THE SPECTRA AND ROTATIONAL VELOCITIES OF THE BRIGHT STARS OF DRAPER TYPES A3-G0

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ABSTRACT

Rotational velocities ($v \sin i's$) have been determined by spectroscopic means for the bright stars of Draper types A3–G0, plus a few standards of spectral type later than G0. The total number of stars considered was 215. Spectral types and luminosity classes on the MK system were estimated for all stars not already MK standards. The principal results of this and a previous investigation for 159 stars which were judged to be normal main-sequence and intermediate-luminosity stars in the range A3–G0 are as follows:

1. As has been generally known, axial rotation decreases along the main sequence from the middle A-type stars to the late F-type and early G-type stars. Main-sequence stars later than about F5 have very little axial rotation.

very little axial rotation. 2. Axial rotation also decreases from the middle A-type to the late F- and early G-type stars of intermediate luminosity but persists to later spectral types than for the main-sequence stars.

3. The stars of intermediate luminosity have generally greater axial rotation than the corresponding main-sequence stars in the range FO-GO. Among the middle A-type stars, the two groups probably have about the same axial rotation.

Axial rotation is also discussed for a number of groups of stars not included in the afore-mentioned discussion, including the luminous giant and supergiant stars, the metallic-line stars, the peculiar A stars, and the stars with composite spectra. The variation of axial rotation across the H-R diagram as determined from the present investigation and two previous investigations by the writer is summarized.

I. INTRODUCTION

The present paper is the last in a series which has as its aim the description of the variation of stellar axial rotation across the H-R diagram. The other papers in this series treated the B8-A2 stars (1954) and the B2-B5 stars (Slettebak and Howard 1955). An earlier investigation dealt with the Be stars (1949).

On the observational side, there has been little interest in stellar axial rotation since the pioneering work of Struve, Shajn, Elvey, and Miss Westgate, until recent years. The recent work of Huang (1953) and of Herbig and Spalding (1953, 1955) is particularly significant. Huang's work is an extension of Miss Westgate's catalogues (1933a, b, 1934), and includes line widths of 1550 stars. Unfortunately, two-dimensional spectral types are lacking for most of his stars, but his paper contains an enormous amount of material for future statistical studies of stellar axial rotation when MK spectral types and luminosity classes become available for his stars. Herbig and Spalding have determined rotational velocities for 656 stars of spectral types F0-K5 on the MK system. Their work and the present investigation overlap to some extent, and the material in common yields substantially the same results.

II. THE OBSERVATIONS

The observational selection was as follows: spectrograms of all stars with *Henry* Draper spectral types between A3 and G0, brighter than magnitude 5.01, and north of declination -15° were taken. In addition, a number of stars outside these limits were observed as standards of spectral type. The total number of stars observed was 215.

All spectrograms were obtained with the two-prism spectrograph attached to the 69inch telescope of the Perkins Observatory, giving a dispersion of 21 A/mm at λ 4071, 28 A/mm at $H\gamma$, and 32 A/mm at λ 4481. The first 31 stars observed were taken on

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Eastman 103-O plates, developed in D19 for $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes at 68° F.; the remaining spectra were taken on Eastman II*a*-O plates, developed in Promicrol for 12 minutes at 69° F. All spectrograms were widened to a width of 1.5 mm, with the exception of a very few of the fainter stars; this served the double purpose of enabling a more accurate spectral classification and making possible two independent microphotometer tracings of each stellar spectrum, even when only one usable spectrogram was available. All plates were calibrated in the dome of the Perkins Observatory with the aid of a small spectral sensitometer and were traced with the Perkins Microphotometer, using a magnification of 120.

Figure 1 illustrates the spectrograms employed in this study, showing examples of line broadening by axial rotation for some representative stars.

III. METHODS

1. THE ROTATIONAL VELOCITIES

Equatorial rotational velocities multiplied by the sine of the angle of inclination of the axes of rotation $(v \sin i)$ were determined by spectroscopic means for all stars. For the large majority of the stars included, this was done by obtaining profiles of selected

TABLE 1

DATA ON SHARP-LINED STANDARD STARS AND COMPUTED LINE PROFILES

Star	Sp(MK)	Employed for Spectral Types:	Line	иλ	Equatorial Velocities Corresponding to Computed Profiles (Km/Sec)
$\theta \text{ Leo} \\ \gamma \text{ Vir N} \\ \gamma \text{ Vir S} \\ \sigma \text{ Boo} \\ \iota \text{ Peg} \\ \beta \text{ CVn} \\ \pi \text{ Cas}$	A2 V	A3-A7	Mg II 4481	0.73	25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 200, 250, 300, 400
	F0 V	A5-F2	Mg II 4481	.76	25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 200, 250, 300, 400
	F2 V	F0-F5	Fe I 4071	.82	25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 200
	F5 V	F2-F8	Fe I 4071	.84	25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150
	G0 V	F7-G5	Fe I 4071	0.87	25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150

stellar absorption lines and comparing with a sequence of line profiles computed for varying degrees of rotational broadening, following the graphical technique of Shajn and Struve (1929).

The selection of the stellar absorption lines to be used was complicated by the fact that nearly all strong lines are blended for the stars under consideration, with the resolution available at the Perkins Observatory. It was finally decided to use Mg II 4481.2, which is blended with Fe I 4482.2 for stars of type F0 and later, and Fe I 4071.8, which is blended with Fe I 4070.8 and Fe I 4072.5. The range of spectral types A3-G0 was then broken down into smaller groups, and sharp-lined stars selected in each group to serve as zero rotational velocity standard stars. The latter are listed in Table 1, with their MK spectral types, the range of spectral types for which they were employed, the absorption line used for the $v \sin i$ determinations, the stellar limb-darkening coefficient u_{λ} (Münch and Chandrasekhar 1949) used in the line-broadening computations, and the values of the equatorial rotational velocities for which the line profiles were computed. Values of $v \sin i$ for the A3-A7 stars had to be interpolated from comparisons of line profiles with A2 and F0 computed profiles, since none of the normal A3-A7 III-V stars included in this study were found to have sharp lines.

