

$I_s = 1370 \text{ W/m}^2$   
 70% is absorbed  
 30% is reflected.

Power absorbed by the Earth

$$P_a = (0.70) I_s (\text{cross sectional area of the Earth})$$

$$= 0.70 I_s \pi R^2$$

Power radiated by the Earth at temp.  $T$

$$P_r = e \sigma (\text{surface area of Earth}) T^4$$

$$= e \sigma 4 \pi R^2 T^4$$

At Equilibrium:

Absorbed Power = Radiated Power

$$0.70 I_s \pi R^2 = e \sigma 4 \pi R^2 T^4$$

$$\therefore T = \left\{ \frac{0.70 I_s}{4 e \sigma} \right\}^{1/4}$$

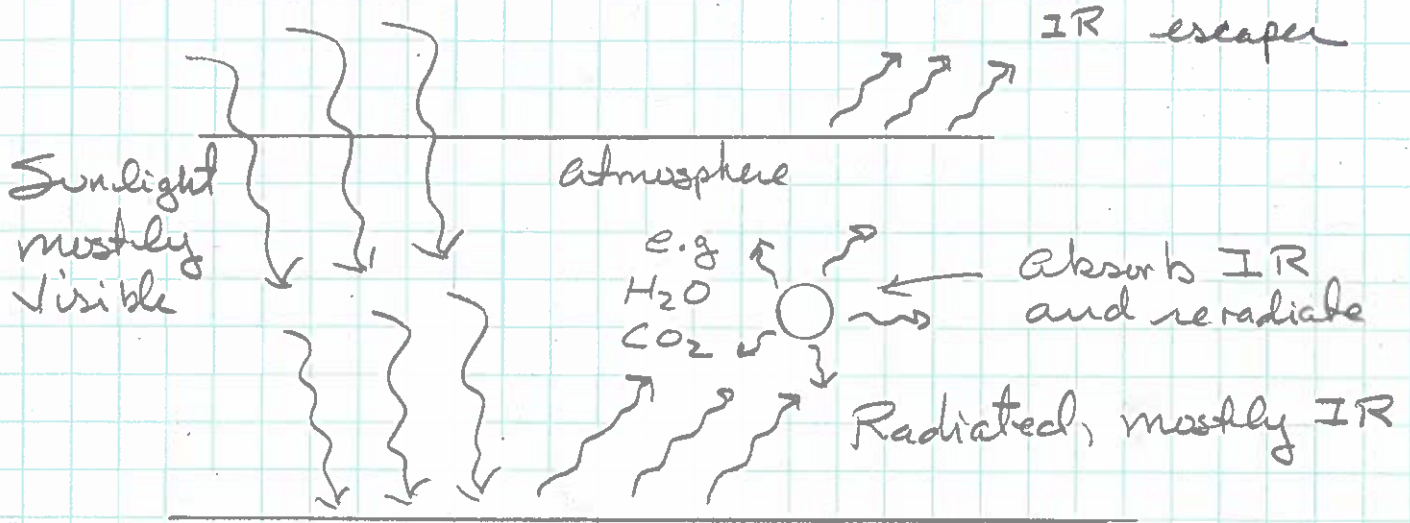
Use  $e \approx 1$ ,  $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \text{K}^4}$

So:  $T = 255.0 \text{ K} = -18.0^\circ \text{C}$

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NOTE: This is well below the freezing point of water.

The so-called "Greenhouse Effect" produced by the atmosphere causes the average temperature of the Earth to be  $15 \rightarrow 20^\circ\text{C}$  higher.



Surface

Less IR escapes to space,  
Trapped IR raises temp  
of the surface.