

Next we want to show that $\mathcal{Z}$ is related to the Grand Potential $\Sigma(T, V, \mu) = E - TS - \mu N$

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Legendre transf of E
with respect to S and N

First note:

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\ln \mathcal{Z})_{V, \mu} &= -\frac{\frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta}}{\mathcal{Z}} = -\frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \sum_i e^{-\beta(E_i - \mu N_i)}}{\sum_i e^{-\beta(E_i - \mu N_i)}} \\ &= \frac{\sum_i (E_i - \mu N_i) e^{-\beta(E_i - \mu N_i)}}{\sum_i e^{-\beta(E_i - \mu N_i)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\ln \mathcal{Z})_{V, \mu} = \langle E \rangle - \mu \langle N \rangle} \quad (1)$$

← regarding $\mathcal{Z}$ as
a function of
 T, V, μ

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \ln \mathcal{Z} &= \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \mu}}{\mathcal{Z}} = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \sum_i e^{-\beta E_i} e^{\beta \mu N_i}}{\sum_i e^{-\beta E_i - \beta \mu N_i}} \\ &= \frac{\sum_i N_i e^{-\beta(E_i - \mu N_i)}}{\sum_i e^{-\beta(E_i - \mu N_i)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} (\ln \mathcal{Z})_{T, V} = \langle N \rangle} \quad (2)$$

Next from Thermodynamics

$$\Sigma = E - TS - \mu N$$

$$\text{so } E - \mu N = \Sigma + TS = \Sigma - T \left(\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial T} \right)_{V, \mu} = \frac{\partial (\beta \Sigma)}{\partial \beta}_{V, \mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E - \mu N = \frac{\partial (\beta \Sigma)}{\partial \beta}_{V, \mu}} \quad \left(\text{see corresponding result in discussion of } A = -k_B T \ln Q_N \right)$$

also

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \mu} \right)_{T, V} = -N}$$

Comparing these last two results with (1) and (2) we conclude

$$\boxed{\Sigma = -k_B T \ln \mathcal{Z}}$$

As we did in discussion of canonical ensemble, we here equated the averages $\langle E \rangle$ and $\langle N \rangle$ in the grand canonical ensemble with the thermodynamic E and N .

Note: From the Euler relation $E = TS - pV + \mu N$, and the Legendre transf $\Sigma = E - TS - \mu N$, we have

$$\Sigma = -pV \quad \text{grand potential} = -pV$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{pressure} \quad \boxed{P = \frac{k_B T}{V} \ln \mathcal{Z}(T, V, \mu)}$$

~~Just~~ Analogous to what we did for the canonical ensemble, one can show that in the thermodynamic limit, $N \rightarrow \infty$, computing in the grand canonical ensemble, with a fixed μ determining an average $\langle N \rangle$, gives the same result as computing in the canonical ensemble with fixed $N = \langle N \rangle$.

One can use the grand canonical ensemble even if the physical system of interest is not in contact with a reservoir. Just choose a T and a μ to give the desired E and N via equs (1) and (2). Because, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, the prob for a state in the grand canonical ensemble to have some E', N' is so sharply peaked about the averages $\langle E \rangle, \langle N \rangle$, the difference from using a microcanonical ensemble at the fixed $E = \langle E \rangle$ and $N = \langle N \rangle$ is negligible.

Fluctuations - We want to show that the grand canonical distribution is indeed

sharply peaked about the average $\langle E \rangle$ and $\langle N \rangle$

Particle Number

We had $\langle N \rangle = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} (\ln \mathcal{Z})$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial \mu} \right)_{T,V} = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\partial^2 (\ln \mathcal{Z})}{\partial \mu^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left(\frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \mu} \right) = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \mu^2} - \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}^2} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \mu} \right)^2 \right]$$

Now $\frac{1}{\beta \mathcal{Z}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \mu} = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \mu} = \langle N \rangle$

and $\frac{1}{\beta^2 \mathcal{Z}} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \mu^2} = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mu^2} \sum_i e^{-\beta E_i} e^{\beta \mu N_i}}{\mathcal{Z}} = \langle N^2 \rangle$

So $\frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial \mu} \right)_{T,V} = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \mu^2} = \langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2$

$$\sigma_N^2 \equiv \langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2 = \frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial \mu} \right)_{T,V} \sim N \quad \text{as } \mu, \beta \text{ intensive}$$

So $\frac{\sigma_N}{\langle N \rangle} \sim \frac{\sqrt{N}}{N} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty$

Fluctuations in N vanish as $N \rightarrow \infty$

We can write σ_N^2 in terms of more familiar response functions as follows:

$$\sigma_N^2 = \frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial \mu} \right)_{T,V}$$

write $v \equiv V/N \Rightarrow N = V/v$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial \mu} \right)_{T,V} = \left(\frac{\partial (V/v)}{\partial \mu} \right)_{T,V} = -\frac{V}{v^2} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial \mu} \right)_{T,V}$$