For all stars showing any degree of rotational line broadening, then, two independent observed line profiles were obtained and compared with the appropriate set or sets of



Fic. 1.—Line broadening by axial rotation in some representative F-type and early G-type stars of intermediate luminosity. The sharp-lined standard stars, η Cassiopeiae and ι Pegasi, are shown for comparison.

computed line profiles, after normalization to the same equivalent width as the latter. The average of the two values of $v \sin i$ obtained in this way was recorded as the tentative rotational velocity of the star. The final step was a careful visual inspection and intercomparison of all of the spectrograms involved, great care being taken to use spectrograms of similar density and stars of similar spectral type and luminosity class in making the intercomparisons. This technique was found to be especially valuable for stars with relatively small line broadening, since individual line profiles for one of these stars sometimes gave results which were inconsistent with those of other stars of similar line broadening. All the values of $v \sin i$ determined through the use of line contours define a sort of zero point for the system of rotational velocities; the final visual intercomparison is then a smoothing process, making the individual rotational velocities mutually consistent. The final $v \sin i$ values for all stars are listed in Table 2.

2. THE SPECTRAL TYPES

All spectral types are on the *Revised Atlas* system of spectral classification, or MK system (Johnson and Morgan 1953). As pointed out in the notes to Table 2, several sources for these types were used, but the great bulk came from the afore-mentioned paper, which defines the MK system. These stars were used as standards to classify the remaining stars for which no MK spectral types were available. The spectral classification was carried out at the Perkins Observatory by the writer (with the help of Dr. P. C. Keenan for some of the late-type stars), using the same plates employed for the $v \sin i$ determinations. Because the dispersion of these spectrograms is rather high for spectral classification purposes, all classification was carried out by viewing the plates directly, without aid of magnification, and it was felt that quite accurate results were possible in this way.

IV. THE ACCURACY OF THE OBSERVATIONS

1. THE ROTATIONAL VELOCITIES

An estimate of the probable error of a $v \sin i$ determination is not possible, in view of the method used to arrive at the final $v \sin i$, as described. It is probable that the maximum errors of the measured rotational velocities run about the same as those estimated for the B2-B5 stars (Slettebak and Howard 1955, Table 2).

The smaller rotational velocities, taken individually, are not too reliable, in view of the low resolution employed. In particular, owing to slight differences in the quality of the spectrograms, it was decided not to attempt to distinguish varying degrees of axial rotation below 25 km/sec. There is no question but that the relatively sharp-lined stars must be treated with high dispersion in order to obtain accurate individual values. The writer would like to point out again that the present dispersion, although admittedly inadequate for accurate determinations of $v \sin i$ for the sharpest-lined stars, was chosen for measuring a very wide range of rotational velocities, including values as high as 400 and 500 km/sec.

The "sharp-lined" standard stars at spectral type F0, γ Virginis N and S, and not really sharp-lined stars: γ Virginis N has very slight rotational line broadening, while γ Virginis S has an estimated $v \sin i$ of 30 km/sec. This makes the computed broadened line profiles at F0 broader than they should be for a given rotational velocity, and it tends to underestimate velocities obtained with the use of these profiles. The effect is small for all but the lowest $v \sin i$'s, however, and all discrepancies were adjusted in the visual intercomparison of spectrograms already referred to. Rotational velocities de rived from all other sharp-lined standard stars gave consistent results. Values of $v \sin$ were also obtained from both Fe I 4071 and Mg II 4481 contours for a number of F0 and F2 stars and were found to be consistent.

Several comparisons of rotational velocities of stars in common with other investiga

TABLE 2

SPECTRAL TYPES AND ROTATIONAL VELOCITIES OF THE A3-GO STARS

Star	a(1900)	δ (19 00)	^m v	Sp(MK)	Source	v sin i (Km/sec)	Notes
1 β Cas 2 22 And 3 η Cas 4 HR 244 5 θ Cas	$0^{h} 3.8^{m} 8$ 0 5.1 0 43.1 0 47.1 1 5.0	+58 ⁰ 36 ¹ +45 31 +57 17 +60 35 +54 37	2.42 5.08 3.64 4.93 4.52	F2IV F2II GOV F8V A7V	1 1 1	70 40 <25 < 25 110	
$\begin{array}{c} 6^{*} & \phi \text{ Cas} \\ 7 & \delta \text{ Cas} \\ 8 & \omega \text{ And} \\ 9 & \nu \text{ And} \\ 10 & \chi \text{ Cet} \end{array}$	1 13.8 1 19.3 1 21.7 1 30.9 1 44.7	+57 42 +59 43 +44 53 +40 54 -11 11	5.25 3.0-3.1 4.96 4.18 4.77	FOIA A5V F4IV F8V F2IV	1 1 1	<pre></pre>	
11 ~ Tri 12 β Ari 13 λ Ari(br) 14 48 Cas 15 β Tri	1 47.4 1 49.1 1 52.4 1 53.7 2 3.6	+29 6 +20 19 +23 7 +70 25 +34 31	3.58 2.72 4.83 4.61 3.08	F6IV A5V F0IV A4V A5III	1 1 1	90 70 95 80 80	S.B., P=1.74 S.B., P=107.0 S.B., P=31.4
16 14 Ari 17 [*] ι Cas 18 12 Per 19 θ Per 20 μ Cet	2 3.7 2 20.8 2 35.9 2 37.4 2 39.5	+25 28 +66 57 +39 46 +48 48 + 9 42	5.07 4.59 4.99 4.22 4.36	F2III A5p F9V F7V F0IV	1 1 1	150 55 < 25 < 25 55	S.B., P=33140
21 16 Per 22* T Per 23* Y Per 24 L Per 25* 5 Er1	2 44.3 2 47.2 2 57.6 3 1.9 3 11.0	+37 54 +52 21 +53 7 +49 14 - 9 11	4.27 4.06 3.08 4.17 4.90	F2III Comp. Comp. GOV Am	1 2	155 <25 <25 <25 <5	S.B., P≕1516 ^d S.B. S.B.
26	3 17.2 3 25.5 3 37.3 3 38.4 3 56.1	+49 30 +45 43 +63 2 +42 16 +58 53	1.90 5.35 4.96 3.93 5.07	F5Ib F4III Comp. F5II F0II	1 1 1 1	<25 <25 <25 30 <25	
31 ° Eri 32 µ Per 33* 52 Per 34 46 Tau 35 HR 1327	4 7.0 4 7.6 4 8.1 4 8.2 4 11.3	- 7 6 +48 9 +40 14 + 7 28 +64 54	4.14 4.28 4.89 5.35 5.40	F2II-III GOIb Comp. F3V G5III	1 1 1	110 <25 <25 60 <25	S.B., P=283 ^d 3 S.B. Close V.B.
36 [#] ω Tau 37 δ Tau 38 64 Tau 39 κ Tau 40 υ Tau	4 11.4 4 17.2 4 18.3 4 19.4 4 20.3	+20 20 +17 18 +17 13 +22 4 +22 35	4.80 3.93 4.84 4.36 4.40	Am KOIII A7V A7V FOIII-IV	l	60 <25 60 80 215	
41 71 Tau 42 Θ ² Tau 43 HR 1427 44 ρ Tau 45* 58 Per	4 20.7 4 23.0 4 24.8 4 28.2 4 29.8	+15 23 +15 39 +15 59 +14 38 +41 4	4.60 3.62 4.84 4.75 4.46	FOV A7III A7V FOV Comp.	1	225 70 60 130 < 25	S.B., P=14048 S.B., P=6270 ^d
$\begin{array}{ccc} 46^{*} & 88 \ \text{Tau} \\ 47 & 90 \ \text{Tau} \\ 48 & \sigma^2 \ \text{Tau} \\ 49 & \pi^3 \ \text{Ori} \\ 50 & \omega \ \text{Eri} \end{array}$	4 30.2 4 32.6 4 33.6 4 44.4 4 48.0	+ 9 57 +12 19 +15 43 + 6 47 - 5 37	4.38 4.30 4.85 3.31 4.45	Am A5V A5V F6V A9IV	l	<25 80 130 <25 170	S.B., P=3 ^d 57 S.B.
51 β Cam 52* ε Aur 53 64 Eri 54 ι Tau 55 9 Aur	4 54.5 4 54.8 4 55.3 4 57.1 4 58.9	+60 18 +43 41 -12 41 +21 27 +51 28	4.22 3.3-4.1 4.85 4.70 4.99	GOID FOIA FOIV A7V FOV	1 4	<25 30 190 130 <25	S.B., P=27¥08

