

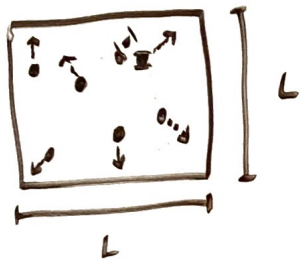
Homework Assignment 3

ASTR4201, Fall 2020

Corresponds to Chapter 3 of "To Build a Star" (TBS) by E.F. Brown

1. TBS exercise 3.1 Team: 1 Lead: Britt
2. TBS exercise 3.2 Team: 2 Lead: Sam
3. TBS exercise 3.3 Team: 3 Lead: Harshil
Hint: Consult solutions for linear first order differential equations.
4. TBS exercise 3.4 Team: 4 Lead: Gula
Hint: Consult the solution for common first order differential equations.
5. TBS exercise 3.5 Team: 1 Lead: Anthony
6. TBS exercise 3.6 Team: 2 Lead: Michael
7. TBS exercise 3.7 Team: 5 Lead: Justin
Hint: Chapter 1 briefly discussed the radiative energy density, which is the total radiative energy divided by the volume.
8. TBS exercise 3.8 Team: 5 Lead: Robert
9. TBS exercise 3.9 Team: 3 Lead: Josh
10. TBS exercise 3.10 Team: Lead: Gavin
11. TBS exercise 3.11 Team: 3 Lead: Ryan
12. TBS exercise 3.12 Team: 2 Lead: Quinn
Hints: For the first part, keep in mind that $P_0(\mu)=1$ and that any function is equal to itself multiplied by 1. For the second part, trigonometric identities and u-substitution are your friend.
13. TBS exercises 3.13-14 Team: 4 Lead: Jacob
Hints: Consult Boxes 3.1 and 3.2.

[top view]



[side view]



estimate mean free path, l

Problem 3.1

need to show how probability equation works for 2D:

\Rightarrow have area coverage equivalent to ratio of $\frac{\text{puck diameter}}{\text{length traveled}}$

$$\Rightarrow P = \frac{[\text{obstacle diameter}]}{[\text{puck diameter}]}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\text{obstacle diameter}] = [\text{areal density of pucks}] \times [\text{area covered by pucks}] \times [\text{puck diameter}]$$

$$\Rightarrow [\text{area covered by pucks}] = [\text{puck diameter}] \times [\text{length traveled}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{plugging in: } P = \frac{(N/L^2) \times (dN) \times d}{d}$$

(I'm calling [length traveled], X , because I find using l for two different things confusing.)

$$\Rightarrow P = \left(\frac{N}{L^2}\right) \times (dN)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for } P=1, X = \text{mean free path} = l$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{L^2}{Nd} = l$$

$$\Rightarrow d=1, \text{ so, } l = \frac{L^2}{N}$$

Problem 3.2

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- 3.2 In the Sun, free electrons scatter photons.
The cross-section for this is...

$$\sigma_{Th} = \left(\frac{8\pi}{3}\right) \left(\frac{e^2}{m_e c^2}\right)^2 = 6.65 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^2$$

What is the mean free path against this process for a photon at the average density of the solar interior?

$$\mu_0 = 0.617 \quad m_\odot = 1.98 \times 10^{33} \text{ g} \quad V_0 = 1.4 \times 10^{27} \text{ m}^3$$

$$n_0 = 1.387 \times 10^{30} \text{ particles/m}^3$$

$$\text{mean free path } \ell = \frac{1}{n\sigma} = 0.0108 \text{ m}$$

Problem 3.3

3.3

$$\Delta I_v = -n\sigma I_v \Delta s$$

n = density of obstacles

$$dI_v = -n\sigma I_v ds$$

σ = cross-sectional area of particles

$$\int_{I_0}^{I_v} \frac{dI_v}{I_v} = -n\sigma \int_0^s ds$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{I_v}{I_0}\right) = -n\sigma(s)$$

