

Problem 1

- (a) We can use the formula for angular resolution (with $d = R_E = 6.378 \times 10^6$ m) to calculate this:

$$\theta = \frac{1.22\lambda}{d} = \frac{1.22 \times 0.21 \text{ m}}{6.378 \times 10^6 \text{ m}} = 4.02 \times 10^{-8} \text{ rad}$$

- (b) The effective diameter of the telescope would be increased to the distance between the Earth and the Moon. Taking that distance to be the mean distance (ignoring whether we use the close or the far side of the Moon, since that is negligible) and the same equation as above, the angular resolution would be

$$\theta = \frac{1.22\lambda}{d} = \frac{1.22 \times 0.21 \text{ m}}{3.844 \times 10^8 \text{ m}} = 6.66 \times 10^{-10} \text{ rad}.$$

Comparing this to the previous result, the angular resolution is increased by a factor of

$$\frac{\theta_1}{\theta_2} = \frac{4.02 \times 10^{-8} \text{ rad}}{6.66 \times 10^{-10} \text{ rad}} = 60.3 \times.$$

Problem 2

- (a) The absolute magnitude of the star can be found using the distance modulus formula

$$m - M = 5 \log(d) - 5,$$

where m is the apparent magnitude, M is the absolute magnitude, and d is the distance to the star in parsecs. Then we find that the absolute magnitude is

$$M = m - 5 \log(d) + 5 = 21 - 5 \log(3000) + 5 = 21 - 17.4 + 5 = 8.6.$$

Assuming that Delorean is a MS star, its stellar type would probably be M¹.

- (b) We can rearrange the distance modulus equation, accounting for reddening, to isolate absolute magnitude:

$$\begin{aligned} d &= 10^{(m-M+5-A)/5} \\ &= 10^{(m-M+5-kd)/5} \\ \implies \log(d) &= (m - M + 5 - kd)/5 \\ \implies M &= m + 5 - kd - 5 \log(d) \end{aligned}$$

- For a reddening value of $k = 10^{-3}$ mag/pc, the absolute magnitude is

$$M = 21 + 5 - 10^{-3} \text{ mag/pc} \times 3000 \text{ pc} - 5 \log(3000) = 21 + 5 - 3 - 17.4 = 5.6.$$

This would probably be a type G star.

¹<https://sites.uni.edu/morgans/astro/course/Notes/section2/spectralmasses.html>

- For a reddening value of $k = 2 \times 10^{-3}$ mag/pc, the absolute magnitude is

$$M = 21 + 5 - 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mag/pc} \times 3000 \text{ pc} - 5 \log(3000) = 21 + 5 - 6 - 17.4 = 2.6.$$

This would probably be a type A star.

- For a reddening value of $k = 3 \times 10^{-3}$ mag/pc, the absolute magnitude is

$$M = 21 + 5 - 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mag/pc} \times 3000 \text{ pc} - 5 \log(3000) = 21 + 5 - 9 - 17.4 = -0.4.$$

This would probably be a type B star.

Reddening does make a difference in the estimation of Delorean's stellar type.

- (c) We can model the density of the Milky Way as follows²:

$$\rho(R, z) = \rho_0 e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} e^{-|z|/h_z},$$

where $\rho_0 = 0.04 \text{ M}_\odot \text{ pc}^{-3} = 4 \times 10^7 \text{ M}_\odot \text{ kpc}^{-3}$, $R_0 = 8 \text{ kpc}$, $h_R = 3.2 \text{ kpc}$ is the scale length, $h_z = 0.35 \text{ kpc}$ is the scale height, and R is the distance from the center of the galaxy in kpc.

Since Delorean is 3 kpc from Earth, Earth is 3 kpc from the center of the galaxy, and Delorean is located between Earth and the center of the galaxy, Delorean is 5 kpc from the center of the galaxy. So, we want the mass enclosed within a sphere with a radius of 5 kpc of the galactic center. This is given by the following integral (omitting units throughout the calculation, but distances are in kpc and masses in M_\odot):

$$\begin{aligned} M(< 5 \text{ kpc}) &= \int \rho(R, z) dV \\ &= \int_0^5 \int_{-0.35}^{0.35} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho_0 e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} e^{-|z|/h_z} d\theta dz dR \\ &= 2\pi\rho_0 \int_0^5 e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} dR \int_{-0.35}^{0.35} e^{-|z|/h_z} dz \\ &= 2\pi\rho_0 \left(\int_0^5 e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} dR \right) \left(2 \int_0^{0.35} e^{-z/h_z} dz \right) \\ &= 4\pi\rho_0 \left(-h_R e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} \right) \Big|_0^5 \left(-h_z e^{-z/h_z} \right) \Big|_0^{0.35} \\ &= 4\pi \times 4 \times 10^7 \left(-3.2 \times e^{-(R-8)/3.2} \right) \Big|_0^5 \left(-0.35 \times e^{-z/0.35} \right) \Big|_0^{0.35} \\ &= (5.03 \times 10^8)(30.8125)(0.2212) \\ &= 3.43 \times 10^9 \text{ M}_\odot \end{aligned}$$

