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In [1]: # Configure Jupyter so figures appear in the notebook
        %matplotlib inline
        # import functions from the modsim.py module
        from modsim import *
        #import
        import sympy
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Question

Model

Constants

This is a system object which contains relevant mathematical and physics related constants

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In [2]: """Creates a system object which stores all of the relevant physics constants
        not specific to the situation being modeled
        c is the speed of light
        sigma is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant which describes radiative cooling
        k is the Boltzmann constant (different from sigma) which describes the conversion
        of temperature to internal energy
        avagadro is avagadro's constant which is representative of the number of particles
        in a mol
        solarmass is the mass of our sun
        carbon_mass_per_mol gives the mass of one mol of carbon in kg/mol
        pi is the circle constant of mathematics"""
        constants = System(c = 3*10**(8),
                           sigma = 5.6703*10**(-8),
                           k = 1.380649*10**(-23),
                           avagadro = 6.022140857*10**(23),
                           solar_mass = 1.98847*10**40,
                           solar_density = 1410,
                           carbon_mass_per_mol = 12.011 *10**(-3),
                           pi = 3.1415926535,
                           year = 31557600)
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Useful Functions

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In [3]: def surface_area(mass, density, constants):
        """this function calculates the surface area for a sphere of a given material and uniform composition
        mass is the mass of the sphere
        density is the duniform density of the material (kg/m^3)
        constants is a system object containing fundamental constants"""

        #calculates the volume of the material
        volume = mass/density

        #converts the volume to a sphere and finds the radius
        radius = (volume/(4/3)/constants.pi)**(1/3)

        #returns the surface area of the sphere
        return 4*constants.pi*(radius**2)
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State and System

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In [4]: """this code creates a the state of the system
star_temp is the themperature of the star
star_energy is the internal energy of the star
star_mass is the mass of the star
surf_area is the surface area of the star"""
#creates the state of the function
st8 = State(star_temp = 25000,
            env_temp = 2.7,
            star_mass = 1.018*constants.solar_mass,
            surf_area = 0)

"""creates a system with innital values and constants
init is the innital state function
emmisivity is an innate property of the materials involved. White dwarfs emmit radiation in a near perfict manner which correlates to them having an emmisivity value of very close to 1
density is the density of the white dwarf in kg/m^3 and is found by multiplying the density of the sun times 92,000"""
sys = System(init = st8,
            emissivity = 1,
            density = 92000*constants.solar_density,
            dt = constants.year * 10**6)

#creates the starting value of the surface area of the white dwarf
st8.surf_area = surface_area(st8.star_mass,sys.density, constants)

#update the innital value of the state in the system object
sys.init = st8
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update function

A differential equation for the temperature was derived from the change in energy formula for an object cooling via radiative cooling as described here: <http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/thermo/cootime.html> (<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/thermo/cootime.html>)

$$\frac{dE_{star}}{dt} = \epsilon * \sigma * A_{surface} * (T_{star}^4 - T_{environment}^4)$$

This equation was combined with the expression of internal energy in terms of temperature for an einstein solid as described here: <http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/Therm/einsol.html#c1> (<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/Therm/einsol.html#c1>) This equation was used to convert internal energy to temperature because calculations involving a specific heat assume a specific heat which is independent of temperature. Due to the exotic nature of the matter studied and the extreme conditions involved, this assumption was infeasible and the einstein solid method was used instead (einstein solids assume that an object is made of n quantum harmonic oscillators whose movements constitute the internal energy of the object)

$$E_{internal} = N_{particles} * k * T$$

The number of particles was found by using standard molar conversions assuming that a white dwarf is constituted entirely of carbon

$$N_{particles} = \frac{mass}{carbon \frac{mass}{mol}} * N_a$$

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In [5]: def upd8func(st8,sys,constants):

    #converts the differential equation for the temperature of the star into code
    #this equation is derived from the
    dstar_tempdt = (sys.emissivity*constants.sigma*st8.surf_area*(st8.star_temp**4 - st8.env_temp**4))/(((st8.star_mass/constants.carbon_mass_per_mol)*constants.avagadro)*constants.k)
    #updates the temperature
    st8.star_temp -= dstar_tempdt *sys.dt
    return st8
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In [ ]: initial = st8.star_temp
        for i in range(int(10000000)):
            st8 = upd8func(st8,sys,constants)
        print(initial)
        print(st8.star_temp)
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Results

Interperitation

Abstract