HW 10: Measuring the Stars

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Show ALL work for full credit. Each problem 2 pts unless otherwise noted.

| 1) A parsec is about 3. | 3 light-years. | | | |
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| 2) A parsec is slightly | more than 200,000 AU. | | | |
| 3) Our nearest stellar | neighbor is a little less t | than 1 parsec away. | | |
| 4) Of all the stars in th | ne sky, Barnard's star, th | e next closest beyond | l Alpha Centauri, appea | ars to move the fastest. |
| 5) Two stars have the half as bright. | same absolute magnitu | de, but one lies twice | as far from Earth as the | e other. It will appear |
| 6) The full Moon's app A) -12.5. | parent magnitude is B) -1.4. | C) -26.2. | D) +4.83. | E) +12.7. |
| 7) A star's absolute ma A) 10 light-year B) Alpha Centar C) 10 parsecs dis D) Pluto. E) 100 parsecs d | uri. stance. | t brightness as seen fr | rom | |
| 8) Which of these stars A) A0 | s would be the hottest? B) K9 | C) B0 | D) M10 | E) G2 |
| A) They are cool B) They are cool C) They are hoth D) They are hoth | ler and older. ler and younger. ter and younger. | | l to type K and M stars? | • |
| D) radius versus | s mass. versus mass. gnitude versus spectral | classes. | | |
| A) luminosities B) spectral class C) absolute and | es and absolute magnit apparent magnitudes gnitudes and temperati | tudes | data plotted? | |

| 20) Only type O stars are h | not enough to show ic | onized | in their spe | ctra. |
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| 19) High mass stars are ty A) upper right | pically found on the _ B) upper left | of the main C) center | n sequence. D) lower left | E) lower right |
| 18) The ionized helium lin A) B | es show up only in cl B) O | ass stars. | D) K | E) M |
| 17) The absolute magnitud A) –26.7. | le of the Sun is B) -12.1. | C) 0. | D) +4.8. | E) +26.7. |
| 16) To find the distance of A) one B) three C) six D) twelve E) twenty-four | nearby stars, we use | their parallaxes obt | ained overmor | ith intervals. |
| 15) In what range of masse A) 0.1 to 2 solar ma B) 0.01 to 100 solar C) 0.1 to 100 solar r D) 1 to 3 solar mass E) Stars can have a | sses masses nasses es ny mass. | | | |
| 14) The Doppler shift is us A) photometric bina B) astrometric bina C) spectroscopic bina D) visual binaries. E) eclipsing binaries | aries. ries. naries. | | | |
| 13) A star near the lower r A) yellow, with lun B) red, with high land C) blue, with high land D) hot, bright, and E) red, with low lun | ninosity similar to our iminosity. uminosity. very large. | • | | |
| 12) Compared to the size of A) 0.001 to 50,000 s B) 0.5 to 50 solar ra C) 0.1 to 10 solar ra D) 0.01 to 1,000 sola E) 0.08 to 8,000 sola | olar radii. dii. dii. ar radii. | types range from | | |

| 21) Where on the H-R diagram are the majority of stars that dominate the night sky? |
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| 22) White dwarfs like Sirius B are typically the size of |
| 23) A star's parallax is found by using the spectral lines to estimate the spectral class and luminosity of distant stars. |
| 24) Contrasting a M3Ib and M3V star, they differ primarily in and and |
| 25) Stellar masses are determined by observing stars. |
| 26) The star's plays the major role in determining its main sequence position and luminosity. |
| 27) If a binary is detected by periodic shifts in its spectral lines, it is a(n) binary. |
| 28) In general, the more massive the star, the its lifetime. |
| 29) In general, as you examine stars on the main sequence, going from bottom right to top left, their stellar radii |
| 30) How can a white dwarf be hotter than our Sun, yet much less luminous? |
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| 31) Explain the difference between radial and transverse velocities. |
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| 32) Contrast apparent and absolute magnitudes. |
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