# Solutions to Pathria's Statistical Mechanics Chapter 3

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Since the Helmholtz free energy A(N,V,T) has the property:

$$A(\lambda N, \lambda V, T) = \lambda A(N, V, T)$$

Differentiate with respect to  $\lambda$  and substitute  $\lambda = 1$  immediately yields

$$N\left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial N}\right)_{V,T} + V\left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial V}\right)_{N,T} = A$$

#### Problem 3.7

$$C_{p} - C_{V} = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T}\right)_{p} - \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T}\right)_{V}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial (E + pV)}{\partial T}\right)_{p} - \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T}\right)_{V}$$

$$= p\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{p} + \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial V}\right)_{\beta} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{p}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{p} \left(p + \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial V}\right)_{\beta}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial T}\right)_{V}}{\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial V}\right)_{T}} \left(p - \frac{\partial^{2} \ln Q}{\partial \beta \partial V}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{k\left(\beta \frac{\partial^{2} \ln Q}{\partial \beta \partial V} - \frac{\partial \ln Q}{\partial V}\right)^{2}}{\left(\frac{\partial^{2} \ln Q}{\partial V^{2}}\right)_{\beta}}$$

$$= desired formula.$$

As for classical ideal gas,  $(\frac{\partial E}{\partial V})_{\beta} = 0$ , pV = NkT, we soon get that the above result is Nk.

#### Problem 3.8

For classical ideal gas

$$\ln\left(\frac{Q_1}{N}\right) + T\left(\frac{\partial \ln Q_1}{\partial T}\right)_P = \ln\left\{\frac{V}{h^3N}(2\pi mkT)^{3/2}\right\} + T\frac{\partial}{\partial T}\ln\left\{\frac{N}{h^3P}(2\pi m)^{3/2}(kT)^{3/5}\right\}$$
$$= \ln\left\{\frac{V}{N}(\frac{2\pi mkT}{h^2})^{3/2}\right\} + \frac{5}{2}$$
$$= \frac{S}{Nk}$$

## Problem 3.9

For an ideal monaomic gas, its heat capacity C would be 3R/2. While asume the whole progress is quasistatic, it would obey

$$pV = RT$$
 
$$dU = -pdV + dQ = CdT$$

So we can get

$$\frac{5}{2}pdV + \frac{3}{2}Vdp = dQ$$

For adiabatical process,dQ=0,so the ratio of the final pressure to initial pressure would be

$$\frac{p_f}{p_i} = (1/2)^{5/3}$$

For the process with heat, the equation is difficult to solve, but naively thinking, for a process that the pressure doesn't change, it need heat to be added, so the final pressure would be higher than adiabatical process.

Suppose  $pV^n = C$ , so the work done is

$$\Delta W = \int_{V_1}^{V_2} \frac{C}{V^n} dV = \frac{C}{n-1} (V_2^{1-n} - V_1^{1-n})$$
 (1)

The energy difference is given by

$$\Delta U = p_2 V_2 - p_1 V_1 = C(V_2^{1-n} - V_1^{1-n}) \tag{2}$$

Therefore, the heat absorbed is

$$\Delta Q = C \frac{n-2}{n-1} (V_2^{1-n} - V_1^{1-n}) \tag{3}$$

## Problem 3.12

The Hamiltonian of the classical system can be written as:

$$H = \sum_{i}^{N} \frac{\mathbf{p}_{i}^{2}}{2m} + \sum_{i}^{N} U(\mathbf{x}_{i})$$

$$\tag{4}$$

So the partition function of the system is:

$$Q(\beta, N, V) = \frac{1}{N!h^{3N}} \int \prod_{i=1}^{N} d^3x_i d^3p_i e^{-\beta H(x, p)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N!} \left[ \left( \frac{2\pi m \beta^{-1}}{h^2} \right)^{3N/2} \int \prod_i d^3x_i e^{-\beta U(\mathbf{x}_i)} \right]$$
(5)

