

# Planck's radiation law

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## Planck's radiation law (depending on frequency)

The energie density of radiation in the frequency interval  $\nu + d\nu$  at the temperature  $T$  is:

$$\rho(\nu, T) \cdot d\nu = \frac{8 \pi \cdot h \cdot \nu^3}{c^3} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h \cdot \nu}{k \cdot T}} - 1} \cdot d\nu \text{ (Equation 1)}$$

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$$\rho_\nu := (\nu, T) \rightarrow \frac{8 \pi \cdot h \cdot \nu^3}{c^3} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h \cdot \nu}{k \cdot T}} - 1} :$$

$c := 299792453$  : # velocity of light

$h := 6.626 \cdot 10^{-34}$  : # Planck's constant

$k := 1.380650 \cdot 10^{-23}$  : # Boltzmann's constant

### Calculation of the maximum of radiation

$$d\rho_\nu := \frac{d}{d\nu} \rho_\nu(\nu, T)$$

$$\frac{\frac{1.854173881 \cdot 10^{-57} \nu^2}{e^{\frac{4.799188788 \cdot 10^{-11} \nu}{T}} - 1} - \frac{2.966176833 \cdot 10^{-68} \nu^3 e^{\frac{4.799188788 \cdot 10^{-11} \nu}{T}}}{\left( e^{\frac{4.799188788 \cdot 10^{-11} \nu}{T}} - 1 \right)^2 T} \quad (1)$$

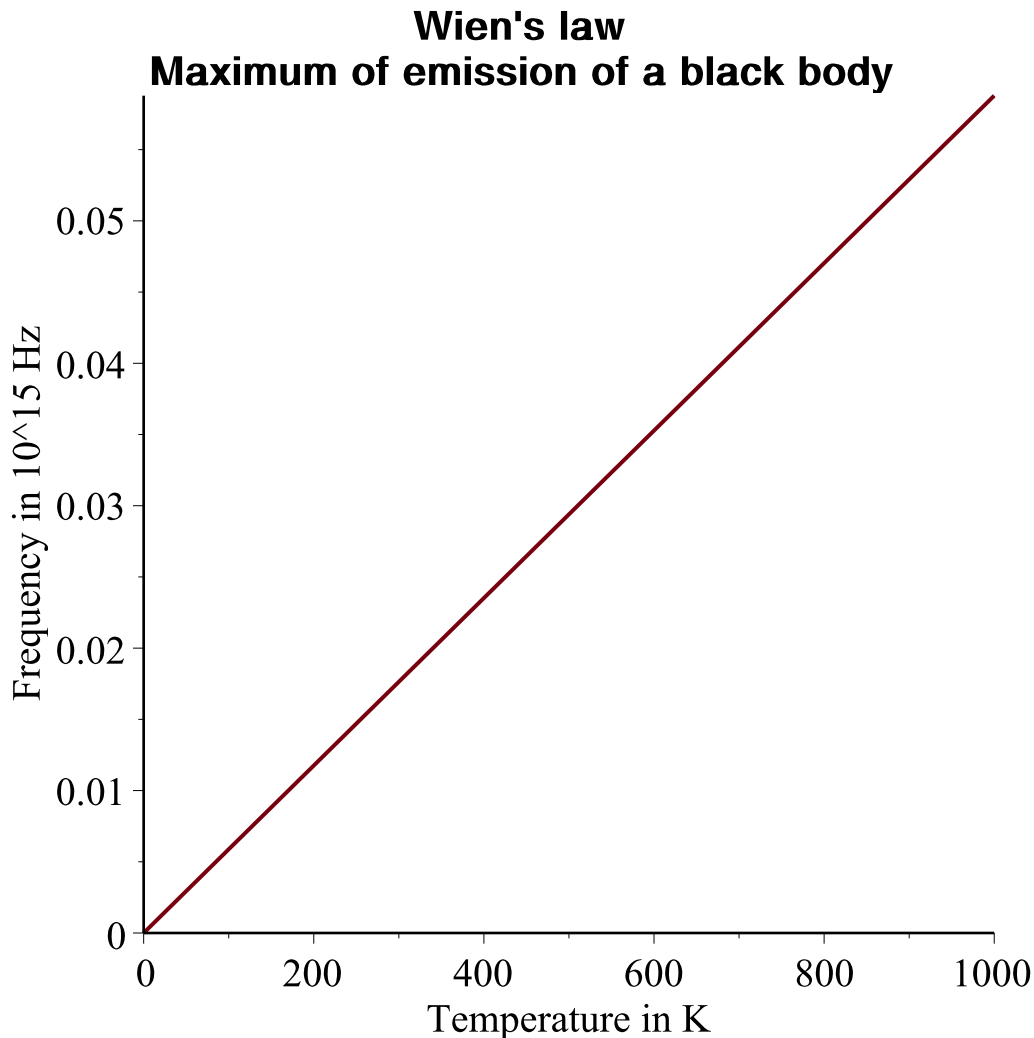
$$\max_\nu := \text{solve}(d\rho_\nu = 0, \nu)$$

