# Data Analysis Examination 

(D1) Calibrating distance ladder to the LMC
[75 marks]

An accurate trigonometric parallax calibration for Galactic Cepheids has been long sought, but very difficult to achieve in practice. All known classical (Galactic) Cepheids are more than 250 pc away, therefore for direct distance estimates to have an uncertainty of up to $10 \%$, parallax accuracies with uncertainties of up to $\pm 0.2$ milliarcsec are needed, requiring space observations. The Hipparcos satellite reported parallaxes for 200 of the nearest Cepheids, but even the best of these had high uncertainties. Recent progress has come with the use of the Fine Guidance Sensor on HST with parallaxes (in many cases) accurate to better than $\pm 10 \%$ were obtained for 10 Cepheids, spanning the period range from 3.7 to 35.6 days. These nearby Cepheids span a range of distances from about 300 to 560 pc .

The measured periods, P , average magnitudes in $\mathrm{V}, \mathrm{K}$ and I bands are given in Table 1 as well as the $A_{V}$ and $A_{K}$ for extinction in $V$ and $K$ bands, respectively. The measured parallax with its uncertainty are also given in milliarcsec (mas). All measured apparent magnitude has negligibly small uncertainty.

Table 1: Period and average apparent magnitude of 5 Galactic Cepheids with accurate parallax measurements

|  | $\mathbf{P}$ <br> $(\mathbf{d a y})$ | $\langle\mathbf{V}\rangle$ <br> $(\mathbf{m a g})$ | $\langle\mathbf{K}\rangle$ <br> $(\mathbf{m a g})$ | Av <br> $(\mathbf{m a g})$ | $\mathbf{A K}$ <br> $(\mathbf{m a g})$ | $\langle\mathbf{I}\rangle$ <br> $(\mathbf{m a g})$ | parallax <br> $(\mathbf{m a s})$ | error <br> $(\mathbf{m a s})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RT Aur | 3.728 | 5.464 | 3.925 | 0.20 | 0.02 | 4.778 | 2.40 | 0.19 |
| FF Aql | 4.471 | 5.372 | 3.465 | 0.64 | 0.08 | 4.510 | 2.81 | 0.18 |
| X Sgr | 7.013 | 4.556 | 2.557 | 0.58 | 0.07 | 3.661 | 3.00 | 0.18 |
| $\zeta$ Gem | 10.151 | 3.911 | 2.097 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 3.085 | 2.78 | 0.18 |
| $\mathbf{l}$ Car | 35.551 | 3.732 | 1.071 | 0.52 | 0.06 | 2.557 | 2.01 | 0.20 |

(D1.1) The observed correlation between period of a Cepheid and its brightness is usually described by the so-called "Period-Luminosity (PL) relation" where $L \propto P^{\beta}$. In fact, such relation is normally expressed in terms of period with the absolute magnitude instead of luminosity. Hereafter, we shall refer to Period-Absolute magnitude as the conventionally named "PL relation".

Use the data given in Table 1 to plot a suitable linear graph in order to derive the Cepheid PL relation for V- and K-band. You should separately plot each graph on different piece of graph paper. Determine the slope of the linear line that best describe the linear relation of the data. (You may find the relation $\Delta\left(\log _{10} x\right) \approx \frac{\Delta x}{x \log _{e} 10}$ useful) [39.5 Marks]

## Solution:

For Cepheid variable the PL relation is
$\log L=\beta \log P+C$
and recall that $F=\frac{L}{4 \pi d^{2}}$
so $\log L$ can be written in term of absolute magnitude, $M_{x}$
$\log L=\log F+2 \log d+\log 4 \pi$
and
$-\frac{m}{2.5}=\log F-\log F_{0}$
subtract the 2 equations, we get
$2.5 \log L=-m+5 \log d+C$ *
And from definition of absolute magnitude,
$M=m+5-5 \log _{10} d_{p c}$
We therefore get the relation between $L$ vs. $M$,
$2.5 \log L=-M+C^{\prime \prime}$
Substitute in the PL relation, we get
$M=\beta^{\prime} \log P+C^{\prime}$ or via realising that $(\log \mathrm{L} \propto M) \quad$ [1 Mark]
where
$\beta^{\prime}=-2.5 \beta$
-If student plot $\log \mathrm{L}$ vs $\mathbf{P}$, he/she should get slope which is (standard answer slope)/(-2.5). We already tell the student about using Absolute magnitude instead of Luminosity therefore half of the total marks should be deducted beyond this point if the student performs all corresponding calculations correctly.