So the Helmholtz potential is  $A = -kT \ln Q$  and the entropy S is the derivative of free energy:

$$S = -\frac{\partial A}{\partial T}$$

$$= -\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left\{ -kT \ln \left[ \frac{1}{N!} \left( \frac{2\pi mkT}{h^2} \right)^{3N/2} \left( \int \prod_{i} d^3 x_i e^{-\beta U(\mathbf{x}_i)} \right) \right] \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left\{ -NkT \ln \left[ \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{2\pi mkT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \left( \int \prod_{i} d^3 x_i e^{-\beta U(\mathbf{x}_i)} \right)^{1/N} \right] - NkT \right\}$$

$$= Nk \ln \left[ \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{2\pi mkT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \left( \int \prod_{i} d^3 x_i e^{-\beta U(\mathbf{x}_i)} \right)^{1/N} \right] + \frac{3}{2}Nk + \frac{1}{T} \frac{\int \prod_{i} d^3 x_i \sum_{i} U(\mathbf{x}_i) e^{-\beta U(\mathbf{x}_i)}}{\int \prod_{i} d^3 x_i e^{-\beta U(\mathbf{x}_i)}} + Nk \right]$$

$$= \frac{5Nk}{2} + Nk \ln \left[ \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{2\pi mkT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \left( \int \prod_{i} d^3 x_i e^{-\beta U(\mathbf{x}_i)} \right)^{1/N} \right] + \frac{\overline{U}}{T}$$

$$= \frac{5Nk}{2} + Nk \ln \left[ \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{2\pi mkT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} e^{\frac{\overline{U}}{NkT}} \left( \int \prod_{i} d^3 x_i e^{-\beta U(\mathbf{x}_i)} \right)^{1/N} \right]$$

$$= Nk \left\{ \frac{5}{2} + \ln \left[ \frac{\overline{V}}{N} \left( \frac{2\pi mkT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \right] \right\}$$

$$(6)$$

Up till now we have shown the entropy of such a system. So if the potential energy is just a constant, the "free volume" is the common volume of classical ideal gas.

Then consider about the hard sphere gas. The potential energy is:

$$U(\mathbf{x}_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & |\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j| > D \\ \infty & |\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j| < D \end{cases}$$

It is obvious that the average of potential energy is  $\overline{U} = 0$ , so the free volume is

$$\overline{V}^{N} = \int \prod_{i} d^{3}x_{i} e^{-\beta U(\mathbf{x}_{i})}$$

$$= \int d^{3}x_{N} \int d^{3}x_{N-1} \cdots \int d^{3}x_{1} e^{-\beta U(\mathbf{x}_{i})}$$

$$= V\left(V - \frac{4\pi}{3}D^{3}\right) \left(V - 2 \cdot \frac{4\pi}{3}D^{3}\right) \cdots \left(V - \frac{N-1}{3}4\pi D^{3}\right) \tag{7}$$

Define  $v_0 = \pi D^3/6$  is the volume a sphere, so the gas-law will be:

$$P = \frac{NkT}{\overline{V}} \frac{\partial \overline{V}}{\partial V}$$

$$= kT \left( \frac{1}{V} + \frac{1}{V - 8v_0} \cdots \frac{1}{V + 8(N - 1)v_0} \right)$$

$$\simeq kT \left( \frac{N + N^2 \frac{4v_0}{V}}{V} \right)$$

$$= kT \frac{N}{V \frac{1}{1 + 4Nv_0/V}}$$

$$\simeq \frac{NkT}{V - 4Nv_0}$$
(8)

This result is the same as we have seen in Problem 1.4.

## Problem 3.13

(a) Use classical method, it is easy to get partition function.

$$Q_N = \frac{1}{N_1! N_2!} [\frac{V}{h^3} (2\pi m_1 kT)^{\frac{3}{2}}]^{N_1} [\frac{V}{h^3} (2\pi m_2 kT)^{\frac{3}{2}}]^{N_2}$$

For the same reason. We get the partition function of another system:

$$Q_N = \frac{1}{(N_1 + N_2)!} \left[ \frac{V}{h^3} (2\pi mkT)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]^{N_1 + N_2}$$

m is mixed mass.

$$m = \frac{N_1 m_1 + N_2 m_2}{N_1 + N_2}$$

We have  $Q_1(V,T) = \int g(\epsilon)e^{-\beta\epsilon}d\epsilon$ . For 3-D extreme relativistic gas,  $\epsilon = pc$ , hence we have

$$g(p)dp = \frac{V}{h^3} 4\pi p^2 dp = \frac{4\pi V}{h^3} \frac{\epsilon^2}{c^2} \frac{d\epsilon}{c} = g(\epsilon)d\epsilon$$

$$\therefore g(\epsilon) = \frac{4\pi V}{(hc)^3} \epsilon^2$$

$$\therefore Q_1(V,T) = \int_0^\infty g(\epsilon)d\epsilon = \frac{4\pi V}{(hc)^3} \int_0^\infty \epsilon^2 e^{-\beta \epsilon} d\epsilon = 8\pi V \left(\frac{kT}{hc}\right)^3$$

