

Lecture - 3 Blackbody

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Density of Modes

Jeans Cube

$$A \sin(kx - \omega t) + A \sin(kx + \omega t) \\ = 2A \sin kx \cos(\omega t)$$

At $x=L$ it is 0. $kL = n\pi$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}\right) L = n\pi$$

$$k_y = n_y \frac{\pi}{L}, \quad k_z = n_z \frac{\pi}{L}, \quad k_x = n_x \frac{\pi}{L}$$

n_x, n_y, n_z positive integers.

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{2\pi}{c} \nu$$

$$g(k) dk = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left(\frac{2\pi}{c} \nu\right)^2 \cdot \frac{2\pi}{c} d\nu$$

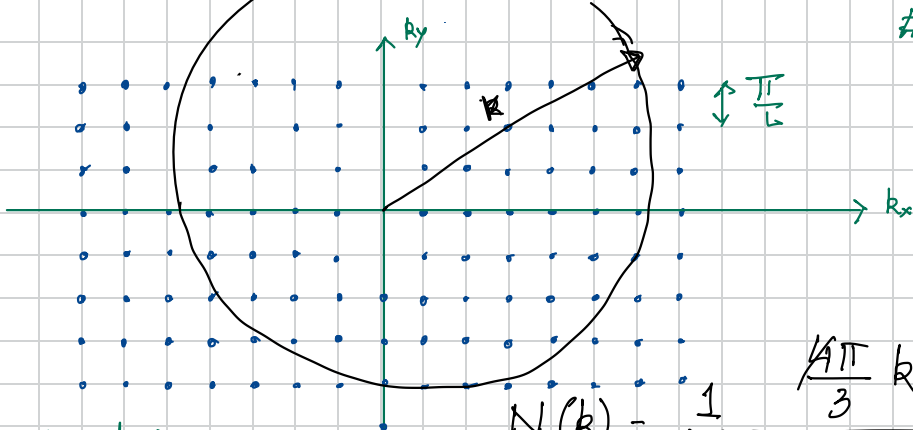
$$g(\nu) d\nu = \frac{8\pi}{c^3} \nu^2 d\nu$$

$$U_\nu d\nu = \langle \epsilon \rangle \frac{1}{\pi^2} \frac{8\pi}{c^3} d\nu$$

$$= \left[\frac{8\pi}{c^3} k_B T \right]$$

Rayleigh-
Jeans

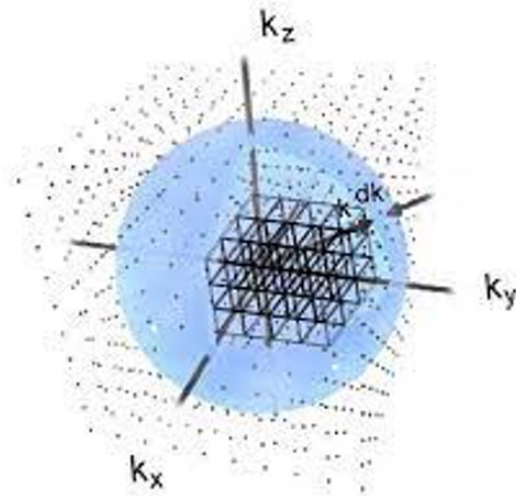
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Each state 2 polarization.
 1-state $\left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^3$ in k-space
 Count only positive quadrant

$$N(k) = \frac{1}{8} \frac{\frac{4\pi}{3} k^3}{\left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^3} \cdot 2$$

$$\frac{N(k)}{L^3} = \frac{k^3}{3\pi^2}$$



$$g(k) dk = \frac{d}{dk} \left(\frac{k^3}{3\pi^2} \right) dk$$

$$g(k) dk = \frac{k^2}{\pi^2} dk$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} E e^{-E/k_B T} dE}{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-E/k_B T} dE}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k_B T} \int_0^{\infty} E e^{-E/k_B T} dE$$

$$= \frac{(k_B T)^2}{k_B T} = \boxed{k_B T}$$

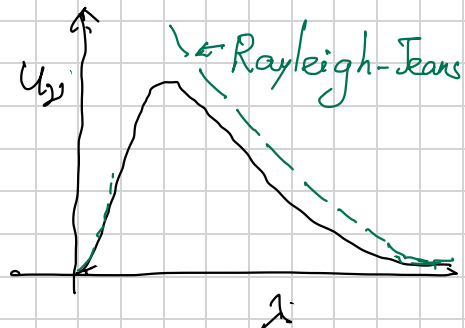
$$f(E) = C e^{-E/k_B T} \quad \#3(3/8)$$

Normalize.

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(E) dE = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

$$U_{\nu} = \frac{8\pi}{c^3} \nu^2 k_B T$$



Planck's Proposal

$$E_n = \hbar \omega$$

Discrete

Ultra-violet catastrophe

Need to find. $\langle E_n \rangle$ Average Energy

Integer, h a fitting parameter.

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Modes in a cavity.