- If the student plot absolute magnitude in reverse order and get positive slope but correct value for the slope, full mark should be awarded for the related parts

Calculate Absolute magnitude ( $M_{x}$ ) and uncertainties from parallax and data in Table 1 for V \& K

Calculate distances and uncertainties from

$$
d_{p c}(\text { parsec }) \approx \frac{1 A U}{\theta_{\text {parallax }}(\operatorname{arcsec})}, \Delta d_{p c}=\frac{\Delta \theta}{\theta} \times d_{p c}
$$

And then calculate absolute magnitude and its uncertainty using
$M_{x}=m_{x}-A_{x}+5-5 \log _{10} d_{p c}$
$\Delta M_{x}=\frac{5}{d_{p c} \ln 10} \times \Delta d_{p c}$
[2 mark]

- Calculate $\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{pc}}, \Delta \mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{pc}}, \log P$ and $M_{x}$ and its error ( $30 \times 0.5$ mark= $\mathbf{1 5}$ Marks total, not including $\Delta \mathbf{M K}_{\mathbf{K}}$ ) (if student does not explicitly write out values of $\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{pc}}, \Delta \mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{pc}}$ but get the correct answer for $M_{x}$ and its error, he/she should get full-mark for that parts)
- Calculate $\Delta \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{K}}$ or from realizing that $\Delta \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{K}}=\Delta \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{V}}$
(0.5 Mark)

|  | $\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{pc}}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{pc}}$ | $\log \mathrm{P}$ | $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{V}}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{V}}$ | $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{K}}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{K}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| RT Aur | 416.6 | 32. | 0.572 | -2.83 | 0.17 | -4.19 | 0.17 |
| FF Aql | 355.8 | 22. | 0.650 | -3.02 | 0.13 | -4.37 | 0.13 |
| X Sgr | 333.3 | 20. | 0.846 | -3.63 | 0.13 | -5.12 | 0.13 |
| $\zeta$ Gem | 359.7 | 23. | 1.007 | -3.92 | 0.14 | -5.69 | 0.14 |
| l Car | 497.5 | 49. | 1.551 | -5.27 | 0.21 | -7.47 | 0.21 |

Plot Graph $\log P$ vs absolute magnitudes
-2 plots $\times$ ( 5 point +5 error bars) x 0.5 mark $=\mathbf{1 0}$ marks

- 2 plots x 2 axis (clearly labelled) x 0.5 mark $=\mathbf{2}$ marks
- 2 plots $\times$ Draw a straight line through data points and error bars $\times 1$ mark $=$

2 marks

## V-band,

Slope should be in the range

- 1 Mark if answer within $-2.5+/-0.2$ (half if within $-2.5+/-0.3$ ) - uncertainty should be between 0.1-0.3 (1 mark)


## K-band,

Slope should be in the range

- 1 Mark if answer within -3.4+/-0.2 (half if within -3.4+/-0.3)
- estimated uncertainty should be between 0.1-0.3 (1 mark) --xtor

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Plot for V-band data



Any apparent differences in PL relations of stars in different bands can be explained if one also considers differences in colour. Therefore, the PL relation is in fact a PLC (Period-Luminosity-Colour) relation. This is due to reddening effect that causes extinction as a function of wavelength which can also vary among different Cepheids due to their different metallicities, foreground Inter Stellar Medium and dust.

