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Propositions accompanying the thesis Spinning Worlds

1. High-dispersion spectroscopy has the potential to unambigously detect a temperature inversion in the atmosphere of a hot Jupiter.

(Chapter 2)

2. The projected rotational velocities of directly imaged exoplanets can be measured by combining techniques of high-contrast imaging and highdispersion spectroscopy.

(Chapters 3, 4 & 5)

3. GQ Lupi b is a slow rotator compared to objects of comparable mass, and this is likely related to the young age of the system.

(Chapter 3)

- 4. The first five substellar companions with measurements of $v \sin(i)$ show a correlation with age. (Chapters 3, 4 & 5)
- 5. Studies of planetary spin may reveal clues to the formation and dynamical evolution of exoplanets.
- 6. The mass ratio between the primary and the secondary should be the decisive parameter for when a substellar companion is considered an exoplanet.
- 7. AO-assisted high-resolution infrared spectrographs will play a major role in characterising exoplanets in the near future.
- 8. Statistical analysis with small samples is like making astronomical observations with binoculars.
- 9. Astronomy is a philosophic endeavour.
- 10. A University campus should provide the opportunity to purchase healthy nutrition from early morning to late evening.
- 11. To survive a PhD, one must remember to live.

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