

This document contains sample solutions to the problems in MyAO 2022 Final Round. Note that many alternative solutions can also be accepted for full credit; these are merely suggestions on how to approach the problems.

# **THEORETICAL ROUND**

1.

A) Since they're both on the eastern hemisphere, they're rising

B)





Note that periapsis distance is fixed for all flybys  $d_p = a_1(1-e) = 6.0 \times 10^7$  m. Final orbital has apoapsis distance equals to radius of circle,  $a_2(1+e_2) = 7.0 \times 10^7$  m, and also  $d_p = a_f(1-e_f)$ , giving  $a_f = 6.5 \times 10^7$  m and  $e_f = 1/13$ . With vis-viva  $v^2 = GM(2/r-1/a)$  (using  $d_p$  for both r) we have u = 2.00 km s<sup>-1</sup> and v = 1.55 km s<sup>-1</sup>.  $\Delta v = 0.45$  km s<sup>-1</sup>. (Error from the author's calculations gave a wrong n, so the marks for determining n will be waived).

Full marks for correct dv, otherwise

Usage of dp=a(1-e)	
Correct periapsis distance calculation dp=6e7m (also given if vi is correct)	
vi=2e3 ms^-1	
Usage of da=a(1+e)	
Notes that periapsis stays constant Eg af(1-ef)=6e7m	
Notes that af(ef+1)=7e7m	
Gets e=1/13 or af=6.5e7m	
Use vis viva or energy equations to relate velocity	
vf=1.55e3 ms^-1	
dv=450ms^-1	

Using the Doppler Shift Formula: An = v where  $\chi_0 = 550nm$ v = speed of particles in Aring c: speed of light N= 2TX 136,500×10<sup>3</sup>m 14.5 × 3600 seconds = 1.64×10 m-s-1 = 16.4 km per second Therefore, DN = N1-No = 2 No  $\lambda_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6} \lambda_0 + \lambda_0$ = 1.64×10 m-5- ×550 nm 3×10 8m-5+ = 0.0301nm + 550 nm = 550.03 nm Difference in wavelength between opposite edge of the A ring is: 0.0301 nm x 2= 0.602 nm



On average, the Sun will be 227.9 \* 10^6km from Mars

With the Sun's diameter of 1.392 \* 10^6km,

The Sun would appear to be  $206265 \times \left(\frac{1.392 \cdot 10^6}{227.9 \cdot 10^6}\right) = 1259.85"$ 

Mean motion of the earth: 360/365.25=0.9856263deg/day

Mean motion of Mars: 360/686.98=0.5240327 deg/day

Difference in mean motion; 0.4615936 deg/day

Using mean distance,  $r = \frac{R_e}{R_m - R_e} = \frac{1}{1.5 - 1} = 2$ 

Apparent angular speed:  $r \times v = 2 \times 0.4615936 = 0.9232^{\circ}/day$ 

The duration  $\Delta t = \frac{1259.85"}{3600 \times 0.9232} = 0.37910 \ days = 9 hrs 5 \ min 54s$ 



Denote displacements from A. From Kepler's Third Law  $P^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{G(M_A+M_B}a^3$ , we get  $a = 6.3209 \times 10^{11}$  m. From  $M_A x_{COM} = M_B(a - x_{COM})$ , we get  $x_{COM} = 4.214 \times 10^{11}$  m. Total flux is  $F = \frac{4\pi R_A^2 T_A^4}{4\pi x_{min}^2} + \frac{4\pi R_B^2 T_B^4}{4\pi (a - x_{min})^2}$ . Use differentiation  $\frac{dF}{dx_{min}} = 0$ , we get

$$x_{min} = rac{a}{(rac{R_B^2 T_B^4}{R_A^2 T_A^4})^{1/3} + 1} = 4.672 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$$

