

### Slightly Lengthy Problems

- 1) Show that pressure  $P = \frac{1}{3} \int v p f(p) 4\pi p^2 dp$ , assuming particles striking the walls of a container to generate pressure are classical. Use Maxwell's distribution to show that pressure  $P \propto k_B T$
- 2) The pressure due to degenerate electrons is given by  $P = \frac{8\pi}{3h^3} \int_0^{p_F} \frac{p^4 c^2}{\sqrt{p^2 c^2 + m_e^2 c^4}} dp$ . Solve this equation assuming  $p = m_e c \sin(\theta)$
- 3) Lane-Emden equation is  $\frac{1}{\xi^2} \frac{d}{d\xi} \left( \xi^2 \frac{d\theta}{d\xi} \right) = -\theta^n$ ; where  $n$ =polytropic index. This equation was obtained under the following change of variables.
  - 1) The pressure  $P = K\rho^{(1+\frac{1}{n})}$
  - 2)  $\rho = \rho_c \theta^n$  and
  - 3)  $r = a\xi$ .

Here  $\rho, \rho_c$  are the density and central density respectively and  $r$ =radius,  $a = \sqrt{\left[ \frac{(n+1)K\rho_c^{\frac{1-n}{n}}}{4\pi G} \right]}$ .

Solve Lane-Emden equation for  $n=0$  and interpret the solution.

### Very Easy Problems

- 4) The sun has a rotation period of 27 days. If sun became a 1) white dwarf star 2) Neutron star, what will be their rotation period? Assume typical values.
- 5) Estimate the maximum possible radius of pulsar CP 1919, if the mean pulse width of the pulses is 0.04 seconds. Assume *causality principle*.
- 6) Crab pulsar has a pulse period of 33.5 milli seconds. This pulse period is increasing every day by about 38 nano seconds. It is generally assumed that the rotational K.E of crab pulsar ( $= \frac{1}{2} I\omega^2$ ) is the energy source that drives the radiation. If the pulsar period increases due to this loss of energy, how long can the crab pulsar continue to be a pulsar?
- 7) A pulsar's magnetic field at the poles is given by the equation  $B_{pole} = \sqrt{\frac{3\mu_0 c^3 I}{8\pi^2 R^6 \sin^2 \alpha}} P\dot{P}$  if the pulsar is assumed to be a rotating magnetic dipole. Here  $I$ = moment of Inertial,  $R$ =radius of the pulsar and  $\alpha$  = angle between the rotation angle and magnetic dipole axis. Assuming  $\alpha$  to be  $90^\circ$ , estimate the pole strength of crab pulsar. As before,  $P=33.5$  milli seconds,  $\dot{P} = 38$  nano seconds/day. Take typical values for the mass and radius of a pulsar.