

Derive Wien's displacement formula Law
for distribution of energy in the
spectrum emitted by a blackbody.

Wien's Displacement Law ∴ The Planck's radiation formula is

$$u_{\lambda} d\lambda = \frac{8\pi hc}{\lambda^5} \frac{d\lambda}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}$$

$$\text{or, } u_{\lambda} = 8\pi hc (\lambda^{-5}) (e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1)^{-1}$$

To find the wavelength at which the spectral radiance is max^m , we put

$$\frac{du_{\lambda}}{d\lambda} = 0$$

that is

$$8\pi hc \left[-5(\lambda^{-6}) (e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1)^{-1} + \lambda^{-5} (-1) (e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1)^{-2} \right]$$

$$e^{hc/\lambda kT} \left(\frac{-hc}{\lambda^2 kT} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{5}{\lambda} = (e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1)^{-1} e^{hc/\lambda kT} \frac{hc}{\lambda^2 kT}$$

$$\text{or, } 5 = \frac{hc}{\lambda kT} \frac{e^{hc/\lambda kT}}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}$$

putting $\frac{hc}{\lambda kT} = x$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= \frac{x e^x}{e^x - 1} \\ &= \frac{x}{1 - e^{-x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{x}{\delta} + e^{-x} = 1$$

This equation has a single root given by $x = 4.965$, and therefore x must be a constant. That is

$$\frac{hc}{\lambda kT} = 4.965$$

Therefore, the wavelength λ_m at which the spectral radiance per unit range of wavelength has its max^m value is given by

$$\lambda_m T = \frac{hc}{4.965 k} = b \text{ (say).}$$