

**Note to Instructors Regarding the Solutions Manual for**  
*Physics of the Interstellar and Intergalactic Medium*

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Unfortunately, the *Problems with Solutions* manual (Version 2011.01.17, available to instructors through Princeton University Press) contains some errors, identified below. (Typos in the problems themselves are also corrected from time-to-time, so the wording of the problems downloadable from this website<sup>1</sup> may differ slightly from the problem wording in the solutions manual).

Following are corrections needed to the solutions given in *Problems with Solutions* Version 2011.01.17:

- Problem 1.3: the numerical results given in the solution were computed for a larger value of  $n_{\text{H}}$  ( $= 0.33 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ), and a slightly smaller value of  $v_W$  ( $24 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ). The numerical value given for  $n_{\text{dust}}$  in the manual should be *reduced* by a factor 1.52, and the numerical value given for  $A$  should be *increased* by a factor 1.39.
- Problem 2.1: owing to a change in notation that didn't get fully propagated to the answers, some of the "answers" given are nonsensical – the second occurrence of  $\alpha$  in the answers to (b), (c), and (e) should be replaced by  $m_e/m_p$ .
- Problem 3.1: replace  $-4/n \rightarrow +6/n$
- Problem 5.3
  - (a) In the given solution: replace  $0.941 \rightarrow 0.975$  and  $108.5 \rightarrow 112.4$
  - (b) The question should read "... transitions in  $^{13}\text{C}^{16}\text{O}$  and  $^{12}\text{C}^{17}\text{O}$ ".
  - (d) Line 1 of the given solution, on the LHS: change  $13 \rightarrow 12$ , and  $12 \rightarrow 13$ .  
Line 1 of the solution on the RHS: change  $13 \rightarrow 12$ , and  $12 \rightarrow 13$ , and change the sign.  
Line 2 of the given solution, change  $[1.023 - 1] \rightarrow [1 - 0.978]$ , and  $35.5 \rightarrow 34.7$ .
- Problem 8.1: The LHS of the final equation is correct, but the numerical values given on the RHS for the final fractional errors should be divided by 4.
- Problem 12.2: In the penultimate line, 5.1472 needs to be changed to 5.4172 in two places.  
In the last line,  $2.49 \times 10^{-4}$  should be  $4.89 \times 10^{-4}$ , and  $8.11 \times 10^{-4}$  should be  $1.05 \times 10^{-3}$ .

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.astro.princeton.edu/~draine/book/problems.pdf>

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- Problem 14.3: The solution manual used an incorrect value for  $n_{e,crit}$  [see also textbook errata for Eq. (14.11)]. Replace:
  - $1880 \text{ cm}^{-3} \rightarrow 1.55 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
  - $8.30 \rightarrow 8.09$
  - $9.45 \rightarrow 8.30$
  - $11.4 \rightarrow 9.59$
- Problem 14.4: At the end of (a), change  $\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \rightarrow \text{s}^{-1}$ .
- Problem 15.4:
  - (a) Change  $2.78 \rightarrow 4.01$  .
  - (b) Change  $2.78 \rightarrow 4.01$  and  $8.8 \times 10^5 \rightarrow 1.27 \times 10^6$  .
  - (c) Change  $0.528 \rightarrow 0.368$  .
- Problem 15.5(c): Change  $0.357 \rightarrow 0.166$  .
- Problem 16.5(a): Definition of  $\beta$  should be  $\beta \equiv \zeta/n_H\alpha$
- Problem 19.2: For consistency with the approximation given in the text for the partition function (Eq. 19.17), the denominator  $(1 + kT_{exc}/B_0) = (1 + T_{exc}/2.766)$  should be replaced by  $[1 + (kT_{exc}/B_0)^2]^{1/2} = [1 + (T_{exc}/2.766)^2]^{1/2}$  at various points in (a)-(c).
  - In (b), the numerical coefficients 114 and 50 given in the solution manual are incorrect: they should be 145 and 64, respectively.
  - In (c), the numerical coefficients 26 and 37 given in the solution manual are incorrect: they should be 28 and 40, respectively.
- Problem 25.6:
  - (c) Quantity to be calculated should be  $M_{dust}$ , not  $M_{dust}/M_H$ .  
The original solution given was incorrect: need to replace the factor  $p/[(p-1)(4-p)]$  by  $1/[(5-p)]$ .
  - (d) Original solution given was incorrect: need to replace  $p/(p-1)$  by  $(4-p)/(5-p)$ .
  - (e) Original solution given was incorrect: need to replace  $p/(p-1)$  by  $(4-p)/(5-p)$ , increase  $\tau_{survival}$  by factor 25/1.1, increase  $M_{dust}$  by factor 310/14, and change 0.16% to 3.6%.
- Problem 32.1(a): The numerical value given was incorrect: change 9.5 to 9.2.
- Problem 34.1: The equation number should be (34.11) [not 40.6].