 $\Delta x = 4.63 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}.$ 

Full marks for correct final answer

Usage of correct Kepler's Third Law	
Correct evaluation of semi-major axis a=6.3e11 m (4.23 AU)	
Usage of correct centre of mass equation $M_A x_{COM} = M_B (a - x_{COM})$	
Correct evaluation of x_COM	
4.2e11 m (2.81 AU) from A or 2.1e11 m (1.40 AU) from B	
Usage of correct Stefan-Boltzmann Law F=sigma T^4	
Usage of correct luminosity-flux relationship to get total flux from star (radius seen)	
Usage of correct luminosity-flux relationship to get flux at a point (x_min seen)	
Differentiation attempt, dF/dx=0 seen	
All 3 marks above awarded if correct expression of x_min given	
$x_{min} = \frac{a}{\left(\frac{R_B^2 T_B^4}{R_A^2 T_A^4}\right)^{1/3} + 1}$	
Correct evaluation of x_min	
4.67e11 m (3.12 AU) from A or 1.63e11 m (1.09 AU) from B	
dx = 4.6e10 m (0.307 AU)	



the telescopes length (I) = 58 cm the overall magnification of telescope (M) = 124X

l=f\_eye+f\_obj

f\_obj=58-f\_eye —(1)

M = f\_obj / f\_eye

f\_ob = 124 f\_eye ----(2)

substituting (2) into (1) 124 f\_eye=58-f\_eye

f\_eye=4.64cm f\_obj=57.54cm



6. Use Pogson/distance modulus  $m_{app} - m_{abs} = 5 \log \frac{d}{10}$  to get distance d = 2884 pc(optional), but most importantly to convert star magnitude to absolute

 $m_{app,star} - m_{abs,star} = m_{app,supernova} - m_{abs,supernova}$ 

 $m_{\rm abs} = -1.3$ . Use Pogson comparing luminosity and absolute magnitude with the Sun to get luminosity of the star  $m_{star} - m_{sun} = -2.5 \log \frac{L}{L_{Sun}}$  so  $L = 283 L_{\rm Sun} = 1.084 \times 10^{29}$  W. Use Wien's displacement law to get star surface temperature  $T = b/\lambda = 4140$  K. Use Stefan-Boltzmann Law to get radius  $L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T^4$ ,  $R = 2.275 \times 10^{10}$  m =  $32.7R_{\rm Sun}$ 

Full marks for correct answer, otherwise

Correct form of distance modulus $m_{app} - m_{abs} = 5\lograc{d}{10}$ or correct substitution of flux with L/4\pi d^2	
Correct distance evaluated d=2884pc Scoring this awards total 2 marks above	
OR Correct relationship between magnitudes	
$m_{app,star} - m_{abs,star} = m_{app,supernova} - m_{abs,supernova}$	
Correct absolute magnitude evaluated m_abs=-1.3 Scoring this awards the total 3 marks above	
Use of Pogson to compare star and Sun absolute magnitudes correctly $m_{star}-m_{sun}=-2.5\lograc{L}{L_{Sun}}$	
Correct luminosity obtained L=1.084e29 W (283 L_sun)	
Use of Wien's displacement law $T=b/\lambda$	
Correct effective temperature evaluated T=4140 K	
Stefan-Boltzmann Law T^4 seen	
Correct form of luminosity-radius-temperature or flux relationship (L=4\pi R^2 F)	
Correct radius evaluated R = 32.7 R_sun	