 $\therefore$  for N molecules,

$$Q_N(V,T) = \frac{1}{N!} \left\{ 8\pi V \left( \frac{kT}{hc} \right)^3 \right\}^N$$

From  $Q_N(V,T)$ , it's easy to calculate:

$$P = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial V} = \frac{N}{V} kT$$
 
$$U = -\frac{1}{Q} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta} = 3NkT$$
 
$$\gamma = \frac{4}{3}$$

As stated in section 3.4, g(E) can be obtained from the inverse Laplace transform, i.e.,

$$g(E) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\beta' - i\infty}^{\beta' + i\infty} e^{\beta E} Q(\beta) d\beta$$

in our case,  $Q(\beta) = Q_N(V, T)$ , hence

$$g(E) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\beta'-i\infty}^{\beta'+i\infty} e^{\beta E} Q(\beta) d\beta$$
$$= \frac{(8\pi V)^N}{N!(hc)^{3N}} \operatorname{Res} \left[ \frac{e^{\beta E}}{\beta^{3N}} \right]_{\beta=0}$$
$$= \frac{(8\pi V)^N E^{3N-1}}{N!(3N-1)!(hc)^{3N}}$$

## Problem 3.17

$$\begin{split} \int [U-H(p,q)]e^{-\beta H(p,q)}d\omega &= 0\\ \Rightarrow \int [\frac{\partial U}{\partial \beta}-H(p,q)U+H^2(p,q)]e^{-\beta H(p,q)}d\omega &= 0\\ \Rightarrow \int [\frac{\partial U}{\partial \beta}-U^2+H^2(p,q)]e^{-\beta H(p,q)}d\omega &= 0\\ \Rightarrow \langle H^2\rangle-U^2 &= -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \beta} \end{split}$$

That is the desired equation.

$$\langle (\Delta E)^3 \rangle = \langle E^3 - 2E^2 \langle E \rangle + 2E \langle E \rangle^2 - \langle E \rangle^3 \rangle$$
$$= \langle E^3 \rangle - 2 \langle E^2 \rangle \langle E \rangle + \langle E \rangle^3$$

Considering the relations below

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{E_r \exp(-\beta E_r)}{\exp(-\beta E_r)}$$

$$\langle E^2 \rangle = \frac{E_r^2 \exp(-\beta E_r)}{\exp(-\beta E_r)}$$

$$C_V = \frac{\langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2}{kT^2}$$

$$k^2 \left\{ T^4 \left( \frac{\partial C_V}{\partial T} \right)_V + 2T^3 C_V \right\} = -\frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left\{ \beta^2 (\langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2) \right\} + \frac{2}{\beta} (\langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E^2 \rangle)$$

$$\langle E^3 \rangle = k^2 \left\{ T^4 \left( \frac{\partial C_V}{\partial T} \right)_V + 2T^3 C_V \right\}$$

We have

## Problem 3.19

$$\langle \frac{dG}{dt} \rangle = \langle \sum p_i \frac{dq_i}{dt} \rangle + \langle \sum q_i \frac{dp_i}{dt} \rangle = 0$$

Above equation has used equation (3.7.5) and equation (3.7.6). The equation (3.7.5) and equation (3.7.6) both come from (3.7.2), so validity of one equation implies another's.

#### Problem 3.21

(a) Classically, the harmonic equation of motion leads to  $x = A \sin \omega t$ . As a result, the kinetic energy and potential energy will be  $m\omega^2 A^2 \cos^2 \omega t/2$  and  $m\omega^2 A^2 \sin^2 \omega t/2$  respectively. Average them it's easy to see that  $\bar{K} = \bar{U} = m\omega^2 A^2/4$ . Quantum-mechanically,  $\psi = \sum_n c_n \psi_n$  where  $\psi_n$  is the *n*-th Hermitian polynomial. Using the recursive relations, we have

$$\bar{K} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{n} |c_n|^2 \int \psi^* \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi dx = \sum_{n} |c_n|^2 \frac{\hbar\omega(2n+1)}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n} |c_n|^2 E_n$$
 (9)

$$\bar{U} = \frac{m\omega^2}{2} \sum_{n} |c_n|^2 \int \psi^* x^2 \psi dx = \sum_{n} |c_n|^2 \frac{\hbar\omega(2n+1)}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n} |c_n|^2 E_n$$
 (10)

