

Quantum Statistics (Chapter 10 McQuarrie)

- half integral spin – Fermi-Dirac \longrightarrow electron, proton
- integral spin – Bose-Einstein \longrightarrow deuteron, photon

Composite particles

odd # of fermions – acts as fermion

even # of fermions – acts as a boson

$$\Xi(V, T, \lambda) = \prod_k (1 \pm \lambda e^{-\beta \epsilon_k})^{\pm 1}, \quad \lambda = e^{\beta \mu}$$

$$(1) \quad N = \sum_k \frac{\lambda e^{-\beta \epsilon_k}}{1 \pm \lambda e^{-\beta \epsilon_k}}; \quad \bar{n}_k = \frac{\lambda e^{-\beta \epsilon_k}}{1 \pm \lambda e^{-\beta \epsilon_k}}$$

$$(2) \quad E = \sum_k \frac{\lambda \epsilon_k e^{-\beta \epsilon_k}}{1 \pm \lambda e^{-\beta \epsilon_k}}$$

$$(3) \quad pV = \pm kT \sum_k \ln(1 \pm \lambda e^{-\beta \epsilon_k})$$

upper – FD
lower - BE

solve (1) for λ , and substitute into (2) and (3)

In general, can't solve analytically for λ

If λ small, $\lambda = \frac{N}{q} \longrightarrow$ classical statistics (high T and low densities)

Even if particles are non-interacting, quantum effects cause deviations from $pV = NkT$

Weakly degenerate ideal Fermi-Dirac gas

$$N = \sum_k \frac{\lambda e^{-\beta \varepsilon_k}}{1 + \lambda e^{-\beta \varepsilon_k}} \quad pV = kT \sum_k \ln(1 + \lambda e^{-\beta \varepsilon_k})$$

$$\varepsilon_k = \frac{h^2}{8mV^{2/3}} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2), \quad n_x, n_y, n_z = 1, 2, \dots$$

Counting states for translational problem

$$\varepsilon = \frac{h^2}{8ma^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2)$$

degeneracy = # ways $\frac{8ma^2\varepsilon}{h^2}$ can be written as $n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2$

Take sphere of radius $\sqrt{\frac{8ma^2\varepsilon}{h^2}} = R$

$$n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 = \frac{8ma^2\varepsilon}{h^2} = R^2$$

for large R treat ε, R as continuous

states with energy $\leq \varepsilon$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{8} \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} = \frac{\pi}{6} \left(\frac{8ma^2\varepsilon}{h^2} \right)^{3/2}$$

between $\varepsilon + \varepsilon \Delta\varepsilon$, such that $\Delta\varepsilon/\varepsilon \ll 1$

$$\omega = \Phi(\varepsilon + \Delta\varepsilon) - \Phi(\varepsilon)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{6} \left(\frac{8ma^2}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \left[(\varepsilon + \Delta\varepsilon)^{3/2} - \varepsilon^{3/2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{8ma^2}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\varepsilon} \Delta\varepsilon + \dots$$

If $\varepsilon = \frac{3kT}{2}$, $T = 300^\circ \text{K}$, $m = 10^{-22} \text{g}$, $a = 10 \text{cm}$, and $\Delta\varepsilon = 0.01\varepsilon$

$$\omega \sim 10^{28}$$

for N particle system, the degeneracy is much larger: $\omega \sim 10^{10^{23}}$

$$\omega = 2\pi \left(\frac{2m}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} V \sqrt{\varepsilon} \Delta\varepsilon$$

$$\Sigma \rightarrow 2\pi \left(\frac{2m}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} V \int \sqrt{\varepsilon} d\varepsilon$$

$$N = 2\pi \left(\frac{2m}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} V \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda \sqrt{\varepsilon} e^{-\beta\varepsilon} d\varepsilon}{1 + \lambda e^{-\beta\varepsilon}}$$

$$pV = 2\pi kT \left(\frac{2m}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} V \int_0^\infty \varepsilon^{1/2} \ln(1 + \lambda e^{-\beta\varepsilon}) d\varepsilon$$

