

# Our Dynamic Universe

**Hubble constant =  $2.34 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}^{-1}$**

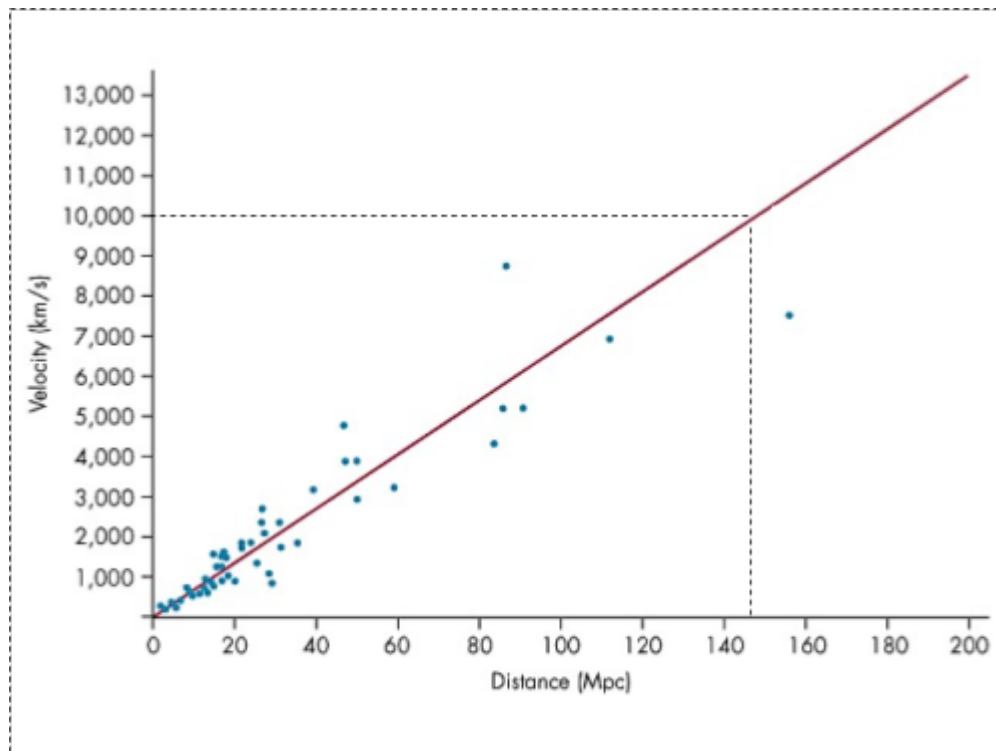


- 1) A galaxy has a recessional velocity of  $4.0 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Using Hubble's law equation, determine the distance the galaxy is away from Earth. [  $1.71 \times 10^{25} \text{ m}$  ]
  
- 2) A galaxy is  $5.0 \times 10^{25} \text{ m}$  away from Earth. Use Hubble's law equation to determine the recessional velocity of the galaxy. [  $1.2 \times 10^6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  ]
  
- 3) By observing the redshift of a galaxy the distance to the galaxy is determined to be  $1.4 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}$  away from Earth.
  - a) Explain what is meant by redshift of the galaxy.
  - b) Use Hubble's law equation to determine the recessional velocity of the galaxy. [  $33 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  ]
  
- 4) A spectral absorption line from an element studied in a lab on Earth has a wavelength of  $400.0 \text{ nm}$ . The same spectral absorption line has a wavelength of  $400.4 \text{ nm}$  when viewed on a distant galaxy.
  - a) Find the z shift ratio of this spectral line. [  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  ]
  - b) Using the redshift ratio find the recessional velocity of the galaxy. [  $3 \times 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  ]
  - c) Determine the distance of the galaxy from Earth. [  $1.3 \times 10^{23} \text{ m}$  ]
  
- 5) During a lecture by Prof. Brian Cox on the hubble constant, he quotes the hubble constant as :  
**42 miles per second / 3 million light years.**
  - a) Explain what this number means.
  - b) Why does he use the analogy of raisins being baked in bread to help us understand the expanding universe?
  - c) A galaxy is at a distance of 9 million light years from Earth. What would the recessional velocity of the galaxy.



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- 6) A graph is drawn of the distance in megaparsecs to a galaxy against the speed of that galaxy measured in kilometers per second.



- Using your knowledge of physics explain what the graph is showing us about distant galaxies.
  - Determine the gradient of the graph in units of km per second per Mpc.
  - A galaxy is measured to be 300 Mpc away. Find its recessional velocity.
- 7) The best modern day value of the Hubble constant,  $H_0$ , is given as  $72 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ . Copy and complete these sentences about the Hubble Constant:
- According to the best value of the Hubble constant, a galaxy at a distance of 1 Mpc will have a recessional velocity of \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{km s}^{-1}$
  - Using the same value of the Hubble constant a galaxy at a distance of 4 Mpc will have a recessional velocity of \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{km s}^{-1}$
  - The recessional velocity of a galaxy is measured to be  $36 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . This galaxy is at a distance of \_\_\_\_\_ Mpc away from us.
  - The recessional velocity of a galaxy is measured to be  $8 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . The galaxy is at a distance of \_\_\_\_\_ Mpc away from us.