(b) In Bohr-sommerfeld model, a quantized orbits are hypothesized, namely  $m_e v r = n\hbar$ . In the *n*-th orbit, the total energy is  $E_n = -Z^2 k^2 e^4 m_e / 2\hbar^2 n^2$ . The radius of which is  $r_n = n^2 \hbar^2 / Z k e^2 m_e$ . By a naive calculation  $\bar{U} = -Z^2 k^2 e^4 m_e / \hbar^2 n^2$  and  $\bar{T} = Z^2 k^2 e^4 m_e / 2\hbar^2 n^2$ .

In the Schroedinger hydrogen atom,  $\psi_{nlm} = R_{nl}(r)Y_{lm}(\theta,\phi)$ . The kinetic energy is given by

$$\bar{T} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int \psi_{nlm}^* \left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d}{dr} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}\right) \psi_{nlm} r^2 \sin\theta dr d\theta d\phi 
= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int R_{nl}(r) \left(\frac{1}{n^2 a^2}\right) R_{nl}(r) r^2 dr 
= \frac{e^2}{2an^2}$$
(11)

so  $\bar{U} = -e^2/an^2$ . a is the Bohr radius.

(c) This is also a central force case. The results are quite identical to (b).

Anharmonic Oscillator.

This anharmonic oscillator has the Hamiltonian:

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{4}kx^4$$

So the canonical partition function of the system is:

$$Q = \frac{1}{h} \int dp dx \, e^{-\beta \left(\frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{4}kx^4\right)} \tag{12}$$

Use the "equipartition theorem", we can get the following result:

$$\left\langle x \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \right\rangle = kT \tag{13}$$

Thus because  $\partial H/\partial x = kx^3$ , we can get

$$x\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = kx^4 = 4V$$

So the expectation value of the potential is  $\langle V \rangle = kT/4$ . For the same reason, we can get the mean value of the kinetic energy:

$$\langle K \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left\langle p \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right\rangle = \frac{kT}{2} \tag{14}$$

So clearly we can get  $\langle K \rangle = 2 \langle V \rangle$ .

## Problem 3.23

According to the equation 3.7.15

$$\frac{PV}{NkT} = 1 - \frac{1}{NdkT} * \sum_{i < j} \frac{\partial u(r_{ij})}{\partial r_{ij}} r_{ij}$$

For the ideal gas. There is not interaction term.

$$PV = NkT$$

The Hamiltonian of the system happens to be a quadratic function of its coordinates. The virial theorem states that

$$\nu_0 = -3NkT$$

So we can infer that

$$\nu_0 = -3PV$$

Let's consider the interaction between the particles and walls of container.

$$\boldsymbol{\nu_0} = -P \int (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{r}) dV = -3PV$$

They show walls of container are the main factor interaction with particles.

Consider a particle inside a box with  $\dot{q}_i$  and  $p_i$ , the volumn of the box is V. If the particle hits an area  $\Delta S$  on a wall during time  $\Delta t$ , it has to be in volumn  $\dot{q}_i \Delta S \Delta t$ . Also, the momentum  $p_i$  it has must be oriented to the wall, which gives a 1/2 coefficient to the probability. Hence the pressure on the wall satisfies

$$\left\langle \sum_{N} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\dot{q}_{i} \Delta S \Delta t}{V} \cdot 2p_{i} \right\rangle = P \Delta S \Delta t$$

$$i.e., \left\langle \sum_{i} p_{i} \dot{q}_{i} \right\rangle = 3PV, i = 1, ..., 3N$$

From the equipartition theorem,  $\langle \sum_i p_i \dot{q}_i \rangle = 3NkT$ , hence

$$PV = NkT$$

for noninteracting systems.