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Star	ፈ(1900)	&(190 0)	^m v	Sp(MK)	Source	v sin i (Km/sec)	Notes
56 β Er1 57 15 Or1 58* μ Aur 59 λ Aur 60 19 Aur	5 ^h 2 ^m 9 5 4.0 5 6.6 5 12.1 5 13.4	- 5 ¹³ +15 28 +38 22 +40 1 +33 51	2.92 4.86 4.78 4.85 5.16	A3III F2IV Am GOV A5II	1 2 1	200 50 90 < 25 < 25	
61 - Lep 62 49 Ori 63 1 ⁴ Ori 64 1 Lep 65 8 Mon(br)	5 28.3 5 34.1 5 48.5 5 51.9 6 18.5	-17 54 - 7 16 +20 15 -14 11 + 4 39	2.69 4.88 4.62 3.77 4.48	FOID A4IV GOV FOV A5IV	1	< 25 190 < 25 < 25 125	
66 ≹ Gem 67 15 Lyn 68* 38 Gem 69 ∞ Gem 70* ζ Gem	6 39.7 6 48.6 6 49.0 6 56.3 6 58.2	+13 0 +58 33 +13 18 +24 21 +20 43	3.40 4.54 4.70 5.21 3.7-4.1	F5IV G5III-IV FOVp G5II Cep.	1	75 < 25 130 < 25 < 25	Close V.B. S.B.
71 δ Gem 72 ∧ Gem 73 ∘ Gem 74 ∝ CM1 75 ∧ Fup	7 14.2 7 22.7 7 32.6 7 34.1 8 3.3	+22 10 +31 59 +34 49 + 5 29 -24 1	3.51 4.18 4.92 0.48 2.88	FOIV FOV F3III F5IV-V F6II	1 2 4	120 60 90 < 25 < 25	
76 5 Mon 77 • UMa 78 HR 3459 79 € Hya(A+B) 80 • UMa	8 3.6 8 22.0 8 38.8 8 41.5 8 52.4	- 2 42 +61 3 - 6 52 + 6 47 +48 26	4.41 3.47 4.70 3.48 3.12	G2Tb G4II-III G2Tb G0III-IV A7V	1 3 1	<25 <25 <25 <25 145	Close V.B.
81 [*] ∝ Cnc 82 HR 3579 83 σ² UMa 84 [*] 15 UMa 85 [*] τ UMa	8 53.0 8 54.2 9 1.6 9 1.8 9 2.7	+12 15 +42 11 +67 32 +52 0 +63 55	4.27 4.09 4.87 4.54 4.74	Am F5V F7IV-V Am Am	2 2	70 <25 <25 30 <25	Close V.B. S.B.
86 18 UMa 87 23 UMa 88 7 ⁴ Hya 89 24 UMa 90 8 UMa	9 9.0 9 23.7 9 24.1 9 25.6 9 26.2	+54 26 +63 30 - 2 20 +70 16 +52 8	4.89 3.75 4.78 4.57 3.26	A5V Foiv F6V G4III -IV F6IV	5	175 150 30 < 25 < 25	
91 τ ² Нуа 92* ~ Leo 93 € Leo 94 τ UMa 95 21 LM1	9 26.9 9 35.8 9 40.2 9 43.9 10 1.5	- 0 45 +10 21 +24 14 +59 31 +35 44	4.50 3.76 3.12 3.89 4.47	A3III Comp. GOII F2IV A7V	1 1 1	70 <25 <25 110 155	S.B., P=1
96 ~ Leo 97 40 Leo 98 30 LM1 99 36 UMa 100 HR 4132	10 11.1 10 14.3 10 20.2 10 24.2 10 27.4	+23 55 +19 59 +34 18 +56 30 +40 56	3.65 4.97 4.83 4.84 4.84	FOIII F6IV FOV F8V A7IV	1 1 2	80 <25 30 <25 140	S.B.
101 37 LM1 102 χ Leo 103 δ Leo 104 φ Leo 105* ¥ UMa(A+B)	10 33.1 10 59.9 11 8.8 11 11.6 11 12.9	+32 30 + 7 53 +21 4 - 3 6 +32 6	4.77 4.66 2.58 4.58 3.86	GOII F2III-IV A4V A7III-IV GOV	l	<25 <25 200 250 <25	Close V.F
106 Leo 107*93Leo 108 & Vir 109 TVir 110*12Com	11 18.7 11 42.8 11 45.5 11 55.8 12 17.5	+11 5 +20 46 + 2 20 + 7 10 +26 24	4.03 4.54 3.80 4.57 4.78	F2IV Comp. F8V A4V Comp.	5 1	<25 <25 <25 70 <25	S.B., P=' S.B. S.B., P=:

