

10 (a) (i) State what is meant by the luminosity of a star.

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(ii) Explain how standard candles are used to determine the distance to a galaxy.

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(b) The Sun rotates on its axis. Points X, Y and Z are on the equator of the Sun as shown in Fig. 10.1.

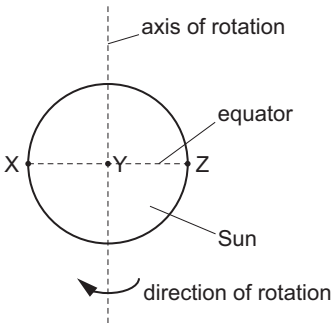


Fig. 10.1

The wavelengths of light from points X and Y are observed and recorded in Table 10.1.

Table 10.1

observed wavelength from X/nm	observed wavelength from Y/nm
656.2877	656.2831

(i) The Sun rotates with a period of 2.07×10^6 s.

Show that the radius of the Sun is 6.93×10^8 m.

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(ii) State and explain how the expected wavelength of the light observed from Z compares with the emitted wavelength.

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(iii) The luminosity of the Sun is 3.8×10^{26} W.

Use the information in (b)(i) to calculate the surface temperature of the Sun.

temperature = K [2]

[Total: 11]