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- 1. The brightness of an object depends on both distance and energy output. If both the distance and brightness of a star can be measured, then its luminosity can be calculated.
- 2. Luminosity refers to the amount of light that is emitted by an object. It is a star's intrinsic brightness, as well as Luminosity (L) is the energy per second. Apparent brightness (m) is the amount of starlight the manages to reach the Earth
- 3. There are two kinds of brightness. Apparent magnitude (m) is how bright an object appears to us on Earth. Absolute magnitude (M) is how bright a star actually is, (intrinsic brightness)
- 4. There are three types of binary stars; Visual Binary, Eclipsing Binary, and Spectroscopic Binary.
- 5. In terms of stellar properties; the parallax tells us the distances to the nearest stars. We can calculate a star's luminosity if we can measure a star's apparent brightness and distance. A star's temperature is reflected by both the star's color and spectral type. Newton's version of Kepler's 3rd law can tell us the total mass of a binary system such as; measuring the orbital period, average orbital separation of the system.