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	Star	~(190 0)	8(190 0)	m V	Sp(MK)	Source	v sin i (Km/sec)	Notes
111 112 113 114 115	β CVn Y Vir N Y Vir S 31 Com 78 UMa	12 ^h 29 ^m 0 12 36.6 12 36.6 12 46.8 12 56.4	+41 ⁰ 54 - 0 54 - 0 54 +28 5 +56 54	4.32 3.65 3.68 5.07 4.89	GOV FOV GOIII F2V	1 1 1 1	< 25 < 25 30 70 90	
116 117* 118 119 120	 \$ Com 20 CVn 80 UMa HR 5110 24 CVn 	13 7.2 13 13.1 13 21.2 13 30.3 13 30.4	+28 23 +41 6 +55 31 +37 42 +49 32	4.32 4.66 4.02 4.96 4.63	GOV FOII-III A5V F2IV A4V	ו י ו	<25 <25 240 <25 160	S.B., P=2.€1
121 122 123 124* 125	25 CVn τ Boo η Boo 12 Boo κ Boo(br)	13 33.0 13 42.5 13 49.9 14 5.8 14 9.9	+36 48 +17 57 +18 54 +25 34 +52 15	4.92 4.51 2.80 4.82 4.60	A7III F7V GOIV F8IV A7IV	2 [.] 1	240 <25 <25 <25 135	Close V.B. S.B., P=495 ^d S.B., P=9460
126 127 128 129 130	ι Vir ι Boo Θ Boo Υ Boo σ Boo	14 10.8 14 12.6 14 21.8 14 28.1 14 30.3	- 5 31 +51 50 +52 19 +38 45 +30 11	4.16 4.78 4.06 3.00 4.48	F7III-IV A7V F7V A7III F2V	1 1 1	<25 130 30 135 <25	
131 132 133 134 135*	μ Vir 16 Lib 45 Boo μ Boo(br) β CrB	14 37.8 14 52.0 15 2.9 15 20.7 15 23.7	- 5 13 - 3 56 +25 16 +37 44 +29 27	3.95 4.59 5.03 4.47 3.72	F3IV FOIV F5V FOV FOP	1	50 120 35 90 <25	S.B., P= 10∛5
136 137 138 139 140	δ Ser(br) λ Ser ζ Her γ Ser HR 5960	15 30.0 15 41.6 15 49.2 15 51.8 15 55.4	+10 52 + 7 40 +42 44 +15 59 +55 2	4.23 4.42 4.61 3.86 4.96	FOIV GOV F9V F6V FOIV	2 2 1	80 <25 <25 <25 135	
141 142 143 144 145	§ ¹ Sco Θ Dra σ Ser Υ Her ζ Her	15 58.9 16 0.0 16 17.0 16 17.5 16 37.5	-11 6 +58 50 + 1 16 +19 23 +31 47	4.16 4.11 4.80 3.79 3.00	F5IV F8IV-V FOV A9III GOIV	2 1 1	<25 30 80 140 <25	Close V.B. S.B., P=3.07 Close V.B.
146 147 148 149 150	HR 6237 20 Oph 19 Dra 60 Her HR 6493	16 43.4 16 44.3 16 55.5 17 0.7 17 21.3	+56 58 -10 36 +65 17 +12 53 - 5 0	4.88 4.73 4.82 4.91 4.61	F2V F5IV-V F6V A3IV F3V		55 <25 <25 115 50	S.B., P=52 ^d 1 S.B., P=26 ^d 3
151 152* 153 154 155	β Dra ν ¹ Dra ν ² Dra ω Oph ω Dra	17 28.2 17 30.2 17 30.3 17 30.3 17 30.3 17 37.5	+52 23 +55 15 +55 14 +12 38 +68 48	2.99 4.98 4.95 2.14 4.87	G2II Am Am A5III F5V	1 1	<25 65 50 240 <25	S.B., P=5.28
156 157 158 159 160	μ Her Ψ Dra(br) ν Her ζ Ser 72 Oph	17 42.6 17 43.7 17 54.7 17 55.2 18 2.6	+27 47 +72 12 +30 12 - 3 41 + 9 33	3.48 4.90 4.48 4.60 3.73	G5IV F5IV-V F2II F3V A4V	1 1 2	<25 <25 <25 75 75	
161 162 163 164*	X Dra X Sct 45 Dra § Sct	18 22.9 18 23.5 18 30.9 18 36.8	+72 41 -14 38 +56 58 - 9 9	3.69 4.73 4.95 5.0-5.2	F7V A3V F7Ib F3III-IV	1 3	<25 260 <25 35	S.B., P=280 ^d 5
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Star	∡(190 0)	٤(1900)	^m v	Sp(MK)	Source	v sin i (Km/sec)	Notes
166 110 Her 167 β Sct 168 111 Her 169*113 Her 170 Θ Ser(br)	18 ^h 41 ^m 4 18 41.9 18 42.6 18 50.5 18 51.3	+20 ⁰ 27 ¹ - 4 51 +18 4 +22 31 + 4 4	4.26 4.47 4.37 4.56 4.50	F6V G5II A3V Comp. A5V	1 1	< 25 < 25 80 < 25 130	S.B., P=834 ^d S.B., P=245 ^d
171 δ Aql 172 ν Aql 173 Θ Cyg 174 α Sge 175 α Aql	19 20.5 19 21.4 19 33.8 19 35.6 19 45.9	+ 2 55 + 0 8 +49 59 +17 47 + 8 36	3•44 4•86 4•64 4•37 0•89	FOIV F2ID F4V GOII A7IV,V	1 1 2	80 < 25 < 25 < 25 2 5 240	S.B.
176 Ψ Cyg 177*15 Vul 178 33 Cyg 179 & Cap 180* o ² Cyg	19 53.1 19 57.0 20 11.1 20 12.1 20 12.4	+52 10 +27 29 +56 16 -12 49 +47 24	4.90 4.74 4.32 4.55 4.16	A3IV,V Am A3IV,V G3Ib Comp.	3	300 < 25 300 < 25 < 25	S.B. S.B., P=1170 ^d
181 ¥ Суд 182 41 Суд 183* Ө Сөр 184* 47 Суд 185 β Del	20 18.6 20 25.3 20 27.9 20 30.0 20 32.9	+39 56 +30 2 +62 39 +34 54 +14 15	2.32 4.09 4.28 4.85 3.72	F8Ib F5II Am Comp. F5IV	1 1 5	< 25 < 25 40 < 25 70	S.B. Close V.B.
186 & Del 187 HR 7955 188* / Aqr 189* Y Equ 190 & Equ	20 38.8 20 42.9 20 47.3 21 5.5 21 9.6	+14 43 +57 13 - 9 22 + 9 44 + 9 36	4.53 4.63 4.80 4.76 4.61	A7III F8I V- V Am FO p F7V	5	35 <25 50 <25 <25	Close V.B.
191, τ Cyg 192 ~ Equ 193 ~ Cep 194 β Aqr 195 § Aqr	21 10.8 21 10.8 21 16.2 21 26.3 21 32.4	+37 37 + 4 50 +62 10 - 6 1 - 8 18	3.82 4.14 2.60 3.07 4.78	FOIV Comp. A7IV,V GOID A7V	2 1	95 <25 240 <25 165	S.B. S.B.
196 μ Cyg(br) 197 κ Peg 198 $\not\sim$ Aqr 199* f Cep(br) 200 ι Peg	21 39.7 21 40.1 22 0.7 22 0.9 22 2.4	+28 17 +25 11 - 0 48 +64 8 +24 51	4.73 4.27 3.19 4.57 3.96	F6V F5IV G2ID Am F5V	1	< 25 35 < 25 50 < 25	Close V.B. S.B., P=10.2
201 π Peg 202 ε Cep 203 ζ Aqr(A+B 204 9 Lac 205 η Peg	22 5.6 22 11.3)22 23.7 22 33.3 22 38.3	+32 41 +56 33 - 0 32 +51 2 +29 42	4.38 4.23 3.74 4.83 3.10	F5II-III F0IV F2IV A7IV G2II-III	1 : 2	145 85 ≶55 90 <25	Close V.B. S.B. S.B., P=818 ^d
206 § Peg 207 or Peg 208 Tr Cep 209 7 And 210 Tr Peg	22 41.7 22 47.3 23 4.7 23 8.0 23 15.7	+11 40 + 9 18 +74 51 +48 52 +23 12	4.31 5.30 4.56 4.62 4.65	F7V F7IV G2III FOV A5IV	2 1	<25 <25 25 65 150	S.B., P=556 ^d S.B.
211 v Peg 212 ι Psc 213 λ Psc 214* ρ Cas 215 ω Psc	23 20.4 23 34.8 23 37.0 23 49.4 23 54.2	+22 51 + 5 5 + 1 14 +56 57 + 6 19	4.57 4.28 4.61 4.4-5.1 4.03	F8IV F7V A7V pec. F4IV	1 1 5	85 <25 60 <25 30	S₀B₀

