

Possible New Explanation for: The Flattening of Galaxy Rotation Curves

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Abstract:

As an explanation for the flattening of galaxy rotation curves, it is proposed here that: Just as, a photon, while experiencing the ‘gravitational red-shift’, does not lose its velocity, and chooses to lose its energy, in the form of frequency; so exactly, the luminous stars at the out-skirts of a galaxy, may be losing their luminosity, in stead of their velocity.

Introduction:

The difference between observed velocities and the velocities expected as per Newton’s law of gravitation is currently being explained either in terms of ‘dark-matter’, or the Modified Newtonian Dynamics (MOND); but none of the two has been conclusively proven. So there is a scope for simpler easily understandable and testable new explanation, as proposed here.

We know that the photons pay their gravitational dues by partly losing *their* frequency, in stead of their velocity. Similarly, other luminous bodies can also pay their gravitational dues as if they too experience ‘gravitational red-shift’; as shown in the next section of derivations:

The Derivations:

Let us imagine a galaxy of a radius R , and a star orbiting the galactic center at a radial distance $r > R$. From the Newton’s law of gravitation we expect a relation:

$$G M m / r^2 = m v^2 / r \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{i.e. } G M = v^2 \cdot r$$

$$\text{i.e. } G M / c^2 = (v^2 / c^2) \cdot r$$

$$\text{i.e. } (G M / c^2) / r = (v^2 / c^2)$$

We find that the left-hand-side of the above expression is the famous expression for the gravitational red-shift; so we can write:

$$(G M / c^2) / r = (h f_0 - h f) / h f = v^2 / c^2$$

$$\text{i.e. } h f_0 - h f = h f (v^2 / c^2)$$

i.e. $hf_0 = hf + hf(v^2/c^2)$

i.e. $hf_0 = hf + (hf/c^2) \cdot V^2$

i.e. $hf_0 - hf = (\text{mass of the photon}) \cdot V^2$

i.e. $(hf_0 - hf)/r = (\text{mass of the photon}) \cdot v^2 / r \dots\dots\dots(2)$

From comparison of the expression-2 and 1, we can say that the left-hand-side of the expression-2 is equal to the gravitational-force experienced by every luminous body including stars at the out-skirts of a galaxy, and the photons.

Conclusion:

From the expressions-1 and 2 we can expect that every luminous body, including the stars at the out skirts of a galaxy, may be experiencing ‘gravitational red-shift’, and may be maintaining their velocities, like the photons. This can be a new explanation for the ‘flattening of ‘galaxies rotation-curves.’