Lecture 21: Announcements

Exam results on egradebook (good job)

- à Distribution: 55% =A, 17%= B, 14% =C, 6%=D 7%=Fail/No show
- à Extra credit of 4 points, for class participation

Overall mid-semester grade is on egradeboook.

à Distribution: 35% =A, 34% = B, 15% =C, 4% =D 11% = Fail/No show

Class format for second half of the semester

- 1) On Mondays : homeworks + review of topics
- 2) Reading assignement each week. Mutiple choice quiz on it. This week Ch 16, Properties of Stars (Cosmic Perspectives, 3rd Ed)

10-15 min quiz this Friday at start of class

In-class notes today

Discussion of exam1 questions

Properties and Evolution of Stars

Topics to be covered in class

- Why do stars look different in the sky?
- Properties of stars: Luminosity, Flux, Temperature, Radius, Color
- The Hertzsprung Russell (H-R) diagram....a surprise for astronomers! How does a star's luminosity depend on its radius and temperature? Different stars on H-R diagram : Main sequence, Giants, Supergiants, White Dwarfs
- Mass : the most fundamental property of a star How mass determines the lifetime, evolution, destiny, and (L,R,T) of a star!
- Evolutionary track of a star on the H-R diagram Age-dating the Universe with an H-R diagram !
- How do we measure distance, luminosity, temperature, mass, radius of stars?

Appearance of Stars



Center of M Way (HST)

Pleiades



M80 globular cluster (HST)





Temperature and Radius of a Star

zone

1.0

convection

zone

0.8

fraction of the Sun's radius

1.0

Temperature and radius of a star refer to these quantities as measured at the phtotosphere layer.