#### 9. Choose any THREE of the answers below:

- (i) The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is the most powerful telescope ever launched into space, its greatly improved infrared resolution and sensitivity will allow it to view objects too old, distant, and faint for the Hubble Space Telescope (HST).
- (ii) The JWST has a mirror three times wider than the mirror of the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) and the JWST will be able to see objects almost nine times fainter than Hubble, allowing us to peer even further into space
- (iii) The JWST observes the universe in infrared wavelengths. By observing in the infrared spectrum, the JWST will be able to look straight through the clouds of space dust in the Milky Way and the universe to observe the astronomical objects. Thus, the JWST can observe in the infrared and maintain high-resolution imaging with high sensitivity.
- (iv) In addition to studying planets outside our solar system, JWST will be able to observe our home planetary system. Its great sensitivity will enable the identification and characterisation of comets and other icy bodies in the outermost regions of the solar system.
- (v) JWST is designed to look deeper into space than the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) to see the earliest stars and galaxies that formed in the Universe and to look deep into nearby dust clouds to study the formation of stars and planets. JWST will tell us about the very beginning of the universe.
- (vi) JWST will tell us why are there supermassive black holes at the centres of galaxies.
- (vii) JWST will tell us how are new stars born in the Milky Way Galaxy.
- (viii) JWST can give us more detailed information on the exoplanets that have been discovered that are similar to Earth.
- (ix) JWST can detect possible chemical signatures of life on exoplanets
- 10. Choose any THREE of the answers below:
  - (i) Exoplanets are very hard to see directly with telescopes. They are hidden by the bright glare of the stars they orbit. So, astronomers use other indirect ways to detect and study these distant planets. They search for exoplanets by looking at the tiny effects these planets have on the stars they orbit.
  - (ii) Direct imaging is a very difficult and limiting method for discovering exoplanets. First of all, the star system with the exoplanets has to be relatively close to Earth. Next, the exoplanets in that system must be far enough from the star so that astronomers can distinguish them from the star's glare
  - (iii) The main problem is that exoplanets are almost always too small and too dim to look at directly. The only ways we can discover them are by observing them indirectly – we have to look at how the exoplanets influence the star that they're orbiting around.
  - (iv) The problem is that exoplanets are not that big, and they're extremely far away from Earth. Even detecting them at all against the glare of their star is hard.



## PRACTICAL ROUND

1.

For the first exoplanet, TRAPPIST-16 we use the small angle formula, D=lO where D is the diameter of TRAPPIST-1 l is the distance between the star firste exoplantet to the star O is the angle in radians we have,  $\beta = \frac{p}{p}$ = 2×84,180 km 0.0115 × 1.49×108 km = 0.09825 radian Referring to the photometry light-curve for TRAPPIST-16, the total transit time for the exopland is 2× 17= 34 minutes

Therefore this exoplanet moves an angle of 0.09825 radien in 34 minutes For this exoplanet to make a full orbit around the star, it would take 2 TT radians 0.09825 radian × 34 minutes = 2,174 minude = 1.51 days Any where between 1.40 days to 1.60 days is correct For the second exoplanet TRAPPIST-IC  $\Theta = \frac{0}{0}$ = 2×84,190 km 0.0158 × 1.49 × 10 % km = 0.07151 radian





Referring to the photometry lightcurve for TRAPPIST-Ic, the total transit time for the exoplanet is 2× 20= 40 minutes For this exoplanet to make a full orbit around the star, it would take 2Tr radians \* 40 minutes 0.07151radian = 3,515 minutes = 2.44 days Anywhere between 2.40 days to 2.50 days is correct



For the fourth exopland, TRAPPIST-le,  $\theta = \frac{D}{R} = \frac{2 \times 89, 180 \text{ km}}{0.0290 \times 1.99 \times 10^8 \text{ km}}$ = 0.03896 radian From the light curve for TRAPPIST-IE, the total transit time for the exoplanet 15 2×29=58 minutes This exoplanet will make a full orbit around the star in 2 Tradians × 58 minutes 0.03896 radian = 9,355 minutes = 6.49 days Anywhere between 6.00 days and 7.00 days is correct



For the little exopland, TRAPPIST-15, 0 = 1 = 2×84,180 km e \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 0.0380×1.49×10<sup>8</sup> km = 0.02973 radian From the light-curve of TRAPPIST-15, the total transit time for the exoplanet is 2×33 = 66 minutes This exoplanet will make afull orbit around the star in 211 radiaus × 66 minutes 0-02973radian = 13,950 minutes = 9.7. days Angwhere between 9.0 days and +0.00 days 10.0 days 12 correct