A new reddening-free magnitude (or bandpass) called "Wesenheit" has been proposed which does not require the explicit information of the extinction of individual star but uses colour information of the star itself to get rid of the effect. For example, $W_{V I}$ use V and I band photometry and is defined as

$$
\begin{aligned}
W_{V I} & =V-\left[\frac{A_{V}}{E(V-I)}\right](V-I), \\
& =V-R_{v}(V-I)
\end{aligned}
$$


where $R_{v}$ depends on the reddening law. In this case, we shall take the value of $R_{v}$ to be 2.45 .
(D1.2) From the data given in Table 1, plot and derive reddening-free PL relation using Wesenheit $\mathrm{W}_{\text {VI }}$ magnitude. Estimate the linear slope of the relation as well as its uncertainty.

## Solution:

- Calculate the Wesenheit magnitude from the given $\mathrm{V}, \mathrm{I}$ and $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{v}}$ values and then estimate the absolute magnitude for the Wesenheit system Mwvi

|  | $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{VI}}$ | $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{WvI}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| RT Aur | 3.78 | -4.31 |
| FF Aql | 3.26 | -4.49 |
| X Sgr | 2.36 | -5.25 |
| $\zeta \mathrm{Gem}$ | 1.88 | -5.89 |
| 1 Car | 0.85 | -7.63 |

- calculate the values for $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{VI}}$ and $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{WVI}}, 10$ values x $0.5=\mathbf{5}$ marks (not including $\Delta \mathrm{Mwvi}$ )
- Realising that $\Delta \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{Wv}}=\Delta \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{V}}=\Delta \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{K}}$ or by full calculation $\quad \mathbf{0 . 5}$ mark
- plot $\log P$ vs $M_{\text {wvi }} \times(5$ point +5 error bars) $) \times 0.5=\mathbf{5}$ marks $)$
-2 axis (labels, units) x $0.5=\mathbf{1} \mathbf{~ m a r k}$
- Draw appropriate straight line through the data or within error bar $\mathbf{1}$ mark
- 1 Mark for estimated slope within $-3.4+/-0.2$ (half if within $-3.4+/-0.3$ )
- 1 Mark for estimated uncertainty of slope between 0.1-0.3

(D1.3) Next, we would like to use the newly derived PL relation from question (D1.1) \& (D1.2) to estimate the distance to Large Magellenic Cloud (LMC) using periods and magnitudes of classical Cepheids in the LMC. In table 2, the periods, average extinction-corrected apparent magnitude, $\left\langle\mathrm{V}_{\text {corr }}>\right.$, and Wesenheit $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{VI}}$ magnitudes are given.

Estimate distance modulus, $\mu$, to each star and then use all the information to derive distance to LMC (in parsecs) and its standard deviation for each band. Compare if the derived distances are statistically different for the 2 bands (YES/NO). Are the standard deviations of the estimated distances for 2 bands different (YES/NO)? Based on this dataset, which band ( V or Wesenheit) is more accurate in estimating the distance to LMC?
[21 Marks]

Table 2: Period, average extinction-corrected apparent magnitude, $\left\langle\mathrm{V}_{\text {corr }}\right\rangle$, and average Wesenheit magnitude measurements of Cepheids in the LMC

|  | P <br> (day) | $\left\langle\mathbf{V}_{\text {corr }}\right\rangle$ <br> mag | $\left\langle W_{\text {vI }}\right\rangle$ <br> mag |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| HV12199 | 2.63 | 16.08 | 14.56 |
| HV12203 | 2.95 | 15.93 | 14.40 |
| HV12816 | 9.10 | 14.30 | 12.80 |
| HV899 | 30.90 | 13.07 | 10.97 |
| HV2257 | 39.36 | 12.86 | 10.54 |

## Solution:

Distance modulus in each band is given by

$$
\mu_{x}=m_{x}-M_{x} \quad[0.5 \text { Mark }]
$$

And from previous section
$M_{x}=\beta_{x}^{\prime} \log P+C_{x}^{\prime}$,
where we have estimated slope $\beta$ but not the intercept $C_{x}^{\prime}$