$$5.878992258 \cdot 10^{10} T, 0. \quad (2)$$

## Wien's law (depending on frequency)

$$\nu_{Wien} := \text{unapply}(op(1, [\max_\nu]), T) :$$

$$\text{plot}(\nu_{Wien}(T) \cdot 10^{-15}, T = 0 .. 10^3, \text{title} = \text{"Wien's law\nMaximum of emission of a black body"}, \text{titlefont} = [\text{HELVETICA}, \text{BOLD}, 12], \text{labels} = [\text{"Temperature in K"}, \text{"Frequency in } 10^{15} \text{ Hz"}], \text{labeldirections} = [\text{HORIZONTAL}, \text{VERTICAL}])$$



### **Calculation of the maximum of radiation emission**

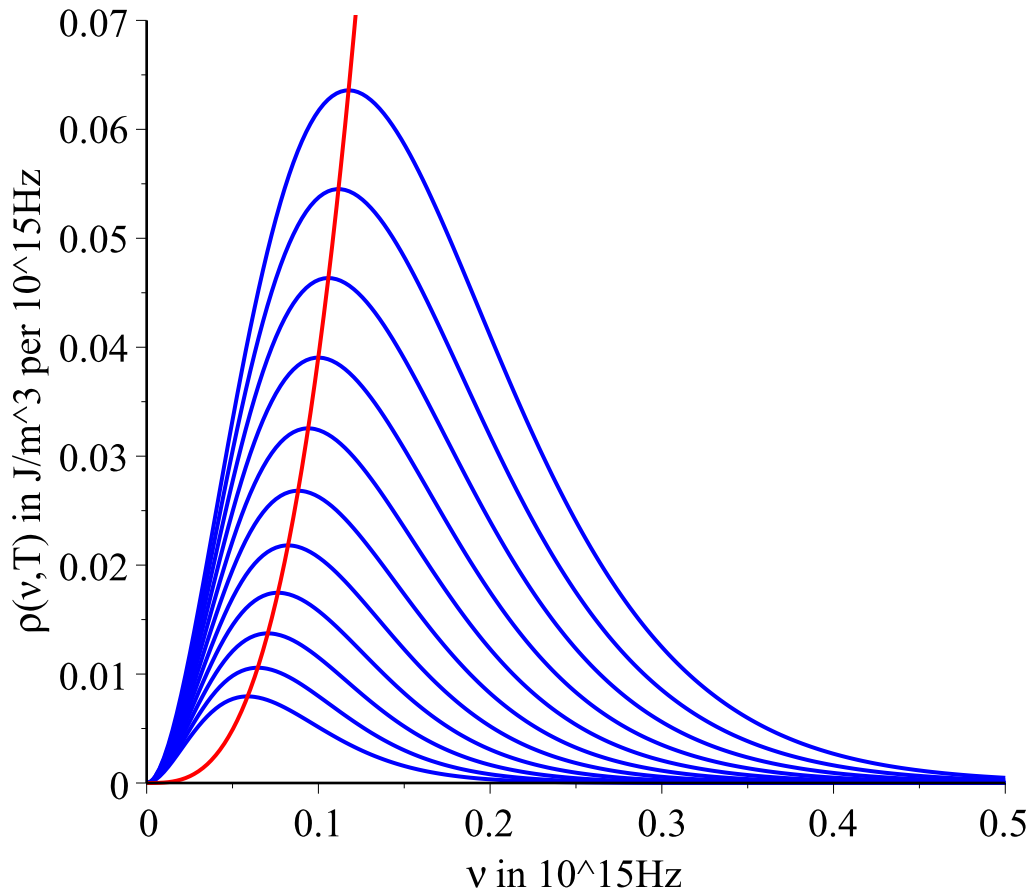
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eqv := v_max = apply(v_Wien, T) :
constv := solve(eqv, T) :
ρ_v_max := unapply(ρ_v(v, subs(v_max = v, constv)), v) :
plot_ρ_v_max := plot(ρ_v_max(v · 1015) · 1015, v = 0 .. 0.5, y = 0 .. 0.07, color = RED) :
seq_ρ_v := [seq(subs(T = 1000 + 100 · n, ρ_v(v · 1015, T) · 1015), n = 0 .. 10)] :
plot_ρ_v := plot(seq_ρ_v, v = 0 .. 0.5, color = BLUE, title
= "Planck's law\nEnergy density per frequency interval ρ(v,T)\nT=1000 K ... 2000 K", titlefont
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labeldirections = [HORIZONTAL, VERTICAL]) :
display([plot_ρ_v, plot_ρ_v_max])

