

SOLUTION SET 7

Physics 2022

1. $L^* = 1000 L_{\text{sun}}$ $T^* = 100,000 \text{ K}$ $T_{\text{sun}} = 5800 \text{ K}$

$$L^* / L_{\text{sun}} = (R^* / R_{\text{sun}})^2 (T^* / T_{\text{sun}})^4$$

$$1000 = (R^* / R_{\text{sun}})^2 (100,000 / 5800)^4$$

$$(R^* / R_{\text{sun}})^2 = 1.13 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$R^* = 0.11 R_{\text{sun}}$$

2. $v = 20 \text{ km/s}$ $d = 2,700 \text{ LY}$ $\theta = 1.2 \text{ arcmin} = 72 \text{ arcsec}$

$$d = 2,700 \text{ LY} (1 \text{ pc} / 3.26 \text{ LY}) = 828 \text{ pc}$$

$$R = d \tan \theta = (828 \text{ pc}) (206,265 \text{ AU/pc}) (1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ km/AU}) \tan [(72 / 2) / 3600]$$
$$= 4.5 \times 10^{12} \text{ km} \quad \text{Radius because half of the angle was used.}$$

$$t = D / v = (4.5 \times 10^{12} \text{ km}) / (20 \text{ km/s}) = 2.2 \times 10^{11} \text{ sec} = 6970 \text{ yr}$$

3a. $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 0.0029 / T = 0.0029 / 30,000 = 9.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m} = 96.7 \text{ nm}$

3b. Because of Wien's Law, much more light is being emitted in the X-ray because the temperature of the White Dwarf is 30,000 K but temperature of its companion is about 10,000 K.

4. $\mathcal{M} = 1.0 \mathcal{M}_{\text{sun}} = 2 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$ $R^* = R_{\text{earth}} = 6378 \text{ km}$

$$\rho = \mathcal{M} / V = (2 \times 10^{33} \text{ g}) / (4 \pi / 3) (6378 \times 10^5 \text{ cm})^3 = 1.84 \times 10^6 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

5. $\text{Radius} = 0.1 \text{ m}$ $\text{Density} = 10^6 \text{ g/cm}^3$

$$\text{Volume} = 4/3 \pi R^3 = 4/3 \pi (10 \text{ cm})^3 = 4.2 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{Mass} = \text{Volume} \times \text{Density} = (4.2 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^3) \times (10^6 \text{ g/cm}^3)$$
$$= 4.2 \times 10^9 \text{ g} = 4.2 \times 10^6 \text{ kg} = 4,200 \text{ metric tons}$$

6. $\Delta m = 20^m = 2.5 \log (l_1 / l_2)$ $l_1 / l_2 = 10^8$

7. $d = 425 \text{ LY } (/ 3.26 \text{ LY/pc}) = 120 \text{ pc}$

$$m - M = 5 \log (d / 10)$$

$$m = 5 \log (120 / 10) + (-17) = -11.6 \text{ mag}$$

8. Because the spectrum showed Si lines, it is a Type Ia supernova. Therefore, the peak absolute magnitude is $M = -19 \text{ mag}$.

$$m - M = 5 \log (d / 10)$$

$$16.5 - (-19) = 35.5 = 5 \log (d / 10)$$

$$7.1 = \log(d / 10)$$

$$d = 1.3 \times 10^8 \text{ pc} = 130 \text{ Mpc}$$