For the sixth exoptened, TRAPPIST-19, 0 = D = 2× 84,180 km 0.0470×1.49×108km = 0.02.404 radian = 0.05337 padians From the light curve of TRAPPIST-19, the total transit time for the exoptement is 2×35 = 70 minutes The exoplanet will make a full Orbit around the star in 2 TT radians + 70 minutes 0.0240 4 radian = 18,297 minutes = 12.7 days Anyohere between 12.0 days and 13.0 days is correct

For the seventhe exoplandt, TRAPPIST-IN, 6 = 0 = 2×84,180 km 0.0620 × 1.49×108 Km = 0.01822 radian From the light curve of TRAPPIST\_1h, the total transit time for the exoplanet is 2×37=79 minutes The exoplanet will make a full orbit around the star in 2 Tr radians × 74 minutes O·D1822 radian = 25,522 minutes = 17.7 days Angwhere between 15.0 days to 20.0 days is correct

Solution.

$v = c rac{(1+z)^2 - 1}{(1+z)^2 + 1}$									
Galaxy ID	$\lambda_{\mathrm{H}lpha}$ (Å)	$\lambda_{\mathrm{OII}}$ (Å)	$\Delta\lambda_{\mathrm{H}lpha}$ (Å)	$\Delta \lambda_{\mathrm{OII}}$ (Å)	$z_{ m Hlpha}$	$z_{\rm OII}$	z	$v \ (\mathrm{km \ s^{-1}})$	D (Mpc)
A	6809	3861	244	133	0.03717	0.03568	0.03642	10720	153
В	7306	4150	741	422	0.11287	0.11320	0.11303	31983	457
С	7710	4382	1145	654	0.17441	0.17543	0.17492	47912	684
D	8173	4647	1608	919	0.24494	0.24651	0.24572	64830	926
E	8960	5087	2395	1359	0.36481	0.36454	0.36468	90319	1290
F	9780	5549	3215	1821	0.48972	0.48847	0.48909	113435	1621

If the student uses  $v \approx zc$ , mark the last two columns with the values below.

$\overline{v}~({ m km~s^{-1}})$	$D \ (Mpc)$
10919	156
33887	484
52440	749
73666	1052
109327	1562
146626	2095

Note: the spectra data can be found at SDSS with their corresponding SpecObjID:

- $\bullet \ 12768868368297252864$
- $\bullet \ 12768853250012370944$
- $\bullet \ 12768860671715858432$
- $\bullet$  12768855998791440384
- 6182339029696272384
- 7220554813435828224

As values are from measurement of figures on screen, allow values to deviate from the table above, as long as the candidate has demonstrated their ability to measure and calculate to an acceptable degree of accuracy, as judged by the marker. Ignore stray signs. If the student has minor mistakes but otherwise scored some other marks, award those marks and deduct 1 (for example, wrong calculations on less than half of the rows). Also minus one if no table and score is not zero or one. <u>SDSS</u>

Correct equation for v-z	
$_{Correct}$ $\lambda_{\mathrm{H}lpha}$ (Å)	
$_{\text{Correct}}$ $\lambda_{\text{OII}}$ (Å)	
Correct $\Delta \lambda_{ m Hlpha}$ (Å) with their LHa	
$_{ m Correct} \Delta \lambda_{ m OII}  ({ m \AA})$ with their LOII	
Correct $$	



Correct <sup><i>z</i></sup> OII with their dLOII	
Correct $\xrightarrow{z}$ with their zHa zOII	
Correct $v (\text{km s}^{-1})$ with their equation either the one given in mark scheme (or equivalent, or an incorrect attempt from it) or the approximation v=zc mark sure their v is reported in kms^-1 Some students will use numerical solutions on their calculators. Allow this mark but not the equation mark.	
Correct $D$ (Mpc) with their v	
SpecObjID	

