

statemech: expectation value of  $n_j$

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## 1 boson

goal is to derive  $\langle n_j \rangle = \frac{1}{\exp(\mu - \epsilon) - 1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n_j \rangle &= \sum_{\{n_k\}} n_j P\{n_k\} \\ &= \sum_{\{n_k\}} n_j \exp \left\{ \sum_{\{n_k\}} \beta (\mu - \epsilon_k) n_k \right\} \frac{1}{\sum_{\{n_k\}} \exp \left\{ \sum_{\{n_k\}} \beta (\mu - \epsilon_k) n_k \right\}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_k} \ln(\mathcal{Z}) \\ \langle n_j \rangle &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_k} \ln(\mathcal{Z}) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

i got this by making use of the fact that  $P\{n_k\} = \frac{1}{\sum_{\{n_k\}} \exp \left\{ \sum_{\{n_k\}} \beta (\mu - \epsilon_k) n_k \right\}}$

and the fact the  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln(y) = \frac{1}{y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$ . Equation 1 will be used for both the boson and fermion case.

$$\mathcal{Z} = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - \exp\{\beta (\mu - \epsilon_k)\}}$$

plug this into equation 1

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n_j \rangle &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_k} \ln \left( \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - \exp\{\beta (\mu - \epsilon_k)\}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_k} \ln \left( \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} 1 - \exp\{\beta (\mu - \epsilon_k)\} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \exp\{\beta (\mu - \epsilon_k)\}}{\prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - \exp\{\beta (\mu - \epsilon_k)\})} \end{aligned}$$

which simplifies into

$$\boxed{= \frac{1}{\exp(-\beta (\mu - \epsilon)) - 1}}$$

## 2 fermion

very similar to boson except  $\mathcal{Z} = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 + \exp\{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_k)\})$

plug this into equation 1

$$\begin{aligned}\langle n_j \rangle &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_k} \ln \left( \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 + \exp\{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_k)\}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \exp\{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_k)\}}{\prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 + \exp\{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_k)\})}\end{aligned}$$

which simplifies into

$$\boxed{= \frac{1}{\exp(-\beta(\mu - \epsilon)) + 1}}$$