

PHYS 2604  
Assignment #5

Given: Thursday, October 22, 2009

Due: Tuesday, November 3, 2009 **in class**

1. Calculate the temperature of a blackbody if the spectral distribution peaks at
  - a) gamma rays,  $\lambda = 1.00 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}$ ?
  - b) red light,  $\lambda = 670 \text{ nm}$ ?
  - c) AM radio waves,  $\lambda = 204 \text{ m}$ ?
2. A particular radiating cavity has the maximum of its spectral distribution at a wavelength of  $27.0 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$  (in the infrared region of the spectrum). The temperature is then changed such that the total power radiated by the cavity doubles.
  - a) Compute the new temperature.
  - b) At what wavelength does the new spectral distribution have its maximum value?
3. This is a relativistic Doppler shift problem. One of the strongest emission lines observed from distant galaxies comes from hydrogen and has a wavelength of  $\lambda = 122 \text{ nm}$ , in the ultraviolet region of the electromagnetic spectrum. ( $1 \text{ nm} = 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$ )
  - a) How fast must a galaxy be moving away from us in order for that line to be observed in the visible regions at a wavelength of  $366 \text{ nm}$ ?
  - b) What would be the wavelength of the same line if the galaxy were moving toward us at the same speed?
4. How many photons per second are contained in a beam of electromagnetic radiation of total power  $125 \text{ W}$  if the source is
  - a) an AM radio station of frequency  $1100 \text{ kHz}$ ?
  - b) x rays of wavelength  $8.0 \text{ nm}$ ?
  - c) gamma rays of energy  $4.0 \text{ MeV}$ ?

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5. A surface is irradiated with monochromatic light of variable wavelength. Above a wavelength of  $\lambda = 5000 \text{ \AA}$ , no photoelectrons are emitted from the surface. With an unknown wavelength, a stopping potential of  $3 \text{ V}$  is necessary to eliminate the photoelectric current. What is the unknown wavelength?