

Homework 11

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1. Volume of a sphere: $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$. Then,

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi\left(\frac{100000}{2} * \frac{9.46 * 10^{17}}{1}\right)^3$$
$$V = 4.434 * 10^{68} \text{ cm}^3.$$

Therefore, there are $4.434 * 10^{68}$ hydrogen atoms in the interstellar gas of our galaxy. Then the mass, $4.434 * 10^{68} * (1.67 * 10^{-27} \text{ kg}) = 7.422 * 10^{41} \text{ kg}$. This then means that there are $\frac{7.422 * 10^{41}}{1.989 * 10^{30}} = 3.732 * 10^{11}$ solar masses of hydrogen in our galaxy.

2. Stefan-Boltzmann Equation: $\frac{L_2}{L_1} = \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)^2 \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)^4$. Then,

$$1400 = (R_2)^2 \left(\frac{480}{5800}\right)^4$$
$$R_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1400}{\left(\frac{480}{5800}\right)^4}}$$
$$R_2 = 5463 \text{ R}_\odot.$$

This star has a radius of about 5463 R_\odot .

3. Jean's Length: $R_J = \sqrt{\frac{15 * k * T}{4 * \pi * G * \mu * m_H * \rho_0}}$. Then,

$$R_J = \sqrt{\frac{15(1.38 * 10^{-23})(110)}{4\pi(6.67 * 10^{-11})(1)(1.67 * 10^{-27})((1.67 * 10^{-27})(1.22 * 10^6))}}$$
$$R_J = \frac{2.83 * 10^{18}}{1.496 * 10^{14}}$$
$$R_J = 18917 \text{ AU}.$$

Freefall Time: $T_{ff} = \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{32G\rho_0}}$. Then,

$$T_{ff} = \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{32(6.67 * 10^{-11})(1.67 * 10^{-27})(1.22 * 10^6)}}$$

$$T_{ff} = \frac{1.47 * 10^{15}}{31557600}$$

$$T_{ff} = 4.658 * 10^7 \text{ years}$$