$$(n\sigma = k_v^{abs} P)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{I_v}{I_0}\right) = -k_v^{abs} P(s)$$

$$I_v = I_0 e^{(-k_v^{abs} P(s))}$$

$$I_v = \frac{I_0}{e}$$

$$\frac{I_0}{e} = I_0 e^{(-k_v^{abs} P(s))}$$

$$e^{-1} = e^{(-k_v^{abs} P(s))}$$

(taking \ln)

$$-1 = -k_v^{abs} P(s)$$

$$s = \frac{1}{k_v^{abs} P}$$

Problem 3.4

3.4

$$\frac{dI_v}{ds} = s J_v - s k_v^{\text{abs}} I_v$$

$$dI_v + s k_v^{\text{abs}} I_v = s J_v \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

This is 1st order differential equation

$$y' + p(x)y = q(x)$$

We can solve eq (1) as follow

$$I = e^{\int p(x) \cdot dx}$$

In eq (1) $p(x) = s k_v^{\text{abs}}$

$$I = e^{\int s k_v^{\text{abs}} \cdot ds}$$

$$I = e^{s k_v^{\text{abs}} \cdot s} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

multiply both sides of equation (1) by eq (2)

$$e^{s k_v^{\text{abs}} \cdot s} \cdot s (I_v' + s k_v^{\text{abs}} I_v) = s J_v e^{s k_v^{\text{abs}} \cdot s}$$

$$I_v' e^{s k_v^{\text{abs}} \cdot s} + s k_v^{\text{abs}} I_v e^{s k_v^{\text{abs}} \cdot s} = s J_v e^{s k_v^{\text{abs}} \cdot s} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$= s J_v e^{s k_v^{\text{abs}} \cdot s} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

We can rewrite eq(3) as

$$\frac{d}{ds} (I_\nu e^{s k_\nu^{abs}} \cdot s) = s \int_\nu e^{s k_\nu^{abs}} \cdot s$$

$$d(I_\nu e^{s k_\nu^{abs}} \cdot s) = (s \int_\nu e^{s k_\nu^{abs}} \cdot s) ds \quad (4)$$

Integrating both sides of eq(4)

$$\begin{aligned} I_\nu e^{s k_\nu^{abs}} \cdot s &= \int s \int_\nu e^{s k_\nu^{abs}} \cdot s \cdot ds \\ &= s \int_\nu \int e^{s k_\nu^{abs}} \cdot s \cdot ds \end{aligned}$$

now Let

$$u = s k_\nu^{abs} \cdot s$$

$$du = s k_\nu^{abs} \cdot ds \Rightarrow ds = \frac{1}{s k_\nu^{abs}} \cdot du$$

$$\therefore I_\nu e^{s k_\nu^{abs}} \cdot s = s \int_\nu \int \frac{1}{s k_\nu^{abs}} e^u \cdot du$$

$$= \frac{\int_\nu u}{k_\nu^{abs}} e^u + C$$

$$= \frac{\int_\nu e^{s k_\nu^{abs}} \cdot s}{k_\nu^{abs}} + C$$

where $c = \text{constant} = I_0$

$$I_\nu = \frac{J_\nu}{k_\nu^{\text{abs}}} + I_0 e^{-s k_\nu^{\text{abs}}} \cdot s$$

as $s \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} I_\nu &= \frac{J_\nu}{k_\nu^{\text{abs}}} + I_0 e^{-\infty} \\ &= \frac{J_\nu}{k_\nu^{\text{abs}}} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.5

HW3 Final

3.5

Using given mean free path: $\lambda = .01\text{m}$

~~$\tau_v = \frac{4\pi R^2}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{4\pi R^2} \right) \int_0^R ds$~~

$$\tau_v = \text{optical depth} = \int_0^S \frac{ds}{\lambda}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^S ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} [s]_0^{6.957 \times 10^8}$$