## Problem 3.27

$$\begin{split} g(E) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{(\beta+i\gamma)(E-(N/2)\hbar\omega)} (1-e^{-\hbar\omega(\beta+i\gamma)})^{-N} d\gamma \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{(\beta+i\gamma)(E-(N/2)\hbar\omega)} (1+C_N^1 e^{-\hbar\omega(\beta+i\gamma)} + C_{N+1}^2 e^{-2\hbar\omega(\beta+i\gamma)} + C_{N+2}^3 e^{-3\hbar\omega(\beta+i\gamma)} + \ldots) d\gamma \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \delta(E-(N/2)\hbar\omega - k\hbar\omega) C_{N+k-1}^k \end{split}$$

The above result is the same as that derived from direct state counting for N distinguishable quantum SHOs. Assume  $E = (m + N/2)\hbar\omega$ , then we have:

$$S = k \ln(g(E)dE) = k \ln(C_{N+m-1}^m)$$

while  $m \gg 1$ ,  $N \gg 1$ , using the Stiring formula we can find:

$$S \approx k(m \ln \frac{N+m-1}{m} + (N-1) \ln \frac{N+m-1}{N-1}) \approx Nk(\frac{m+N}{N} \ln \frac{m+N}{N} - \frac{m}{N} \ln \frac{m}{N})$$

which is the desired formula.

#### Problem 3.28

**a**)

Define

$$R = \left(E - \frac{1}{2}N\hbar\omega\right) / \hbar\omega$$

Number of states avaliable for the whole system is

$$m_0 = \frac{(R+N-1)!}{R!(N-1)!}$$

Number of states avaliable for a particular oscillator in state n

$$m = \frac{(R+N-1-n-1)!}{(R-n)!(N-1)!}$$

Probability

$$p_n = \frac{m}{m_0} = \frac{R(R-1)\cdots(R-n+1)(N-1)}{(R+N-1)\cdots(R+N-1-n-1)}$$

for  $N \gg 1$  and  $R \gg n$ 

$$p_n \approx \frac{(\bar{n})^n}{(\bar{n}+1)^{n+1}}$$

where  $\bar{n} = R/N$ 

b)

The number of states avaliable for total energy E and N particles are

$$g(E,N) = \frac{1}{N!} \left(\frac{V}{h^3}\right)^N \frac{(2\pi m)^{3N/2}}{(3N/2 - 1)!} E^{3N/2 - 1}$$

Probability

$$p = \frac{g(E - \epsilon, N - 1)}{g(E, N)}$$

For  $N \ll 1$  and  $E \ll \epsilon$ 

$$p \propto \left(\frac{E - \epsilon}{E}\right)^{3N/2} \approx \exp(-\beta \epsilon)$$

where  $\beta = 3N/2E$ .

## Problem 3.29

I can't solve this problem. The intergral of the unharmomic terms in the partition fuction is infinite.

#### Problem 3.31

"Partition function" for single particle is

$$Q_1 = 1 + e^{-\varepsilon/kT}. (15)$$

So a list of quatities can be obtained:

$$Q_N = (1 + e^{-\varepsilon/kT})^N \tag{16}$$

$$A = -NkT\ln(1 + e^{-\varepsilon/kT}) \tag{17}$$

$$\mu = -kT\ln(1 + e^{-\varepsilon/kT})\tag{18}$$

$$p = 0 (19)$$

$$S = Nk \ln(1 + e^{-\varepsilon/kT}) + \frac{N\varepsilon}{T} \frac{e^{-\varepsilon/kT}}{1 + e^{-\varepsilon/kT}}$$
(20)

$$U = N\varepsilon \frac{e^{-\varepsilon/kT}}{1 + e^{-\varepsilon/kT}} \tag{21}$$

$$C_p = C_V = \frac{N\varepsilon^2 e^{-\varepsilon/kT}}{kT^2 (1 + e^{-\varepsilon/kT})^2}$$
(22)

This specific heat is sometimes referred to Schottky anomaly.

(a) Since the distribution is given by canonical distribution, the probabilities are:

$$p_i = Q^{-1}g_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$$

and the entropy should be:

$$S = -k \left[ p_{1} \ln(p_{1}/g_{1}) + p_{2} \ln(p_{2}/g_{2}) \right]$$

$$= -k \left[ \frac{g_{1}e^{-\beta\epsilon_{1}}}{Q} \ln \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon_{1}}}{Q} + \frac{g_{2}e^{-\beta\epsilon_{2}}}{Q} \ln \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon_{2}}}{Q} \right]$$

$$= k \ln Q + \frac{1}{T} \frac{g_{1}\epsilon_{1}e^{-\beta\epsilon_{1}} + g_{2}\epsilon_{2}e^{-\beta\epsilon_{2}}}{Q}$$

