Distribution for Boson

The distribution for indistinguishable ideal quantum gas—also called boson—the Bose-Einstein distribution. In general, the number of particle per unit energy interval is given by

$$n(E) = \frac{g(E)}{\exp\left[(E - \mu)/k_B T\right] - 1}$$

For a free bosonic gas, the density state is

$$g(E) = \frac{V}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} E^{1/2}$$

then the distribution function simply evaluate into

$$n(E) = \frac{V}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \frac{E^{1/2}}{\exp\left[(E - \mu)/k_B T\right] - 1}$$

Energy and Frequency Cells

Quintessential step in Einstein's method is to distribute state of particle into certain cells. There are two kinds of cells, one for distributing particle in terms of their energy P_E and another in terms of their frequency P_{ν} . For energy, we write

$$P_E = \frac{2\pi}{h^3} V(2m)^{3/2} \sqrt{E} \ dE$$

and for frequency

$$P_{\nu} = \frac{8\pi V \nu^2}{c^3} \; d\nu$$

Energy Cells derivation. He first considers the energy of non-relativistic particle, which is

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

This implies

$$p = \sqrt{2mE}, \quad dp = \frac{m}{p}dE = \frac{m}{\sqrt{2mE}}dE$$

This will be used to determine the volume of $(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p} + d\mathbf{p})$ phase space

$$d\omega = V \frac{4}{3}\pi \left[(p+dp)^3 - p^3 \right] = \frac{4}{3}\pi V \left[3p^2 dp + 3p d^2p + d^3p \right]$$
$$= 4\pi V p^2 dp = 4\pi V 2mE \frac{m}{\sqrt{2mE}} dE = 2\pi (2m)^{3/2} \sqrt{E} dE$$

The said volume then divided into cells of h^3 volume. Let this number of distinct cells as

$$P_E = \frac{d\omega}{h^3} = \frac{2\pi}{h^3} V(2m)^{3/2} \sqrt{E} \ dE$$

Frequency Cells derivation. He considered gas of photon with energy of $E = h\nu$ and momentum $p = h\nu/c$. He assumed that quantum state is described by space and momentum phase space. Next he determined the volume of phase space within interval $(\nu, \nu + d\nu)$, which is

$$d\omega = V \ d\mathcal{V}$$

where V is the spatial volume and dV is the momentum volume of the shell within radii $h(\nu + d\nu)/c$, $h\nu$. The said shell volume is given by

$$d\mathcal{V} = (\mathcal{V} + d\mathcal{V}) - \mathcal{V} = \frac{4\pi h^3}{3c^3} \left[(\nu + d\nu)^3 - \nu^3 \right]$$
$$= \frac{4\pi h^3}{3c^3} \left[3\nu^2 d\nu + 3\nu d^2\nu + d^3\nu \right] = \frac{4\pi h^3}{c^3} \nu^2 d\nu$$

The resulting volume of phase space $d\omega$ is

$$d\omega = \frac{4\pi V h^3}{c^3} \nu^2 \ d\nu$$

This volume then divided by Bose into cells of volume h^3 . The number P_{ν} as phase space cells available to the photon within $(\nu, \nu + d\nu)$ expressed by

$$P_{\nu} = \frac{2}{c^3} d\omega = \frac{8\pi V \nu^2}{c^3} d\nu$$

where the factor of 2 comes after taking account the two direction of polarization.

Bose's Derivation

The number of configuration \mathcal{P}_E for distributing N_E indistinguishable particle in P_E boxes is given by

$$\mathcal{P}_E = \frac{(N_E + P_E - 1)}{N_E!(P_E - 1)!}$$

This gives configuration for particle within (E, E+dE), conversely the total configuration is given by

$$\mathcal{P} = \prod_{E=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_E$$

We then move to determining the entropy $S = k_B \ln \mathcal{P}_{\text{max}}$ by maximizing the logarithm of \mathcal{P} with respect to N_E subjected to the following constraints.

$$N = \sum_{E=0}^{\infty} N_E, \quad U = \sum_{E=0}^{\infty} E N_E$$

Using Stirling's approximation on said logarithm, we have

$$\ln \mathcal{P} = \sum_{E} \ln \frac{(N_E + P_E - 1)}{N_E!(P_E - 1)!}$$

$$\ln \mathcal{P} = \sum_{E} (N_E + P_E) \ln(N_E + P_E) - N_E \ln(N_E) - P_E \ln(P_E)$$

By Lagrange's method

$$F = \ln \mathcal{P} + \lambda_1 \sum_{E} N_E + \lambda_2 \sum_{E} E N_E$$

Setting its derivative to zero

$$\ln(N_E + P_E) + 1 - \ln(N_E) - 1 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 E = 0$$

Taking the exponential and solving for N_E

$$\frac{N_E + P_E}{N_E} = \exp(-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E)$$

$$N_E = \frac{P_E}{\exp(-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E) - 1}$$

