

HW 7, #2

This problem involves the SN 2018jky and its host NGC 1329. Based on data from VizieR, one can create a light curve.

See sn2018jky-b.png

From the graph, one can see

$$\text{peak } m_B \approx 15.40 \quad \text{at JD} \approx 2458469$$

$$15 \text{ days later} \quad m_B \approx 17.02 \quad 2458484$$

$$\Delta m_{15} \approx 17.02 - 15.40 \approx 1.62$$

We can estimate the absolute mag via

$$\begin{aligned} M_B &= -19.325 + 0.636 (\Delta m_{15} - 1.10) \\ &= -18.99 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$m_B - M_B = 15.40 - (-18.99) = 34.39$$

We can derive the distance

$$m_B - M_B = 34.39 = 5 \log D - 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow D &= 10^{(34.39 + 5)/5} \\ &= 76 \text{ Mpc} \end{aligned}$$

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NED shows another distance estimate to this galaxy, from the 6dF Galaxy Survey (Springob et al., MNRAS 445, 2697 (2014))

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist } D &= 84.3 \text{ Mpc} \\ \text{method} &= \text{fundamental plane} \end{aligned}$$

NED also states that the extinction to this galaxy in B-band is

$$A_B = 0.162 \text{ mag}$$

In this case, the true apparent mag should be

$$\text{corrected peak mag } m_B = 15.40 - 0.162 = 15.24$$

Thus the corrected distance modulus is

$$\text{corr dist mod} = 15.24 - (-18.99) = 34.23$$

And corrected distance is

$$\text{corr } D = 10^{(34.23+5)/5} = 70 \text{ Mpc}$$