

96(6) : Cosmological Models (Cotter pp 6 ff of Paper 93 ref.)

Here Cotter makes an important point that a geometry is entirely determined by the form of its line element. This is shown by:

R. C. Tolman, "Relativity, Thermodynamics and Cosmology"
(Dover, 1987 reprint).

It is shown by Cotter that the ratio of the universe is infinite, it is unbounded. In this case the FLRW metric is:

$$ds^2 = e^\gamma dt^2 c^2 + 2addt - e^\lambda dr^2 - e^\mu (r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \quad -(1)$$

where γ , λ and μ are functions of r and t .

This is transformed to: $\quad -(2)$

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - \frac{e^{\gamma(t)}}{\left(1 + \frac{k}{4} r^2\right)^2} (dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

where k is constant.

What is needed in this case is to determine a form for $\gamma(t)$ for the form of the line element.