SpecObjID 



3. Data below is a sample from survey result from GAIA data release 2 of a small section of the sky, with a field of view of 2 arc-minutes, observing a star cluster. The explanation on the columns are as follow: -

Designation= the star's designation based on the survey run

ra= right ascension

**DEC=** declination

Parallax = parallax measurement of the star

- Pmra = Proper motion in along the RA
- Pmdec = proper motion along the DEC
- bp\_rp = colour index, Bp-Rp in magnitude scale
- bp\_g = Bp-G colour index in magnitude scale
- g-rp = G-Rp colour index in magnitude scale
  - 1. plot a graph to distinguish the background star(s) from the members of the star cluster
  - 2. Which star(s) are not part of the star cluster? explain.
  - 3. What type of star cluster do you think this is? explain.



designation	ra	DEC	parallax	pmra	pmdec	bp_rp	bp_g	g_rp
	(deg)	(deg)	(mas)	(mas/yr)	(mas/yr)	(mag)	(mag)	(mag)
Gaia DR2 5911045876101163 136	268.673 2725	- 62.9579 7388	0.03534 6927	- 2.74783 7152	- 4.01130 6292	0.888 9027	0.350 8816	0.538 0211
Gaia DR2 5911047357868692 736	268.692 26	- 62.9432 0783	5.33467 2108	- 0.43994 9041	- 4.63957 735	1.271 437	0.588 6822	0.682 7545
Gaia DR2 5911045876101143 552	268.693 2591	- 62.9651 2409	- 0.05487 4647	- 1.65023 6919	- 5.52485 6736	0.936 821	0.404 7031	0.532 1178
Gaia DR2 5911047357872637 568	268.668 5437	- 62.9412 3109	0.72390 481	- 4.32486 3447	3.48181 3972	1.451 584	0.644 1116	0.807 4722
Gaia DR2 5911047353569955 328	268.662 3582	- 62.9396 6589	0.45446 6531	- 1.91441 602	- 4.94401 8941	1.609 177	0.674 1772	0.934 9995
Gaia DR2 5911045811683988 992	268.651 6786	- 62.9681 4676	0.23853 6739	- 2.74912 1893	- 4.88422 5005	1.545 485	0.680 2444	0.865 2401
Gaia DR2 5911045910467068 800	268.638 3319	- 62.9611 9536	0.05460 1778	- 1.84910 6994	- 4.85520 7369	0.816 2727	0.286 8423	0.529 4304
Gaia DR2 5911045674245030 016	268.706 4336	- 62.9677 4359	0.23733 0996	- 1.42175 612	- 4.76471 03	0.850 8816	0.345 8557	0.505 0259
Gaia DR2 5911045910460886 912	268.655 7342	- 62.9636 614	0.29404 3411	2.73680 4761	- 18.3874 3159	1.920 782	0.846 7331	1.074 049
Gaia DR2 5911047147411481 216	268.717 263	- 62.9611 2876	0.90113 4811	- 0.56106 4268	- 4.40070 4205	1.663 218	0.797 1306	0.866 087
Gaia DR2 5911045807381673 728	268.626 0166	62.9627 8639	0.14902 1227	- 0.93897 8045	5.31900 9921	1.681 04	0.841 0473	0.839 9925