By Gibbs-Duhem relation $Nd\mu = Vdp - SdT$
 $d\mu = vdp - (S/N)dT$

$\Rightarrow$ at constant T , $d\mu = vdp$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial \mu} \right)_{T,V} = -\frac{V}{v^2} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial p} \right)_{T,V} = -\frac{N^2}{N} \frac{1}{v} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial p} \right)_{T,V}$$

now, since both v and p are intensive, they are independent of $V, N \Rightarrow$

$$\left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial p} \right)_{T,V} = \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial p} \right)_{T,N} = \left(\frac{\partial (V/N)}{\partial p} \right)_{T,N} = \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial p} \right)_{T,N}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{1}{v} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial p} \right)_T = \frac{N}{V} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial p} \right)_T = \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial p} \right)_{T,N} = -\kappa_T$$

$$\text{so } \frac{\sigma_N^2}{\langle N \rangle^2} = \frac{1}{\beta N^2} \left(\frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial \mu} \right)_{T,V} = \frac{k_B T}{N^2} \frac{N^2}{V} \kappa_T$$

$$= \frac{k_B T}{V} \kappa_T$$

$$\frac{\sigma_N}{\langle N \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{V} \kappa_T}$$

κ_T is isothermal compressibility $\sim N$ except perhaps at a phase transition

Energy If we write $\mathcal{Z} = \sum_i e^{-\beta(E_i - \mu N_i)} = \sum_i e^{-\beta E_i} z^{N_i}$

then we have

$$(z = e^{\beta \mu})$$

$$-\left(\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta}\right)_{z,V} = -\frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta}\right)_{z,V} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \sum_i E_i e^{-\beta E_i} z^{N_i} = \langle E \rangle$$

and

$$-\left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial \beta}\right)_{z,V} = \left(\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta^2}\right)_{z,V} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta^2}\right)_{z,V} - \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}^2} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta}\right)_{z,V}^2$$

$$\text{where } \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta^2}\right)_{z,V} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \sum_i E_i^2 e^{-\beta E_i} z^{N_i} = \langle E^2 \rangle$$

$$\text{and } \left[\frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta}\right)_{z,V}\right]^2 = \left[-\left(\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta}\right)_{z,V}\right]^2 = \langle E \rangle^2$$

So

$$-\left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial \beta}\right)_{z,V} = \langle E \rangle^2 - \langle E^2 \rangle \equiv \sigma_E^2$$

$$\text{Now } -\left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial \beta}\right)_{z,V} = k_B T^2 \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial T}\right)_{z,V}$$

And

$$\left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial T}\right)_{z,V} = \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial T}\right)_{N,V} + \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial N}\right)_{T,V} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial T}\right)_{z,V}$$

follows from regarding E as function of T, N, V and N as func of (z, V, T)

$$E(T, N, V) = E(T, N(z, V, T), V)$$

One can show by explicit computation that

$$\left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial T}\right)_{E,V} = \frac{1}{T} \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial \mu}\right)_{T,V} = \frac{1}{k_B T^2} [\langle EN \rangle - \langle E \rangle \langle N \rangle]$$

$$\text{and } \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial \mu}\right)_{T,V} = \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial N}\right)_{T,V} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial \mu}\right)_{T,V} = \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial N}\right)_{T,V} \beta \sigma_N^2$$

So :

$$\sigma_E^2 = k_B T^2 \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial T}\right)_{E,V} = k_B T^2 \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial T}\right)_{N,V} + \frac{k_B T^2}{T} \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial N}\right)_{T,V}^2 \beta \sigma_N^2$$

$$\sigma_E^2 = k_B T^2 C_V + \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial N}\right)_{T,V}^2 \sigma_N^2$$

↑
this is fluctuation in E
in canonical ensemble

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this is additional fluctuation
in E due to fluctuations in N

Grand Canonical partition function for non-interacting systems

$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} z^N Q_N(T, V)$$

for non-interacting particles we saw

$$Q_N(T, V) = \frac{1}{N!} [Q_1(T, V)]^N \quad \text{indistinguishable particles (as in ideal gas)}$$

$$= [Q_1(T, V)]^N \quad \text{distinguishable particles (as in paramagnetic spins)}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Indistinguishable

$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z Q_1)^N}{N!} = e^{z Q_1}$$

Distinguishable

$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} (z Q_1)^N = \frac{1}{1 - z Q_1}$$

$\leftarrow$ must have $z Q_1 < 1$ for series to converge

Ideal gas

For a single gas of particles

$$Q_1 = \frac{\int d^3p \int d^3r}{h^3} e^{-\beta p^2/2m} = (2\pi m k_B T)^{3/2} \frac{V}{h^3}$$
$$= V f(T)$$

will have this form even for a more complicated gas in which the particles may have internal degrees of freedom.