- Only standing waves possible in eq'lbrm.

$$y_{\text{net}} = A \sin(kx - \omega t) + A \sin(kx + \omega t)$$

$$= 2A \sin(kx) \cos \omega t$$

At edges it vanishes $\therefore k_x L = n_x \pi$

$$\Rightarrow k_x = \frac{\pi}{L} n_x, \quad n_x \text{ +ve integ}$$

Similarly $k_y = \frac{\pi}{L} n_y, \quad k_z = \frac{\pi}{L} n_z$

Alternative:

$$dN = \frac{4\pi k^2 dk}{\left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^3} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{1}{8}$$

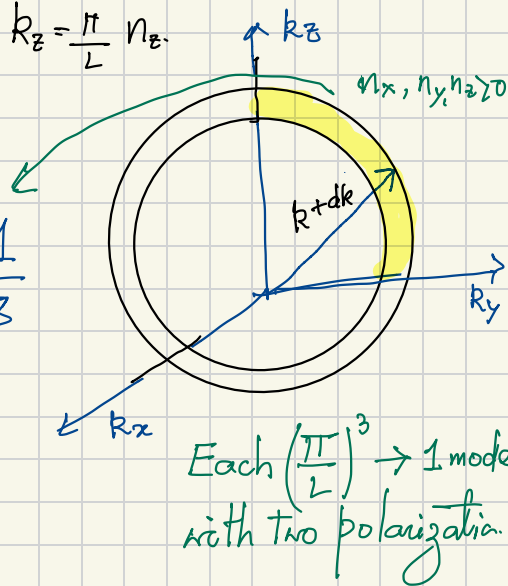
$$= V \frac{k^2}{\pi^2} dk$$

$$\frac{dN}{V} = \frac{k^2}{\pi^2} dk$$

$$g(k) dk = \frac{k^2}{\pi^2} dk \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} k &= \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{c} \nu \\ dk &= \frac{2\pi}{c} d\nu \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left(\frac{2\pi}{c}\right)^2 \nu^2 \cdot \left(\frac{2\pi}{c}\right) d\nu$$

$$= \frac{8\pi}{c^3} \nu^2 d\nu$$



No. of modes between ν and $\nu + d\nu$

$$= \frac{8\pi}{c^3} \nu^2 d\nu$$

Average energy of oscillators.

$$\langle \epsilon \rangle = \frac{\int \epsilon e^{-\epsilon/k_B T} d\epsilon}{\int e^{-\epsilon/k_B T} d\epsilon}$$

$$= \frac{(k_B T)^2}{k_B T} = k_B T$$

• Justified on the basis of Equipart

$$u(\nu) = \frac{8\pi}{c^3} \nu^2 (k_B T)$$

Rayleigh
&
Jeans.

Note

- U_ν diverges as $\nu \rightarrow \infty$
- OK for long-wavelength limit

Planck's proposal

$$E_n = n h \nu$$

f_n : Probability of occupation.

$$\langle E \rangle = \sum_n E_n f_n \quad \leftarrow \text{Average Energy}$$

$$f_n = c' e^{-n h \nu / k_B T}$$

$$\sum_n f_n = 1 \Rightarrow c'$$

Normalization

$$\sum_n f_n = c' \sum_n e^{-n x}$$

$$x = \frac{h \nu}{k_B T}$$

$$= c' [1 + e^{-x} + (e^{-x})^2 + (e^{-x})^3 + \dots]$$

$$= \frac{c'}{1 - e^{-x}} \Rightarrow c' = (1 - e^{-h \nu / k_B T})$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle E \rangle &= \sum_n E_n f_n = \left(1 - e^{-h\nu/k_B T}\right) h\nu \sum_n n e^{-n x} \\
 &= \left(1 - e^{-h\nu/k_B T}\right) h\nu \left[e^{-x} + 2(e^{-x})^2 + 3(e^{-x})^3 + \dots \right] \\
 &= \left(1 - e^{-h\nu/k_B T}\right) h\nu \left\{ -\frac{d}{dx} \left[e^{-x} + (e^{-x})^2 + (e^{-x})^3 + \dots \right] \right\} \\
 &= \left[\frac{d}{dx} (1 - e^{-x})^{-1} \right] \\
 &= \frac{h\nu}{e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$U_{\nu} = \frac{8\pi}{c^3} \nu^2 \frac{h\nu}{e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1}$$

Excellent Agreement

- For ν small i.e. $h\nu \ll k_B T$ quanta inconsequ. number of states within $k_B T$ large \Rightarrow continuous approx. ok.
- If $h\nu \gg k_B T$: spacing is crucial

Example:

$$e^{-6} \approx \frac{1}{403}$$

$$h\nu = 6 k_B T$$

$$\text{---} n=1$$

$$\text{---} n=0$$

At constant T , excitation probability diminishes exponentially with $\nu \uparrow$

In general: • if $h\nu \ll k_B T$ Classical
• if $h\nu \gg k_B T$ Quantum.

• or if $h \rightarrow 0$, $\sum_i \rightarrow \int$

Back to slides.

h is the quantum of Action!

- Quantum age was born. (14 Dec 1900?)
- Significance of h .
- Indicates a new statistics for Thermodynamics.

Attached: Class Slides.

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