

First we solve for the scale factor in a matter-radiation Universe:

$$a := rhs \left(dsolve \left(\left\{ diff(a(t), t) = H \cdot \sqrt{\Omega_r + \Omega_m \cdot a(t)}, a(0) = 0 \right\}, a(t) \right) \right) \\ \frac{1}{4} t^2 \Omega_m H^2 + t H \sqrt{\Omega_r} \quad (1)$$

Now fix the relevant cosmological parameters (conformal time t is in units of the inverse of the present day Hubble constant). Note I have increased the amount of radiation in order to delay the time of matter-radiation equality, which helps demonstrate the point that matter does not grow much during the radiation era once it has entered the horizon.

$$\Omega_m := 1; \Omega_r := 0.1; H := 1 :$$

$$\frac{1}{0.1} \quad (2)$$

In these units, the present conformal time is

$$tnow := fsolve(a = 1, t, 0..100) \\ 1.465162164 \quad (3)$$

and the conformal time of matter-radiation equality:

$$teq := fsolve(\Omega_r = \Omega_m \cdot a, t, 0..100) \\ 0.2619716590 \quad (4)$$

So modes with inverse wavenumber smaller than

$$evalf \left(\frac{2 \cdot \pi}{teq} \right)^{-1} \\ 0.04169408447 \quad (5)$$

cross the horizon before matter-radiation equality.

Now fix the wavenumber (in units of the present day Hubble constant):

$$k := 5000 \\ 5000 \quad (6)$$

The perturbation equation we wish to solve simultaneously in terms of the matter (m) and radiation (r) perturbations are

$$eq1 := \left(diff(m(t), t, t) + \frac{diff(a, t)}{a} \cdot diff(m(t), t) - \frac{3}{2} H^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\Omega_m \cdot m(t)}{a} + \frac{2 \cdot \Omega_r \cdot r(t)}{a^2} \right) = 0 \right) : \\ eq2 := \left(diff(r(t), t, t) + \frac{k^2}{3} \cdot r(t) - \frac{4}{3} diff(m(t), t, t) = 0 \right) :$$

Set the adiabatic initial conditions:

$$small := 10^{-6} : \\ inits := \left(m(small) = (k \cdot small)^2, r(small) = \frac{4}{3} \cdot (k \cdot small)^2, D(m)(small) = 2 \cdot k^2 \cdot small, \right. \\ \left. D(r)(small) = \frac{8}{3} \cdot k^2 \cdot small \right) :$$

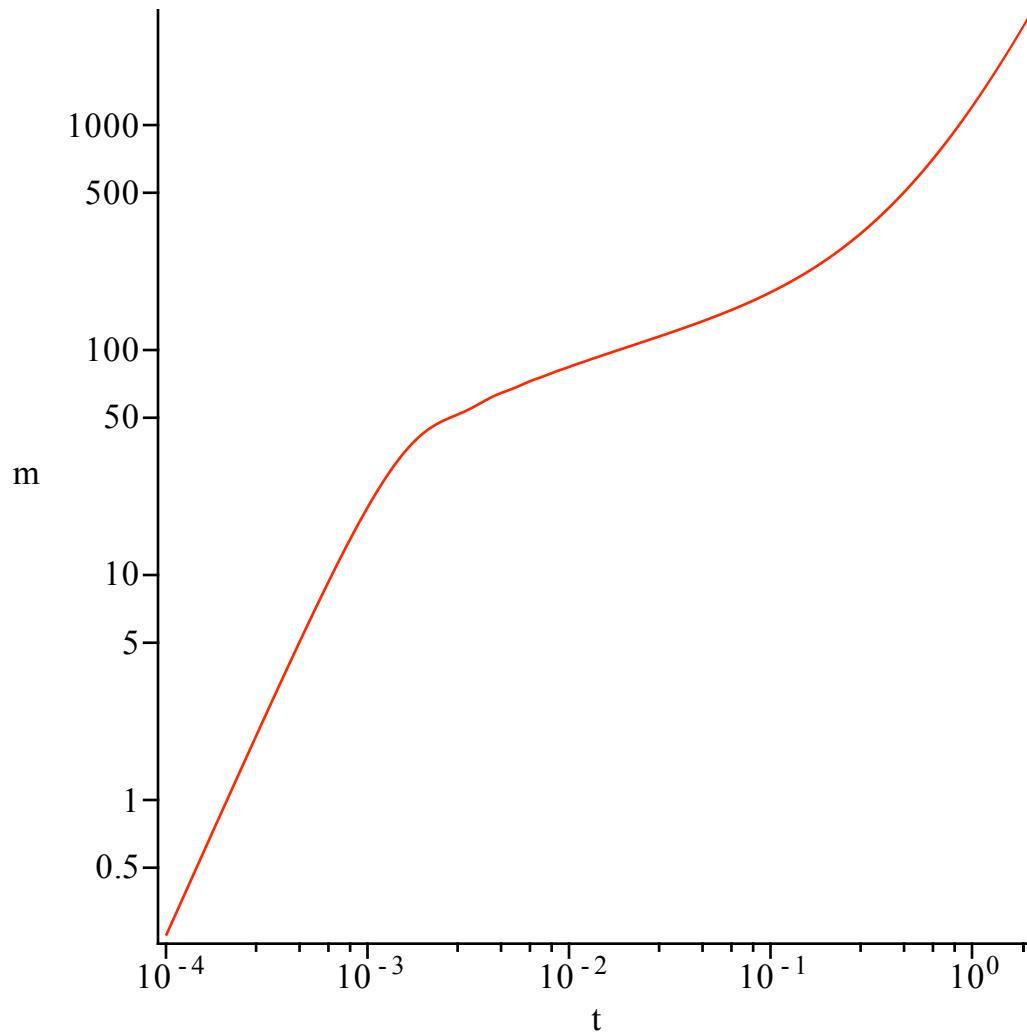
$$soln := dsolve(\{eq1, eq2, inits\}, numeric, \{m(t), r(t)\}, maxfun = 0, range = 10^{-5}..2) :$$