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## Planck's law

### Energy density per frequency interval $\rho(\nu, T)$ T=1000 K ... 2000 K



### Planck's radiation law (depending on wavelength)

Sometimes you want to calculate the emitted energy depending on the wavelength.

It is  $c = \lambda \cdot \nu$  and therefor  $\frac{d\nu}{d\lambda} = -\frac{c}{\lambda^2}$ . Furtheron is  $E(\nu) d\nu = -E(\lambda) d\lambda$ , because  $d\nu$  and  $d\lambda$  have different signs.

Setting in Equation 1 you get:

$$E(\lambda) \cdot d\lambda = \frac{8 \pi \cdot h \cdot c}{\lambda^5} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h \cdot c}{\lambda \cdot k \cdot T}} - 1} \cdot d\lambda \text{ (Equation 2)}$$

$$\rho_\lambda := (\lambda, T) \rightarrow \frac{8 \pi \cdot h \cdot c}{\lambda^5} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h \cdot c}{\lambda \cdot k \cdot T}} - 1} :$$

**Calculate the maximum of radiation**

$$d\rho_\lambda := \frac{d}{d\lambda} \rho_\lambda(\lambda, T)$$

$$-\frac{2.496215016 \cdot 10^{-23}}{\lambda^6 \left( e^{\frac{0.01438760579}{\lambda T}} - 1 \right)} + \frac{7.182911525 \cdot 10^{-26} e^{\frac{0.01438760579}{\lambda T}}}{\lambda^7 \left( e^{\frac{0.01438760579}{\lambda T}} - 1 \right)^2 T} \quad (3)$$