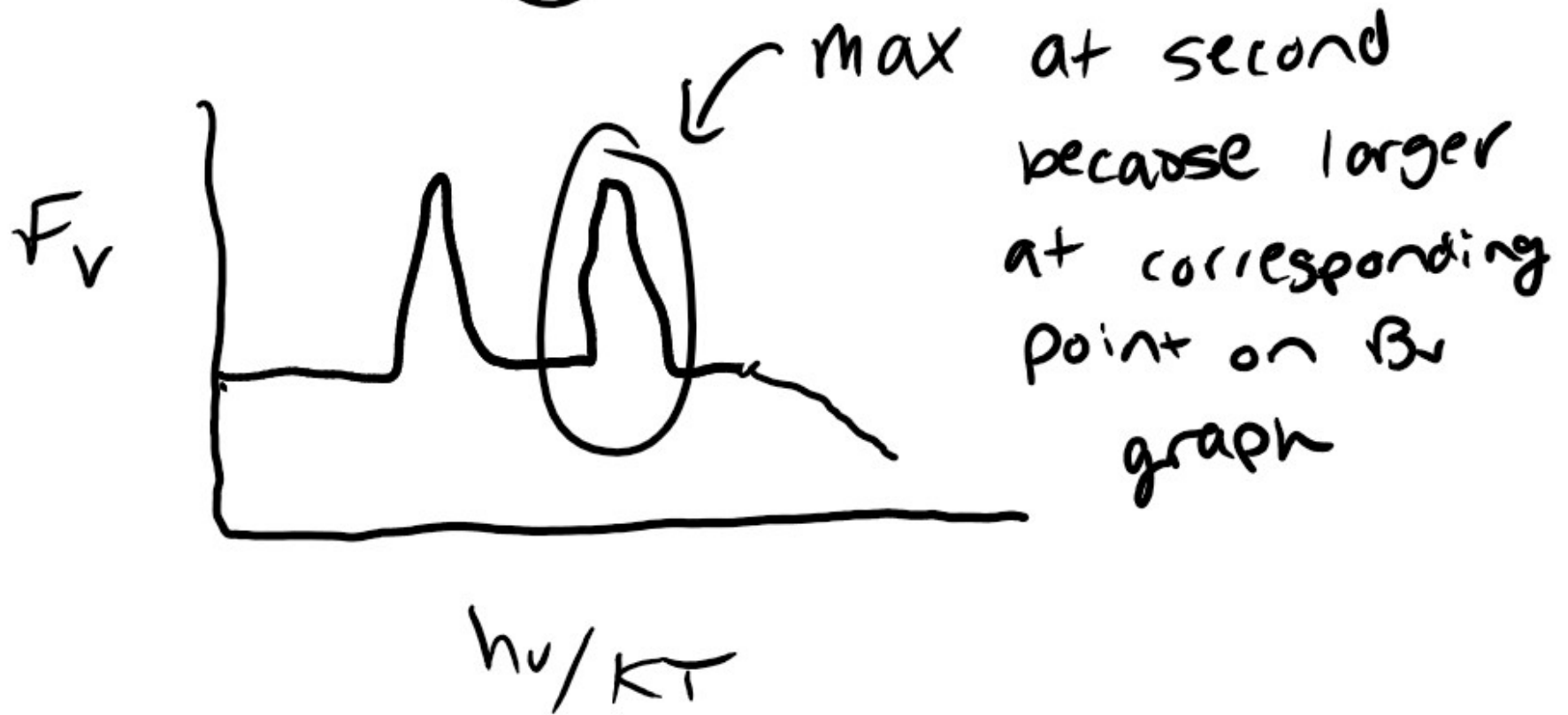
$$= \frac{1}{.01\text{m}} [6.957 \times 10^8\text{m} - 0] = \boxed{6.957 \times 10^{10}\text{m} = \tau_v}$$

$$S = \text{radius of sun} = 6.957 \times 10^8\text{m}$$

should be unitless, so
no m as a unit

$$F_\nu = -\frac{4\pi}{3} \left[\frac{1}{\rho k_\nu} \frac{\partial B_\nu}{\partial T} \right] \frac{dT}{dr}$$

↙ inversely proportional



3 Homework 3

Question 7: EXERCISE 3.7 — Let's dissect eq. (3.13) to see how it sets the luminosity.