using the density
of states from
pages 10-11

Expand in powers of λ and integrate

$$\textcircled{\text{A}} \quad \rho = \frac{N}{V} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\ell+1} \lambda^\ell}{\ell^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \left[\frac{\lambda}{1} - \frac{\lambda^2}{2^{3/2}} + \dots \right]$$

$$\textcircled{\text{B}} \quad \frac{p}{kT} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\ell+1} \lambda^\ell}{\ell^{5/2}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \left[\lambda - \frac{\lambda^2}{2^{5/2}} + \dots \right]$$

solve $\lambda = \lambda(\rho)$ using $\textcircled{\text{A}}$

plug into $\textcircled{\text{B}}$ to get $\frac{p}{kT}$ as a function of ρ

Write $\lambda = a_0 + a_1\rho + a_2\rho^2 + \dots$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \left[(a_0 + a_1\rho + a_2\rho^2 + \dots) + \frac{(a_0 + a_1\rho + a_2\rho^2 + \dots)^2}{2^{3/2}} + \frac{(a_0 + a_1\rho + a_2\rho^2 + \dots)^3}{3^{3/2}} \right]$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \left[\left(a_0 + \frac{a_0^2}{2^{3/2}} + \dots \right) + \left(a_1 + \frac{2a_0a_1}{2^{3/2}} + \frac{3a_0a_1}{3^{3/2}} + \dots \right) \rho + (a_2 + \dots) \rho^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = \Lambda^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2 - \frac{a_1^2}{2^{3/2}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \rho\Lambda^3 + \frac{(\rho\Lambda^3)^2}{2^{3/2}} + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{3^{3/2}} \right) (\rho\Lambda^3)^3 + \dots$$

$$\lambda = a_1\rho + a_2\rho^2 + a_3\rho^3 + \dots$$

$$= \Lambda^3\rho + \frac{\Lambda^6}{2^{3/2}}\rho^2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{p}{kT} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \left[\frac{\lambda}{1} - \frac{\lambda^2}{2^{5/2}} + \frac{\lambda^3}{3^{5/2}} - \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{p}{kT} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \left[\frac{(a_1\rho + a_2\rho^2 + \dots)}{1} - \frac{(a_1\rho + a_2\rho^2 + \dots)^2}{2^{5/2}} + \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{p}{kT} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \left[\frac{\Lambda^3\rho}{1} + \left(a_2 - \frac{a_1^2}{2^{5/2}} \right) \rho^2 \Lambda^6 + \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{p}{kT} = \rho + \frac{\Lambda^3}{2^{5/2}} \rho^2 + \left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{2}{3^{5/2}} \right) \Lambda^6 \rho^3 \dots$$

$$= \rho + B_2\rho^2 + B_3\rho^3 + \dots$$

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 2nd virial 3rd virial
 coeff coeff

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_1^2}{2^{3/2}} - \frac{a_1^2}{2^{5/2}} &= \left(\frac{1}{2^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{2^{5/2}} \right) \Lambda^6 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \Lambda^6 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \Lambda^6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \frac{(a_1\rho + \dots)^3}{3^{5/2}} \\ \frac{p}{kT} &= \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \left[\Lambda^3\rho + \frac{\Lambda^6}{2^{3/2}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Virial coefficients
reflect deviations away
from ideality

B_2 is +, thus increases pressure beyond that for an ideal classical gas

Λ = thermal de Broglie wavelength

quantum effects < as de Broglie λ <

Actually it is $\frac{\Lambda^3}{V}$ that is a measure of quantum effects

$$E = \frac{3}{2} \frac{V k T}{\Lambda^3} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\ell+1} \lambda^{\ell}}{\ell^{5/2}}$$
$$= \frac{3}{2} N k T \left(1 + \frac{\Lambda^3}{2^{5/2}} \rho + \dots \right)$$

get expansion for μ from $\lambda = e^{\mu/kT}$
and S from $G = \mu N = E - TS + pV$

