

# Takehome Version Midterm Exam #2

## Due Wednesday Nov 11

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1. (a) (10 points) For a polytropic equation of state, derive the relationship between pressure and energy density. *Hint:*  $P = n^2 \left. \frac{\partial u/n}{\partial n} \right|_S$  and ignore the proportionality constant between  $n$  and  $\rho$ ,  $n = \frac{N_A}{\mu} \rho$ , that is set  $\frac{N_A}{\mu} = 1$ .
- (b) (10 points) Multiply the equation of hydrostatic equilibrium by  $4\pi r^3$  and derive the Virial Theorem.
- (c) (10 points) Use the Virial Theorem to find the total energy of a star with a polytropic equation of state in terms of the gravitational energy of the star and in terms of the internal energy of the star. Show that a polytrope with  $\gamma = 4/3$  has a total energy of 0 and that a polytrope with  $\gamma = 5/3$  corresponds to the classic case that the internal energy is half the gravitational energy in magnitude.
2. (a) (25 points) The entropy of a gas that consists of matter and radiation is given by

$$S = \text{constant} + \frac{N_A k}{\mu} \ln \frac{T^{3/2}}{\rho} + \frac{4a}{c} \frac{T^3}{\rho}$$

where the last term is the entropy in radiation. The matter equation of state is that of a standard ideal gas. Ignore the entropy in radiation and show that:

$$S = \frac{3}{2} \frac{N_A k}{\mu} \ln \frac{P}{\rho^{5/3}} + \text{constant}' ,$$

that is, that  $S = S(K)$ . Explain the significance of the result  $S = S(K)$  for the theory of polytropes.

- (b) (25 points) For a gas that consists of matter and radiation with gas fraction  $\beta$ , that is

$$P = P_g + P_{rad}$$

$$P_g = \beta P$$
$$P_{rad} = (1 - \beta)P$$

Show that:

$$T = \left( \frac{N_A k}{\mu} \frac{3}{a} \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta} \right)^{1/3} \rho^{1/3}$$

and that

$$P = \left[ \left( \frac{N_A k}{\mu} \right)^4 \frac{3}{a} \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta^4} \right]^{1/3} \rho^{4/3}$$

and thus that  $n = 3$  corresponds to the Eddington standard model.