1. To keep the algebra simple, assume that F is constant throughout the star and that aT^4 is linear in r — that is, $aT^4 = aT_c^4(1 - r/R)$. Since F is constant, you can express it in terms of the luminosity at the surface L . Use this to transform eq. (3.13) into an expression for L in terms of R and T_c (along with ρ , κ_R , and c).
2. Write the luminosity as $L = E_\gamma/\tau$, where E_γ is the total radiative energy of the star, and τ some as-yet-undetermined diffusion timescale. Give an estimate of E_γ in terms of the mean temperature T and the radius R of the star.
3. Finally, assume that the photon mean free path $\ell = (\rho\kappa_R)^{-1}$ is constant. Substitute the results from parts 1 and 2 into equation (3.13). After simplifying, you should end up with a simple expression for τ in terms of c , R , and ℓ . For Thomson scattering, what is τ (express in years)?

1. Since F is a constant throughout the star and is the luminosity L over the area A ,

$$F = \frac{L}{A} = \frac{L}{4\pi R^2} \quad (23)$$

$$F = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{c}{\rho\kappa_R} \frac{d}{dr} aT^4 \quad (24)$$

$$(25)$$

and $aT^4 = aT_c^4(1 - r/R)$ giving

$$L = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{c}{\rho\kappa_R} aRT_c^4 \quad (26)$$

2. Solving for E_γ , and realizing that the radiative energy density U is

$$U = aT_c^4 = \frac{E_\gamma}{\frac{4\pi}{3} R^3} \quad (27)$$

and hence E_γ is

$$E_\gamma = \frac{4\pi}{3} aR^3 T_c^4 \quad (28)$$

making the luminosity L

$$L = \frac{4\pi}{3\tau} aR^3 T_c^4 \quad (29)$$

3. Setting the equations for the luminosity equal to each other,

$$\frac{4\pi}{3\tau} aR^3 T_c^4 = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{c}{\rho\kappa_R} aRT_c^4 \quad (30)$$

keeping in mind that $\ell = (\rho\kappa_R)^{-1}$ and canceling like terms,

$$\frac{4\cancel{\pi}}{3\cancel{a}T_c^4} \frac{R^3}{\tau} = \frac{4\cancel{\pi}}{3\cancel{a}T_c^4} R\ell c \quad (31)$$

rearranging, then τ is

$$\tau = \frac{R^2}{\ell c} \quad (32)$$

substituting $R = R_\odot = 696.5 \times 10^6$ m for the Sun, with $\ell \approx 0.01$ m obtains $\tau \approx 5130$ y.

Problem 3.8

Comparing the two equations:

$$F = -\frac{1}{3}c\ell \frac{dU}{dr}, \quad \text{and} \quad F = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{c}{\rho\kappa_R} \frac{d}{dr} aT^4.$$

The substitution $\ell = \frac{1}{\rho\kappa_\nu}$ relates the mean free path to the opacity function. By changing from a function of temperature to the energy density, the mean Rossland mean opacity is exchanged for the frequency dependent version. The frequency dependence is absorbed into the mean using the black body spectrum as a weight function. This means the mean opacity depends on how the black body spectrum's shape changes across all frequencies.

$$\frac{1}{\kappa_R} = \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{\partial B_\nu}{\partial T} d\nu \right)^{-1} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\kappa_\nu} \frac{\partial B_\nu}{\partial T} d\nu.$$

