

Lecture #14

We now wish to find the partition function for non-interacting fermions and bosons.

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$$Z = Q_N(T, V) = \sum_{\{n_i\}} e^{-\beta E(\{n_i\})}, \quad E = \sum_i \epsilon_i n_i$$

ϵ_i are single-particle energies

~~delta~~ Kronecker δ

sum over all $\{n_i\}$ such that $\sum_i n_i = N$

$$= \sum_{\{n_i\}} \delta(\sum_i n_i - N) e^{-\beta E(\{n_i\})} \quad [\text{difficult to do}]$$

Go to the Grand canonical ensemble.

$$\Xi = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} z^N Q_N, \quad z = e^{\beta \mu}; \quad \text{write } z^N = \prod_i z^{n_i}$$

$$= \sum_{\{n_i\}} \prod_i z^{n_i} \delta(\sum_i n_i - N) e^{-\beta E(\{n_i\})}$$

$$\sum_{\{n_i\}} \left[\prod_i z^{n_i} \right] e^{-\beta \sum_i n_i \epsilon_i} = \left(e^{\sum_i z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}} = \prod_i e^{z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}} \right)$$

$$\sum_{\{n_i\}} \prod_i \left(z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} \right)^{n_i}$$

the sum is now unconstrained

$$= \sum_{n_0=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n_2=0}^{\infty} \dots \left[\left(z e^{-\beta \epsilon_0} \right)^{n_0} \left(z e^{-\beta \epsilon_1} \right)^{n_1} \dots \right]$$

$n_i = \#$ of particles ~~with energy ϵ_i~~
w/ energy ϵ_i

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$$\therefore \Xi = \left[\sum_{n_0} (z e^{-\beta \epsilon_0})^{n_0} \right] \left[\sum_{n_1} (z e^{-\beta \epsilon_1})^{n_1} \right] \dots$$

\Rightarrow In the Bose-Einstein case $n_i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
while in the Fermi-Dirac case, $n_i = 0$ or 1 only
[Pauli-exclusion]

FD $(n_i = 0, 1)$

$$\Xi = \prod_i (1 + z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i})$$

$$= \prod_i (1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)})$$

BE $n_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\sum_{n_i=0}^{\infty} (z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i})^{n_i} = \frac{1}{1 - z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}}$$

$$\therefore \Xi = \prod_i \left(\frac{1}{1 - z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}} \right) = \prod_i \left[\frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)}} \right]$$

Therefore $\frac{-\mathcal{Z}}{\mathcal{R}T} = \frac{PV}{\mathcal{R}T} = \ln \Xi$

sum
in
different
contributions

$$= \begin{cases} \sum_i \ln (1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)}) & \text{FD} \\ - \sum_i \ln (1 - e^{-\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)}) & \text{BE} \end{cases}$$

Combine the expressions as

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$$\ln \bar{Z} = \pm \sum_i \ln [1 \pm e^{-\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)}]$$

+ is for FD
- is for BE

Compare this w/ classical result:

Consider single particle states labeled by energy ϵ_i , with $n_i = \#$ particles in state i :

$$E = \sum_i n_i \epsilon_i, \quad N = \sum_i n_i$$

\Rightarrow if the particles are distinguishable, then the number of ways to distribute the particles

$$\Omega = \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_n!}, \text{ so}$$

$$Z = Q_N = \sum_{\{n_i\}} \delta(N - \sum_i n_i) \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_n!} e^{-\beta \sum_i \epsilon_i n_i}$$

Recall "correct Boltzmann counting"
 \Rightarrow remove factor of $N!$

$$\Rightarrow Q_N = \sum_{\{n_i\}} \delta(N - \sum_i n_i) \prod_i \frac{1}{n_i!} (e^{-\beta \epsilon_i})^{n_i}$$

\Rightarrow classically we weight state $\{n_i\}$ with $\frac{1}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_n!}$ but QM weight is 1!

Go to Grand Canonical picture.

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$$\Xi = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} z^N Q_N = \sum_{\{n_i\}} \prod_i \frac{1}{n_i!} (z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i})^{n_i}$$

$$= \prod_i \sum_{n_i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n_i!} (z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i})^{n_i}$$

$$= \prod_i \exp[z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}] = e^{z \sum_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}}$$

$$= e^{z Q_1} ; Q_1 = \sum_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} \text{ is single particle partition function.}$$

$$\therefore -\frac{\mathcal{F}}{kT} = \frac{PV}{kT} = \ln \Xi = z Q_1$$

Average Occupation numbers of Bose/Fermi Gas.

