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VI. Radiation (FT, section 3.7; BSL, ch. 16, esp. sections 16.2, 16.4)
 A. Stefan-Boltzmann law (FT eq. 3.163; BSL Eq. 16.2-10) ← BSLk

$$q = \sigma T^4 \quad T = \text{absolute temperature}$$

1. σ = Stefan-Boltzmann constant = $5,67 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}^4$

2. Real objects emit some fraction of the value given above. That fraction is e , the emissivity (BSLk 16.2-11; values of e for various materials are in BSL Table 16.2-1)

$$q = e \sigma T^4$$

"black body": $e = 1$

"white body": $e = 0$

3. Real objects do not absorb all radiation that strikes them. The fraction that is absorbed is the absorptivity, a .

"black body": $a = 1$

"white body": $a = 0$

B. Simple examples. In general, to determine the heat transfer in a given situation, one must account for a , distance between the objects, and orientation. (For instance, the radiation heat transfer from the sun is less in the winter because the angle of the sun is farther from 90° in the given hemisphere) But in some simple cases easy estimates are possible.

1. two spherical bodies, far apart (assume black bodies), one much larger and hotter; draw a sphere around the hotter body with $r =$ distance to other body



total heat emitted by hotter body $\dot{Q} = 4\pi R_{\text{sun}}^2 \sigma T^4$
area

fraction striking smaller body (use circular cross section for smaller body) $\frac{\pi R_{\text{earth}}^2}{4\pi R_{\text{orbit}}^2}$

net heat transfer from hotter body to colder body $\frac{\pi R_{\text{sun}}^2 R_{\text{earth}}^2}{R_{\text{orbit}}^2} \sigma T^4$

(see also BSLkex. 16.4-1)