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Problem 3.9

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$$\langle \sum x_i \rangle = \langle \sum x_i \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \quad d &= \left(\text{travel}_{\text{right}}^m - \text{travel}_{\text{left}}^{N-m} \right) \\
 &= \langle \lambda m - \lambda (n-m) \rangle \\
 &= \lambda \langle m \rangle - \lambda \langle n-m \rangle \\
 &= \lambda \langle m \rangle - \lambda \langle n \rangle + \lambda \langle m \rangle \\
 &= \lambda (2 \langle m \rangle - \langle n \rangle)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{d = \lambda (2np - n)}$$

$$2. \quad \langle d \rangle = \lambda (2np - n)$$

$d = R$, all steps are forward so $p = 1$

$$R = \lambda (-n)$$

$$\boxed{n = R/\lambda}$$

$$3. \quad \left[\langle (m - \langle m \rangle)^2 \rangle \right]^{1/2} = \left[n \text{edge} p (1-p) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$R/\lambda = \left[n \text{edge} p (1-p) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$R^2/\lambda^2 = n \text{edge} p (1-p)$$

$$\boxed{\text{edge} = \frac{R^2}{p \lambda^2 (1-p)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4. \quad d &= n \text{edge} \lambda \\
 &= \frac{R^2}{p \lambda^2 (1-p)} \lambda
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{d = \frac{R^2}{p \lambda (1-p)}}$$

$$t = \frac{d}{c} = \boxed{\frac{R^2}{c p \lambda (1-p)}}$$

Problem 3.10

Question: Does matter with a gray opacity in thermal equilibrium also have a gray emissivity j_ν ?

- Matter with a gray opacity would not also have a gray emissivity. To prove this, we look at equation (3.8) which shows $\frac{j_\nu}{k_\nu^{abs}} = B_\nu(T)$. Once we take the opacity to be gray, it will lose its frequency dependence, while the emissivity and blackbody will keep their dependence on frequency. Now that opacity has no dependence on frequency, we can show the relationship between the emissivity and absorption depth (opacity) by equation (3.21), showing $j_\nu = k^{abs} B_\nu$. This equation will show that just because the opacity is gray, does not mean that the emissivity will also be gray.

Exercise 3.11

Problem 3.11

$$P_{ph} \approx g/k$$

110% m_s and 110% r_s all else equal

$$g = \frac{MG}{r^2}$$

$$g = \frac{1.1 m_s G}{(1.1 R_s)^2}$$

$$g = \frac{1}{1.1} \frac{m_s G}{R_s^2}$$

$$g = .91 g_s$$

$$P_{ph} \approx .91 g_s/k$$

$$\underline{P_{ph} \approx .91 P_{ph}}$$

Pressure at photosphere of larger star is
about .91 of the pressure at the
Sun's

Problem 3.12

3.12.)

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_n(\mu) P_m(\mu) d\mu = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n \\ \frac{2}{2n+1} & m = n \end{cases} \quad \text{equation [3.23]}$$

Show that

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \int I d\Omega = I_0$$

and

$$\int \mu I d\Omega = \left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) I_1 \quad \text{for } I = I_0 + I_1 \mu$$

u is $\mu = \cos \theta$ set $\mu = \cos \theta$ theta goes from 0 to π .

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \int I d\Omega = I_0 \quad \text{but } I = I_0 + I_1 \mu$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \int I d\Omega = \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint (I_0 + I_1 \mu) \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

rearrange integrals:

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^\pi (I_0 + I_1 \mu) \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{4\pi} \left[\int_0^\pi I_0 P_0(\mu) P_0(\mu) \sin \theta d\theta + \int_0^\pi I_1 P_0(\mu) P_1(\mu) \sin \theta d\theta \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^\pi I_0 \sin \theta d\theta \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [I_0 [-\cos(\theta)]_0^\pi]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [I_0 [2]]$$