Of course, above approach only valid if quantum corrections are small

Now consider the strongly degenerate Fermi-Dirac gas

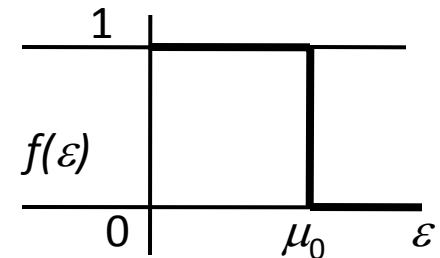
A model for the electrons in a metal

$$\bar{n}_K = \frac{\lambda e^{-\beta \epsilon_k}}{1 + \lambda e^{-\beta \epsilon_k}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta(\epsilon_k - \mu)}}$$

$$f(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta(\epsilon - \mu)}} = \text{prob. a state is occupied}$$

since ϵ is essentially continuous

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T = 0 \\ \mu_0 = \mu \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{states with } \epsilon < \mu_0 \text{ are occupied} \\ \text{states with } \epsilon > \mu_0 \text{ are unoccupied} \end{array}$$

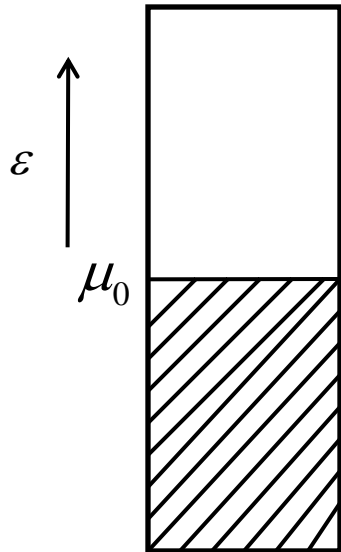


from 1-35

$$\omega(\epsilon) d\epsilon = 4\pi \left(\frac{2m}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} V \sqrt{\epsilon} d\epsilon \quad (\text{includes factor of 2 for spin})$$

$$N = 4\pi \left(\frac{2m}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} V \int_0^{\mu_0} \sqrt{\epsilon} d\epsilon = \# \text{ valence } e^-$$

$$= \frac{8\pi}{3} \left(\frac{2m}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} V \mu_0^{3/2} \longrightarrow \mu_0 = \frac{h^2}{2m} \left(\frac{3}{8\pi} \right)^{2/3} \left(\frac{N}{V} \right)^{2/3}$$



at $T = 0$, the levels are double occupied
up to μ_0

a finite T , the boundary is smeared out
i.e., some electrons are excited leaving “holes”

Even at room T

$$f(\varepsilon) = 1 \quad \varepsilon < \mu_0$$

$$f(\varepsilon) = 0 \quad \varepsilon > \mu_0$$

is a good approximation

$\mu_0 / k = T_F = \text{Fermi } T$, typically a few thousand degrees

$$E_0 = 4\pi \left(\frac{2m}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} V \int_0^{\mu_0} \varepsilon^{3/2} d\varepsilon = \frac{3}{5} N \mu_0 \quad \Bigg| \quad T = 0 \text{ K}$$

ZPE of FD gas

only a very small fraction of the e^- are excited, so
contribution to heat capacity is ~ 0

equipartition theorem would lead us to expect $\frac{3}{2}k$ for each electron

$$p = 4\pi kT \left(\frac{2m}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \int_0^{\mu_0} \sqrt{\varepsilon} \ln \left(1 + e^{\beta(\mu_0 - \varepsilon)} \right) d\varepsilon$$

← ignore the "1"

$$p_0 = 4\pi \left(\frac{2m}{h^2} \right) \int_0^{\mu_0} \varepsilon^{1/2} (\mu_0 - \varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

$$= \frac{2}{5} N \frac{\mu_0}{V} \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{zero-point pressure on the order of } (10^6 \text{ atm})$$