$\max_{\lambda} := \text{solve}(d\rho_{\lambda}=0, \lambda)$

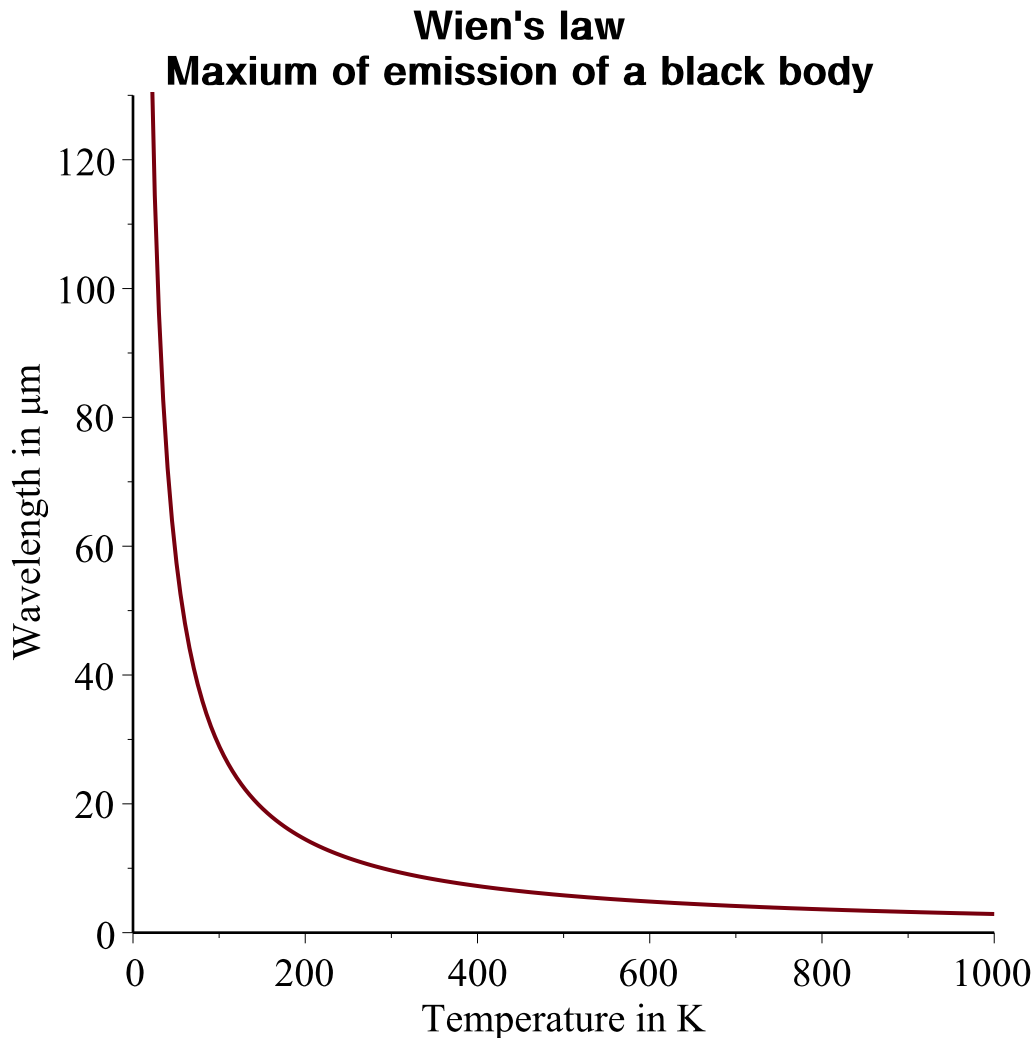
Warning, solutions may have been lost

$$\frac{0.002897739130}{T} \quad (4)$$

## Wien's law (depending on wavelength)

$\lambda_{Wien} := \text{unapply}(\max_{\lambda}, T) :$

$\text{plot}(\lambda_{Wien}(T) \cdot 10^6, T=0..10^3, \text{title} = \text{"Wien's law\nMaxium of emission of a black body"}, \text{titlefont} = [\text{HELVETICA}, \text{BOLD}, 12], \text{labels} = ["\text{Temperature in K}", "\text{Wavelength in }\mu\text{m}"], \text{labeldirections} = [\text{HORIZONTAL}, \text{VERTICAL}])$



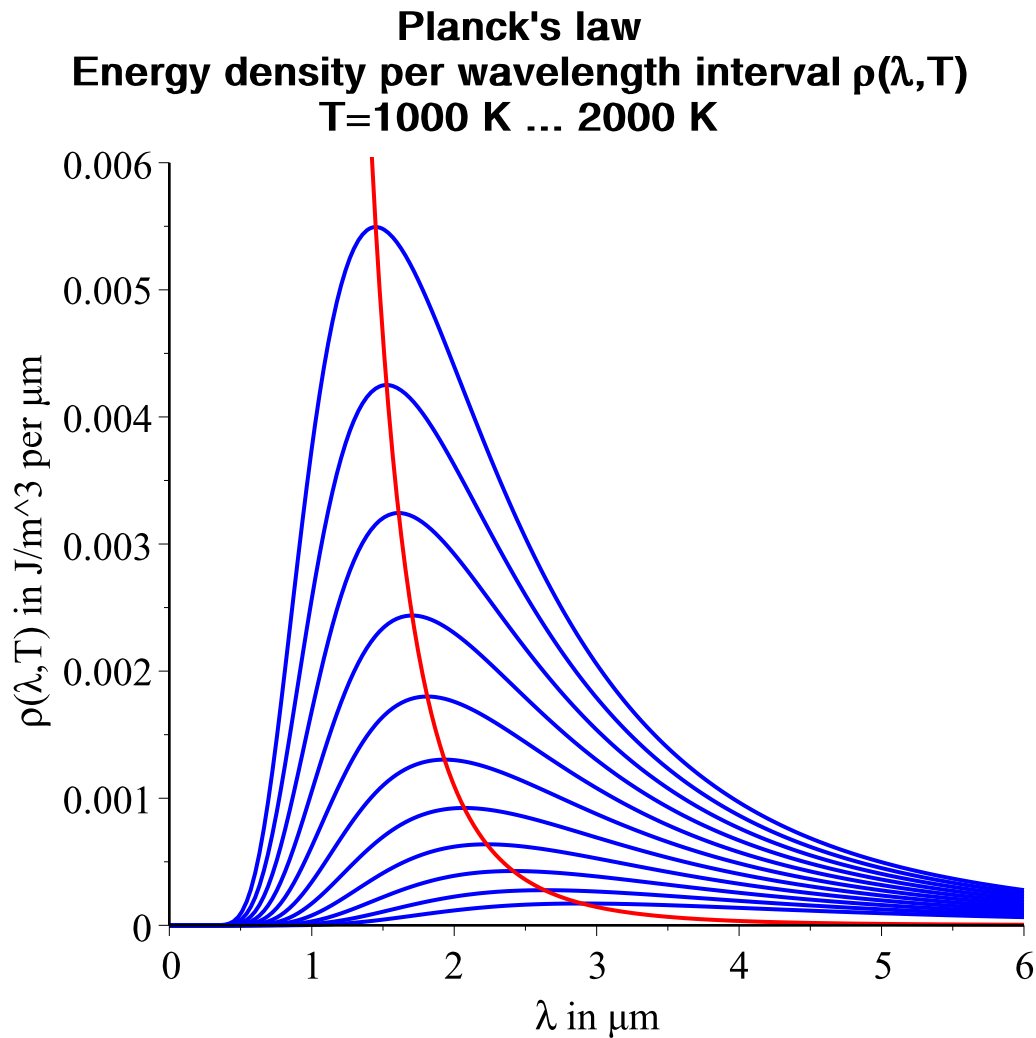
$eq\lambda := \lambda_{\max} = \text{apply}(\lambda_{Wien}, T) :$