0 bc of orthogonality

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \int I d\Omega = I_0$$

$$\int \mu I d\Omega = \int_0^\pi \mu (I_0 + I_1 \mu) \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi$$

$$= 2\pi \left[\int_0^\pi I_0 \mu \sin \theta d\theta + \int_0^\pi I_1 \mu^2 \sin \theta d\theta \right]$$

$$= 2\pi \left[\int_0^\pi I_0 \underbrace{P_1(\mu) P_0(\mu)}_0 \sin \theta d\theta + \int_0^\pi I_1 \underbrace{P_1(\mu) P_1(\mu)}_{\frac{2}{2(1)+1} = \frac{2}{3}} \sin \theta d\theta \right]$$

$$= 2\pi \left[I_1 \frac{2}{2(1)+1} \right]$$

$$= 2\pi I_1 \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\int \mu I d\Omega = \frac{4\pi}{3} I_1$$

Problem 3.13

$$3.13 \quad I_\nu(\mu, z) = I_{\nu,0}(z) + \mu I_{\nu,1}(z)$$

$$J_\nu = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 I_\nu d\mu d\psi = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 (I_{\nu,0}(z) + \mu I_{\nu,1}(z)) d\mu$$

Note! $\int_{-1}^1 \mu d\mu = \int_{-1}^1 \mu^3 d\mu = 0$

" $\frac{(-1)^2 - (-1)^4}{2} = \frac{1 - 1}{2} = 0$

and! $\int_{-1}^1 d\mu = 1 - (-1) = 2$, $\int_{-1}^1 \mu^2 d\mu = \frac{1}{3} (1 - (-1)^3) = \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \int_{-1}^1 d\mu$

↓

$$J_\nu = \frac{2}{2} I_{\nu,0}(z) + \frac{0}{2} I_{\nu,1}(z) = I_{\nu,0}(z)$$

$$K_\nu = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \mu^2 (I_{\nu,0}(z) + \mu I_{\nu,1}(z)) d\mu d\psi$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-1}^1 \mu^2 I_{\nu,0}(z) d\mu + \int_{-1}^1 \mu^3 I_{\nu,1}(z) d\mu \right] = \frac{1}{3} \frac{2}{2} I_{\nu,0}(z) = \boxed{\frac{1}{3} J_\nu}$$

$$3.14) \mu = \cos \theta \quad J_v = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 I_v d\mu d\varphi$$

$$H_v = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \mu I_v d\mu d\varphi$$

$$1) \text{ Isotropic } \Rightarrow I = \text{const} = I_0 \Rightarrow H_v = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \mu I_0 d\mu d\varphi$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \mu d\mu = \frac{1 - (-1)^2}{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow H_v = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{H_v}{J_v} = 0$$

$$2) \mu = 1, I_v(\mu) = a_v \delta(\mu - 1)$$

$$J_v = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 a_v \delta(\mu - 1) d\mu d\varphi$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(\mu) \delta(\mu - 1) d\mu = f(1)$$

$$f(\mu) = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$J_v = \frac{a_v}{2}$$

$$H_v = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \mu a_v \delta(\mu - 1) d\mu d\varphi$$

$$f(\mu) = \mu \Rightarrow f(1) = 1 \Rightarrow H_v = \frac{a_v}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{H_v}{J_v} = 1$$

$$3) U_v = \frac{4\pi}{3} J_v ; F_v = 4\pi H_v$$

$$\text{Grey atmosphere } \Rightarrow F = \int F_v dv = \text{constant}; \quad \tau_0 = \tau/3$$

$$U(\tau) = \frac{3}{2} F (\tau + \tau_0)$$

$$\frac{H_v}{J_v} = \frac{F_v}{cU_v} = \frac{1}{3(\tau + \tau/3)}$$

$$\frac{H_v}{J_v} (\tau=0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{H_v}{J_v} (\tau=\tau/3) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{H_v}{J_v} (\tau=1) = \frac{1}{32}$$