$S_0 = 0$ only one way to occupy levels at $T = 0 \text{ K}$

It can be show that

$$\frac{\mu}{\mu_0} = 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \eta^2 + \dots, \quad \eta = \frac{1}{\beta \mu_0}$$

$\mu \sim \mu_0$ for temperatures for which a metal is solid

$$E = E_0 \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu_0} \right)^5 \left[1 + \frac{5}{8} \pi^2 \eta^2 + \dots \right]$$

Note at $T = 0$ K, $\mu = \mu_0$

$$C_v = \frac{\pi^2 NkT}{2\mu_0/k} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} Nk \left(\frac{T}{T_f} \right) \sim 10^{-4} T \text{ cal/deg-mol}$$

weakly degenerate ideal Bose-Einstein gas

$$N = \sum \frac{\lambda e^{-\beta \varepsilon_k}}{1 - \lambda e^{-\beta \varepsilon_k}} \quad \left| \quad 0 \leq \lambda < e^{\beta \varepsilon_0}, \text{ otherwise get 0 in denominator} \right.$$

$$pV = -kT \prod_k \ln(1 - \lambda e^{-\beta \varepsilon_k})$$

$$N = \frac{\lambda e^{-\beta \varepsilon_0}}{1 - \lambda e^{-\beta \varepsilon_0}} + \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{\lambda e^{-\beta \varepsilon_k}}{1 - \lambda e^{-\beta \varepsilon_k}}$$

redefine ε_0 to be zero

$$\rho = \frac{N}{V} = \frac{\lambda}{V(1-\lambda)} + 2\pi \left(\frac{2m}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \int_{\varepsilon > 0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda \varepsilon^{1/2} e^{-\beta \varepsilon}}{1 - \lambda e^{-\beta \varepsilon}} d\varepsilon, \quad (0 \leq \lambda < 1)$$

$$\frac{p}{kT} = -\frac{1}{V} \ln(1-\lambda) - 2\pi \left(\frac{2m}{h^2}\right)^{3/2} \int_{\varepsilon > \varepsilon_0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\varepsilon} \ln(1-\lambda e^{-\beta\varepsilon}) d\varepsilon$$

if $\lambda \ll 1$ can ignore $1/V$ terms

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} g_{3/2}(\lambda)$$

$$\frac{p}{kT} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} g_{5/2}(\lambda)$$

$$g_n = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^\ell}{\ell^n}$$

$$\frac{p}{\rho kT} = 1 - \frac{\Lambda^3}{2^{5/2}} \rho + \dots$$

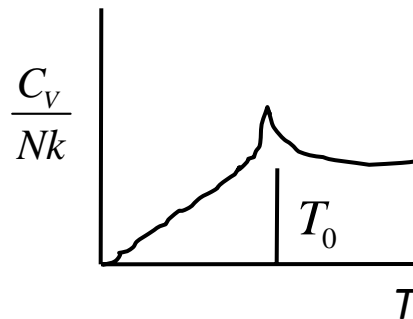
effective interaction between
ideal bosons is attractive

$$E = \frac{3}{2} NkT \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^3}{2^{5/2}} \rho + \dots \right)$$

Strongly degenerate ideal Bose-Einstein gas

$T < T_0$ condensation into ground state

Behavior seen for
He-4



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Ideal gas of photons

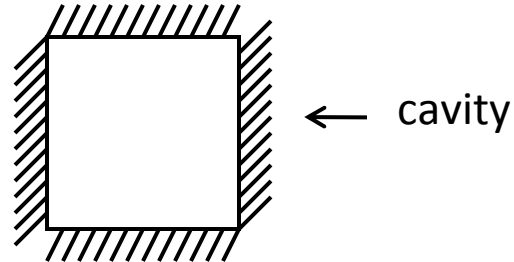
photons

mass = 0

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cavity emits/absorbs photons

N not fixed



Assume harmonic electromagnetic waves

$$E(x, t) = \sin \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (x - ct) = \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$\varepsilon = h\nu = \hbar\omega; \quad p = h/\lambda = \hbar k$$

