

# 2021 Ph H1 Q11

**Section:** Our Dynamic Universe

**Topic:** The Expanding Universe

The redshift of light from a distant galaxy is  $z = 0.125$ .

What is the approximate distance to this galaxy?

## Step-by-step solution:

 **Step 1 – Use redshift to calculate recessional velocity:**

$$v = z \cdot c = 0.125 \cdot 3.00 \times 10^8 = 3.75 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}$$

 **Step 2 – Use Hubble's Law to calculate distance:**

$$v = H_0 d \quad \Rightarrow \quad d = \frac{v}{H_0} = \frac{3.75 \times 10^7}{2.3 \times 10^{-18}} = 1.63 \times 10^{25} \text{ m}$$

**Final Answer:**

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## Revision Tips:

- $z = \frac{v}{c}$  is a good approximation when  $z < 1$
- Hubble's Law:  $v = H_0 d$
- Use standard value  $H_0 = 2.3 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Always express final answers in standard form