Properties of Bulk Matter

Illustantion 23

Two slabs of thickness d_1 and d_2 and of conductivities K_1 and K_2 are placed in contact and combination behaves as a single slab of conductivity K given by

(a)
$$\frac{d_1}{K_1}$$
 (b) $d_1K_1 + d_1K_2 = K$
(c) $\frac{d_1}{K_1} + \frac{d_2}{K_2} = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{K}$ (d) $K(d_1 + d_2) = K_1K_2d_1d_2$

Soln. (c): Thermal resistances behave analogous to electrical resistances.

In series,

$$R_{eg} = R_1 + R_2$$
 Now, $R_{chernel} = \frac{\Delta x}{KA}$

Here,
$$\frac{(d_1 + d_2)}{KA} = \frac{d_1}{K_1 A} + \frac{d_2}{K_2 A} \implies \frac{d_1}{K_1} + \frac{d_2}{K_2} = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{K}$$

(c) is correct.

Illustration 24

A sphere is at a temperature 600 K. Its cooling rate is Rin an external environment of 200 K. Its temperature falls to 400 K, then cooling rate R' will be

(a)
$$\frac{3}{16}R$$
 (b) $\frac{16}{3}R$
(c) $\frac{9}{3}R$ (d) None of these

Solu. (a) : From Stefan's law, net rate of heat energy lost per second

 $R = \varepsilon \sigma A (T^4 - T_0^4)$

where T is the temperature of the body and T_0 is the temperature of the surroundings.

Here $R = \epsilon \sigma A (600^4 - 200^4)$

$$R' = \epsilon_0 A (400^4 - 200^4) \Rightarrow \frac{R'}{R} = \left\lfloor \frac{400^4 - 200^4}{600^4 - 200^4} \right\rfloor$$
$$R' = \left(\frac{4^4 - 2^4}{6^4 - 2^4}\right) R$$

Hence, $R' = \frac{3}{16}R$. \Rightarrow (a) is correct.

Illustration 25

A black body has maximum wavelength λ_m at 2000 K. Its corresponding wavelength at 3000 K will be

(a)
$$\frac{3}{2}\lambda_m$$
 (b) $\frac{2}{3}\lambda_m$ (c) $\frac{16}{81}\lambda_m$ (d) $\frac{81}{16}\lambda_m$
Soln. (b) : Using Wien's displacement law,

 $\lambda_{\max} \cdot T = \text{constant}$

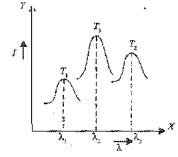
Here
$$\lambda'_m \cdot (3000 \text{ K}) = \lambda_m (2000 \text{ K}) \Rightarrow \lambda'_m = \frac{2}{3}\lambda_m$$
.

(b) is correct,

Illustration 26

The plots of intensity versus wavelength for three black bodies at temperatures T_1 , T_2 and T_3 respectively are shown.

Which, of these temperatures are the lowest and the highest? Grade T_1, T_2 and T_3 .



Soln .: According to Wien's law,

$$\lambda_m T = \text{constant} \Rightarrow T = \frac{\text{Constant}}{\lambda_m}$$

where λ_m is the wavelength at maximum intensity. From graph, $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3$ i.e. λ_3 is the highest and λ_1 is the lowest. λ_3 corresponds with T_2 on graph, T_2 is the lowest temperature

Similarly, λ_1 corresponds with temperature T_1

$$T_1 \text{ is the highest temperature, because } \lambda_1 \text{ is the lowest} \\ T_1 > T_3 > T_2.$$

Illustration 27

A body takes 10 min to cool from 60°C to 50°C. Temperature of surroundings is 25*C. Find the temperature of body after next 10 min.

Soln .: According to principle of rate of cooling,

$$\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{t} = \mathbf{K} \left[\frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2} - \theta_0 \right]$$

where
$$\theta_0 = \text{room temperature}$$

$$\frac{60 - 50}{60 + 50} = K \left[\frac{60 + 50}{20} - 25 \right] = K \times 30$$

$$K = \frac{1}{30} \qquad \dots (i)$$

After another 10 min, let the temperature be θ .

$$\therefore \quad \frac{50 - 0}{10} = K \left[\frac{50 + 0}{2} - 25 \right] \qquad ...(ii)$$

or
$$\frac{10}{50-0} \Rightarrow 0 = 42.85^{\circ}C$$
 (using (i))

8 ≪ 42.85°C.

GREEN HOUSE EFFECT

The earth's atmosphere is the transparent to visible radiations and infra-red radiations from sun. The earth absorbs all these radiations and releases longer wavelength infra-red radiations which can not pass through lower atmosphere, they get absorbed by atmosphere molecules leading to rise in the earth's temperature. This phenomenon is called green house effect. The green house effect keeps the earth's surface warm at night. However, an increased concentration of gases like CO, which absorbs infrared radiations is causing global warming which is now a matter of international concern.

