

Intro-2-Astro-2025

Assignment-2 (Exoplanet detection)

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Question-1

(a)

The inclination of GJ 8999 b is very close to 90^0 since it is observed by transit method.

(b)

Period of the planet = $\frac{25}{5}$ days = 5 days.

(c)

Dip in the flux = $\frac{1-0.9975}{1} \times 100\% = 0.25\%$

Now,

$$\text{dip} = \left(\frac{R_p}{R_s} \right)^2 = 0.25 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_p = 10^{-2} R_{\odot}$$

So, radius of the planet = $10^{-2} R_{\odot}$

(d)

From the graph, $K = 2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

(e)

Using the relation

$$K = M_p \sin(i) \left(\frac{2\pi G}{P M_s^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_p = \frac{K}{\sin(i)} \left(\frac{P M_s^2}{2\pi G} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= 2 \times \left(\frac{5 \times 3600 \times 24 \times (0.2 \times 2 \times 10^{30})^2}{2\pi \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 10.95 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg} = 1.83 M_{\oplus}$$

Also, $R_p = 0.01 R_{\odot} = 1.09 R_{\oplus}$

Observing from the graph, the planet lies in the curve representing the **100 % rock line**.