Then, we can find the mean density by dividing this mass by the volume:

$$\bar{\rho} = \frac{M}{V} = \frac{M}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} = \frac{3.43 \times 10^9 \text{ M}_\odot}{\frac{4}{3}\pi \times (5 \text{ kpc})^3} = 6.55 \times 10^6 \text{ M}_\odot \text{ kpc}^{-3}.$$

²taken from page 24 of week 2 lecture slides

We can repeat the same process at 8 kpc to find the mass enclosed:

$$\begin{aligned}
 M(< 8 \text{ kpc}) &= \int \rho(R, z) dV \\
 &= \int_0^8 \int_{-0.35}^{0.35} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho_0 e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} e^{-|z|/h_z} d\theta dz dR \\
 &= 2\pi\rho_0 \int_0^8 e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} dR \int_{-0.35}^{0.35} e^{-|z|/h_z} dz \\
 &= 2\pi\rho_0 \left(\int_0^8 e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} dR \right) \left(2 \int_0^{0.35} e^{-z/h_z} dz \right) \\
 &= 4\pi\rho_0 \left(-h_R e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} \right) \Big|_0^8 \left(-h_z e^{-z/h_z} \right) \Big|_0^{0.35} \\
 &= 4\pi \times 4 \times 10^7 \left(-3.2 \times e^{-(R-8)/3.2} \right) \Big|_0^8 \left(-0.35 \times e^{-z/0.35} \right) \Big|_0^{0.35} \\
 &= (5.03 \times 10^8)(35.784)(0.2212) \\
 &= 3.98 \times 10^9 M_\odot
 \end{aligned}$$

and the mass enclosed:

$$\bar{\rho} = \frac{M}{V} = \frac{M}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} = \frac{3.98 \times 10^9 M_\odot}{\frac{4}{3}\pi \times (8 \text{ kpc})^3} = 1.86 \times 10^6 M_\odot \text{ kpc}^{-3}.$$

We can use this to compare the dynamical times of the Sun and Delorean:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{t_S}{t_D} &= \frac{\frac{3}{\sqrt{G\rho_S}}}{\frac{3}{\sqrt{G\rho_D}}} = \frac{\sqrt{\rho_D}}{\sqrt{\rho_S}} \\
 \implies t_D &= t_S \frac{\sqrt{\rho_S}}{\sqrt{\rho_D}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Knowing that the dynamical time of the Sun is about 230 Myr, we can find the dynamical time of Delorean:

$$t_D = 230 \text{ Myr} \frac{\sqrt{1.86 \times 10^6 M_\odot \text{ kpc}^{-3}}}{\sqrt{6.55 \times 10^6 M_\odot \text{ kpc}^{-3}}} \simeq 122.6 \text{ Myr}.$$

- (d) The Sun is 8 kpc away from the center of the galaxy, Delorean is 3 kpc away from the Sun, and the Sun is directly in between Delorean and the center of the galaxy. So Delorean is 11 kpc away from the center of the galaxy. Performing the same calculations as above, mass enclosed within an 11 kpc radius of the galactic center is

$$\begin{aligned}
 M(< 11 \text{ kpc}) &= \int \rho(R, z) dV \\
 &= \int_0^{11} \int_{-0.35}^{0.35} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho_0 e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} e^{-|z|/h_z} d\theta dz dR \\
 &= 2\pi \rho_0 \int_0^{11} e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} dR \int_{-0.35}^{0.35} e^{-|z|/h_z} dz \\
 &= 2\pi \rho_0 \left(\int_0^{11} e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} dR \right) \left(2 \int_0^{0.35} e^{-z/h_z} dz \right) \\
 &= 4\pi \rho_0 \left(-h_R e^{-(R-R_0)/h_R} \right) \Big|_0^{11} \left(-h_z e^{-z/h_z} \right) \Big|_0^{0.35} \\
 &= 4\pi \times 4 \times 10^7 \left(-3.2 \times e^{-(R-8)/3.2} \right) \Big|_0^{11} \left(-0.35 \times e^{-z/0.35} \right) \Big|_0^{0.35} \\
 &= (5.03 \times 10^8)(37.7308)(0.2212) \\
 &= 4.196 \times 10^9 M_\odot
 \end{aligned}$$

and the mass enclosed:

$$\bar{\rho} = \frac{M}{V} = \frac{M}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} = \frac{4.196 \times 10^9 M_\odot}{\frac{4}{3}\pi \times (11 \text{ kpc})^3} = 7.53 \times 10^5 M_\odot \text{ kpc}^{-3}.$$