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NOTES TO TABLE 2

- The sources for the spectral types listed are the following:

 Johnson and Morgan, Ap. J. <u>117</u>, pp. 320-322 (Table 2), 1953.

 These are the standard stars which define the MK system of spectral classification.

 Johnson and Morgan, Ap. J. <u>117</u>, pp. 323-327 (Table 3), 1953.
 Morgan and Roman, Ap. J. <u>112</u>, pp. 363-364, 1950.
 Morgan, Keenan and Keliman, "An Atlas of Stellar Spectra" (Chicago: University of Chicago Press 1943).
 Morgan, mivate correspondence or conversation.
 - 5. Morgan, private correspondence or conversation.

All stars not designated as due to one of the above sources were classified at the Perkins Observatory on the MK system.

- * Stars noted by asterisks:
 - 6. ϕ Cas: The extent of line broadening by axial rotation as against turbulence is unknown.
 - 17. L Cas: Peculiar A star of the strontium type. The spectral type is due to Morgan (1943).
 - 22. τ Per: Composite spectrum. The K-line is somewhat weaker than H, and H δ appears fuzzy. The early type component is probably of type A, while the late type component appears to be a giant in the neighborhood of G5.
 - Y Per: Composite spectrum. A5 + G5III, according to Morgan (1943). 23.
 - ζ Eri: Metallic-line star: A2 K-line and A7 metallic spectrum. 25.
 - HR 1129: Composite spectrum. Approximately A1 + G2III. 28.
 - 33. 52 Per: Composite spectrum. Approximately A2 + G5Ib.
 - w Tau: Metallic-line star: A2 K-line and F2 metallic spectrum. 36.
 - 58 Per: Composite spectrum. A-type star + G5Ib-II. 45.
 - 88 Tau: Metallic-line star: A3 K-line and A7 metallic spectrum. 46.
 - 52. \in Aur: The extent of line broadening by axial rotation as against turbulence is unknown.
 - Aur: Metallic-line star: A4 K-line and F2 metallic spectrum. 58.
 - Metallic spectrum corresponds approximately to an FOV star, but the Balmer lines are too weak for this type, while the K-line is similar to 68. 38 Gem: that of an A8 star.
 - ζ Gem: Cepheid variable, P = 10.15 days. The spectrum, taken October 11.45, 70. 1953, is that of an F9Ib star.
 - 81.
 - 15 UMa: Metallic-line star: A2 K-line and F2 metallic spectrum. 84.
 - 85. τ UMa: Metallic-line star: A5 K-line and F6 metallic spectrum.
 - Composite spectrum. Approximately A2 + F6II-III, according to Morgan 92. • Leo: (1943).
 - 105. ¥ UMa(A+B): Both components are spectroscopic binaries, with periods of 669 and 4 days, respectively. The lines appear single and sharp on the Perkins plate.
 - 93 Leo: Composite spectrum. A + G5III-IV, approximately. The K-line is slight 107. ly weaker than H , and HS appears fuzzy.
 - 12 Com: Composite spectrum. Approximately A5 + G5III. The spectrum is similar to that of 93 Leo, but the A-type spectrum is weaker in the latter star. 110. Herbig and Miss Turner (1953) have made a very careful study of this system, and conclude that the components have spectral types of A3V and GOIII-IV.

