

V.2 Equation of evolution for baryons

Baryons = non-relativistic, equivalent to pressureless fluid.
 Described by (δ_b, θ_b) only, with continuity + Euler equations
including coupling term (with photons, through electrons).
 Proper way to obtain this term: write Boltzmann equation,
 incorporation Thomson scattering term (btw γ and e^-), and
 using tight-coupling limit for Coulomb scattering

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_b = \vec{v}_e \Rightarrow \theta_b = \theta_e$$

Result:

$$\begin{cases} \delta_b' = \theta_b + 3\psi' \\ \theta_b' = -\frac{a'}{a} \theta_b - k^2 \phi + \frac{4}{3} \frac{\rho_\gamma}{\rho_b} \underbrace{a n_e \sigma_T}_{-c'} (\theta_\gamma - \theta_b) \end{cases}$$

Remark: coupling term would vanish in limit $\rho_b \rightarrow \infty$.
 Interpretation: if $m_b \rightarrow \infty$, impossible to move baryons,
 and hence to move electrons: then baryons unaffected
 by Thomson scattering of γ over e^- .

Summary: Full evolution of cosmological perturbations
in Fourier space can be inferred from:

* continuity + Euler for baryons: $\begin{cases} \delta_b' = \dots \\ \theta_b' = \dots \end{cases}$

* Boltzmann for photons: $\begin{cases} \delta_\gamma' = \dots \\ \theta_\gamma' = \dots \\ \sigma_\gamma' = \dots \\ \theta_{e\gamma}' = \dots \end{cases}$

* continuity + Euler for CDM: $\begin{cases} \delta_c' = \dots \\ \theta_c' = \dots \end{cases}$

* constraint equations: Einstein $\rightarrow \phi, \psi = \dots$