Again using the Sun as a reference, the dynamical time of Delorean in this new position is

$$t_D = 230 \text{ Myr} \frac{\sqrt{1.86 \times 10^6 M_\odot \text{ kpc}^{-3}}}{\sqrt{7.53 \times 10^5 M_\odot \text{ kpc}^{-3}}} \simeq 361 \text{ Myr}.$$

Problem 3

We can convert the coordinates of the Hubble Deep Field to degrees:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha &= (3 * 3600 + 32 * 60 + 39) / (24 * 3600) * 360 = 53.16^\circ \\
 \delta &= (-27 - 47/60 - 29.1/3600) = -27.79^\circ
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Fig. 24.18 (probably Fig. 25.18 for the reader) from C&O, we can approximate the galactic coordinates of the Hubble Deep Field to be

$$\begin{aligned}
 l &= 225^\circ, \\
 b &= -55^\circ.
 \end{aligned}$$

This is somewhere on the side opposite the galactic center, at a downwards angle from the galactic plane.

- (1) This points at a very steep upward angle. Good because it avoids the galactic plane, which is more dense. However, it is in the general direction of the galactic center. Would be better if it turned around (add 180° to l). Not bad, but probably less favourable than the HDF.

- (2) This has the problem of being along the galactic plane, which is more dense and obscures the view to distant galaxies. Less favourable.
- (3) This points away from the galactic center, but again, it is along the galactic plane. Less favourable.
- (4) Although this points (slightly) further down from the plane than the HDF, it is in the general direction of the galactic center. This is probably not good since the center is bright and dense, and that could interfere with images. Less favourable.

Problem 4

probably need to integrate this too? The acceleration of the star is given by the equation

$$a = \frac{v^2}{r},$$

and we know that this must be equivalent to the acceleration due to the gravity of the mass enclosed within its orbital radius, which is

$$a = \frac{GM(r)}{r^2},$$

where $M(r)$ is the mass enclosed as a function of radius. Equating these two, we find that we can express the mass enclosed as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{v^2}{r} &= \frac{GM(r)}{r^2} \\ \Rightarrow M(r) &= \frac{v^2 r}{G}. \end{aligned}$$

take dM/dr here? get v^2/g If we want a flat rotation curve, we must show that v is constant (not proportional to radius). This is equivalent to showing that the mass is directly proportional to the radius: $M \propto r$.

Note also that the mass (assuming spherical symmetry) can be expressed in terms of the density as

$$M(r) = \rho(r)V(r),$$

where the volume V is given by

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \propto r^3.$$

take dM/dr here? get $4\pi r^2\rho$. can equate this to what we got above. then get that $\rho \propto 1/r^2$

- (a) If we start with $\rho \propto 1/r^{3.5}$ and try to find how the mass enclosed and the radius are related, we find that

$$M = \rho V \propto \left(\frac{1}{r^{3.5}}\right)(r^3) \propto \frac{1}{r^{0.5}},$$

which is not what we wanted. This means that this density profile does not produce a flat rotation curve.

- (b) We repeat the same process above, but with $\rho \propto 1/r^2$:

$$M = \rho V \propto \left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right)(r^3) \propto r,$$

which shows that this density profile produces a flat rotation.

Problem 5

- (a) In this problem, r_0 will be used as the initial distance instead of r . The work required to move a body over a distance dr against the force of gravity is given by

$$W = Fdr = \frac{GMm}{r^2}dr,$$

where M is the mass of the point mass galaxy, m is the mass of the body being moved, and r is the distance between the two. To escape the gravitational force of the galaxy, the object must be moved to an infinite distance. The energy required to do this can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{GMm}{r^2} dr &= GMm \int_{r_0}^{\infty} r^{-2} dr \\ &= GMm \left(-\frac{1}{r} \right) \Big|_{r_0}^{\infty} \\ &= -GMm \left(\frac{1}{\infty} - \frac{1}{r_0} \right) \\ &= -GMm \left(-\frac{1}{r_0} \right) \\ &= \frac{GMm}{r_0}. \end{aligned}$$

If we consider putting this energy into the body as kinetic energy, it will have a (squared) velocity of

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}mv^2 &= \frac{GMm}{r_0} \\ \implies v^2 &= \frac{2GM}{r_0} \\ \implies v^2 &= \frac{2GM}{r_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 6

Problem 7

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