

Do the following problems and be prepared to discuss them in class.

1. A simple model of the Earth's interior is a spherical core surrounded by a concentric mantle shell. Find the radius of the Earth's core r_{core} relative to the total radius r_{\oplus} if the core density is $1 \times 10^4 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$, the mantle density is $4.5 \times 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$, and the average density is $5.5 \times 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$.

$$r_{\text{core}}/r_{\oplus} =$$

2. The equation for hydrostatic equilibrium is $\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta r} = -\rho g$. Express your answers to the following questions in the SI unit Pascals.

- a) Estimate the pressure 5 km below a terrestrial continent.
- b) Estimate the pressure at the center of Mercury.
- c) Estimate the pressure at the center of Venus.
- d) Estimate the pressure at the center of Mars.

3. Briefly explain or describe (1 sentence each):

- a) cryovolcanism
- b) refractory vs. volatile
- c) rille
- d) regolith

4. At what distance from the Sun would Mercury be pulled apart by tidal forces? How does this compare with Mercury's actual distance from the Sun?