Answer on Question #81515 Physics / Classical Mechanics

Express the Planck radiation formula in terms of wavelength.

Solution:

The Planck spectral radiance of blackbodies in frequency form

$$B_{\nu}(T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{k_BT}} - 1}$$

The spectral radiance in wavelength form

$$B_{\lambda}(T) = B_{\nu}(T) \left| \frac{d\nu}{d\lambda} \right|$$

Since

$$v = \frac{c}{\lambda}, \qquad dv = -\frac{c}{\lambda^2} d\lambda$$

we get

$$B_{\lambda}(T) = \frac{2h\left(\frac{c}{\lambda}\right)^{3}}{c^{2}} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h_{\lambda}^{c}}{\lambda}} - 1} \left| -\frac{c}{\lambda^{2}} \right|$$
$$= \frac{2hc^{2}}{\lambda^{5}} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda k_{B}T}} - 1}$$

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