho + 3a^2 \rho da + 3a^2 da \rho = 0$$

$$d(\rho a^3) + \rho d(a^3) = 0$$

Calling  $a^3 = V$ ,  $U = \rho a^3 \Rightarrow dU + PdV = 0$

so this is the first law of thermodynamics.

## CRITICAL DENSITY

Consider the flat case  $k=0$ :

$$\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} = H^2(t) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho(t) \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G} \equiv \rho_c(t)$$

then:  $\rho_{c0} = \rho_c(t_0) = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$

## DENSITY PARAMETER

$$\Omega(t) = \frac{\rho(t)}{\rho_c(t)}, \quad \Omega_0 = \frac{\rho_0}{\rho_{c0}}$$

The second Friedmann equation becomes:

$$\Omega(t) = 1 + \frac{k}{H^2 a^2}$$

so if  $k=1$   $\Omega(t) > 1$  ,  $\rho > \rho_c$   
 if  $k=-1$   $\Omega(t) < 1$  ,  $\rho < \rho_c$

Thus the critical density separates closed and open universes.

$$\Rightarrow k = (\Omega - 1) H^2 a^2 = (\Omega_0 - 1) H_0^2$$

$$\text{and } \Omega_0 = \frac{\rho_0}{\rho_{c0}} = \frac{\rho_0}{H_0^2} \frac{8\pi G}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{8\pi G}{3} = \frac{\Omega_0 H_0^2}{\rho_0}$$

so the second Friedmann equation becomes:

$$H^2 = \frac{\Omega_0 H_0^2}{\rho_0} \rho - \frac{1}{2} (\Omega_0 - 1) H_0^2 \quad \text{or}$$

$$E^2(t) \equiv \frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \Omega_0 \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} + (1 - \Omega_0) a^{-2}$$

BACK TO C

If we use a system of units for which  $c \neq 1$ :

$$ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + a^2(t) \left( \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2 \right)$$

going through the calculations, one gets:

$$R = \frac{6}{c^2} \left( \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{k}{a^2} \right)$$

$$\text{and } T_{\alpha\beta} = \text{diag}(\rho c^2, P \delta_{ij}) , T = -\rho c^2 + 3P$$

$$R = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T \quad \text{gives:}$$

$$\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho - \frac{kc^2}{a^2} , \quad \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left( \rho + 3\frac{P}{c^2} \right)$$

$$\text{BACK TO } \mathcal{R}_0^2 \quad \dot{\rho} = -3\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \left( \frac{P}{c^2} + \rho \right)$$

The second Friedmann equation should read:

$$\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho - \frac{kc^2}{\mathcal{R}_0^2} \frac{1}{a^2} , \quad \frac{kc^2}{\mathcal{R}_0^2} = (\Omega - 1) H^2 a^2$$