

Evaluation guidelines for Project 2, AST 3220, 2022

a) Max 5p: Derives one of eq. (10) or (11) (3p)

+ derives the other, or argues that it is the same, but with $n \rightleftharpoons p$ (2p)

Bonus Q) Max 5p: Makes correct estimate of ρ_b at $T \sim 10^9$ K (2p)

+ compares to Sun (1p)

+ correct estimate of ρ_b/ρ_m (2p)

b) Max 5p: Argues it is because entropy is conserved before and after e^-e^+ annihilation (1p)

+ counts relativistic degrees of freedom to get something like

$$(aT)_{\text{after}} = (aT)_{\text{before/after}} = \left(\frac{11}{4}\right)^{1/3} (aT)_{\text{before}}$$

hence $T_V = \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{1/3} T$ (2p)

+ correctly states that using this relation throughout BBN assumes e^-e^+ annihilation was complete before our BBN simulations start. (2p)

c) Max Sp: Uses f_x and f_ν (1p)

+ with correct number of relativistic degrees of freedom (1p)

+ and inserts $T_V = \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{1/3} T$ (1p)

+ divides by $f_{co} = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$ to get $\Omega_{no.}$ (2p)

d) Max Sp: Finds $a(t)$ (2p)

+ finds $t(T)$ (2p)

+ computes $t(T)$ for the given T 's correctly (1p)

e) Max 5p: Finds at least X_n / X_p
or something equivalent (1p)
+ shows that $X_n + X_p = 1$ (2p)
+ shows eq. for X_n (2p)

f) Max 10p: 5p for code
+ 3p for X_n and X_p
from simulation
in plot
+ 2p for X_n and X_p
at equilibrium in plot

g) Max 5p: Get the "decay" times
correctly (2p)
+ get the "reaction" times
correctly (2p)
+ get the final eq.
on correct form. (1p)

h) Max 10p: 2p for code
+ 4p for plot
+ 4p for the description
of what is happening
in the plot.

i) Max 20p: 10p for code
+ 10p for plot

j) Max 15p: Computes χ^2 and χ^2
as functions of Ω_{b0} (5p)
+ reproduces plot (5p)
+ states that the best-fit of
 Ω_{b0} shows that a large
portion of matter cannot
be baryonic, but instead
some unknown form of
matter (5p)

k) Max 15p: Computes Y_i and χ^2
as functions of $N_{eff}(S_p)$

+ reproduces plot (5p)

+ states that the best-fit
of N_{eff} agrees with
those being 3 types of
known neutrinos.

(5p)

The max is 100p + 5p

We will not subtract points
for minor errors in the
 Y_i plots, in particular for Li^7 .

Deductables:

- Breach of anonymity: 5p
- Figures without labels,
units, otherwise messy: Up to 5p
- Annoying number of
grammatical errors: Up to 5p
- Code that won't run/compile: Up to
30p
- Messy, uncommented code: Up to 10p