

A star of spectral class **F0** with an intrinsic color of **(B - V) = +0.27** has an absolute magnitude of **$M_V = +3.2$** . It's measured at apparent magnitudes of **$m_B = +13.2$** and **$m_V = +12.3$** . Find the reddening/color excess, the extinction and corrected m_V , and finally approximate the distance to the star.

Reddening/Color Excess

$$(B - V) = m_B - m_V = 13.2 - 12.3 = 0.9$$

$$(B - V)_0 = 0.27$$

$$E(B - V) = (B - V) - (B - V)_0 = 0.9 - 0.27 = \mathbf{0.63}$$

Extinction and Correction

$$A_V = 3.3 * E(B - V) = 3.3(0.63) = \mathbf{2.08}$$

$$m_{V,corr} = m_V - A_V = 12.3 - 2.08 = \mathbf{10.2}$$

Approximate Distance

$$m - M = 5 \log(D) - 5$$

$$10.2 - 3.2 = 5 \log(D) - 5$$

$$7.0 = 5 \log(D) - 5$$

$$5 \log(D) = 12.0$$

$$\log(D) = 2.4$$

$$D = 10^{2.4} = \mathbf{251 \text{ pc}}$$