

Solution to Exercise 4.1.

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and hence

$$g = \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM_{\odot}}{R_{\odot}^2} = 137 \text{ N/kg}.$$

Solution to Exercise 4.2.

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Integrating in radial coordinates, we get

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From the equation of state of ideal gas,

$$T_c = \frac{\mu P_c}{\mathfrak{R}\rho} = \frac{\mu}{\mathfrak{R}}\frac{3GM^2}{8\pi R^4}\frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3}{M} = \frac{GM}{2R}\frac{\mu}{\mathfrak{R}}.$$

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