


## Discovery of Dark Energy/ Cosmological Constant —3 Dec

- How do scientists make discoveries?
- Characteristics
  - New ideas
    - Einstein’s cosmological constant ca. 1920
  - New instruments
    - Large CCDs to search for SN
  - New wavelengths (NA)
  - Careful design
    - SN are clean, not messy.
  - Serendipity
    - Did not expect to find dark energy
  - Courage to make the measurement (NA)

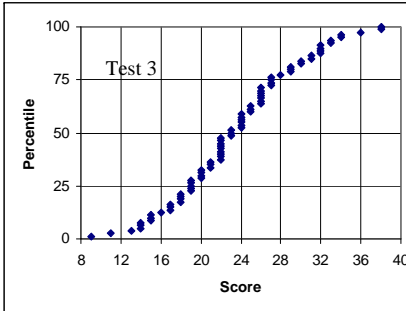


In a fair sample with R=Moon’s orbit  
 Ordinary matter: 4%, 3oz  
 Dark matter: 27%, 1lb  
 Dark energy: 73%, 3 lb ☹

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## Grades

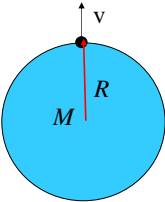
- Average on test 3: 24/40
  - Be certain to pick up both sheets of the answers.
- Provisional grades
  - Pick up sheet
  - Check that your grades have been recorded correctly.
    - A few late hwk will be graded by Fri.
    - I have a Hwk 8 and a Hwk 10 with no name.
  - Your grade may change significantly, because the Final Exam contributes 31% of the course grade.
    - You will be able to pull up missed homeworks.
  - Lowest 3 exercise and lowest homework grades have been dropped.
  - Average grade is 3.1.



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## Einstein’s General Relativity

- What causes gravity?
- Newton’s answer: mass.
  - Force of gravity between what’s in the sphere and test mass m
  - $F = G M m/R^2$ .
- Einstein’s answer: mass and pressure
  - Force of gravity between what’s in the sphere and test mass m
  - $F = G (M + 3PV/c^2) m/R^2$



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## Source of Gravity

- Einstein’s answer: mass and pressure
- $F = G (M + 3PV/c^2) m/R^2$ .
- Newton’s Law of gravity
- $F = G M m/R^2$ .
- Einstein’s Law of gravity
- Curvature of space =  $8\pi G$  (Mass-Pressure tensor)
- $G = 8\pi G T$
- Object feels curvature of space and changes its momentum
- $G$  and  $T$  are tensors having 16 components  $T_{\text{matter}} = M/V$
- If on average the material is at rest, then  $T$  has 4 components.  $(M + 3PV/c^2)$  is sum of the 4 terms on the diagonal of  $T$ .
- Ordinary matter has little pressure because speed is much smaller than  $c$ .
- $3PV/c^2 = M (v/c)^2$ .
- Radiation has positive pressure
- $3PV/c^2 = M$ .
- $F = G 2M m/R^2$ .

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} M/V & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & P_x/c^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & P_y/c^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & P_z/c^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_{\text{matter}} = M/V \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (v/c)^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (v/c)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (v/c)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_{\text{rad}} = M/V \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

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### Cosmological Constant

- Einstein's answer: mass and pressure  
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  - If on average the material is at rest, then  $T$  has 4 components.  $(M + 3PV/c^2)$  is sum of the 4 terms on the diagonal of  $T$ .
- Einstein in 1920s: My equations of gravity allow a special tensor. E called it a "cosmological constant"  $T_{\text{cc}} = M/V$ 

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  - Pauli: "What is not forbidden is mandatory" —  $T_{\text{cc}} = M/V$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
  - Pressure does not push; pressure sucks.

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- 1. Write the force of gravity for the case of the cosmological constant. (Watch the signs.)
  - A.  $F = G M m/R^2$
  - B.  $F = G (2M) m/R^2$
  - C.  $F = G (-2M) m/R^2$
- Ideas:  $T_{\text{cc}} = M/V$ 

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  - $F = G (M - 3M) m/R^2$
  - $F = -G 2M m/R^2$ .
  - Repulsive gravity
- Einstein tried to make his theory of gravity prevent expansion or contraction of the universe. The cosmological constant balances gravity of matter.
  - In 1929, Hubble discovered the expansion of the U. Einstein said the cosmological constant was his greatest blunder.
  - Had he lived to 1998, he would have called it his greatest discovery.  $T_{\text{cc}} = M/V$ 

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