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$$\text{Classical : } n_i/g_i = e^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$$

$$\text{Fermionic : } n_i/g_i = \frac{1}{e^{\alpha} e^{\beta \epsilon_i} + 1}$$

$$\text{Bosonic : } n_i/g_i = \frac{1}{e^{\alpha} e^{\beta \epsilon_i} - 1}$$

Plot them.

with $\beta = 1/k_B T$ and $B = e^{\alpha}$ then

$$f(T) = \frac{1}{B e^{\beta \epsilon_i} \begin{cases} +1 \\ +0 \\ -1 \end{cases}}$$

Fermi-Dirac (FD)

Maxwell-Boltzmann (MB)

Bose-Einstein (BE)

Example. What is the low density limit for the number of microstates in the FD and BE systems? The dilute limit is

defined when $n_i \ll g_i$.

FD: Recall that $\Omega(\epsilon_i) = \frac{g_i!}{n_i! (g_i - n_i)!}$

$$= \frac{\overbrace{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (g_i - n_i) (g_i - n_i + 1) \cdots g_i}^{(g_i - n_i)!}}{n_i! \cancel{(g_i - n_i)!}} = \frac{\overbrace{(g_i - n_i + 1) (g_i - n_i + 2) \cdots g_i}^{n_i}}{n_i!}$$

$$\approx \frac{g_i^{n_i}}{n_i!} \Rightarrow \Omega_{FD} \approx \prod_i \frac{g_i^{n_i}}{n_i!}$$

$g=100, n=3$

$$\frac{\overbrace{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdots 96 \cdot 97 \cdot 98 \cdot 99 \cdot 100}^{\sim 100^3}}{3! \cdot 97!}$$

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BE : we had $\Omega(\epsilon_i) = \frac{(n_i + g_i)!}{n_i! g_i!}$

$$= \frac{\overbrace{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots g_i}^{g_i!} \cdot \overbrace{(g_i+1)(g_i+2) \cdots (g_i+n_i)}^{\approx g_i^{n_i}}}{n_i! g_i!} \approx \frac{g_i^{n_i}}{n_i!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_{BE} \approx \prod_i \frac{g_i^{n_i}}{n_i!}$$

we have $\Omega_{BE} \approx \Omega_{FD} \rightarrow$ Classical we have $\prod_i \frac{g_i^{n_i}}{n_i!}$ except for
a factor of $N!$

Look up Gibbs Paradox.

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Reading: Ch 4 from book.

In large systems energy levels go from discrete to continuous, so instead of g_i being the degeneracy of individual levels we want to count the number of levels in a small range, i.e. $g(E)$ this is levels between E and $E + dE$.

Additionally in a solid we usually know the relation between energy and momentum ($p = \hbar k$), e.g. $E^2 = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m = p^2 / 2m$.

Example Recall the 1-D infinite square well, we have

$$\psi_k(x) = A \sin kx, \quad E = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m$$

In solving the Schrödinger eqn. for this system we have

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$$ka = n\pi, \quad k = \frac{n\pi}{a}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

Let's count the number of independent states between k and $k + \delta k$.

Let this be $n(k)$.

$$g(k) \delta k = \frac{(n(k + \delta k) - n(k)) \delta k}{\delta k}$$

$$g(k) \delta k = \frac{dn(k)}{dk} \delta k$$

$$\text{So } n(k) = \frac{k}{(\pi/a)} = \frac{a}{\pi} k \Rightarrow g(k) \delta k = \frac{a}{\pi} \delta k$$

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The number of states in k -space between k and $k + \delta k$

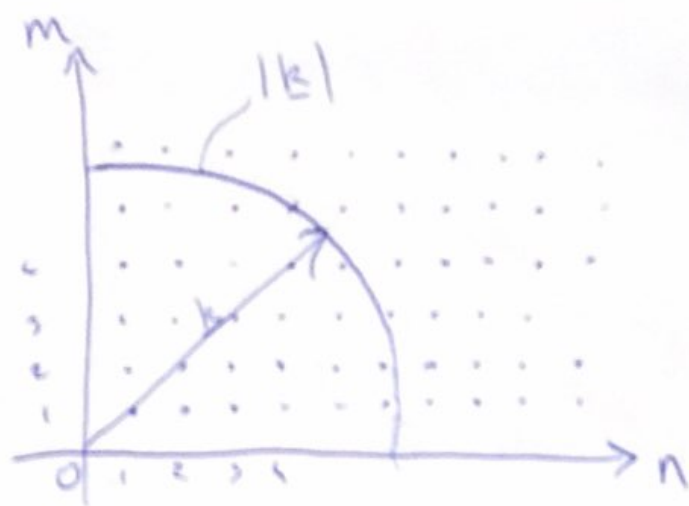
is $g(k) = \frac{a}{\pi} \delta k$, valid $k \gg \pi/a$. (ie. when continuous).

3D Box. In the infinite 3D square well we found independent solutions $\sin(k_x x) \sin(k_y y) \sin(k_z z)$ with

$$k_x = \frac{n\pi}{a}, \quad k_y = \frac{m\pi}{a}, \quad k_z = \frac{l\pi}{a}$$

where $l, m, n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ (independently).

Count states:



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$$n(k) = \frac{\text{Volume in 3D space (octant)}}{(\pi a)^3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} 4\pi k^3 \left(\frac{a}{\pi}\right)^3$$

$$\text{So } g(k) = \frac{dn}{dk} = \frac{a^3}{(2\pi)^3} 4\pi k^2$$

So in k-space the density of states is given by

$$g(k) dk = \frac{a^3}{(2\pi)^3} 4\pi k^2 dk.$$

Note: Spin not included. If spin degenerate multiply by 2.