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An Attempt for an Emergent Scenario with Modified Chaplygin Gas

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1. Introduction

The origin of the universe is a controversial issue in cosmology. It may start from the big bang singularity or there are proposals for nonsingular model of the universe. The inability of Einstein’s general theory of relativity at zero volume leads to the well known big bang singularity in standard cosmology. To overrule this initial uncomfortable situation various cosmological scenarios have been proposed and are classified as bouncing universes or the emergent universes. Here, we will choose the second option which results from searching for singularity-free inflationary scenario in the background of classical general relativity. In a word, emergent universe is a model universe, ever existing with almost static behavior in the infinite past (t → −∞) (gradually evolves into inflationary stage) and having no time-like singularity. Also, the modern and extended version of the original Lemaître-Eddington universe can be identified as the emergent universe scenario.

Long back in 1967, Harrison [1] showed a model of the closed universe containing radiation, which approaches the state of an Einstein static model asymptotically (i.e., t → −∞). This kind of model was again reinvestigated after a long gap by Ellis and collaborators [2, 3]. Although they were not able to obtain exact solutions, they presented closed universes with a minimally coupled scalar field φ having typical self-interacting potential and possibly some ordinary matter with equation of state p = wρ, (−1/3 ≤ w ≤ 1), whose behavior similar to that of an emergent universe was highlighted. Then, in starobinsky model, Mukherjee et al. [4] derived solutions for flat FRW space-time having emergent character in infinite past. Subsequently, Mukherjee and associates [5] presented a general framework for an emergent universe model with an ad hoc equation of state connecting the pressure and density, having exotic nature in some cases. These models are interesting as they can be cited as specific examples of nonsingular (i.e., geometrically complete) inflationary universes. Also, it is worth mentioning here that entropy considerations favour the Einstein static model as the initial state for our universe [6, 7]. Thereafter, a series of works [8–16] have been done to formulate emergent universe in different gravity models and also for various types of matter. Very recently, emergent scenario has been formulated with some interesting physical aspects. The idea of quantum tunneling [17] has been used for the decay of a scalar field having initial static state as false vacuum to a state of true vacuum. Secondly, a model of an emergent universe has been formulated in the background of nonequilibrium thermodynamical prescription with dissipation due to particle creation mechanism [18]. Very recently, Paul and Majumdar [19] have formulated emergent universe with interacting fields. Finally, Pavone et al. [20, 21] have studied the emergent scenario from thermodynamical view point. They have examined the validity of the generalized second law of thermodynamics.
during the transition from a generic initial Einstein static phase to the inflationary phase and also during the transition from inflationary era to the standard radiation dominated era.

2. Chaplygin Gas and Possible Solution

Mixed exotic fluid known as modified Chaplygin gas [21] has the equation of state [22, 23]

\[ p = A \rho - \frac{B}{\rho^n}, \quad 0 < n \leq 1. \]  

This equation of state shows barotropic perfect fluid \( p = A \rho \), at very early phase (when the scale factor \( a(t) \) is vanishingly small), while it approaches \( \Lambda \text{CDM} \) model when the scale factor is infinitely large. It shows a mixture at all stages. Note that at some intermediate stage the pressure vanishes and the matter content is equivalent to pure dust. Further, this typical model is equivalent to a self-interacting scalar field from field theoretic point of view. It should be noted that the Chaplygin gas was introduced in the context of aerodynamics. In the present paper, we will examine whether emergent scenario is possible for FRW model of the universe with matter content as modified Chaplygin gas (MCG).

For homogeneous and isotropic flat FRW model of the universe, the Einstein field equations are (choosing \( 8\pi G = 1 \))

\[ 3H^2 = \rho, \]  
\[ 2\dot{H} = - (\rho + p), \]  

with energy conservation relation:

\[ \dot{\rho} + 3H (\rho + p) = 0. \]

Using (1) in (3), one can integrate \( \rho \) as

\[ \rho = \left[ \frac{B}{1 + A} + \frac{c}{a^{3\mu}} \right]^{rac{1}{n+1}}, \]  

with \( c > 0 \), a constant of integration.

Now, using this \( \rho \) in the first Friedmann equation in (2), one can integrate to obtain cosmic time as a function of the scale factor as

\[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left( 1 + A \right) c^\alpha (t - t_0) = a^{3(1+A)/2} \binom{2}{\alpha, \alpha + 1} \left[ \frac{a^{3(1+A)/2\alpha}}{C (1 + A)} \right], \]

where \( \alpha = 1/2(1 + n) \) and \( \binom{2}{\alpha} \) is the usual hypergeometric function.

3. Asymptotic Analysis and Equivalent Two Fluid Systems

We will now analyze the two asymptotic cases.