Therefore, to get the distance in parsec we will need to evaluate

$$
\mu=m_{x}-\left(\beta_{x} \log P+C_{x}^{\prime}\right)=5 \log _{10} d_{p c}-5 \quad[\mathbf{1} \text { Mark }]
$$

Using the best-estimate slope for each band and any point along the best-fit line (or intercept) student should be able to estimate $C_{x}^{\prime}$

V-band: $C_{V}^{\prime}=-1.4$ ( $\mathbf{1}$ mark if within $+/-0.2$, half if within $+/-0.3$ )
$\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{vI}}$ band: $C_{W V I}^{\prime}=-2.4$ ( 1 mark if within $+/-0.2$, half if within $+/-0.3$ )

| Star | LogP | $\mu_{V}$ | $\mu_{W V I}$ | $\mathbf{V}$ <br> distance <br> $(\mathbf{p c})$ | WVI <br> distance <br> $(\mathbf{p c})$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| HV12199 | 0.42 | 18.53 | 18.39 | 50813 | 47596 |
| HV12203 | 0.47 | 18.50 | 18.40 | 50223 | 47805 |
| HV12816 | 0.96 | 18.10 | 18.46 | 41640 | 49221 |
| HV899 | 1.49 | 18.19 | 18.43 | 43549 | 48660 |
| HV2257 | 1.60 | 18.25 | 18.36 | 44620 | 47058 |
|  |  |  | Mean | 46170 | 48068 |
|  |  |  | STD. | 4116 | 865 |



- calculate the values ( $\log P$, distance modulus, distance accurate to the nearest $100 \mathrm{pc}) 25 \times 0.5$ mark $=\mathbf{1 2 . 5}$ marks
- Calculate the mean (x 0.5 mark) and std. (x 0.5 mark) for each band (x2 bands) $=2$ marks
a) Answer NO, the distances estimated from V and Wesenheit are not statistically different ( $\mathbf{1}$ mark)
- full mark: In case of "NO" and distances estimated from V- and $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{vI}}{ }^{-}$ band are within 1 standard deviation of one another
- full mark: In case of "YES" and distances estimated from V- and W WIband are not within 1 standard deviation of one another but due to wrong numerical calculation from previous part (already penalised)
- Zero mark: in all cases if the answer is not consistent with reasoning similar to above
b) Answer YES, standard deviation in the estimated distances from the 2 bands are significantly different ( $\mathbf{1}$ mark)
- full mark: if the answer is consistent with the calculated std. when the answer is either "YES" or "NO", "YES" if fractional uncertainty is similar and "NO" otherwise.
- zero mark: if the answer is not consistent with estimated uncertainties
c) Wessenheit magnitude is better at estimating the distance to LMC ( $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{~ m a r k s}$ )
- full mark: if answer is consistent with std.
- zero mark: otherwise


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(D2) The search for dark matter
[75 marks]
A low surface brightness galaxy (LSB) is a diffuse galaxy with a surface brightness that, when viewed from the Earth, is at least one magnitude lower than the ambient night sky.

Some of its matter is in the form of "baryonic" matter such as neutral hydrogen gas and stars. However, most of its matter is in the form of invisible mass which is so called "dark matter". In this question, we will investigate the mass of dark matter in a galaxy, the effect of dark matter on the rotation curves of the galaxy, and the distribution of dark matter in the galaxy.

The table below provides the data of a LSB galaxy named UGC4325. The galaxy is assumed to be edge-on. At every distance $r$ from the centre of the galaxy, we measure

1. $\lambda_{\text {obs }}$, the observed wavelength of the $\mathrm{H} \alpha$ emission line. The Hubble expansion of the Universe has already been excluded from the data.
2. $V_{\text {gas }}$, the contribution of the gas component to the rotation due to $M_{\text {gas }}$, derived from HI surface densities.
3. $V_{*}$, the contribution of the stellar component to the rotation due to $M_{*}$, derived from $R$ band photometry.