NOTES TO TABLE 2 (Continued)

117.		20	CVn:	Mg II 4481 is abnormally strong.
124.		12	Boo:	Two spectra visible on the Perkins plate; both sets of lines are quite sharp.
135.		ß	CrB:	Peculiar A-F star, of the chromium-suropium type. The spectral type is due to Morgan (1943).
152.		vt	Dra:	Metallic-line star: A4 K-line and A7 metallic spectrum.
153.		ν²	Dra:	Metallic-line star: A2 K-line and F2 metallic spectrum.
165.	5	L yr (br):	Metallic-line star: A4 K-line and FO metallic spectrum.
169.		113	Her:	Composite spectrum. Approximately A5 + G5III.
177.		15	Vul:	Metallic-line star: A6 K-line and F2 metallic spectrum.
180.		° ²	Cyg:	Composite spectrum. The late type component is about K5Ib-II, according to P.C. Keenan (private conversation).
183.		θ	Cep:	Metallic-line star: A6 K-line and F2 metallic spectrum.
184.		47	Cyg:	Composite spectrum. The late type component is about K4Ib, according to P.C. Keenan (private conversation).
188.		μ	Aqr:	Metallic-line star: A4 K-line and F2 metallic spectrum.
189.		Y	Equ	Peculiar A-F star, of the strontium-europium type. The spectral type is due to Morgan (1943).
192.		æ	Equ :	Composite spectrum. A + G5 giant, according to Morgan (1943). Deutsch (1954) has made a study of this system and arrives at a similar class-ification.
199.	¥	Cep(br):	Metallic-line star: A2 K-line and F2 metallic spectrum.
203. Z	ζ Αα	lt (4	+B):	The rotational velocity given is an upper limit for the more rapidly rotating component. Herbig and Spalding (1955) find the two components to be rotating at the same speed: each with a v sin $i = 75$ Km/sec.
208.		π	Cep:	The present rotational velocity (25 Km/sec) is considerably smaller than that of 70 Km/sec originally announced for this star (Slettebak 1953), but still somewhat larger than that of ≤ 15 Km/sec, given by Herbig and Spalding (1955).
214.		م	Cas:	According to P.C. Keenan (private conversation) the type of this irregular variable star at the time of writing (September, 1954) is approximately GOIap.

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tors are possible. Figure 2 illustrates a comparison of the present data with that of Miss Westgate (1933b) for 53 A-type stars in common. As in similar comparisons with Miss Westgate for the B2–B5 and B8–A2 stars, a scale difference is present, in the sense that the present values run somewhat higher than those of Miss Westgate.

A comparison with the values of Huang (1953) for 104 stars in common is shown in Figure 3, where Huang's parameter γ is set equal to 2 in converting his line widths to rotational velocities. A scale difference is also evident in this comparison, in the sense that the present values run somewhat lower than those of Huang for small and intermediate values of $v \sin i$, while the agreement is better for large values. A similar tendency was found in comparing the values of Slettebak and Howard (1955) with those of Huang



FIG. 2.—A comparison of rotational velocities measured at Perkins with those measured by Miss Westgate for 53 A-type stars in common.

(1953) for the B2–B5 stars. Also, in a comparison of their values with those of Huang for the F0–K5 stars, Herbig and Spalding (1955) find a similar scale difference and conclude that Huang's rotational velocities can be reduced to the scale of their paper by using $\gamma \simeq 1.4$. In a recent conversation, Dr. Huang informed the writer that his parameter γ should probably be given the value 1.25 for small velocities and 2 for large velocities in reducing his line widths to values of $v \sin i$.

Figure 4 illustrates a final comparison: between the present rotational velocities and those of Herbig and Spalding (1955) for 30 stars in common (stars with rotational velocities expressed as upper limits by either investigator were not plotted). The scatter is rather small, but a scale difference may be present in the sense that the present values run lower than those of Herbig and Spalding for $v \sin i$'s up to about 110 km/sec and somewhat higher for values in excess of this. The latter conclusion is quite uncertain, however, in view of the small number of stars in common.

NOTE ADDED FEBRUARY 12, 1955.—At the time this manuscript was submitted, the writer was not aware of the work of J. B. Oke and Jesse L. Greenstein on the rotational velocities of A-, F-, and G-type giant stars (Ap. J., 120, 384, 1954), which was then in

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press. I am indebted to Dr. Greenstein for sending me a copy of this paper in advance of publication. A comparison between $v \sin i$'s as determined from high-dispersion plates by Oke and Greenstein with those of the present paper for 19 stars in common shows excellent agreement. The only two stars for which any discrepancy exists are γ Herculis and β Coronae Borealis, for which Oke and Greenstein obtained 171 and 43 km/sec, respectively, while the writer found 140 and <25 km/sec.

2. THE SPECTRAL TYPES

A comparison between the writer's spectral types and luminosity classes and those of Miss Roman is possible for 25 common F- and G-type stars. Of these, 3 were classified by Miss Roman (1952) on the MK system, while the others were classified by her (1950) on the MKK system. The latter have been converted to the MK system by changing luminosity class III to IV and IV to IV-V for the F2-F8 stars (see Johnson and Morgan 1953; Roman 1952). The results of the comparison are shown in Figure 5. The agreement



FIG. 3.—A comparison of rotational velocities measured at Perkins with those measured by Huang for 104 stars in common.