$$\mathcal{Z} = e^{zQ_1} = e^{zVf(T)}$$

$$\ln \mathcal{Z} = zVf(T)$$

grand potential $\Sigma = -k_B T \ln \mathcal{Z} = -k_B T z V f(T) = -pV$

$$p = k_B T z f(T)$$

$$z = e^{\beta \mu}$$

$$N = -\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \mu} = -\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \mu} = k_B T V f(T) \beta e^{\beta \mu}$$
$$= z V f(T)$$

Combine the above

$$\frac{p}{k_B T} = z f(T)$$

$$\frac{N}{V} = z f(T)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{p}{k_B T} = z f(T) \\ \frac{N}{V} = z f(T) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow pV = N k_B T$$

$$E = - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln \mathcal{Z} \right)_{N,V} = k_B T^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln \mathcal{Z} \right)_{N,V}$$

$$= k_B T^2 N \frac{df}{dT} = k_B T^2 N \frac{(df/dT)}{f} = k_B T^2 N \left(\frac{\partial \ln f}{\partial T} \right)$$

$$C_V = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \right)_{N,V} = 2 k_B T N \frac{\partial \ln f}{\partial T} + k_B T^2 N \frac{\partial^2 \ln f}{\partial T^2}$$

Note, for harmonic degrees of freedom (ie $\vec{p}$, or harmonic internal degrees of freedom, such as internal vibrations of molecule) $f \propto T^n$ for some power n (for single particle, $n=3/2$)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \ln f}{\partial T} = \frac{\partial}{\partial T} (n \ln T) = \frac{n}{T}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln f}{\partial T^2} = -\frac{n}{T^2}$$

And so

$$E = n k_B T N = n p V \Rightarrow \frac{E}{V} = n p$$

ideal gas law
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$$C_V = 2n k_B N - k_B T^2 N \left(-\frac{n}{T^2} \right) = n k_B N$$

Helmholtz free energy

$$A = \sum + \mu N = -k_B T z V f(T) + k_B T (\ln z) z V f$$
$$= z V k_B T f(T) [\ln z - 1]$$

$$= N k_B T [\ln z - 1]$$

$$A(T, V, N) = N k_B T \left[\ln \left(\frac{N}{V f(T)} \right) - 1 \right]$$

above agrees with direct result from canonical ensemble:

$$Q_N = \frac{V^N f^N}{N!} \Rightarrow A = -k_B T \ln Q_N = -k_B T \ln \left(\frac{V^N f^N}{N!} \right)$$
$$= -k_B T N \ln V f + k_B T (N \ln N - N)$$
$$= -N k_B T + N k_B T \ln (N/V f)$$

entropy

$$S = - \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial T} \right)_{V, N} = N k_B \left[\ln \left(\frac{N}{V f(T)} \right) - 1 \right]$$
$$- N k_B T \frac{d(\ln f)}{dT}$$

For distinguishable particles

- corresponds to situation where particles are localized - so we can distinguish them by their spatial location.

Now expect $Q_1 = \phi(T)$ is not proportional to V as the particles are localized.

$$\mathcal{Z} = \frac{1}{1 - z Q_1} = \frac{1}{1 - z \phi(T)} \quad \left(\text{if } Q_1 \propto V, \text{ then series would not converge!} \right)$$

$$\Sigma = -k_B T \ln \mathcal{Z}$$

$$N = - \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \mu} = - \beta e^{\beta \mu} (-k_B T) \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial z}$$

$$= z \cdot \frac{(1 - z \phi)(1 + \phi)}{(1 - z \phi)^2} = \frac{z \phi}{1 - z \phi}$$

$$N = \frac{z \phi}{1 - z \phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - z \phi) N = z \phi$$

$$N = z \phi (1 + N)$$

$$z \phi = \frac{N}{1 + N} \simeq 1 - \frac{1}{N} \quad \text{for } N \gg 1$$

$$E = - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln \mathcal{Z} \right)_{z, V} = k_B T^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln \mathcal{Z} \right)_{z, V}$$

$$= k_B T^2 (1 - z \phi) \frac{+ z d\phi/dT}{(1 - z \phi)^2}$$

$$E = \frac{k_B T^2 z (d\phi/dT)}{1 - z \phi} \simeq k_B T^2 N \frac{(d\phi/dT)}{\phi} = k_B T^2 N \left(\frac{d \ln \phi}{dT} \right)$$

$$A = \Sigma + \mu N = -k_B T \ln \left(\frac{1}{1-z\phi} \right) + k_B T (\ln z) N$$

$$= k_B T \left[\ln(1-z\phi) + \cancel{N} N \ln z \right]$$

use $1-z\phi \simeq 1/N$ and $z \simeq 1/\phi$
to get

$$A = -k_B T N \ln \phi(T) + o(\ln N)$$