$const\lambda := \text{solve}(eq\lambda, T) :$

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 $\rho_{\lambda_{\max}} := unapply(\rho_{\lambda}(\lambda, subs(\lambda_{\max} = \lambda, const\lambda)), \lambda) :$ 
 $plot_{\rho_{\lambda_{\max}}} := plot(\rho_{\lambda_{\max}}(\lambda \cdot 10^{-6}) \cdot 10^{-6}, \lambda = 0..6, y = 0..6 \cdot 10^{-3}, color = RED) :$ 
 $seq_{\rho_{\lambda}} := [seq(subs(T = 1000 + 100 \cdot n, \rho_{\lambda}(\lambda \cdot 10^{-6}, T) \cdot 10^{-6}), n = 0..10)] :$ 
 $plot_{\rho_{\lambda}} := plot(seq_{\rho_{\lambda}}, \lambda = 0..6, color = BLUE, title$ 
    = "Planck's law\nEnergy density per wavelength interval  $\rho(\lambda, T)$ \nT=1000 K ... 2000 K", titlefont
    = [HELVETICA, BOLD, 12], labels = [" $\lambda$  in  $\mu m$ ", " $\rho(\lambda, T)$  in J/m3 per  $\mu m$ "], labeldirections
    = [HORIZONTAL, VERTICAL]) :
 $display([plot_{\rho_{\lambda}}, plot_{\rho_{\lambda_{\max}}])$ 

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## Stefan Boltzmann's law

The total energy density

$\rho_{tot}$  in a cavity totally filled with black radiation of temperature T integrated over all frequencies corresponds to the area beneath the Planck-curve

$$\rho_{tot} = \int_0^{\infty} \rho(v, T) dv \quad (\rho_{tot} \text{ in } \frac{J}{m^3}).$$

For to calculate the integral in an easy way you set  $x = \frac{h \cdot v}{k \cdot T}$  and therefor is  $v = \frac{k \cdot T}{h} \cdot x$  and

$$dv = \frac{k \cdot T}{h} \cdot dx.$$

$$\rho_x := \text{unapply}\left(\text{subs}\left(v = \frac{k \cdot T}{h} \cdot x, \rho_v(v, T)\right), (x, T)\right):$$

$$\rho_{tot} := \text{unapply}\left(\int_0^{\infty} \rho_x(x, T) \cdot \frac{k \cdot T}{h} dx, T\right)$$

$$T \rightarrow 7.565995849 \cdot 10^{-16} T^4$$

(5)

$$a := \rho_{tot}(1)$$

$$7.565995849 \cdot 10^{-16}$$

(6)

$$\text{Therefor is } \rho_{tot} = a \cdot T^4 \quad (a \text{ in } \frac{J}{m^3 \cdot K^4}).$$

The power of the emitted radiation of a black body at temperature T through a surface A is  $P = \sigma \cdot A \cdot T^4$

with  $\sigma = \frac{c \cdot a}{4}$  (Lambert's law).