$$= k \ln g_{1} + k \ln \left( 1 + \frac{g_{2}}{g_{1}}e^{-x} \right) + \frac{1}{T} \frac{g_{2}(\epsilon_{2} - \epsilon_{1})e^{-\beta\epsilon_{2}}}{Q}$$

$$= k \left[ \ln g_{1} + \ln \left( 1 + \frac{g_{2}}{g_{1}}e^{-x} \right) + \frac{g_{2}e^{-\beta\epsilon_{2}}x}{Q} \right]$$

$$= k \left[ \ln g_{1} + \ln \left( 1 + \frac{g_{2}}{g_{1}}e^{-x} \right) + \frac{x}{1 + \frac{g_{1}}{g_{2}}e^{x}} \right]$$
(23)

When  $g_1 = g_2 = 1$ , the situation is the same as Fermi oscillator with energy 0 and  $\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1$ .

(b) The entropy is the derivative of the free energy, so we can get the entropy by the following process:

$$S = -\frac{\partial A}{\partial T}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \{kT \ln Q\}$$

$$= k \ln Q + \frac{1}{T} \frac{g_1 \epsilon_1 e^{-\beta \epsilon_1} + g_2 \epsilon_2 e^{-\beta \epsilon_2}}{Q}$$

$$= k \left[ \ln g_1 + \ln \left( 1 + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \right) + \frac{x}{1 + \frac{g_1}{g_2} e^x} \right]$$
(24)

which is the same as we get in (a).

(c) Clearly from equation (23), when temperature is T=0, the entropy will be:

$$S = \lim_{x \to +\infty} k \left[ \ln g_1 + \ln \left( 1 + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \right) + \frac{x}{1 + \frac{g_1}{g_2} e^x} \right] = k \ln g_1$$
 (25)

From the distribution of canonical ensemble, we know that when the temperature is T=0, the system will stay on the ground state. Since the ground is g-fold degenerate, there are  $g_1$  possible states. So the entropy is  $S=k \ln g_1$ .

#### Problem 3.33

Let's consider parameter  $\frac{\mu H}{kT}$ .

If you plot the Langevin's function:

$$L(x) = coth(x) - \frac{1}{x}$$

You will find when  $\frac{\mu H}{kT} = 5.12$  magnetic moment is saturated.

For  $\epsilon = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \left\{\frac{p_{\theta}^2}{2I} + \frac{p_{\phi}}{2I\sin^2{\theta}}\right\} - \mu E\cos{\theta}$ , just calculate

$$\begin{split} Q &= \frac{1}{h^3} \int e^{-\beta \epsilon} d^3 p d^3 q \\ &= \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{\beta p^2}{2m}\right) dp \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{\beta p_\theta^2}{2I}\right) dp_\theta \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{\beta p_\phi^2}{2I \sin^2 \theta}\right) dp_\phi \int \exp(-\mu E \cos \theta) dr d\theta d\phi \\ &= \frac{2\pi I}{\beta} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi m}{\beta}} \int_0^R dr \int_0^\pi \sin \theta \exp(-\mu E \cos \theta) d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \\ &= \frac{4\pi^2 IR}{\beta} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi m}{\beta}} \frac{e^{\mu E} - e^{-\mu E}}{\mu E} \end{split}$$

$$\therefore Q_N = \frac{1}{N!}Q^N$$

Once  $Q_N$  is obtained, all thermodynamics of the system can be obtained. I forget the definition of electric polarization, etc. I hope you can obtain them from  $Q_N$  by yourself.

## Problem 3.37

Prof.Ni's ppt has given a detailed and complete solution to this problem. If someone regards it worthwhile I will renew this text later.