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is quite satisfactory, although there may be a tendency for the writer's types to run somewhat earlier than Miss Roman's for spectral type F5 and earlier.

Unfortunately, no comparison is possible between the writer's spectral types and luminosity classes and those of other investigators for the A3–A7 stars. These were by far the most difficult to classify among the A3–G0 stars, particularly with regard to



FIG. 4.—A comparison of rotational velocities measured at Perkins with those measured by Herbig and Spalding for 30 stars in common.



FIG. 5.—A comparison of spectral types and luminosity classes estimated at Perkins with those of Miss Roman for 25 F- and G-type stars in common.

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luminosity class. As has been pointed out by Morgan (Johnson and Morgan 1953), an indeterminateness exists between luminosity classes IV and V at type A7 for stars with very broad lines, and the writer feels that the same holds true for the A3–A5 stars.

V. DISCUSSION

1. THE MAIN-SEQUENCE STARS

Seventy-four of the 215 stars considered were judged to be normal main-sequence stars in the range A3–G0. In addition, 13 normal main-sequence stars of types A3 and A5 as classified in the writer's B8–A2 rotation paper (1954) were included in the following discussion, making a total of 87.

The sample is not overwhelmingly large, and it was therefore not possible to group them by individual spectral types in order to study the variation of axial rotation along the main sequence with the maximum resolution. The stars have, instead, been grouped to give an indication of axial rotation along the main sequence for the middle A types, the early F types, the middle F types, and the late F types. The results are tabulated in Table 3, where the mean true rotational velocity, \bar{v} , is $4/\pi$ times the mean observed

Spectral	Luminos	SITY	LUMINOSITY		Spectral	LUMINOSITY		LUMINOSITY	
Types	Class	V	CLASSES III, IV		Types	CLASS V		CLASSES III, IV	
11125	v (Km/Sec)	N	\overline{v} (Km/Sec)	N		\overline{v} (Km/Sec)	N	v (Km/Sec)	N
A3–A7	173	37	202	24	F3–F6	31	14	67	14
A9–F2	87	15	125	26	F7–G0	<25	21	34	8

TABLE 3

AXIAL ROTATION IN THE NORMAL A3-G0 STARS

rotational velocity, $v \sin i$, allowing for the effect of the random distribution of rotational axes (Chandrasekhar and Münch 1950). Those stars which are designated as having rotational velocities <25 km/sec in Table 2 have been arbitrarily assigned a $v \sin i$ of 10 km/sec in forming the means in Table 3, as well as elsewhere in this paper.

Despite the rather small number of stars used in forming the means, there is no doubt that axial rotation decreases along the main sequence from the middle A-type stars to the late F-type and early G-type stars, as is generally known. The writer found no mainsequence star with a $v \sin i$ greater than 35 km/sec later than F4. The main-sequence star of latest spectral type which still showed a measurable $v \sin i$ was the F7 star θ Bootis (30 km/sec). Herbig and Spalding (1953, 1955) have considered stars as late as K5 and have reached substantially the same conclusion (the main-sequence star of latest spectral type for which they find measurable axial rotation is the F8 star, 111 Tauri, with $v \sin i = 25$ km/sec).

2. THE STARS OF INTERMEDIATE LUMINOSITY

Sixty-four stars in Table 2 were classified as being of intermediate luminosity in the range A3–G0. In addition, 8 A3 stars of intermediate luminosity from the writer's B8–A2 rotation paper (1954) are included in the following discussion, making a total of 72 stars. Stars of intermediate luminosity refer to those having luminosity classes II–III, III, III–IV, and IV. This grouping is necessitated by the small number of stars available. The stars of luminosity class II are considered separately with the supergiants in the following section. The stars of luminosity class IV–V are not included in the statistical discussion at all, nor are those four A-type stars with such pronounced line broadening that their luminosity classes are indeterminate.

Table 3 lists the mean true rotational velocities for the A3–G0 stars of intermediate luminosity, grouped by spectral types in the same manner as was done for the main-sequence stars. Two conclusions can be drawn:

a) Axial rotation decreases from the middle A-type to the late F-type stars of intermediate luminosity, just as it does for the main-sequence stars, but it appears to persist to later spectral types for the former. Extreme examples are the F8 IV star, v Pegasi (85 km/sec), and the G0 III star, 31 Comae (70 km/sec); and, with less certainty, the G2 III star, π Cephei (25 km/sec). This effect was pointed out earlier by Herbig and Spalding (1955) and by Slettebak (1953; 1954, n. 14).

b) The stars of intermediate luminosity have generally greater axial rotation than the corresponding main-sequence stars among the F-type stars. This was pointed out earlier by Herbig and Spalding (1953, 1955) and by Slettebak (1953; 1954, n. 14). Still earlier, Greenstein (1953) noted that broad lines are very common among A5 III-F5 III stars, and Herbig and Miss Turner (1953) pointed out that only a minority of giant stars in the interval F5-G2 have sharp lines.

Among the middle A-type stars, the dependence of axial rotation on luminosity is less clear. Table 3 shows that the stars of intermediate luminosity have somewhat greater axial rotation than the main-sequence stars; but this must be viewed with caution, in view of the difficulty of luminosity classification in the middle A-type stars. It is probably safe to say that the main-sequence stars and the stars of intermediate luminosity have about the same axial rotation in the middle A-type stars.

3. THE LUMINOUS GIANT AND SUPERGIANT STARS

Twenty-seven stars in Table 2 are of luminosity classes Ia, Ib, and II. Of these, it can only be said that none have very large line broadening; a complete study of these stars requires higher dispersion than that used in this investigation (see Herbig and Spalding 1955).

Line broadening was noted in a few luminous giant and supergiant stars, however. Among the luminosity class II stars, the F2 star, 22 Andromedae, and the F5 star, ν Persei, have broadened lines corresponding to rotational velocities of 40 and 30 km/sec, respectively. The F0 Ia stars, ϵ Aurigae and ϕ Cas, have broadened lines corresponding to $v \sin i$'s of 30 and ≤ 25 km/sec, respectively. The determinations for the latter two stars were based on weak lines, since the strong lines appear to be largely turbulencebroadened. Incidentally, it should be pointed out that the assignment of $v \sin i$'s to all stars of these luminosity classes is only to indicate the degree of line broadening; the extent of line broadening by axial rotation as against other broadening agents is uncertain.

