

ASTR 368

HW #1

1) a) If in front,  $A_V = 0$

$$m_V - M_V = 5 \log d - 5$$

$$m_V = 5 \log d - 5 + M_V = 5 \log(700) - 5 - 1.1$$

$$= 8.1$$

$$b) m_V = 5 \log d - 5 + M_V + A_V = 5 \log(720) - 5 - 1.1 + 1.1$$

$$= 9.3$$

$$c) m_V - M_V = 5 \log d - 5$$

$$d = 10^{(m_V - M_V + 5)/5} = 10^{(9.3 + 1.1 + 5)/5} = 1200 \text{ pc}$$

$$d) \frac{A_V}{A_B} = \frac{A_B}{A_V} = \frac{440}{550} = 0.8$$

$$\text{So } A_B = \frac{A_V}{0.8} = \frac{1.1}{0.8} = 1.375$$

e) from Appendix G, BS  $B-V = -0.17$

$$\frac{F_V}{F_B} = 10^{0.4(m_B - m_V)} = 10^{0.4(-0.17)} = 0.85$$

$$2) \quad \tau = 0.5$$

$$\Delta V = 10 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\tau_H = 5.2 \times 10^{-23} N_H T^{-1} \Delta V$$

Assume  $T \sim 100 \text{ K}$ ,

$$N_H = \frac{\tau T}{5.2 \times 10^{-23} \Delta V} = \frac{0.5 \times 100}{5.2 \times 10^{-23} \cdot 10} = 9.6 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}^{-2}$$

$N \equiv \int n ds$  if  $n = \bar{n}$ ,  $N = \bar{n} s$  where  
 $s$  is the path length

So  $s = \frac{N}{\bar{n}}$  and if we assume

$$\bar{n} = 10^2 \text{ cm}^{-3} = 10^8 \text{ m}^{-3}, \quad s \sim 10^{15} \text{ m} \sim 0.03 \text{ pc}$$