Homework 11

Problem 1 (5 points)

We derived the free fall time (eq. 12.26). Find how long does it take to contract a cloud to half of it initial size. Assume no rotation, express your answer as fraction of total free fall time. Hint: you will need to solve a numerical equation.

Problem 2 (5 points)

Solve problem 12.18 from the textbook. Hints: In (a) collapse stops when velocity is zero, not when the centripetal acceleration equals to gravity pull. Assume that moment of inertia does not change in a,b, and c subproblems, also treat inner mass as spherical object from the gravitational pull point of view.

Problem 3 (5 points)

Assuming (incorrectly) that solar radiation is all in ultraviolet, find how large would be the radius of the H II emission bubble if the Sun is placed in the middle of hydrogen cloud with density of hydrogen is 10^8 m⁻³ and the recombination coefficient $\alpha = 3 \times 10^{-19}$ m³ s⁻¹. Express your answer in parsecs.