4. THE METALLIC-LINE STARS

Fourteen metallic-line stars are included among the 215 stars listed in Table 2. The mean true rotational velocity, \bar{v} , of the group is 57 km/sec. This is in good agreement with the corresponding value for the 6 metallic-line stars included in the writer's B8-A2 rotation paper (1954): 51 km/sec. The conclusion reached earlier that the metallic-line stars as a group are characterized by rather small axial rotation still stands.

5. THE PECULIAR A STARS

Only three peculiar A stars are included in the present sample, and, of these, only ι Cassiopeiae has a measurable rotational velocity: 55 km/sec. When these 3 peculiar A stars are added to the 16 studied in the writer's B8–A2 rotation investigation (1954), a value of 48 km/sec for \bar{v} is found for the group. The conclusion remains that the peculiar A-type stars have small axial rotation as a group, although values of $v \sin i$ up to 100 km/sec have been measured for individual stars.

6. THE STARS WITH COMPOSITE SPECTRA

Twelve stars in Table 2 have composite spectra, showing an A-type plus a late-type component. Of these, 11 were known previously, and 1, 93 Leonis, was found on Perkins plates.

The rotational velocities listed for these stars in Table 2 refer in all cases to the latetype component. It can be said quite generally that no significant line broadening was visible for the late-type components of any of these composite systems. The A-type components were detectable in general by a weakening of the broad K line of the late-type component and a strengthening of the Balmer lines in the composite spectrum. In some cases the A-type component showed a sharp K line superimposed on the broad K line of the late-type component, which made possible a rough classification of the A-type star. A determination of the rotational velocities of the A-type components for these systems was not possible with the present observational material.

7. THE STRONG- AND WEAK-LINE STARS

Miss Roman (1950, 1952) has distinguished spectroscopically two groups of stars in the spectral range F5–G5, the strong- and weak-line stars, and has pointed out that these differ in their space-velocity characteristics. Sixty-two stars in Table 2 have been classified by Miss Roman as belonging to one of these two groups: 33 weak-line stars and 29 strong-line stars. All degrees of line broadening are found in both groups, although the strong-line stars have a few more rapidly rotating stars. A value of $\bar{v} = 37$ km/sec was obtained for the strong-line stars, as compared with 24 km/sec for the weak-line stars; but this difference is not significant, since no attempt was made to divide the stars into spectral types and luminosity classes, because of the small sample available. The conclusion that there is no significant difference in axial rotation between the strong- and weak-line stars had also been reached earlier by Herbig and Spalding (1953, 1955) and by Slettebak (1953). The limitations of the relatively low dispersion used in this paper should be kept in mind, however, in evaluating this conclusion.

VI. SUMMARY AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

Including the 215 A3–G0 stars considered in this investigation, a total of 579 stars in the range of *Henry Draper* spectral types B2–G0 have been studied with respect to axial rotation and spectral type by the writer. Of these, 427 were treated in statistical discussions of the relation between axial rotation and spectral type and luminosity class. The latter stars were all judged to be normal in the sense that they could be located uniquely on the H-R diagram. Figure 6 summarizes these results: values of the mean true rotational velocity, \bar{v} , are listed for the various groups of stars considered, on a diagram in which bolometric absolute magnitude is plotted against the logarithm of the effective temperature. The following conclusions can be drawn:

1. On the main sequence, axial rotation appears to reach a maximum for the middle B-type stars, decreasing gradually through the middle A-type stars. Near F0, the rotational velocities drop rather sharply and are very small for the middle F-type stars. The main-sequence stars of late F type and later have little or no axial rotation.

2. The variation of axial rotation with luminosity class is a function of spectral type. In the B1-A2 range, the main-sequence stars have greater axial rotation than the stars of intermediate luminosity. Among the A3-A7 stars, the two groups probably have about the same axial rotation. In the range F0-G0, the stars of intermediate luminosity are characterized by greater axial rotation than the corresponding main-sequence stars.

3. There is a tendency for axial rotation to persist to later spectral types for the stars of intermediate luminosity, as compared with the main-sequence stars.

It is the hope of the writer that the results presented in Figure 6 may be of interest

to workers in the field of stellar evolution. With regard to the numbers listed there, however, the following should be remembered:

1. The samples considered for some of the groups of stars are small. Later investigations with more stars may change some of the \bar{v} 's considerably.

2. Figure 6 is the result of three separate investigations. Although the writer checked various groups of stars against one another, the possibility remains of systematic differences in the rotational velocities of the groups considered.

3. The accuracy of spectral type and luminosity classifications varies across the H-R diagram. In the opinion of the writer, the most accurate classifications are those for the B1-B6 and F0-G0 stars. Without question, the B8-A7 stars are the most difficult to classify, particularly for luminosity class. The values of \bar{v} for the latter range should therefore be considered the most uncertain and subject to change.

A few remarks concerning further observational work on stellar axial rotation might be appropriate. In the range of spectral types considered by the writer, larger samples



FIG. 6.—The variation of stellar axial rotation across the M_{bol} versus log T_{\bullet} diagram, as determined from measured rotational velocities of 427 normal B1–G0 stars. The values of the mean true rotational velocities, \bar{v} , are listed for each group of stars, and the numbers of stars discussed in each group are given in parentheses.

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and a finer resolution into spectral types and luminosity classes would be very desirable. The major observational problem is not so much the rotational velocities (which can be estimated rather rapidly, as well as accurately, by visual means) as it is the accurate classification into spectral types and luminosity classes, as Herbig and Spalding (1955) have pointed out. Outside the range of spectral types considered by the writer, the latetype stars to spectral class K5 have been investigated by Herbig and Spalding (1955), but more work is necessary for the O-type and early B-type stars. Although line broadening is observed for stars of all luminosity classes in this region, the role of axial rotation as a broadening agent is still uncertain. Until it can be distinguished from largescale turbulence and any other broadening agents which may play a role, it will be difficult to arrive at any statistical analysis of axial rotation in these stars.

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