The rotational velocities of the test particle due to the gas component, $V_{\text {gas }}$, and the star component, $V_{*}$, are defined as the velocities in the plane of the galaxy that would result from the corresponding components without any external influences. These velocities are calculated from the observed baryonic mass density distributions.

| $r$ <br> $(\mathrm{kpc})$ | $\lambda_{\text {obs }}$ <br> $(\mathrm{nm})$ | $V_{\text {gas }}$ <br> $(\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{s})$ | $V_{*}$ <br> $(\mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{s})$ |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 0.70 | 656.371 | 2.87 | 20.97 |
| 1.40 | 656.431 | 6.75 | 32.22 |
| 2.09 | 656.464 | 14.14 | 40.91 |
| 2.79 | 656.475 | 20.18 | 46.75 |
| 3.49 | 656.478 | 24.08 | 50.10 |
| 4.89 | 656.484 | 28.08 | 47.94 |
| 6.25 | 656.481 | 29.25 | 45.47 |
| 7.10 | 656.481 | 27.03 | 47.78 |
| 9.03 | 656.482 | 25.90 | 45.32 |
| 12.05 | 656.482 | 21.03 | 42.30 |

The mass of dark matter $M_{\mathrm{DM}}(r)$ within a volume of radius $r$ can be defined in terms of the rotational velocity due to dark matter $V_{\mathrm{DM}}$, the radius $r$ and gravitational constant $G$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{\mathrm{DM}}(r)=\frac{r V_{\mathrm{DM}}^{2}}{G} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

For the best estimate, the observed rotational velocity $V_{\text {obs }}$ can be modeled as

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{\mathrm{obs}}^{2}=V_{\mathrm{gas}}^{2}+V_{*}^{2}+V_{\mathrm{DM}}^{2} . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The observed rotational velocity $V_{\text {obs }}$ depends on the mass of the galaxy $M(r)$ within a volume of radius $r$ measured from the galaxy's centre.

The mass density $\rho_{\mathrm{DM}}(r)$ of dark matter within a volume of radius $r$ can be modeled by a galaxy density profile,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\rho_{\mathrm{DM}}(r)=\frac{\rho_{0}}{1+\left(\frac{r}{r_{\mathrm{C}}}\right)^{2}} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\rho_{0}$ and $r_{\mathrm{C}}$ are the central density and the core radius of the galaxy, respectively. According to the density profile, the mass of dark matter $M_{\mathrm{DM}}(r)$ within a volume of a radius $r$ can be described by

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{\mathrm{DM}}(r)=4 \pi \rho_{0} r_{\mathrm{C}}^{2}\left[r-r_{C} \arctan \left(r / r_{C}\right)\right] . \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Part 1 The mass of dark matter and rotation curves of the galaxy

(D2.1) In laboratories on Earth, $\mathrm{H} \alpha$ has an emitted wavelength $\lambda_{\text {emit }}$ of 656.281 nm . Compute the observed rotational velocities of the galaxy $V_{\text {obs }}$ and the rotational velocities due to the dark matter $V_{\mathrm{DM}}$ at distance $r$ in units of $\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{s}$.

For the different values of $r$ given in the table, compute the dynamical mass $M(r)$ and the mass of dark matter $M_{\mathrm{DM}}(r)$ in solar masses.

## Solution:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { Redshift: } \quad z=\frac{\lambda_{\mathrm{obs}}-\lambda_{\mathrm{emit}}}{\lambda_{\mathrm{emit}}} \tag{0.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Observed rotation velocity: $\quad V_{\text {obs }}=z c$
Values correctly computed: 20.0 ( 0.5 for each values)