Consider black-body radiation to be due to standing waves

$$\phi(x, t) = 2 \sin kx \cos \omega t$$

Fix at $0, L \rightarrow k = n\pi/L$

$$\varepsilon = \hbar ck$$

$$k^2 = (\pi/L)^2(n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2)$$

$$E = \sum_k n_k \varepsilon_k$$

$$Q = \prod_k \left(\sum_n e^{-\beta \varepsilon_k n} \right) = \prod_k \frac{1}{(1 - e^{-\beta \varepsilon_k})}$$

$$E = \frac{\pi^2 V (kT)^4}{15(\hbar c)^3}$$

Can be used to derive the Stephan-Boltzmann law

Can also show that the chemical potential = 0 (follows from the fact that the number of particles is not conserved)

So could have used the Bose-Einstein formulas with $\lambda = 1$

Density matrices

All the expressions described above were derived assume there are no interactions between particles

$$Q = \sum_j e^{-\beta E_j}$$

$$\bar{M} = \frac{1}{Q} \sum_j M_j e^{-\beta E_j}, M_j = q.m. \text{ expectation value of operator } \hat{M}$$

$$H\psi_j = E_j\psi_j$$

$$e^{-\beta H}\psi_j = e^{-\beta E_j}\psi_j$$

$$Q = \sum_j e^{-\beta E_j} = \sum_j \langle \psi_j | e^{-\beta H} | \psi_j \rangle$$

$$Q = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H})$$

The trace is independent of the basis

$$\varphi_j = \sum_n a_{jn} \psi_n$$

Q is the same when evaluated over the φ_j

$$\bar{M} = \frac{\text{Tr}(\hat{M} e^{-\beta H})}{\text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H})}$$

$$\rho = \frac{e^{-\beta H}}{\text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H})}$$

$$\bar{M} = \text{Tr}(\hat{M} \rho)$$

$$H = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_l \nabla_l^2 + U(r_1, \dots, r_N)$$

$$u(p_1, \dots, p_N) = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum p_k \cdot r_k} = \text{e.f. of momentum operator}$$

$$\varphi_j(r_1, \dots, r_N) = \int A_j(p_1, \dots, p_N) e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum p_k \cdot r_k} dp_1, \dots, dp_N$$

$$A_j(p_1, \dots, p_N) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^{3N}} \int \varphi_j(r_1, \dots, r_N) e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum p_k \cdot r_k} dr_1, \dots, dr_N$$

Inverse Fourier transform

$$Q = \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \int \varphi_j^*(r_1, \dots, r_N) \varphi_j(r_1', \dots, r_N') e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum p_k \cdot r_k'} e^{-\beta H} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum p_k \cdot r_k} \\ * dp_1, \dots, dp_N dr_1, \dots, dr_N dr_1', \dots, dr_N'$$

Note we have not included the symmetry of the wavefunction which is why the N! is missing.

$$Q = \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \int e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum p_k \cdot r_k'} e^{-\beta H} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum p_k \cdot r_k} p_1, \dots, dr_N$$

Now adopt a strategy due to Kirkwood

$$e^{-\beta H^{QM}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum p_k \cdot r_k} = e^{-\beta H^{Cl}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum p_k \cdot r_k} w(p_1, \dots, r_N, \beta) = F(p_1, \dots, r_N, \beta)$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \int e^{-\beta H^{Cl}} w(p_1, \dots, r_N, \beta) p_1, \dots, dr_N$$

Contains the quantum corrections

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \beta} = -H^{QM} F$$

It is easier to work with this diff.eq.

$$w = \sum_l \hbar^l w_l$$

$$w_0 = 1$$

There is a w_1 term but it does not contribute to Q

$$w_2 = -\frac{1}{2m} \left\{ \frac{\beta^2}{2} \nabla^2 U - \frac{\beta^3}{3} [(\nabla U)^2 + \frac{1}{m} (p \cdot \nabla)^2 U] + \frac{p^4}{2m} (p \cdot \nabla U)^2 \right\}$$