

# Homework 3

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1. We can find the sum of all photons to be:

$$\sum \langle s_n \rangle = \sum \frac{1}{e^{\frac{\hbar \omega_n}{\tau}} - 1}$$

We know that in a cavity of volume  $V$ , the edge length is  $L$ , which means  $V = L^3$ . From here, we know  $\omega_n = \frac{n\pi c}{L}$ . Now, if we were to assume that  $n_x$ ,  $n_y$ , and  $n_z$  are in a positive octant, we can get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_n \frac{1}{e^{\frac{\hbar n \pi c}{L\tau}} - 1} &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{4\pi n^2}{e^{\frac{\hbar n \pi c}{L\tau}} - 1} \right) dn \\ &= \pi \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{4\pi n^2}{e^{\frac{\hbar n \pi c}{L\tau}} - 1} \right) dn \end{aligned}$$

If we perform a  $u$ -substitution, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{\hbar n \pi c}{L\tau} \\ du &= \frac{\hbar \pi c}{L\tau} dn \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this in, we get:

$$\pi \left( \frac{L\tau}{\hbar \pi c} \right)^3 \int_0^\infty \frac{u^2}{e^u - 1} du$$

Using a numerical solver, we find:

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{u^2}{e^u - 1} du = 2.404$$

Thus, we get:

$$N = \frac{L^3 \tau^3}{\pi^2 \hbar^3 c^3} (2.404)$$

We can simplify the  $L^3$  to get:

$$N = \frac{V \tau^3}{\pi^2 \hbar^3 c^3} (2.404)$$

Finding  $\frac{\sigma}{N}$ , we find:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sigma}{N} &= \left( \frac{4\pi^2 V \tau^3}{45 \hbar^3 c^3} \right) \left( \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^3 c^3}{V \tau^3 (2.404)} \right) \\ &= \frac{4\pi^4}{45} \\ &= 3.6017 \end{aligned}$$

2. (a) To find the surface energy production rate, we need to simply multiply the density by the surface area. This gives us:

$$\begin{aligned} 4\pi R^2 \cdot C_s &= 4\pi (1.49 \cdot 10^{11})^2 \cdot .136 \\ &= 3.794 \cdot 10^{22} \end{aligned}$$

We then need to convert the radius, which was in meters, to centimeters:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Energy rate} &= 3.794 \cdot 10^{22} \cdot (10^2)^2 \\ \text{Energy rate} &= 3.794 \cdot 10^{26} \left[ \frac{\text{J}}{\text{s}} \right] \\ \boxed{\text{Energy rate} &\approx 4 \cdot 10^{26} [\text{W}]} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) We first find the energy emission per unit area of the sun itself, using the radius provided:

$$\frac{4 \cdot 10^{26}}{4\pi (7 \cdot 10^{10})^2} = 6496.1 \left[ \frac{\text{W}}{\text{cm}^2} \right]$$

We know this value is equal to the Stefan-Boltzmann constant multiplied by the temperature to the power of four. From here, we can solve:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{6496.1}{5.67 \cdot 10^{-12}} &= T^4 \\ T^4 &= 1.1457 \cdot 10^{15} [\text{K}^4] \\ T &= 5,817.9 [\text{K}] \\ \boxed{T &\approx 6,000 [\text{K}]} \end{aligned}$$

4. (a) First we start off by finding the atomic mass difference when converting hydrogen to helium:

$$4(1.0078) - 4.0026 = .0286[\text{u}]$$

We then convert this value to kilograms:

$$.0286 \cdot \left( \frac{1.6726 \cdot 10^{-26}}{1.00727647} \right) = 4.79 \cdot 10^{-29}[\text{kg}]$$

We then plug this into Einstein's equation to find the energy:

$$4.79 \cdot 10^{-29} \cdot (3 \cdot 10^8)^2 = 4.27 \cdot 10^{-12}[\text{J}]$$

We then multiply this by the mass of the sun, divided by the quantity of 10% of the hydrogen to find the available energy:

$$E = (.1)(2 \cdot 10^{30}) \left( \frac{1}{4 \cdot 1.0078} \right) \left( \frac{1.00727647}{1.6726 \cdot 10^{-27}} \right) (4.27 \cdot 10^{-12}) = 1.277 \cdot 10^{44}[\text{J}]$$

- (b) We need to divide the amount from part (a), and divide it by the energy radiation rate:

$$\frac{1.277 \cdot 10^{44}}{4 \cdot 10^{26}} = 3.1925 \cdot 10^{17}[\text{s}]$$

We then convert seconds to years to find:

$$2.875 \cdot 10^{18} \cdot (3600)^{-1} \cdot (24)^{-1} \cdot (365)^{-1} = 1.012 \cdot 10^{10}[\text{yr}]$$

5. Setting up a ratio, we can find that:

$$R_{sun}^2 T_{sun}^4 = R_{earth}^2 T_{earth}^4$$

This gives us:

$$T_{earth} = T_{sun} \sqrt{\frac{R_{sun}}{R_{earth}}}$$

Plugging in our values, we get:

$$T_{earth} = 5800 \sqrt{\frac{7 \cdot 10^{10}}{1.5 \cdot 10^{13}}}$$

$$T_{earth} = 396.22[\text{K}]$$

6. (a) We know that in a “ $j$ -th” mode, the total energy can be described as:

$$U = \sum_j \varepsilon_j$$

For a harmonic, we can find that  $\varepsilon_j = s_j \hbar \omega_j$ :

$$U = \sum_j s_j \hbar \omega_j$$

Then, we know:

$$P = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}$$

Combining the two, we see:

$$P = -\sum_j s_j \hbar \frac{\partial \omega_j}{\partial V}$$

- (b) Since we know:

$$\omega_j = \frac{j\pi c}{L} \text{ and } V = L^3$$

We can combine the two to find:

$$\omega_j = \frac{j\pi c}{\sqrt[3]{V}}$$

Then, we differentiate:

$$\frac{\partial \omega_j}{\partial V} = -\frac{1}{3} j\pi c V^{-\frac{4}{3}}$$

This can be simplified to find:

$$\frac{\partial \omega_j}{\partial V} = -\frac{\omega_j}{3V}$$

- (c) Combining (a) and (b), we find:

$$P = \sum_j \frac{s_j \hbar \omega_j}{3V}$$

Which becomes:

$$P = \frac{U}{3V}$$

(d) We may use the formula:

$$P = \frac{Nk_B T}{V}$$

This would yield:

$$P = \underbrace{(6.022 \cdot 10^{23})}_{\text{molecules per volume}} \underbrace{(10^2)^3}_{\text{Boltzmann constant}} \underbrace{(1.381 \cdot 10^{-23})}_{\text{temperature}} (2 \cdot 10^7) = 1.6633 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ [Pa]}$$

Now, using the formula from (c)

$$P = \frac{3U}{V}$$

$$P = \frac{\pi^2 \tau^4}{(3)(15)\hbar^3 c^3}$$

To convert to temperatures, we use the multiply both sides by the Boltzmann constant:

$$\frac{\pi^2 k_B^4 T^4}{45 \hbar^3 c^3} = \frac{N k_B T}{V}$$

Simplifying, we find:

$$T = \sqrt[3]{\frac{45 \hbar^3 c^3 N}{\pi^2 k_B^3 V}}$$

$T = 3.2 \cdot 10^7 \text{ [K]}$