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proc(x_rkf45) ... end proc
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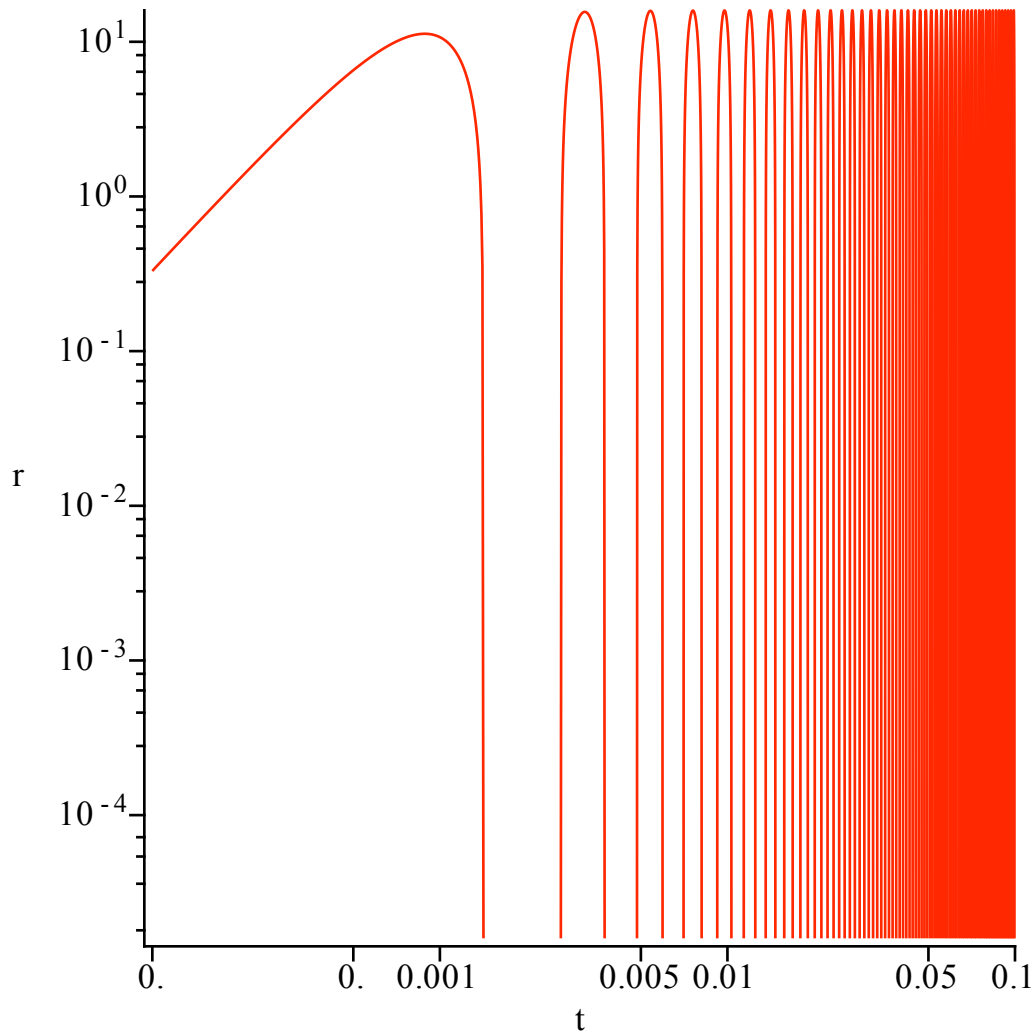
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with(plots):
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odeplot(soln, [t, m(t)], 10-4..2, axis=[mode=log], refine=1)
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odeplot(soln, [t, r(t)], 10-4..10-1, axis=[mode=log], refine=1)
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We can clearly see that the mode enters the horizon around $t = 10^{-3}$, which is to be compared to the expected value of $\frac{2\pi}{k} = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$. The slow rise in the radiation era is the Mezaros effect and the t^2 rise starts up again at the time of matter-radiation equality ($t = 0.26$).