

Integrating the Planck Fctn.

$$B(T) = \frac{2h}{c^2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\nu^3 d\nu}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1}$$

Let $x = h\nu/kT \Rightarrow \nu = \frac{kT}{h} \cdot x \Rightarrow d\nu = \frac{kT}{h} dx$

$$B(T) = \frac{2h}{c^2} \cdot \left(\frac{kT}{h}\right)^4 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 dx}{e^x - 1} \quad \leftarrow \text{Let's integrate this function}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 dx}{e^x - 1} \times \frac{e^{-x}}{e^{-x}} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 e^{-x}}{1 - e^{-x}} dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-x} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - e^{-x}} dx$$

Remember that $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$

so $\frac{1}{1-e^{-x}} = 1 + e^{-x} + e^{-2x} + e^{-3x} + \dots$

So our integral becomes $\int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-x} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-nx} dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^3 \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-nx} dx$
 $\times e^x$ into sum

Let's look @ each term in sum (we can do this because each term in the sum is a convergent integral).

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-nx} dx \quad \text{Let } u = nx \Rightarrow x = \frac{u}{n} \Rightarrow dx = \frac{du}{n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^4} \int_0^{\infty} u^3 e^{-u} du$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(4)}{n^4} = \frac{6}{n^4}$$

NOTE: $\Gamma(z) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} x^{z-1} e^{-x} dx$ (GAMMA FUNCTION)
 $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$

Now we put back the sum so the total integral equals:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3}{e^x - 1} dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6}{n^4} = 6 \cdot \zeta(4) = 6 \cdot \frac{\pi^4}{90}$$

NOTE: $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$ (Riemann Zeta Function)

$$B(T) = \frac{2\pi^4 k^4}{15c^2 h^3} T^4 \quad \text{erg} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{ster}^{-1}$$