EE 521 Measurement and Instrumentation

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Measurements on a Light Bulb - solution

1. Let's say 400-700 nm.

2.

$$I(\lambda, T) = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda kT}} - 1}$$

3. We integrate over surface area of the emitting surface, and over solid angle.

$$P = \int_{\Omega} \int_{A} I(\lambda, T) d\Omega dA$$

If we assume $\Delta \Omega = 2\pi$ and uniform temperature across the surface area, then

$$P = 2\pi A I(\lambda, T)$$

4. I will assume that the temperatur of the filament is $T_{\text{filament}} = 1500 \text{ K}$, and its area is $A_{\text{filament}} = 1 \text{ cm}^2$, and that the temperature of the bulb is $T_{\text{bulb}} = 350 \text{ K}$, and it's area is $A_{\text{bulb}} = 4\pi R^2$ with R = 3 cm such that $A_{\text{bulb}} = 113 \text{ cm}^2$.



5. Integrate the function over the visible spectrum, and integrate it over all wavelengths. Integral in the visible spectrum becomes

$$P_{\rm vis} = 0.075 \,\mathrm{W}$$

Integral over all spectrum becomes

$$P_{\rm tot} = 80.92 \,\mathrm{W}$$

Fraction of energy in the visible spectrum is

$$\frac{P_{\rm vis}}{P_{\rm tot}} = \frac{0.075}{80.92} = 0.0009 = 0.09\%$$

(Given what I think I know about light bulbs, I think I may have underestimated the temperature of the filament and overestimated its area)

- 6. Measure V and I on the power line connecting to the bulb and multiply them.
- 7. Use the photodiode setup in Northrop Figure 6.20,



Op-amp transresistor circuit in which a photodiode is operated in the short circuit mode. Response speed is low due to large zero bias junction capacitance.

The photodiode produces a certain number of amperes per watt, K, of incident power. If the area of the detector is A_{det} , and the distance from the bulb is d, and the power output from the bulb is P, then the current produces by the diode is

$$I = KP \frac{A_{\text{det}}}{4\pi d^2}$$

The output voltage is

FIGURE 6.20

$$V_o = RI$$

8. We could use the setup in Northrop figure 6.18a amplified by an inverting amplifier.



Assume $K = 40 \,\mu V/K$, and that we will be looking at temperature differences up to 200 K, and we want to operate up to 15 V. The gain of the amplifier is

$$G = \frac{R_F}{R}$$

The output range of the thermocouples is $\Delta V = 200 \times 40 \times 10^{-6}$ V. The gain of the amplifier is then

$$G = \frac{15}{200 \times 40 \times 10^{-6}} = 1875$$

We could achieve this gain by choosing $R_F = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$, and $R = 53 \Omega$.

9. We might use the sun, although we have to be careful since sunlight is approximately black body radiation with a temperature of 5500 K.