



9. Consider a spherical shell of radius R at temperature T . The black body radiation inside it can be considered as an ideal gas of photons with internal energy per unit volume $u = \frac{U}{V} \propto T^4$ and pressure $P = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{U}{V} \right)$. If the shell now undergoes an adiabatic expansion the relation between T and R is

- (1) $T \propto e^{-R}$ (2) $T \propto e^{-3R}$ (3) $T \propto \frac{1}{R}$ (4) $T \propto \frac{1}{R^3}$

Answer: Given $\frac{U}{V} \propto T^4$ and $P = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{U}{V} \right)$

We know that $PV = nRT$ or $P = \frac{nRT}{V}$

therefore $\frac{nRT}{V} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{U}{V} \right)$

or $\frac{nRT}{V} \propto \frac{1}{3} T^4$

or $nR \propto \frac{1}{3} VT^3$

or $VT^3 = \text{constant}$.

Volume of spherical shell containing ideal gas $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3$

or $\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 T^3 = \text{constant}$

or $RT = \text{constant}$

or $T \propto \frac{1}{R}$

Correct option is (3) $T \propto \frac{1}{R}$