





# Astrophysics Design Problem

You see two stars in the night sky that have the exact same brightness. Choose a star #1 calculate properties so you can design a star #2 so that it has the same brightness.

1 light year (ly) = $9.46 \times 10^{15}$ m	1 parsec (pc) = 3.26 ly	$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$	
$d (\text{parsec}) = \frac{1}{p (\text{arcsecond})}$	$L = \sigma AT^4$	$b = \frac{L}{4\pi d^2}$	$\lambda_{\text{max}} T = 2.9 \times 10^{-3}$

## Star #1 (circle one)

	Sirius B	Altair	61 Cygni A	Barnard's Star
				
Parallax Angle	0.375 arcseconds	0.198 arcseconds	0.294 arcseconds	0.543 arcseconds
Max Wavelength	271 nm	362 nm	690 nm	1035 nm
Stellar Radius	$9.94 \times 10^6$ m	$1.20 \times 10^9$ m	$3.82 \times 10^8$ m	$6.29 \times 10^7$ m

Temperature	Luminosity	Distance	Brightness

# Star #2 (designed by you 😊)

Determine the luminosity of a main sequence star that is farther away from your calculated star but has the exact same brightness. The distance of this star must be based on your birthday. (for example, a birthday of August 3<sup>rd</sup> would be written  $8.03 \times 10^{18}$  m). Estimate the temperature by locating its position within the main sequence of the H-R Diagram ( $L_{\text{sun}} = 3.828 \times 10^{26}$  W).



Star Name	
Distance [m]	<input type="text" value="m"/> <input type="text" value="m"/> . <input type="text" value="d"/> <input type="text" value="d"/> $\times 10^{18}$ m
Luminosity [W]	
Temperature [K]	