| $r(\mathrm{kpc})$ | $z$ | $V_{\text {obs }}(\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{s})$ | $V_{\mathrm{DM}}(\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{s})$ | $M(r)\left(M_{\odot}\right)$ | $M_{\mathrm{DM}}(r)\left(M_{\odot}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.70 | $1.37 \times 10^{-4}$ | 41.11 | 35.25 | $2.75 \times 10^{8}$ | $2.02 \times 10^{8}$ |
| 1.40 | $2.29 \times 10^{-4}$ | 68.52 | 60.10 | $1.53 \times 10^{9}$ | $1.18 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 2.09 | $2.79 \times 10^{-4}$ | 83.60 | 71.52 | $3.40 \times 10^{9}$ | $2.49 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 2.79 | $2.96 \times 10^{-4}$ | 88.62 | 72.53 | $5.09 \times 10^{9}$ | $3.41 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 3.49 | $3.00 \times 10^{-4}$ | 89.99 | 70.77 | $6.57 \times 10^{9}$ | $4.06 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 4.89 | $3.09 \times 10^{-4}$ | 92.73 | 74.25 | $9.78 \times 10^{9}$ | $6.27 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 6.25 | $3.05 \times 10^{-4}$ | 91.36 | 73.65 | $1.21 \times 10^{10}$ | $7.88 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 7.10 | $3.05 \times 10^{-4}$ | 91.36 | 73.03 | $1.38 \times 10^{10}$ | $8.80 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 9.03 | $3.06 \times 10^{-4}$ | 91.82 | 75.54 | $1.77 \times 10^{10}$ | $1.20 \times 10^{10}$ |
| 12.05 | $3.06 \times 10^{-4}$ | 91.82 | 78.74 | $2.36 \times 10^{10}$ | $1.74 \times 10^{10}$ |

(D2.2) Create rotation curves of the galaxy on graph paper by plotting the points of $V_{\mathrm{obs}}$, $V_{\mathrm{DM}}, V_{\text {gas }}, V_{*}$ versus the radius $r$ and draw smooth curves through the points (mark your graph as "D2.2").

Order the contribution of the different components to the observed velocity in descending order.


- Plot uses more than $50 \%$ of graph paper: 1.0
- Both axes labels ( $V$ and $r$ ) and their units presented: 2.0
- Ticks and values on axes (or scale written explicitly): 1.0
- All plots labels ( $V_{\mathrm{obs}}, V_{\mathrm{DM}}, V_{\mathrm{gas}}, V_{*}$ ) presented: 2.0, each label gets 0.5 mark
- Points correctly plotted: 4 ( 0.1 for each point)

Values of $V_{\text {obs }}, V_{\mathrm{DM}}$ wrong due to wrong values of $z$ gets a maximum of 4.0 marks

- Smooth curve through points: 4.0 ( 1.0 per curve)
- Order of contribution: 2.0 , correct order only
(D2.3) Take a data points at small $r$ and large $r$ to estimate $\rho_{0}$ and $r_{C}$. Note that for large values of $x, \arctan (x) \approx \pi / 2$ and at small $x, \arctan (x) \approx x-x^{3} / 3$.


## Solution

Evaluating for $\boldsymbol{\rho}_{\mathbf{0}}$ :
$M_{\mathrm{DM}}(r)=4 \pi \rho_{0} r_{\mathrm{C}}^{2}\left[r-r_{C} \arctan \left(r / r_{C}\right)\right]$
$M_{D M}(r)=4 \pi \rho_{0} r_{C}^{3}[x-\arctan (x)]$, where $x=r / r_{C}$
$M_{D M}(r) \approx 4 \pi \rho_{0} r_{C}^{3}\left[x-\left(x-\frac{x^{3}}{3}\right)\right]$, for small $x$
$M_{D M}(r) \approx 4 \pi \rho_{0} r_{C}^{3}\left(\frac{x^{3}}{3}\right)=\frac{4 \pi \rho_{0} r^{3}}{3}$
$\rho_{0} \approx \frac{2.02 \times 10^{8} M_{\odot} \times 3}{4 \pi(0.7 \mathrm{kpc})^{3}}=1.42 \times 10^{8} M_{\odot} / k p c^{3}$
Selected correct data to put into the formula gets 0.5 , correct answer gets 0.5 and correct unit gets 0.5 .
$M_{D M}(r)=4 \pi \rho_{0} r_{C}^{2}\left[r-r_{C} \arctan \left(\frac{r}{r_{C}}\right)\right]$