$$\langle N \rangle = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \ln \Xi = z \frac{\partial \ln \Xi}{\partial z} \Big|_{T, V}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln \Xi \Big|_{z, V}, \text{ Recall } \ln \Xi = \pm \sum_i \ln(1 \pm z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i})$$

$$\therefore \langle N \rangle = \pm z \sum_i \frac{\pm e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}}{1 \pm z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}} = \sum_i \frac{z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}}{1 \pm z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}}$$

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

$$\therefore \langle N \rangle = \sum_i \left(\frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)} \pm 1} \right)$$

$$\langle E \rangle = - \left(\frac{-}{+} \right) \sum_i \frac{(-)(\pm) e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} z \epsilon_i}{1 \pm z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}} = \sum_i \frac{z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} \epsilon_i}{1 \pm z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}}$$

$$\therefore \langle E \rangle = \sum_i \frac{\epsilon_i}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)} \pm 1}$$

Recall $N = \sum_i n_i$, $E = \sum_i \epsilon_i n_i$

$$\Rightarrow \langle n_i \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)} \pm 1} \quad \begin{array}{l} + \text{ FD} \\ - \text{ BE} \end{array}$$

is the average occupation of each state.

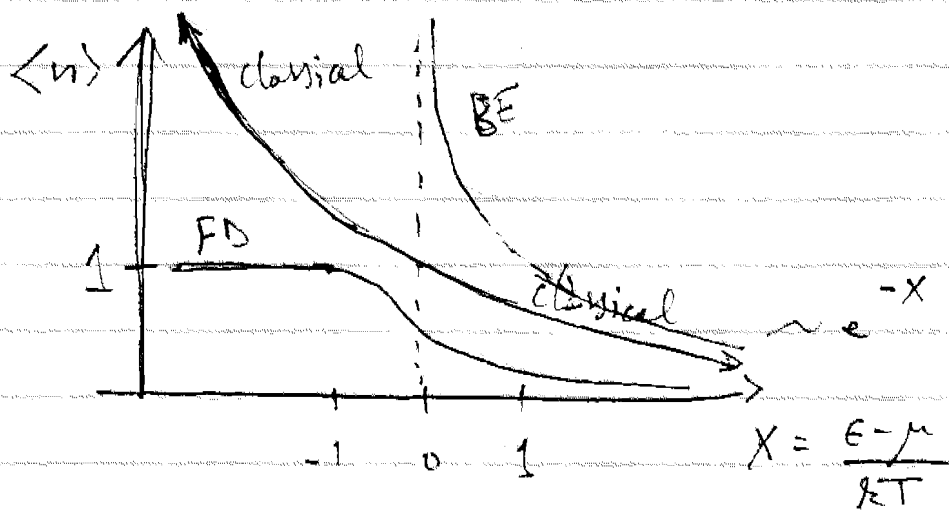
Classically; $\ln \Xi = \sum_i z_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$

$\therefore \langle N \rangle = z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\sum_i z_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} \right) = \sum_i z_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$

$\therefore \langle N \rangle = \ln \Xi = \frac{PV}{kT} = z$ (ideal gas law)

$\langle E \rangle = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \sum_i z_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} = z \sum_i \epsilon_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$

$\therefore \langle n_i \rangle = e^{-\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)}$



$\langle n \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} \pm 1}$ + FD - BE

$= \frac{1}{e^x \pm 1} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \infty & x \rightarrow 0 \text{ for BE} \\ 1 & x \ll 0 \text{ FD} \\ 0 & x \gg 0 \text{ FD} \\ \frac{1}{2} & x = 0 \text{ FD} \end{cases}$

Transition in FD is over $|\epsilon - \mu| \sim kT$

Review: Partition Functions

$$\ln \Xi = \pm \sum_i \ln (1 \pm e^{-\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)}) \quad \begin{array}{l} + \text{FD} \\ - \text{BE} \end{array}$$

$$= \pm \sum_i \ln [1 \pm z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}]$$

$$\text{Classical } \ln \Xi = \sum_i z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$$

$$\ln \Xi_{\text{quant}} \rightarrow \ln \Xi_{\text{classical}} \text{ if } z = e^{\beta \mu} \ll 1$$

$$\text{or } \beta \mu \ll 0$$

or T large on energy scales.

\Rightarrow chemical potential is negative in classical limit

Occupation #:

$$\text{Quant } \langle n_i \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)} \pm 1}$$

$$\text{classical } \langle n_i \rangle = e^{-\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)}$$

\Rightarrow need $\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu) \gg 0$ to get classical limit

N.B. for Bosons $\epsilon_i - \mu \geq 0$ because $\langle n_i \rangle \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mu \leq \epsilon_{\min}} \text{ for Bosons.}$$