Astronomy 45

Introduction to Astrophysics

Problem Set 4 - Due October 18, 2002

- 1. The radius of the Sun is 7×10^{10} cm, its luminosity is 4×10^{33} erg s⁻¹ and its effective temperature is 5770K. Calculate how many watts are emitted by one square centimeter of solar surface in two ways:
 - a) start with the luminosity and do not use the temperature
 - b) start with the temperature and do not use the luminosity.
- 2. a) Two stars are at the same distance. They have identical radii. One has a temperature of 5800K and the other a temperature of 2900K. Which is brighter and how much brighter is it in magnitudes?
- 3. The radiation emitted from Pluto has a wavelength of maximum intensity at 50μ . What is the temperature of Pluto?
- 4. Assume that the wavelength of maximum light of the Sun is 500nm, that its temperature is 5770K and its bolometric magnitude is 5.0. Another star has a wavelength of maximum light of 10,000Å with an apparent visual magnitude of 15.5, a bolometric correction of -0.5 and a parallax of 0.01 arcsec. What is its radius in terms of the solar radius?