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**Midterm #1**

Wednesday, 2022/10/05 — 1000 Central Time

This exam is worth **56 points**. Please complete all FOUR questions in the exam. As always, be sure to: show your work, circle your final answer, and use the appropriate number of significant figures, and appropriately label all plots. Unlike a problem set for this midterm you may use only this equation sheet, the OoMA factoid sheet, and a ‘dumb’ calculator.

$$\text{Stefan – Boltzmann Law : } L = (\text{surface area}) \times \sigma_{SB} T^4 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Wien's Law : } \frac{\lambda_{max}}{1 \mu\text{m}} \approx \frac{3000 \text{ K}}{T} \quad (2)$$

$$c = \lambda\nu \quad E_{\text{photon}} = h\nu \quad \frac{E_{\text{photon}}}{1.2 \text{ eV}} \approx \frac{\lambda}{1 \mu\text{m}} \quad (3)$$

$$P = nk_B T \quad n = \frac{\rho}{\langle m_{\text{particle}} \rangle} \quad (4)$$

$$L = \frac{E}{\Delta t} \quad F = \frac{L}{\text{area}} \quad F_\lambda = \frac{F}{\Delta\lambda} \quad I_\lambda = \frac{F_\lambda}{\Omega} \quad (5)$$

$$E = \int L dt \quad L = \int F dA \quad F = \int F_\lambda d\lambda \quad F_\lambda = \int I_\lambda d\Omega \quad (6)$$

$$B_\lambda(T) = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda k_B T}} - 1} \quad B_\nu(T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}} - 1} \quad (7)$$

$$d\tau_\lambda = \alpha_\lambda dx \quad \alpha_\lambda = n\sigma_\lambda \quad S_\lambda = \frac{j_\lambda}{\alpha_\lambda} \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{dI_\lambda}{d\tau_\lambda} = S_\lambda - I_\lambda \quad I_\lambda(\tau_\lambda) = I_{\lambda,0} e^{-\tau_\lambda} + S_\lambda (1 - e^{-\tau_\lambda}) \quad (9)$$

$$E_n = (-13.6 \text{ eV}) \frac{Z^2}{n^2} \quad E_\ell = h\nu_0 \left( \ell + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad E_J = \frac{\hbar^2}{2I} J(J+1) \quad (10)$$

$$j_\nu = \frac{1}{4\pi} h\nu A_{UL} n_u \phi(\nu) \quad \alpha_\nu = \frac{1}{4\pi} h\nu B_{LU} n_L \phi(\nu) \quad (11)$$

