PHYS 480/581 Cosmology

Worksheet #3Monday 08/29/2022

Question 1.

Assuming $a(t) = (t/t_0)^{2/3}$, where $t_0 = 13.8$ Gyrs is the age of the Universe, compute the comoving distance in Gpc travelled by a photon since the Big Bang (t = 0). Photons always travel on null paths $(ds^2 = 0)$.

Question 2.

If two objects have a physical separation of 150 Mpc today (t_0) , what was their separation when the Universe was 380,000 years old? Assume that $a(t) = (t/t_0)^{2/3}$.