

Homework 3

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Q12.2

a.

Estimate the radii at the beginning and end of the Hayashi concentration phase and at the beginning and end of the pre-main sequence concentration of stars of 0.3, 3 and 30 M_{\odot}

From Equatioin 12.13, a protostar becomes ionized at a radius of about

$$R/R_{\odot} \approx 100M/M_{\odot}$$

At this point, the star reaches the end of fast contraction and the beginning of the Hayashi concentration phase. At this point the star becomes fully convective and descend down the Hayashi track towards the main sequence. Once the temperature is high enough, the opacity drops and convection ends, stopping the downward evolutuin. Assuming this temperature \bar{T} to be $\sim 3 \times 10^6 K$ at the end and $\sim 7 \times 10^4 K$ at the beginning (see pg 12-8), and that radius of $R \approx M/\bar{T}$, we get that

$$R/R_{\odot} \approx 2M/M_{\odot}$$

at the end of Hayashi comncetration, aka the beginning of the pre-main sequence concentration phase. At the point the star is in the pre-main-sequence phasse, where the star is still shrinking but in radiative equilibrium. The central temperature rises until H-fusion can begin, thus ending the pre-main-sequence phase. This happens at around

$$R_{MS}/R \approx (M/M_{\odot})^{0.7}$$

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Mass = 0.3 M_sun
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30.0  R_sun at start of HCP
0.6   R_sun at end of HCP/start of PreMS
0.4   R_sun at end of PreMS

Mass = 3 M_sun
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300   R_sun at start of HCP
6     R_sun at end of HCP/start of PreMS
2.2   R_sun at end of PreMS

Mass = 30 M_sun
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3000  R_sun at start of HCP
60    R_sun at end of HCP/start of PreMS
10.8  R_sun at end of PreMS
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b.

Estimate the duration of the Hayashi concentration phase and of the pre-main sequence concentration of stars of 0.3, 3 and 30 M_{\odot} . The duration of the Hayashi conctratation phase is approximately the Kelvin Helmholtz timescale, which is given by

$$\tau_{Haayashi} \approx \frac{0.5AGM^2}{LR_{end}}$$

Where A = 2 (see Equ 12.15). The duration of the pre main sequence phase is similarly calculated by dividing the gravitational energy released by raidation of of the pre-main-sequence star by the luminosity:

$$\tau_{PMS} \approx 0.5A \frac{GM_{\odot}^2}{R_{\odot}L_{\odot}} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{R}{R_{\odot}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{L}{L_{\odot}}\right)^{-1}$$
$$\tau_{PMS} \approx 0.5A \frac{GM_{\odot}^2}{R_{\odot}L_{\odot}} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{2-0.7-3.8}$$
$$6 \times 10^7 \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{-2.5}$$

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Mass = 0.3 M_sun
-----
3.33e+06 years in HCP
1.22e+09 years in PreMS

Mass = 3 M_sun
-----
3.33e+05 years in HCP
3.85e+06 years in PreMS

Mass = 30 M_sun
-----
3.33e+04 years in HCP
1.22e+04 years in PreMS
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Q15.4

a.

Calculate the radiation driven mass-loss rate at the ZAMS and TAMS of stars of 20, 60 M_{\odot} with solar metallicity ($Z = 0.014$) using stellar data from Appendix D.

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In [6]: def RD_mass_loss(M, Z, L, T_eff):
        consts = np.array([
            [-6.697, -6.688], # A
            [2.194, 2.210], # B
            [-1.313, -1.339], # C
            [-1.226, -1.601], # D
            [0.933, 1.07], # E
            [-10.92, 0], # F
            [.85, .85] # G
        ])
        Z_sun = 0.02
        # if T_eff > 50000:
        #     print("Out of Vink fit range")
        #     return
        v_v_esc = 2.6 if T_eff > 20500 else 1.3
        T_ref = 40000 if T_eff > 25000 else 20000 # split the difference in the gap
        coeffs = consts[:,0] if T_eff > 25000 else consts[:,1]

        terms = np.log10(np.array([10, L/10**5, M/30, 0.5*v_v_esc, T_eff/T_ref, T_eff/T_ref, Z/Z_sun]))
        terms[5] = terms[5] ** 2
        # import pdb;pdb.set_trace()

        return 10**np.dot(coeffs, terms)
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Data imported:

	index	Mass	Z	lg(L)	lg(T_eff)	Age	L	T_eff
0	0	20	0.014	4.619018	4.549346	ZAMS	41592.784890	35427.948117
1	1	60	0.014	5.705174	4.684481	ZAMS	507193.874700	48359.410702
2	2	20	0.002	4.626483	4.584854	ZAMS	42313.894606	38446.251270
3	3	60	0.002	5.701819	4.719210	ZAMS	503290.809617	52385.368107
4	0	20	0.014	5.001445	4.466819	TAMS	100333.277685	29296.719975
5	1	60	0.014	5.910173	4.411788	TAMS	813154.369440	25809.999730
6	2	20	0.002	5.023890	4.524798	TAMS	105654.986776	33480.967553
7	3	60	0.002	5.991020	4.559200	TAMS	979535.093628	36240.985590