It is possible to calculate the temperature of a black body by measure the radiation intensity per square unit.

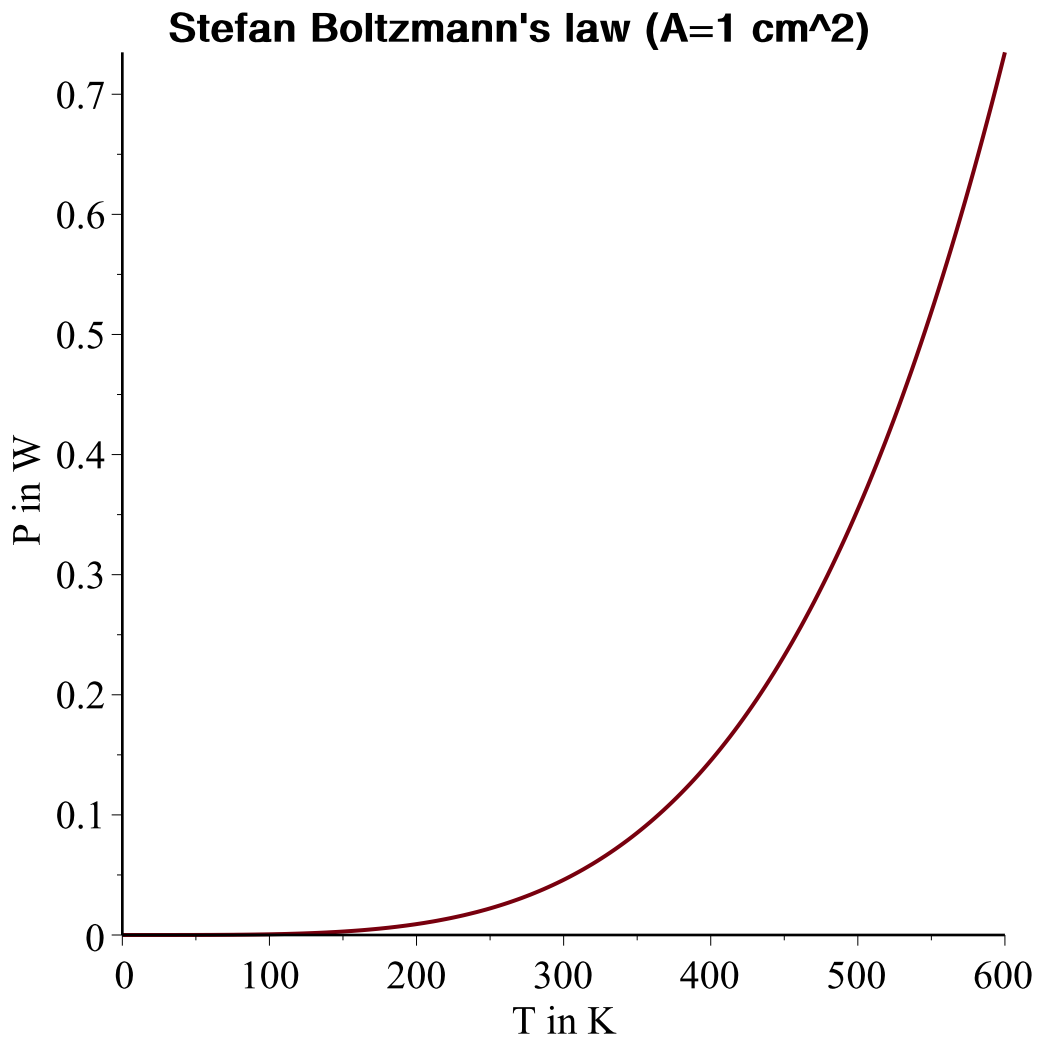
$$\sigma := \frac{1}{4} \cdot c \cdot a$$

$$5.670571138 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

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$$P := \text{unapply}(\sigma \cdot A \cdot T^4, (A, T)):$$

$$\text{plot}(P(10^{-4}, T), T=0..600, \text{title} = \text{"Stefan Boltzmann's law (A=1 cm}^2\text{)"}, \text{titlefont} = [\text{HELVETICA}, \text{BOLD}, 12], \text{labels} = ["T \text{ in K}", "P \text{ in W}"], \text{labeldirections} = [\text{HORIZONTAL}, \text{VERTICAL}])$$



