OBSERVATIONAL COSMOLOGY

Problem sheet 5 - 29/06/2017

1) Peculiar velocities alter the observed redshift of a galaxy from the cosmological one. Show that, for non-relativistic peculiar velocities, the observed redshift $z_{\rm obs}$ and the cosmological redshift $z_{\rm cos}$ are related as follows:

$$1 + z_{\text{obs}} = (1 + z_{\text{cos}}) \left(1 + \frac{v_{\parallel} - v_{\parallel,o}}{c} \right) + \mathcal{O} \left[\left(\frac{v}{c} \right)^2 \right], \tag{1}$$

where c is the speed of light, v_{\parallel} is the component of the peculiar velocity of the galaxy along the line of sight and $v_{\parallel,o}$ is the line of sight component of the peculiar velocity of the observer.

- 2) What is the the second order correction in $\frac{v}{c}$?
- 3) Estimate the extent (in comoving Mpc) of the Fingers of God in a galaxy cluster at z=0.1 and at z=1.