(i) When the Scale Factor “a” Is Very Small. For small “a”, \( \rho \) can be approximated from (4) and \( p \) can be approximated from (1) as follows:

\[ \rho \approx \left( \frac{\rho_0}{A + 1} \right)^{1/(n+1)} a^{-3(A+1)} \]
\[ + \frac{B}{(n + 1) (A + 1)^{1/(n+1)}} \rho_0 \left( \frac{a^{3(1+A)/n}}{A^{2\mu}} \right)^{3(1+A)n} \]
\[ \equiv \rho_{1i} + \rho_{2i}, \]

\[ p \equiv \frac{A \rho_0^{1/(n+1)}}{(A + 1)^{1/(n+1)}} \]
\[ - \frac{B [1 + n (A + 1)]}{(n + 1) (A + 1)^{1/(n+1)}} \rho_0 \left( \frac{a^{3(1+A)/n}}{A^{2\mu}} \right)^{3n(1+A)} \]
\[ \equiv \rho_{1f} + \rho_{2f}. \]

(ii) When the Scale Factor “a” Has Infinitely Large Value. Similarly, for large “a”, \( \rho \) and \( p \) are approximated from (4) and (1), respectively, as follows:

\[ \rho \equiv \left( \frac{B}{A + 1} \right)^{1/(n+1)} + \frac{\rho_0}{(n + 1) B} \left( \frac{B}{A + 1} \right)^{1/(n+1)} a^{-3\mu} \]
\[ \equiv \rho_{1f} + \rho_{2f}, \]

\[ p \equiv - \frac{1}{(A + 1)^{1/(n+1)}} + \frac{n + (n + 1) A}{(A + 1)^{1/(n+1)}} \rho_0 \left( \frac{a^{3(1+A)/n}}{B} \right)^{-3\mu} \]
\[ \equiv \rho_{1f} + \rho_{2f}. \]

Thus, in the asymptotic limits, the components of energy density and pressure can be expressed as sum of two noninteracting barotropic fluids having equation of states:

\[ w_{1i} = A, \]
\[ w_{2i} = - [1 + n (A + 1)], \]
\[ w_{1f} = - B^{-1/(n+1)}, \]
\[ w_{2f} = \frac{n + (n + 1) A}{B^{1/(n+1)}}. \]

Thus, MCG can be considered in the asymptotic limits as two barotropic fluids of constant equation of state of which one is exotic in nature. However, one can consider that the two fluids in question (in the asymptotic limit) may be interacting with separate equation of state as

\[ \dot{\rho}_{1i} + 3 (\rho_{1i} + p_{1i}) H = Q_i, \]
\[ \dot{\rho}_{2i} + 3 (\rho_{2i} + p_{2i}) H = -Q_i, \]
\[ \dot{\rho}_{1f} + 3 (\rho_{1f} + p_{1f}) H = Q_f, \]
\[ \dot{\rho}_{2f} + 3 (\rho_{2f} + p_{2f}) H = -Q_f, \]

where \( Q_i \) and \( Q_f \) represent the interaction term.
\[ Q_i > 0 \] indicates a flow of energy from fluid 2 (having energy density \( \rho_{2i} \)) to fluid 1 (having energy density \( \rho_{1i} \)) and similarly for \( Q_f \) also. Further, one can rewrite the conservation equations (9) as

\[
\dot{\rho}_{1i} + 3H \left( 1 + w_{1i}^{\text{eff}} \right) \rho_{1i} = 0,
\]
\[
\dot{\rho}_{2i} + 3H \left( 1 + w_{2i}^{\text{eff}} \right) \rho_{2i} = 0,
\]
\[
\dot{\rho}_{1f} + 3H \left( 1 + w_{1f}^{\text{eff}} \right) \rho_{1f} = 0,
\]
\[
\dot{\rho}_{2f} + 3H \left( 1 + w_{2f}^{\text{eff}} \right) \rho_{2f} = 0,
\]

with

\[
w_{1i}^{\text{eff}} = w_{1i} - \frac{Q_i}{3H \rho_{1i}},
\]
\[
w_{2i}^{\text{eff}} = w_{2i} + \frac{Q_i}{3H \rho_{2i}},
\]
\[
w_{1f}^{\text{eff}} = w_{1f} - \frac{Q_f}{3H \rho_{1f}},
\]
\[
w_{2f}^{\text{eff}} = w_{2f} + \frac{Q_f}{3H \rho_{2f}}.
\]

The above conservation equations show that the fluids may be considered as noninteracting at the cost of variable equation of state.

4. Emergent Scenario and Thermodynamical Analysis

One should note that in integrating (3) to have (4) we assume that \( A \neq -1 \). Now, we will discuss the situation when \( A = -1 \).