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Find mass loss rate

Calculate mass loss using the RD_mass_loss function defined above that implements the mass loss rate formula from Vink 2001 (equation 15.14) for **Z = 0.014**

Age: ZAMS	Mass: 20 Ms	Z: 0.014	Mass loss rate: 2.23e-08 Ms/yr
Age: ZAMS	Mass: 60 Ms	Z: 0.014	Mass loss rate: 1.54e-06 Ms/yr
Age: TAMS	Mass: 20 Ms	Z: 0.014	Mass loss rate: 8.71e-08 Ms/yr
Age: TAMS	Mass: 60 Ms	Z: 0.014	Mass loss rate: 1.15e-06 Ms/yr

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b.

Take the mean value and estimate the fraction of mass that is lost from these stars during the main sequence.

Mass: 20 Ms	Z: 0.014	Mean mass loss rate: 5.47e-08 Ms/yr	Frac lost: 0.021
Mass: 60 Ms	Z: 0.014	Mean mass loss rate: 1.34e-06 Ms/yr	Frac lost: 0.078

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$60M_{\odot}$ stars emit more strongly at UV wavelengths and since many of the lines of these multiply ionized metals are in the UV, these stars experience greater line driven mass loss

C.

Do the same for metal-poor stars of $Z = 0.002$ and compare the results. What is the physical reason for the difference?

Age: ZAMS	Mass: 20 Ms	Z: 0.002	Mass loss rate: 5.08e-09 Ms/yr	ML ratio (Z=0.002/Z=0.014): 0.23
Age: ZAMS	Mass: 60 Ms	Z: 0.002	Mass loss rate: 2.61e-07 Ms/yr	ML ratio (Z=0.002/Z=0.014): 0.17
Age: TAMS	Mass: 20 Ms	Z: 0.002	Mass loss rate: 2.88e-08 Ms/yr	ML ratio (Z=0.002/Z=0.014): 0.33
Age: TAMS	Mass: 60 Ms	Z: 0.002	Mass loss rate: 1.08e-06 Ms/yr	ML ratio (Z=0.002/Z=0.014): 0.94

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Mass: 20 Ms	Z: 0.002	Mean mass loss rate: 1.69e-08 Ms/yr	Frac lost: 0.007
Mass: 60 Ms	Z: 0.002	Mean mass loss rate: 6.69e-07 Ms/yr	Frac lost: 0.040

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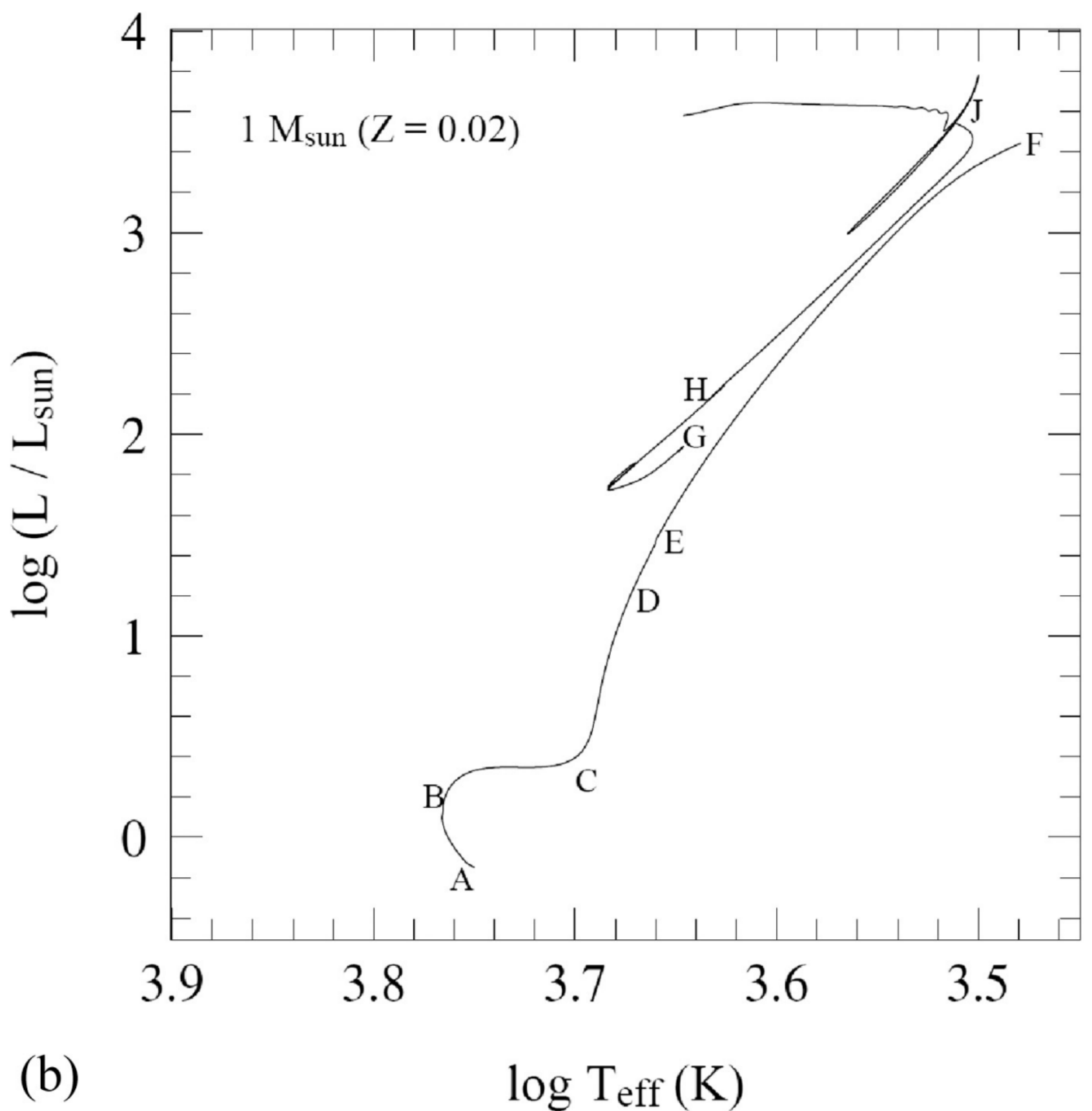
These mass loss rates are lower than those of the stars at solar metallicity. Because a lot of mass loss is line driven (i.e. momentum is transferred to multiply ionized metals in the atmospheres of stars by repeated interaction with photons at the right energies, which then can transfer that outward momentum to surrounding particles), this mechanism is less prevalent in metal poor stars, which results in a lower mass loss rate. Over the course of the main sequence lifetime, this can be quite a significant difference: a metal rich $20M_{\odot}$ loses 2.1% of its mass over its MS lifetime, whereas a metal poor star loses only 0.7%.

