- 1. In 2008, human civilization consumed 474•10¹⁸ Joules of energy in total. Calculate the area for solar panels to supply the energy for Earth's consumption. Assume Sun is a black body with T=T_{eff}=5800K, and solar panels have 20% efficiency. Is it feasible to power Earth just from the solar power?
- 2. Effective temperature of the solar surface is T=5800K. Knowing this, distance from the Sun to Earth, solar and Earth's radius, Earth's albedo A=0.3 (fraction of radiation which is reflected) and assuming black body radiation for the Sun and Earth, show there is a greenhouse effect on Earth.