### Calculating the Solar constant

$T_{sun} := 5780$  : # Surface temperature of the sun in Kelvin

$r_{sun} := 695 \cdot 10^6$  : # Radius of the sun in meter

$r_{earth} := 6.378 \cdot 10^6$  : # Radius of the earth in meter

$r_{orbit} := 149.6 \cdot 10^9$  : # Radius of the earth's orbit in meter

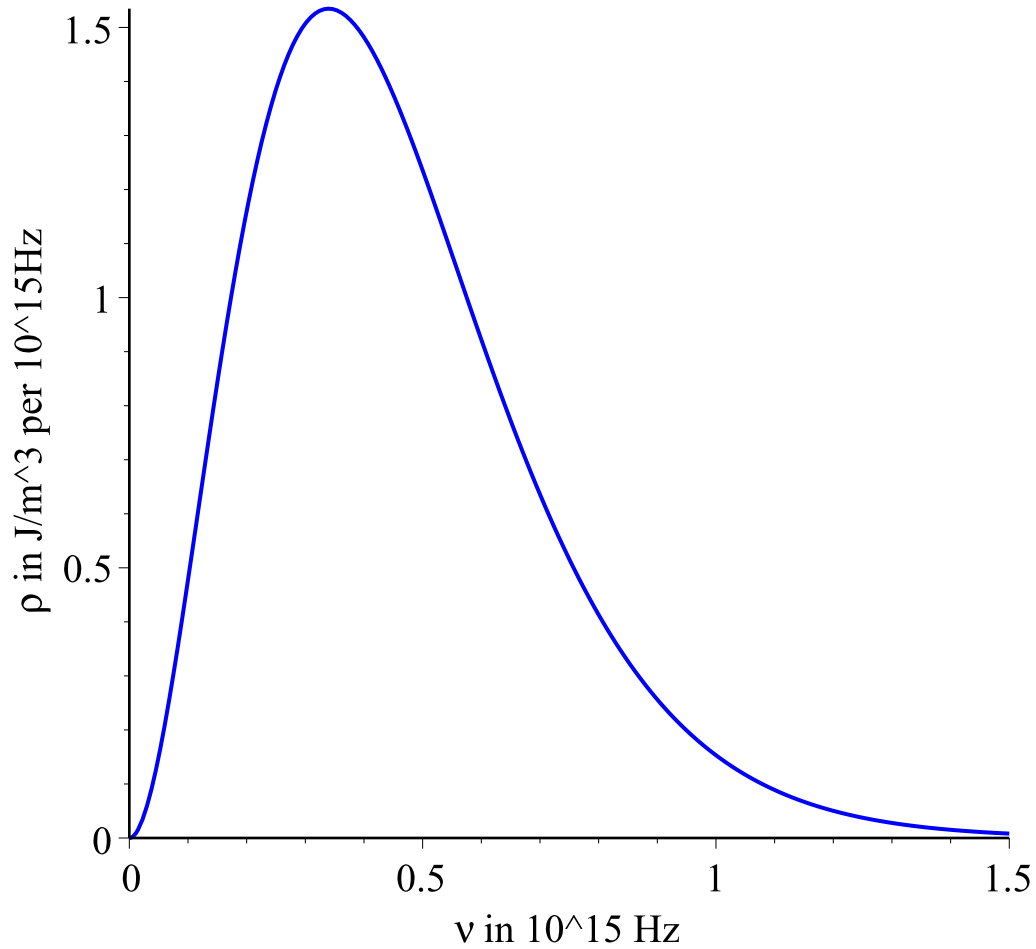
$plot(\rho_v(v \cdot 10^{15}, T_{sun}) \cdot 10^{15}, v = 0 .. 1.5, color = BLUE, title$

$= cat("Planck's law for the surface temperature\nof the sun T=", T_{sun}, "K"), titlefont$

$= [HELVETICA, BOLD, 12], labels = ["v in 10^{15} \text{ Hz}", "p in J/m^3 \text{ per } 10^{15} \text{ Hz}"], labeldirections$

$= [HORIZONTAL, VERTICAL])$

# Planck's law for the surface temperature of the sun T=5780K



$$\nu_{\max_{sun}} := \nu_{Wien}(T_{sun})$$

$$3.398057525 \cdot 10^{14}$$

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$$\lambda_{\max_{sun}} := \frac{c}{\nu_{\max_{sun}}}$$

