



Consider  $I_\nu$  passing through  $dA$  in the normal direction  $\hat{n}$ .

(1)

By definition 
$$I_\nu = \frac{dE}{dA d\Omega dt dv}$$

so 
$$\frac{d}{ds}(I_\nu) = \frac{dE}{\underbrace{dA ds}_{dV} d\Omega dt dv} = \frac{dE}{dV d\Omega dt dv}$$

The total change in  $I_\nu$  along  $ds$  must be due to emission, absorption, and/or scattering along  $ds$  direction.

We define two new quantities

$j_\nu$  = Emissivity Coefficient = rate of energy emitted per Hz at frequency  $\nu$  ~~rate~~ per solid angle  $d\Omega$  per unit volume

$$j_\nu = \frac{dE}{dV d\Omega dt dv} \quad \text{erg} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{ster}^{-1} \cdot \text{Hz}^{-1}$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = + j_\nu$  is intensity added to beam

$\alpha_\nu$  = Absorption Coefficient = proportional to number of photons absorbed along line of sight  $ds$  per  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$

Define 
$$\frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = - \alpha_\nu I_\nu$$
 is intensity taken out of beam

1D Radiative Transfer Equation

$$\frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = j_\nu - \alpha_\nu I_\nu$$
  

$$\text{erg} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3} \cdot \text{ster}^{-1} \cdot \text{Hz}^{-1}$$

If we divide both sides by  $\alpha_\nu$ , we define 2 new quantities:

$$\frac{dI_\nu}{\alpha_\nu ds} = \frac{j_\nu}{\alpha_\nu} - I_\nu \implies \frac{dI_\nu}{d\tau_\nu} = S_\nu - I_\nu$$

↑  
Optical depth
↑  
Source Function

① Optical Depth:  $\tau$

$$d\tau_\nu \equiv \alpha_\nu ds$$

$$\tau_\nu = \int_0^L \alpha_\nu(s) ds$$

$\text{cm}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm} = \text{UNITLESS}$   
total path length

↑  
Optical Depth is unitless

② SOURCE FUNCTION:  $S_\nu$

$$S_\nu \equiv \frac{j_\nu}{\alpha_\nu}$$

same units as  $I_\nu$ !  
erg · s<sup>-1</sup> · cm<sup>-2</sup> · ster<sup>-1</sup> · Hz<sup>-1</sup>

Consider the case of thermodynamic equilibrium:

Now  $I_\nu = B_\nu(T)$  Planck Function

Thermodynamic equilibrium  $\implies \frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = 0 \implies I_\nu = B_\nu(T) = \text{CONST}$

$$0 = j_\nu - \alpha_\nu B_\nu(T)$$

$$B_\nu(T) = \frac{j_\nu}{\alpha_\nu} \quad \text{Kirchoff's law}$$

Means ~~with a~~ emission & absorption are in balance ( $\frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = 0$ )  
with a ~~Planck~~ source function = Planck Function.

# FORMAL 1D solution with Emission & Absorption

$$\frac{dI_\nu}{d\tau_\nu} = S_\nu - I_\nu$$

This is a linear 1<sup>st</sup> order diffy Q

Integrating factor is  $e^{\int_0^{\tau_\nu} +1 d\tau'_\nu} = e^{+\tau_\nu}$

$$e^{\tau_\nu} \frac{dI_\nu}{d\tau_\nu} + e^{\tau_\nu} I_\nu = e^{\tau_\nu} S_\nu$$

NOTE:  $\frac{d}{d\tau_\nu} [e^{\tau_\nu} I_\nu] = e^{\tau_\nu} \frac{dI_\nu}{d\tau_\nu} + e^{\tau_\nu} I_\nu$

Let's Define temporarily  $\mathcal{I} \equiv e^{\tau_\nu} I_\nu$ :

$$\int_{\mathcal{I}(0)}^{\mathcal{I}(\tau_\nu)} d\mathcal{I} = \int_0^{\tau_\nu} e^{\tau'_\nu} S_\nu(\tau'_\nu) d\tau'_\nu$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\tau_\nu) = \mathcal{I}(0) + \int_0^{\tau_\nu} e^{\tau'_\nu} S_\nu(\tau'_\nu) d\tau'_\nu$$

TOTAL OPTICAL DEPTH = CONST

① Substitute for  $\mathcal{I} = e^{\tau_\nu} I_\nu$  and ② Multiply equation by  $e^{-\tau_\nu}$

$$I_\nu(\tau_\nu) = I_\nu(0) e^{-\tau_\nu} + \int_0^{\tau_\nu} e^{-(\tau_\nu - \tau'_\nu)} S_\nu(\tau'_\nu) d\tau'_\nu$$

CONSIDER CASE of  $S_\nu(\tau'_\nu) = \text{CONST} = S_\nu$

$$I_\nu(\tau_\nu) = I_\nu(0) e^{-\tau_\nu} + S_\nu \int_0^{\tau_\nu} e^{-(\tau_\nu - \tau'_\nu)} d\tau'_\nu$$

Let  $x = -(\tau_\nu - \tau'_\nu) \Rightarrow dx = d\tau'_\nu$  [Remember:  $\tau_\nu$  is a CONST = TOTAL OPTICAL DEPTH!]

$$\int_0^{\tau_\nu} e^{-(\tau_\nu - \tau'_\nu)} d\tau'_\nu = \int_{-\tau_\nu}^0 e^x dx = 1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}$$

$$I_\nu = I_\nu(0) e^{-\tau_\nu} + S_\nu (1 - e^{-\tau_\nu})$$