The expression for energy density now becomes

\[
\rho = \left[ 3(n + 1) B \ln \left( \frac{a}{a_0} \right) \right]^{1/(n+1)},
\]

which from the first Friedmann equation gives

\[
a = a_0 \exp \left[ b_0 \left( t - t_0 \right) \right]^{1/(1-\alpha)},
\]

\[
b_0 = \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} B \left( 2n + 1 \right) \right)^{1/(1-\alpha)}.
\]

From the solutions (5) and (13), we see (Figures 1 and 2) that \( a \to 0 \) as \( t \to -\infty \), so it is not possible to have emergent scenario with the usual modified Chaplygin gas. However, if we choose \(-1 < n < -1/2\), then \( \alpha > 1 \) and we have from solution (13) \( a \to a_0 \) as \( t \to -\infty \) (see Figure 3). Hence, it is possible to have emergent scenario with this revised form of MCG.

We will now discuss the thermodynamics of the emergent scenario with this revised form of MCG as the cosmic substratum.

Assuming the validity of the first law of thermodynamics at the horizon (having area radius \( R_h \)), we have the Clausius relation:

\[
-\Delta E_h = T_h dS_h,
\]

where \( T_h \) is the temperature of the horizon and \( S_h \) is the entropy of the horizon. In the above, \( E_h \) is the amount of
energy crossing the horizon during time \(dt\) and is given by

\[
-dE_h = 4\pi R_h^3 H (\rho + p) \, dt. \tag{15}
\]

So, using (15) in (14), we have the rate of change of the horizon entropy as

\[
\frac{dS_h}{dt} = \frac{4\pi R_h^3 (\rho + p)}{T_h}. \tag{16}
\]

To obtain the entropy of the inside fluid, we start with the Gibbs equation [26, 27]

\[
T_f dS_f = dE_f + p dV, \tag{17}
\]

where \(S_f\) is the entropy of the fluid bounded by the horizon and \(E_f\) is the energy of the matter distribution. Here, for thermodynamical equilibrium, the temperature of the fluid is taken as that of the horizon, that is, \(T_h\).

Now, using \(V = 4\pi R_h^3 / 3\), \(E_f = (4\pi R_h^3 / 3)\rho\), and the Friedmann equations, the entropy variation of the fluid is given by

\[
\frac{dS_f}{dt} = \frac{4\pi R_h^3 (\rho + p)}{T_h} \left( \dot{R}_h - H R_h \right). \tag{18}
\]

Thus, combining (16) and (18), the variation of the total entropy \((S_T)\) is given by

\[
\frac{dS_T}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (S_h + S_f) = \frac{4\pi R_h^2}{T_h} (\rho + p) \dot{R}_h. \tag{19}
\]

Case 1 (apparent horizon). The area radius for apparent horizon is given by

\[ R_A = \frac{1}{H}, \tag{20} \]

so that

\[ \dot{R}_A = - \frac{H}{H^2} = \frac{4\pi G (\rho + p)}{H^2}. \tag{21} \]

Hence,

\[
\frac{dS_T}{dt} = \frac{(4\pi)^3 G (\rho + p)^2}{T_A H^4} > 0. \tag{22}
\]

Thus, generalised second law of thermodynamics (GSLT) is always true at the apparent horizon.

Case 2 (event horizon). The area radius for event horizon is given by

\[ R_E = a \int_t^\infty \frac{dt}{a}. \tag{23} \]

The above improper integral converges for accelerating phase of the FRW model. Hence, in the present scenario, it is very much relevant. From the above definition

\[ \dot{R}_E = H \dot{R}_E - 1, \tag{24} \]

so from (19)

\[
\frac{dS_T}{dt} = \frac{(4\pi)^3 R_E^2 (\rho + p)}{T_E} (HR_E - 1)
\]

\[
= \frac{(4\pi)^3 R_E^2 H}{T_E} \left[ (A + 1) \rho - \frac{B}{\rho^n} \right] (R_E - R_A) \tag{25}
\]

\[
= \frac{(4\pi)^3 R_E^2 H}{T_E} \frac{(1 + a)}{a^{1 + n} \rho^n} (R_E - R_A).
\]

Hence, the validity of GSLT is possible if \(R_E > R_A\) (as \(\alpha > 1\)). In the above, temperature is chosen as the hawking temperature on the horizon as [28, 29]

\[ T_A = \frac{1}{2\pi R_A}, \tag{26} \]

\[ T_E = \frac{R_E}{2\pi R_A^2}. \tag{26} \]

**Additional Points**

In the present work, we have examined the cosmology of the emergent scenario for modified Chaplygin gas as the cosmic fluid. It is found that for both the solutions (with \(A \neq -1\) and \(A = -1\)) the model does not exhibit emergent scenario at early epochs. So, one can conclude that it is not possible to have emergent scenario with MCG. However, if \(n\) is chosen to be negative, that is, \(-1 < n < -1/2\), then \(a \to a_0\) as \(t \to -\infty\); that is, initial big bang singularity is avoided.

Finally, thermodynamical analysis of the emergent scenario has been presented.
Competing Interests

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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