Q 16.1

What is the radius of a star of $1M_{\odot}$ at the start and at the end of the RGB phase?

Using figure 16.1b from the textbook, we see that at the start of the RGB phase (C), the log luminosity is about 0.4 and the log T_{eff} is about 3.7. At the end of the RGB phase (F), the log L and log T_{eff} are about 3.45 and 3.48 respectively. We can calculate the radius of the star from the stellar luminosity relation

$$L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma_{sb} T_{eff}^4$$



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In [12]: def get_R(logL, logT):
    L, T = 10**logL, 10**logT
    L *= L_sun.cgs.value
    return np.sqrt(L / (4 * np.pi * sigma_sb.cgs.value * T ** 4)) / R_sun.cgs.value

params = {"Start of RGB : ": [0.4, 3.7],
          "End of RGB   : ": [3.45, 3.48]}

for stage, param in params.items():
    print(stage, f"{get_R(*param):.2e} R_sun")
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Start of RGB : 2.10e+00 R_sun
End of RGB   : 1.94e+02 R_sun
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So at the start of the RGB phase, the a $1 M_{\odot}$ star has a radius of about **2.1 R_{\odot}** and at the end of the RGB phase it has expanded to roughly **194 R_{\odot}**

Q 17.1

The luminosity of the helium flash is given to us as $10^{10} L_{\odot}$. Assuming this is constant, we can get the duration of the helium flash by dividing the total energy radiated by the luminosity. Assuming that the total energy radiated is 20% of the difference in gravitational potential energy of the core at the beginning and the end of the helium flash (the rest is carried away by neutrinos), we have:

Gravitational potential energy of a sphere of uniform density:

$$U = -\frac{3}{5} \frac{GM^2}{R}$$

We assume that M , the mass of the core remains constant, so we rewrite this expression in terms of the core density:

$$U = -\frac{3}{5} GM^2 \left(\frac{3}{4\pi\rho} M \right)^{-1/3}$$

Thus the total energy released as radiation is:

$$0.2 \times \left[-\frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{4\pi}{3} \right)^{1/3} G (0.5 M_{\odot})^{5/3} \right] (\rho_{\text{init}}^{1/3} - \rho_{\text{final}}^{1/3})$$

Where the initial and final densities are 10^4 g/cm^3 and 10^6 g/cm^3 respectively. Plugging in numbers we get that the duration of the helium flash is roughly **76 days**

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In [13]: def U(dens):
          M = 0.5 * M_sun
          return (-3/5 * (4 * np.pi / 3 * dens) ** (1/3) * G * M ** (5/3)).cgs

          ((U(1e4*u.g/u.cm**3) - U(1e6*u.g/u.cm**3)) / (1e10 * L_sun * 0.2)).to(u.day)

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