Assignment 5 — due Monday November 16th [Revision: 1.1]

This assignment comprises questions 10.1, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.17, 10.18 and 10.20 from Chapter 10 of O&C, plus the following EZ-Web calculation task:

Assume that the structure of the present-day Sun is described by a polytrope. Using an appropriate EZ-Web model, estimate the polytropic index n appearing in the polytropic equation of state $P(\rho) = K\rho^{(n+1)/n}$. Be sure to show how you arrived at your answer, including any graphs that you plotted.