Substituting this value into the logarithm of \mathcal{P}

$$\ln \mathcal{P}_{\text{max}} = \sum_{E} \left[(N_E + P_E) \left[\ln(P_E) + \ln \left(\frac{\exp(-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E)}{\exp(-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E) - 1} \right) \right] - P_E \ln(P_E) - N_E \left[\ln(P_E) - \ln \left(\exp\{-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E\} - 1 \right) \right] \right]$$

then

$$\ln \mathcal{P}_{\text{max}} = \sum_{E} \left[(N_E + P_E) \ln \left(\frac{\exp(-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E)}{\exp(-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E) - 1} \right) + N_E \ln \left(\exp\{-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E\} - 1 \right) \right]$$

moreover

$$\ln \mathcal{P}_{\text{max}} = \sum_{E} \left[N_E \left(-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E \right) + P_E \ln \left(\frac{\exp(-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E)}{\exp(-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E) - 1} \right) \right]$$

Hence

$$S = \sum_{E} k_B P_E \ln \left(\frac{\exp(-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E)}{\exp(-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 E) - 1} \right) - k_B (N\lambda_1 + U\lambda_2)$$

On using the following relations

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial U}\Big|_{VN}, \quad -\frac{\mu}{T} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial N}\Big|_{UV}$$

we have

$$\frac{1}{T} = -\lambda_2 k_B \implies \lambda_2 = -\frac{1}{k_B T}$$

and

$$-\frac{\mu}{T} = \lambda_1 k_B \implies \lambda_1 = \frac{\mu}{k_B T}$$

Thus

$$N_E = \frac{2\pi}{h^3} \frac{V(2m)^{3/2} \sqrt{E}}{\exp[(E - \mu)/k_B T] - 1} dE$$

The quantity n_E is defined as the number of molecules per unit energy interval

$$n_E = \frac{N_E}{dE} = \frac{2\pi}{h^3} \frac{V(2m)^{3/2} \sqrt{E}}{\exp[(E - \mu)/k_B T] - 1} \quad \blacksquare$$

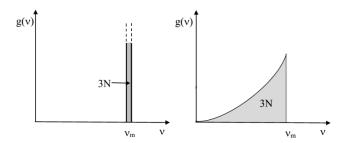


Figure: Density of state based on Einstein's and Debye's model.

Phonon

A phonon is a quantum mechanical quantization of the modes of vibrations for elastic structures of interacting particles. Phonons behave as a quasi particle that carries energy and momentum.

As quantized lattice vibrations, phonons can have three polarization directions: one direction of longitudinal and two for transversal, all with respect to the direction of propagation. Thus, for N phonons, the total state of frequency is 3N. Two of the popular model for the frequency density of state is Einstein's and Debye.

Einstein's model. Here, he assumed that all the 3N oscillator oscillate with the same frequency. Thus, all the 3N state is equal to ν_m

$$g(\nu) = 3N\delta(\nu - \nu_m)$$

Debye's model. Unlike Einstein, he assumed that the density of state is quadratic up to maximum frequency n_m . The said density of state is given by

$$g(\nu) = \begin{cases} \frac{9N}{\nu_m^3} \nu^2, & \nu \le \nu_m \\ 0, & \nu_m < \nu \end{cases}$$

To derive said DoS, recall that it is proportional to the square of frequency. Hence, the DoS assumes the form of

$$g(\nu) = A\nu^2$$

On integrating this within all allowed frequency $(0, \nu_m)$, we have

$$3N = \int_0^{\nu_m} A\nu^2 \ d\nu = A \frac{1}{3} \nu_m^3$$

Then simply solve for the constant

$$A = \frac{9N}{\nu_m^3}$$

Einstein' Solid

Einstein's theory on solid is only accurate for large T, experimental data disagree with his theory for small T. On using the DoS given by

Einstein's model, the phonon density reads

$$n(\nu) = \frac{3N\delta(\nu - \nu_m)}{\exp(h\nu/kT) - 1}$$

We determine the total energy of given phonon as

$$E = \int_0^\infty E(\nu) n(\nu) \ d\nu$$

Using said distribution

$$\begin{split} E &= \int_0^{\nu_m} h\nu \frac{3N\delta(\nu-\nu_m)}{\exp(h\nu/kT)-1} \ d\nu \\ E &= \frac{3Nh\nu_m}{\exp(h\nu_m/kT)-1} \end{split}$$

The experimental data that was mentioned prior takes the form of heat capacitance, hence Einstein's theory should give the heat capacitance by using the definition

$$C_V = \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \bigg|_{V,N=N_A}$$

Large temperature.

Small temperature.

Debye's Solid

Unlike Einstein's theory, Debye's theory agree with experimental data for both low and high T. Let us consider the phonon density

$$n(\nu) = \frac{9N}{\nu_m^3} \frac{\nu^2}{\exp(h\nu/kT) - 1} \quad \nu \le \nu_m$$

Then the total energy

$$E = \int_0^{\nu_m} \frac{9Nh}{\nu_m^3} \frac{\nu^3}{\exp(h\nu/kT) - 1} \; d\nu$$

Since the integral is expressed as incomplete Riemann-Zeta function, we need some simplification. In other word, we make assumption.

Large temperature. For this case, the exponential term is small, hence it can be approximated with

$$\exp\left(\frac{h\nu}{kT}\right) = 1 + \frac{h\nu}{kT}$$

Thus the integral simplifies into

$$E = \frac{9Nh}{\nu_m^3} \int_0^{\nu_m} \frac{\nu^3}{h\nu/kT} d\nu = \frac{9N}{\nu_m^3} kT \frac{1}{3} \nu_m^3 = 3NkT = 3RT$$

And we also have the heat capacitance of

$$C_V = 3R$$

Small temperature.