

Quantum Bianchi I model: an attempt to understand very early Universe

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where $a_i(t) = a_i(0) \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_0}\right)^{k_i}$, $d\tau = N dt$.

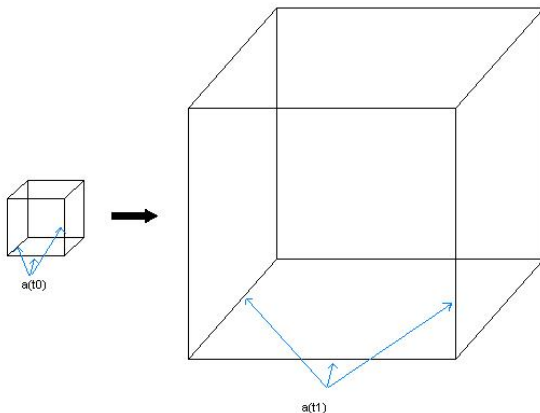
There are three different **scale factors** - this means that evolution is different in each direction!

In vacuum case (as above) called **Kasner** metric.

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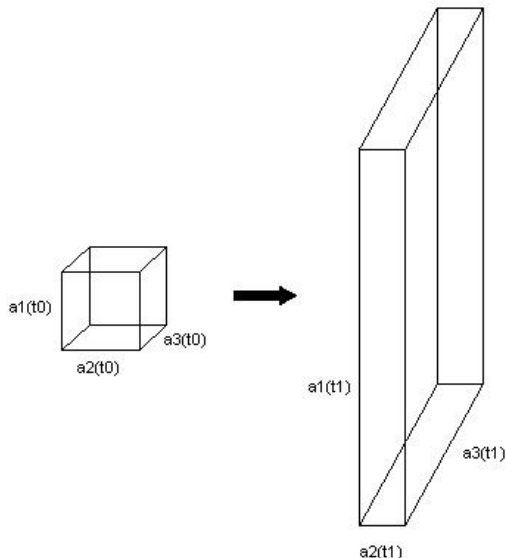
Consider: Evolution of some imagined cube in space.

Expansion in **FRW**:



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In late 60-ties V. A. Belinskii, I. M. Khalatnikov and E. M. Lifshitz were trying to investigate possibly general solution of GR near cosmic singularity.

As a starting point authors chose Bianchi class of models, but their ultimate goal: nonhomogeneous and anisotropic model.

The authors investigated Bianchi VIII and Bianchi IX (called Mixmaster Universe (MU)).

Analytical but approximated calculations.

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