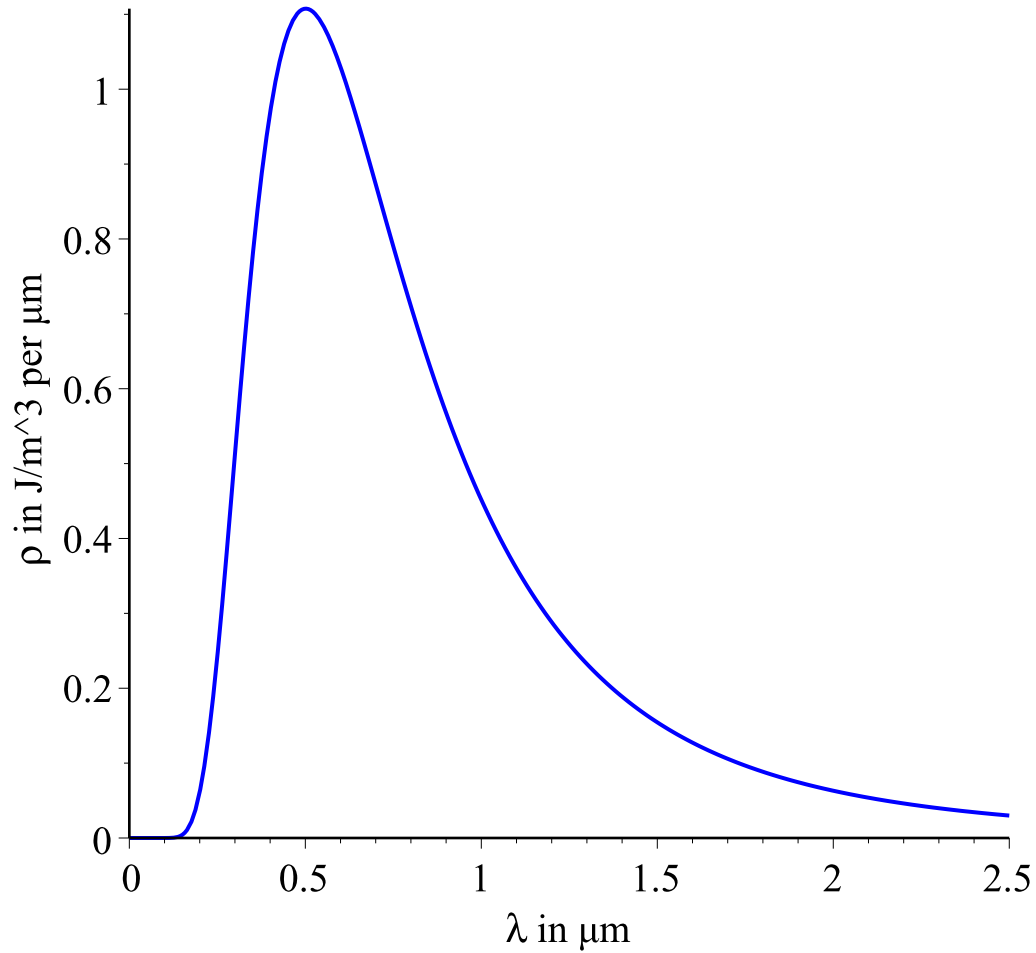
$$8.822465505 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

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plot(ρλ(λ·10-6, Tsun)·10-6, λ=0..2.5, color=BLUE, title
=cat("Planck's law for the surface temperature\nof the sun T=", Tsun, "K"), titlefont
=[HELVETICA, BOLD, 12], labels=["λ in μm", "ρ in J/m^3 per μm"], labeldirections
=[HORIZONTAL, VERTICAL])
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# Planck's law for the surface temperature of the sun T=5780K



The power of radiation of the sun through its surface in W:

$$P_{sun} := P(4 \cdot \pi \cdot r_{sun}^2, T_{sun})$$

$$3.841648539 \cdot 10^{26}$$

(10)

The Solar constant is the power of radiation of the sun on 1 m<sup>2</sup> of the earth's surface in  $\frac{W}{m^2}$ :

$$S := \frac{P_{sun}}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot r_{orbit}^2}$$

$$1365.980749$$

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Power of radiation of the sun on the total earth's surface perpendicular to the direction of the sun in W:

$$P_{earth} := S \cdot \pi \cdot r_{earth}^2$$

$$1.745675358 \cdot 10^{17}$$

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