## OoMA Fact Sheet

$G = (2/3) \times 10^{-10}$  N-m<sup>2</sup>/kg<sup>2</sup>  
 $c = 3 \times 10^8$  m/sec  
 $k = (1/7) \times 10^{-22}$  J/K  
 $h = (2/3) \times 10^{-33}$  J-sec  
 $\hbar = 10^{-34}$  erg-sec  
 $N_A = 6 \times 10^{26}$  nucleons/kg  
 $m_p/m_e = 1836$                        $m_p c^2 = 938$  MeV  
 $m_e \approx 10^{-27}$  gm                       $m_e c^2 = 511$  keV  
 $e = 4.8 \times 10^{-10}$  esu =  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  Coulomb  
 $\alpha = e^2/\hbar c = 1/137$   
 $L_\odot = 4 \times 10^{26}$  W  
 Fusing H to He yields 0.7% of  $mc^2$   
 He to C & C to Fe about 0.1% of  $mc^2$  each  
 Solar Constant = 1.4 kW/m<sup>2</sup> at 1 AU  
 $R_\odot = 7 \times 10^8$  m                       $M_\odot = 2 \times 10^{30}$  kg  
 $R_\oplus = 6371$  km                       $M_\oplus = 3 \times 10^{-6} M_\odot$   
 $\pi R_\oplus \approx 20000$  km (by revolutionary fiat)  
 $M_J = 10^{-3} M_\odot$   
 Hubble radius =  $c/H_0 = 1.3 \times 10^{30}$  m  
 Critical density  $\sim 10^{-26}$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
 $\sigma_T = (2/3) \times 10^{-28}$  m<sup>2</sup>  
 $\sigma_{SB} = 5.67 \times 10^{-8}$  J/m<sup>2</sup>/sec/K<sup>4</sup>  
 Flux from a blackbody surface is  $\sigma_{SB} T^4$   
 1 gram calorie = 4.2 Watt-sec or Joules  
 Dietary calories are really kilocalories.  
 1 kiloton (kT) of TNT = KE of 1000 metric tonnes @ 2.9 km/sec. [1 kT = 10<sup>9</sup> kg-cal exactly]  
 Supernova kinetic energy = 10<sup>44</sup> J  
 1 AU =  $(3/2) \times 10^{11}$  m  
 1 radian =  $2 \times 10^5$  arc-seconds  
 1 square arcsec =  $2.4 \times 10^{-11}$  steradians  
 1 pc =  $2 \times 10^5$  AU =  $3 \times 10^{16}$  m  
 1 J = 10<sup>7</sup> erg =  $6 \times 10^{18}$  eV  
 1 eV  $\sim$  12,000 K                      1 eV  $\sim$  1.2  $\mu$ m  
 $hc/k \approx 0.014$  m-K  
 1 Jy =  $10^{-26}$  J/m<sup>2</sup>/sec/Hz  
 1 year  $\approx \pi \times 10^7$  seconds  
 1 Mpc is 1 km/sec for 1000 Gyr  
 One atmosphere or 1 bar = 10<sup>5</sup> N/m<sup>2</sup>  
 Maximum mass for white dwarfs: 1.4 M<sub>⊙</sub>  
 Typical mass of neutron stars: 1.4 M<sub>⊙</sub>

Stellar spectra – from “early” = hot to “late” = cool:

Oh Be A Fine (Guy/Gal) Kiss Me Later Tonight  
 Luminosity class – the Roman numeral:  
 “I” = supergiant = low surface gravity  
 “III” = giant, “V” = dwarf = main sequence star = high surface gravity.

Sp.Type	log(L/L <sub>⊙</sub> )	M/M <sub>⊙</sub>	T <sub>eff</sub> K
O5V	5.82	40	40,000
B0V	4.66	18	28,000
B5V	2.94	9	15,500
A0V	1.78	3	9900
A5V	1.15	2	8500
F0V	0.88	1.7	7400
F5V	0.54	1.3	6580
G0V	0.15	1.1	6030
G5V	-0.11	0.9	5520
K0V	-0.38	0.8	4900
K5V	-0.78	0.7	4130
M0V	-1.22	0.5	3480
M5V	-1.90	0.2	2800
L0	-3.65		2200
L5	-4.11		1700
T0	-4.57		1300
T5	-5.02		1000
Y0	-6.23		500

1 magnitude is -4 db

A decibel (db) is a factor of 10<sup>0.1</sup> in power.

0<sup>th</sup> mag at V  $\approx$  10<sup>7</sup> photons/m<sup>2</sup>/sec/Å.

$m_{bol} = 0$  for  $2.5 \times 10^{-8}$  W/m<sup>2</sup>.

Bands central wavelengths in  $\mu$ m:

U = 0.36, B = 0.44, V = 0.55, R = 0.7,

I = 0.9, Z = 1.0, J = 1.25, H = 1.6, K =

2.2, L = 3.5, M = 4.6, N = 10, Q = 20

AB magnitudes have the same zeropoint flux in  $F_\nu$  (3631 Jy) in all bands.

Johnson or “Vega” magnitudes have zero-points that follow the spectrum of an A0V star.

10<sup>n/10</sup> = 1.26, 1.6, 2, 2.5, 3.2, 4, 5, 6.3, 8.