## Problem 3.38

As defined in the problem, we examine the patition function

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1(\beta) &=& \int_{-J}^{J} \exp(\beta g \mu_B m H) \\ &=& \frac{1}{\beta g \mu_B H} (\exp(\beta g \mu_B J H) - \exp(\beta g \mu_B J H)) \end{aligned}$$

Choose  $x = \beta g \mu_B J H$ 

Thermal dynamic properties

$$\bar{\mu}_z = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial H} \ln Q_1(\beta)$$

$$= J^2 g \mu_B(\coth(x) - \frac{1}{x})$$

#### Problem 3.39

By using equation (3.9.18) we could get

$$Q = \sum_{m=-1/2}^{1/2} \exp(\beta g \mu_b m H) = \exp(-\beta g \mu_b H/2)(1 + \exp(\beta g \mu_b H))$$

The mean magnetic moment is

$$M = \frac{N}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial H} \ln Q = \frac{1}{2} N \mu_b g \frac{1 - \exp(-\beta g \mu_b H)}{1 + \exp(-\beta g \mu_b H)}$$

While the number of parallel atoms  $N_{+}$  and antiparallel  $N_{-}$  satisfied that

$$\begin{cases}
\dot{N}_{+} + N_{-} = N \\
(N_{+} - N_{-})g\mu_{b}J = M \\
J = 1/2
\end{cases}$$
(26)

So we could get the answer

$$\begin{cases} \dot{N_{+}}/N = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\beta g \mu_{b} H)} \\ N_{-}/N = \frac{\exp(-\beta g \mu_{b} H)}{1 + \exp(-\beta g \mu_{b} H)} \end{cases}$$
(27)

According to the given situation, flux density  $0.1 \text{ weber/}m^2$  and temperature of 1000K, the respective fractions are

$$\begin{cases}
\dot{N}_{+}/N = 50.00168\% \\
N_{-}/N = 49.99832\%
\end{cases}$$
(28)

## Problem 3.41

The equilibrium temperature will be positive, since the energy of the whole system is not bounded from above. This case is a bit like the spin and lattice case. For the subsystem of spins, its energy is bounded from above, so it is possible to attain a negative temperature. While the subsystem of lattice, i.e. ideal gas in this problem, only has positive temperature. The whole system doesn't have a energy limit, so the temperature will only be positive. And energy may flow from the spin subsystem to the ideal gas.

#### Problem 3.42

Paramagnetic system.

For a given energy E, we can know that:

$$E = \mu_B H (N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow}) \tag{29}$$

$$N = N_{\uparrow} + N_{\downarrow} \tag{30}$$

So the occupying number of up(down)-spin is

$$N_{\uparrow} = \frac{1}{2} \left( N + \frac{E}{\mu_B H} \right) \quad N_{\downarrow} = \frac{1}{2} \left( N - \frac{E}{\mu_B H} \right)$$

And the number of the possible states will be:

$$\Omega(N, E) = \mathcal{C}_N^{N\uparrow} = \frac{N!}{N_{\uparrow}! N_{\downarrow}!} \tag{31}$$

So the entropy in micro canonical ensemble representation is:

$$S = k \ln \Omega(E, N)$$

$$= Nk \ln N - N_{\uparrow} k \ln N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow} k \ln N_{\downarrow}$$

$$= Nk \ln N - k \frac{N\mu_{B}H + E}{2\mu_{B}H} \ln \frac{N\mu_{B}H + E}{2\mu_{B}H} - k \frac{N\mu_{B}H - E}{2\mu_{B}H} \ln \frac{N\mu_{B}H - E}{2\mu_{B}H}$$
(32)

This result is the same as (3.10.9) in Pathria's Book. Then the temperature:

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial E}$$

$$= -\frac{k}{2\mu_B H} \ln \frac{N\mu_B H + E}{2\mu_B H} - \frac{k}{2\mu_B H} + \frac{k}{2\mu_B H} \ln \frac{N\mu_B H - E}{2mu_B H} + \frac{k}{2\mu_B H}$$

$$= \frac{k}{2\mu_B H} \ln \left(\frac{N\mu_B H - E}{N\mu_B H + E}\right) \tag{33}$$

And this result is also the same as equation (3.10.8).

# Problem 3.43

The hamiltonian of the system is:

$$\boldsymbol{H} = e\phi(\boldsymbol{q}) + \frac{1}{2m_e} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\boldsymbol{P_i} - \frac{e}{c} \boldsymbol{A_i})^2$$
$$\dot{q_i} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \propto p_i$$

On the other hand

$$\vec{\mu} = \frac{e}{2c}\vec{r} \times \vec{v} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \vec{a_i} \cdot \dot{q_i}$$

 $a_i$  are vector coefficients depending on the position coordinates.

$$\overline{\mu} = \frac{\int \mu * d\omega}{\int d\omega} \propto \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p * dp = 0$$

The integrand is an odd function of p, so it vanishes.