## Evaluating for $\boldsymbol{r}_{\boldsymbol{C}}$ (Method 1):

$M_{D M}(r) \approx 4 \pi \rho_{0} r_{C}^{2}\left[r-r_{C} \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$,
Take the last two data points at large $r$, then we get (for $r \gg r_{C}$
$\Delta M_{D M}(r) \approx 4 \pi \rho_{0} r_{C}^{2}[\Delta r]$
$r_{C}=1.01 \mathrm{kpc}$

## Evaluating for $\boldsymbol{r}_{\boldsymbol{C}}$ (Method 2):

$M_{D M}(r) \approx 4 \pi \rho_{0} r_{C}^{2}\left[r-r_{C} \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$,
Take the last data point, we get a cubic equation which students can solve to give
$r_{C}=-0.855,0.964,7.56 \mathrm{kpc}$
Select the correct $r_{C}=0.964$ for the final answer because for the last data point $r \gg r_{C}$

## Less accurate $r_{C}$ :

Omit the last term,
$M_{D M}(r) \approx 4 \pi \rho_{0} r_{C}^{2} r$
$r_{C} \approx \sqrt{\frac{1.74 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}}{4 \pi \times 1.40 \times \frac{10^{8} M_{\odot}}{k p c^{3}} \times 12.05 \mathrm{kpc}}}=0.901 \mathrm{kpc}$

## Part 2 Dark matter distribution

(D2.4) By comparing Equation (4) to a linear function, the central density $\rho_{0}$ could also be found by a linear fit. Plot an appropriate graph so that a linear fit can be used to find another value of $\rho_{0}$. Evaluate $\rho_{0}$ in units of $\frac{M_{\odot}}{k p c^{3}}$ (mark your graph as "D2.4"). If

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you cannot find the value of $r_{C}$ from the previous part, use $r_{\mathrm{C}}=3.2 \mathrm{kpc}$ as an estimate for this part.

## Solution 1: <br> $x=\left[r-r_{c} \arctan \left(\frac{r}{r_{C}}\right)\right]$ <br> $y=M_{D M}(r)$

| $x=\left[r-r_{C} \arctan \left(r / r_{C}\right)\right.$ <br> $(\mathrm{kpc})$ | $y=M_{\mathrm{DM}}(r)$ <br> $(\mathrm{kg})$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.010855 | $2.02 \times 10^{8}$ |
| 0.0803 | $1.18 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 0.2386 | $2.49 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 0.495 | $3.41 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 0.838 | $4.06 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 1.718 | $6.27 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 2.738 | $7.88 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 3.428 | $8.80 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 5.093 | $1.20 \times 10^{10}$ |
| 7.854 | $1.74 \times 10^{10}$ |

Graph Number D2.4: Solution 1


- Choose correct axes: 1.0 , each correct axis get 0.5 mark
- Values correctly computed: 8.0 ( 0.4 for each value, 20 data points)
- Plot uses more than $50 \%$ of graph paper: 1.0
- Both axes labels presented: 1.0
- Ticks and values on axes (or scale written explicitly): 1.0
- Points correctly plotted: 4.0 ( 0.2 for each point, 20 data points)

Values of x axis wrong due to previous wrong values get a maximum of 2.0 marks

- Credit for good visual linear fit: 1.0
- Correct value of slope: 1.0
- Correct value of $\rho_{0}: 1.0$


## Solution 2:

$x=\frac{r_{C}}{r} \arctan \left(\frac{r}{r_{C}}\right)$
$y=M_{D M}(r)$

| $x=\frac{r_{C}}{r} \arctan \left(\frac{r}{r_{C}}\right)$ | $y=M_{\mathrm{DM}}(r)$ <br> $\left(M_{\odot}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.984 | $2.89 \times 10^{8}$ |
| 0.943 | $8.40 \times 10^{8}$ |
| 0.886 | $1.19 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 0.822 | $1.22 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 0.760 | $1.16 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 0.649 | $1.28 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 0.562 | $1.26 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 0.517 | $1.24 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 0.436 | $1.33 \times 10^{9}$ |
| 0.348 | $1.44 \times 10^{9}$ |

