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\* Planck's Law of Blackbody Radiation.

The spectral energy density per unit frequency.

$$u(\nu) = \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \times \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{KT}} - 1}$$

or in wavelength form.

$$u(\lambda) = \frac{8\pi hc}{\lambda^5} \times \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda KT}} - 1}$$

Where

$$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

T = temperature

c = speed of light

⇒ Physical Meaning of Planck's formula  
It has two parts:-

(1)  $\frac{8\pi\nu^2}{c^3}$  (Number of modes in cavity)

(2)  $\frac{h\nu}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{KT}} - 1}$  (Average energy per oscillator)

Planck's replaced classical average energy  $KT$  with quantum expression.

\* Deduction of important laws from Planck's Law

(A) Rayleigh - Jeans Law (Low frequency limits)  
When:-

$$h\nu \ll KT$$

using expression

$$e^x \approx 1+x$$

Then  $u(\nu) \approx \frac{8\pi\nu^2}{c^3} kT$

Which is Rayleigh - Jeans law  
So classical theory is valid only when energy quanta are small.

(B) Wien's Distribution Law (High frequency limits)

When

$$h\nu \gg kT$$

Then

$$e^{h\nu/kT} \gg 1$$

So

$$u(\nu) \approx \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} e^{-h\nu/kT}$$

This is Wien's distribution law.

Thus Wien's Law is a high-frequency approximation of Planck's law.

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