ISP 205 Review Questions, Week 9

This is not required homework. It will not be graded. Answers will be supplied next week.

- 1. What technique has been used to find most of the planets discovered so far? What is the basic idea behind that technique?
- 2. Why can't the above technique find terrestrial planets in the habitable zone?
- 3. What technique is being used by the Kepler spacecraft in its search for terrestrial planets?
- 4. Why are we so especially interested in finding terrestrial planets in the habitable zone?
- 5. Regarding the Sun: What is the photosphere? The chromosphere? The corona?
- 6. What causes sunspots?
- 7. What is the "sunspot cycle"?