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Constants

```
% Flight properties
mass_payload = 500; % [kg]
altitude = 25000; %[m]
% Balloon Material Properties
% (average of values given on matweb for polyester film)
density_material = 1255; % [kg/m^3]
FS = 1.5; % Factor of Safety
YS = 27.6*10^6; % [Pa]
% Gas properties
gage_pressure = 10;
                         % [Pa]
R = 8.314;
                         % [Nm/kmol]
molar_mass_helium = 4.0026e-03; % [kg/mol]
R_{helium} = 2077.1;
                       % [J/kgK]
% Radiation Constants
sigmaSB = 5.670*(10^-8); % [J/(K^4m^2s)] - Stephan Boltzman constant
                         % Absortivity of the sun-balloon system
alphasb = .6;
epsilonb = .8;
                         % Emissivity of the balloon
alphaeb = epsilonb;
                       % Absortivity of the earth-balloon system
qsun = 1353;
                         % [W/m^2] - Solar irradiance
                         % [W/m^2] - Earth irradiance
qearth = 237;
```

Calculate temperature of the balloon at day and night

```
temp_day = (((alphasb*qsun)+(alphaeb*qearth))/
(epsilonb*sigmaSB*4))^.25;
temp_night = ((alphaeb*qearth)/(epsilonb*sigmaSB*4))^.25;
fprintf('temp_day: %.3f, temp_night: %.3f\n', temp_day, temp_night);
temp_day: 272.564, temp_night: 179.794
```

Calculate atmospheric conditions based on the 1976 standard atmosphere at 25km

```
[temp_25km, speed_of_sound_25km, pressure_25km, density_25km] = ...
atmoscoesa(altitude, 'None'); % [k, m/s, Pa, kg/m^3]
```

Calculate the density of helium at 25km conditions

```
density_helium_day = (pressure_25km + 10)/(R_helium * temp_day); %
  [kg/m^3]
density_helium_night = (pressure_25km + 10)/(R_helium * temp_night); %
  [kg/m^3]
```

Calculate radius of balloon at night (launch time)

```
radius_night = nthroot((mass_payload/((((4*pi)/3)*density_25km)-
(((4*pi)/3)...
     *density_helium_night)-((4*pi*density_material*gage_pressure*FS)/
(2*YS)))), 3); % [m]
```

Calculate mass of balloon material

```
mass_material =
  (4*pi*density_material*gage_pressure*FS*(radius_night^3))/(2*YS); %
  [kg]
```

Calculate # of moles and mass of helium present at night

```
volume_helium_night = (4/3)*pi*radius_night^3; % [m^3]
moles_helium_night = ((pressure_25km +
   gage_pressure)*volume_helium_night)/(R*temp_night); % [mol]
```

```
mass_helium_night = moles_helium_night * molar_mass_helium; % [kg]
```

Calculate the volume of the helium at the daytime temperature

Note that pressure and # of moles remains constant as temperature increases, thus volume must increase. We'll vent gas later

```
volume_helium_day = (moles_helium_night*R*temp_day)/(pressure_25km +
    gage_pressure);
```

Calculate how much helium we need to vent

```
volume_delta = volume_helium_day - volume_helium_night;
moles_delta = ((pressure_25km + gage_pressure)*volume_delta)/
(R*temp_day);
mass_delta = moles_delta*molar_mass_helium;
```

Calculate final (daytime) mass of helium

mass_helium_day = mass_helium_night-mass_delta;

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