## Graph Number D2.4: Solution 2



- Choose correct axes: 1.0 , each correct axis get 0.5 mark
- Values correctly computed: 8.0 ( 0.4 for each value, 20 data points)
- Plot uses more than $50 \%$ of graph paper: 1.0
- Both axes labels presented: 1.0
- Ticks and values on axes (or scale written explicitly): 1.0
- Points correctly plotted: 4.0 ( 0.2 for each point, 20 data points) Values of x axis wrong due to previous wrong values gets a maximum of 2.0 marks
- Credit for good visual linear fit: 1.0
- Correct value of slope: 1.0
- Correct value of $\rho_{0}: 1.0$


## Data Analysis Examination

(D2.5) Compute logarithmic values of the dark matter density, $\ln \left[\rho_{\mathrm{DM}}(\mathrm{r})\right]$, and plot the distribution of the dark matter in the galaxy as a function of radius $r$ on graph paper (mark your graph as "D2.5").

Solution 1: $r_{c}=0.906 \mathrm{kpc}$ from D2.3

| $r$ <br> $(\mathrm{kpc})$ | $\left.\begin{array}{c}\ln \left[\begin{array}{l}\left.\rho_{\mathrm{DM}}(\mathrm{r})\right] \\ \left(\frac{M_{\odot}}{\mathrm{kpc}^{3}}\right)\end{array}\right. \\ \hline 0.70\end{array}\right) 16.11$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1.40 | 15.36 |
| 2.09 | 14.73 |
| 2.79 | 14.23 |
| 3.49 | 13.81 |
| 4.89 | 13.17 |
| 6.25 | 12.69 |
| 7.10 | 12.44 |
| 9.03 | 11.97 |
| 12.05 | 11.40 |

Graph Number D2.5: Solution 1


- Values correctly computed: 4.0 ( 0.4 for each values, 10 data points)

Values of $\ln \left[\rho_{\mathrm{DM}}(\mathrm{r})\right]$ wrong due to the wrong value of $\rho_{0}$ gets a maximum of 2.0 marks

- Plot uses more than $50 \%$ of graph paper: 1.0
- Both axes labels presented: 1.0
- Ticks and values on axes (or scale written explicitly): 1.0
- Points correctly plotted: 4.0 ( 0.4 for each point, 10 data points)

Values of $\ln \left[\rho_{\mathrm{DM}}(\mathrm{r})\right]$ wrong due to previous wrong values gets a maximum of 2.0 marks

- Smooth curve through points: 1.0

Solution 2: $r_{c}=3.2 \mathrm{kpc}$

| $r$ <br> $(\mathrm{kpc})$ | $\ln \left[\rho_{\mathrm{DM}}(\mathrm{r})\right]$ <br> $\left(\frac{M_{\odot}}{k p c^{3}}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.70 | 12.79 |
| 1.40 | 11.95 |
| 2.09 | 11.47 |
| 2.79 | 11.21 |
| 3.49 | 11.07 |
| 4.89 | 11.16 |
| 6.25 | 11.26 |
| 7.10 | 11.16 |
| 9.03 | 11.27 |
| 12.05 | 11.41 |

## Graph Number D2.5 Solution 2



- Values correctly computed: 4.0 ( 0.4 for each values, 10 data points) Values of $\ln \left[\rho_{\mathrm{DM}}(\mathrm{r})\right]$ wrong due to the wrong value of $\rho_{0}$ gets a maximum of 2.0 marks
- Plot uses more than $50 \%$ of graph paper: 1.0
- Both axes labels presented: 1.0
- Ticks and values on axes (or scale written explicitly): 1.0
- Points correctly plotted: 4.0 ( 0.4 for each point, 10 data points) Values of $\ln \left[\rho_{\mathrm{DM}}(\mathrm{r})\right]$ wrong due to previous wrong values gets a maximum of 2.0 marks
- Smooth curve through points: 1.0