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Gaia DR2 5911045910469773 056	268.622 4786	- 62.9504 7343	1.07716 3731	- 0.64897 2099	- 3.64314 446	2.467 19	0.931 6063	1.535 583
Gaia DR2 5911047392231960 064	268.665 3616	- 62.9293 6522	0.32210 7837	- 0.59520 7989	- 4.09890 2721	1.190 125	0.527 3933	0.662 7321
Gaia DR2 5911046670677455 360	268.618 6966	- 62.9550 6832	0.41329 9776	- 1.03164 3514	- 3.75155 2674	1.195 462	0.529 6707	0.665 7915
Gaia DR2 5911047186068569 216	268.726 9734	- 62.9452 2935	- 0.34400 3832	- 1.66504 0995	3.70233 005	0.440 4087	- 0.054 049	0.494 4572
Gaia DR2 5911045674241195 264	268.731 1587	- 62.9664 8606	1.02549 1803	- 1.54372 4115	- 3.61127 0115	1.873 917	0.726 2173	1.147 699
Gaia DR2 5911045669942693 760	268.732 7342	- 62.9719 2517	0.40513 3858	- 1.25567 8619	- 3.79085 2347	1.042 37	0.430 397	0.611 9728
Gaia DR2 5911047078691993 856	268.743 4949	- 62.9621 4387	0.60595 8112	- 2.12756 2689	- 3.68992 146	1.411 715	0.510 8852	0.900 8293
Gaia DR2 5911045846039881 728	268.665 0341	- 62.9583 1193	- 0.14049 2359	- 7.89766 198	- 17.0321 7025	2.097 893	0.950 4356	1.147 457
Gaia DR2 5911047289153160 320	268.721 3425	- 62.9293 2972	0.22305 8773	- 1.20884 8777	- 5.37117 7117	1.036 034	0.423 0251	0.613 0085



#### Solution:



a. graph of pm\_dec vs pm\_ra is plot.

b. Gaia DR2 5911045846039881728 , Gaia DR2 5911045674241195264, Gaia DR2 5911045910469773056, Gaia DR2 5911045910460886912

Since the star cluster is gravitationally bound, they would move along with relatively close proper motion. The stars that are out of the group are most likely background stars.

c. member stars redder - older- globular cluster



# **OBSERVATIONAL ROUND**

### Solutions to Q1

For each of the diagrams below, give the name of the constellation.

(a)

AQUILA the Eagle

(b)

CANCER the Crab

(c)

CEPHEUS the King of Aethiopia

(d)

CYGNUS the Swan

or Northern Cross

(e)

HERCULES the Hercules

(f)

PHOENIX the Phoenix or Mythical Firebird

(g) PEGASUS the Winged Horse

(h)

VIRGO the Maiden

or Virgin



For each of the pictures below, give the name of the astronomical object.

(i)

Veil Nebula

or NGC 6960

or NGC 6992

or NGC 6995

or NGC 6974

or Cygnus Loop

(j)

Cat's Eye Nebula or NGC 6543 or Caldwell 6 or Snail Nebula or Sunflower Nebula

(k)

Eskimo Nebula or NGC 2392 or Clown Face Nebula or Lion Nebula or Caldwell 39

(1)

486958 Arrokoth or Arrokoth or Ultima Thule

(m)

Mice Galaxies or NGC 4676



Whirlpool Galaxy

or Messier 51

or M51

or NGC 5194

(0)

Hubble Ultra Deep Field

(p)

Eta Carinae

or  $\eta$  Carinae

or  $\eta\ Car$ 

2.





Picture shows a star cluster in the night sky. List the stars from brightest to dimmest, as seen from Earth

Solution: G, I, D, E, F, B, H, C, A.

#### 3.

Alt/Az coord. ARC Apparent MYAO finals 2022 2022-02-21 22h10m00s (+10) Mag 5.0/6.0,60.0'

Solution The star chart is generated for 52°52′ N 141°33′ E at 10.10pm (UTC+12), 21st February 2021.



- (a) 2 (accept 1 or 3)
- (b) Auriga (Aur)
- (c) Leo (Leo)
- (d) 17/18 8/9 or the other way around.
- (e) Lynx (Lyn)
- (f) Any 2 from Lep, Ori, Gem, Mon
- (g) Any 1 from CrB, Boo, CVn, UMa
- (h)  $53 \pm 10^{\circ}$
- (i) 9 or 10
- (j) February (accept January and March)