

Solution to Exercise 6.2.

We have the energy generation rate from the pp-chain (equation 6.6) the same as from the CNO cycle (equation 6.11):

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For the second star,

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Solution to Exercise 6.3.

Using equation (6.10),

$$L \propto X^2 \mu^\alpha \frac{M^{2+\alpha}}{R^{3+\alpha}} \propto X^2 \mu^\alpha, \quad \mu = \frac{4}{3+5X},$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{L_1}{L_2} &= \left(\frac{X_1}{X_2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{3+5X_2}{3+5X_1} \right)^\alpha \\ &= \left(\frac{0.8}{0.4} \right)^2 \left(\frac{3+2}{3+4} \right)^\alpha = 4 \left(\frac{5}{7} \right)^\alpha, \\ \frac{L_1}{L_2} &= \left(\frac{X_1}{X_2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{3+5X_2}{3+5X_1} \right)^\alpha \\ &= \left(\frac{0.8}{0.4} \right)^2 \left(\frac{3+2}{3+4} \right)^\alpha = 4 \left(\frac{5}{7} \right)^\alpha, \end{aligned}$$

and with $\alpha \simeq 4.5$ $\alpha \simeq 4.5$, we have

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Solution to Exercise 6.4.

From equation (6.9), for polytropic stars of the same polytropic index and of the same chemical composition,

$$L \propto T_c^\alpha \rho_c^2 R^3. \quad L \propto T_c^\alpha \rho_c^2 R^3.$$

With $\alpha = 4.5$ and $\rho_c T_c^{4.5} = \text{const}$, we have

$$L \propto \rho_c R^3, \quad L \propto \rho_c R^3,$$

and with $\rho_c \propto M/R^3$ (see equation 5.16), we have

$$L \propto M. \quad L \propto M.$$