

Problem 12.1 Widom insertion method

(a) According to the laws of thermodyn.:

$$\mu = \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial N} \right|_{T,V} \approx \frac{F(N+1) - F(N)}{N+1 - N} = \frac{F(N+1) - F(N)}{1}$$

$$= -k_B T (\ln Z_{N+1} - \ln Z_N) = -k_B T \ln \frac{Z_{N+1}}{Z_N}$$

$$= -k_B T \ln \left\{ \frac{\frac{V^{N+1}}{\lambda^{3(N+1)} N!} \int d\vec{s}^{(N+1)} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}_{N+1}}}{\frac{V^N}{\lambda^{3N} N!} \int d\vec{s}^{(N)} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}_N}} \right\}$$

where the prefactors come from rescaling the spatial integrals and the momentum integrals and \mathcal{H}_{N+1} , \mathcal{H}_N correspond to the Hamilton function ($= U$)

$$= -k_B T \ln \left\{ \frac{V}{\lambda^3 (N+1)} \right\}$$

$$- k_B T \ln \left\{ \int d\vec{s}_{N+1} \frac{\int d\vec{s}^{(N)} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}_N} e^{-\beta \Delta U}}{\int d\vec{s}^{(N)} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}_N}} \right\}$$

with $\Delta U = \mathcal{H}_{N+1} - \mathcal{H}_N$
the difference in internal energy from adding a particle

$$= -k_B T \ln \left\{ \frac{V}{\lambda^3 (N+1)} \right\} - k_B T \ln \left\{ \int d\vec{s}_{N+1} \langle e^{-\beta \Delta U} \rangle \right\} = \mu_{id} + \mu_{exc}$$