

where $g(E)$ is the density of states, which can be derived as follows. States in k -space are uniformly distributed, and so

$$g(k) dk = \frac{4\pi k^2 dk}{(2\pi/L)^3} \times (2S+1) = \frac{(2S+1)V k^2 dk}{2\pi^2}, \quad (30.4)$$

where $(2S+1)$ is the spin degeneracy factor and $V = L^3$ is the volume. Using $E = \hbar^2 k^2/2m$ we can transform this into

$$g(E) dE = \frac{(2S+1)V E^{1/2} dE}{(2\pi)^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2}, \quad (30.5)$$

and hence

$$\Phi_G = \mp k_B T \frac{(2S+1)V}{(2\pi)^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \int_0^\infty \ln(1 \pm e^{-\beta(E-\mu)}) E^{1/2} dE, \quad (30.6)$$

which after integrating by parts yields

$$\Phi_G = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{(2S+1)V}{(2\pi)^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \int_0^\infty \frac{E^{3/2} dE}{e^{-\beta(E-\mu)} \pm 1}. \quad (30.7)$$

The grand potential evaluated in the previous example can be used to derive various thermodynamic functions for fermions and bosons.³ Another way to get to the same result is to evaluate the mean occupation n_k of a state with wave vector k , which is given by

$$n_k = k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} Z_k = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(E_k - \mu)} \pm 1}, \quad (30.8)$$

and then use this expression to derive directly quantities such as

$$N = \sum_k n_k = \int_0^\infty \frac{g(E) dE}{e^{\beta(E_k - \mu)} \pm 1}, \quad (30.9)$$

and

$$U = \sum_k n_k E_k = \int_0^\infty \frac{E g(E) dE}{e^{\beta(E_k - \mu)} \pm 1}. \quad (30.10)$$

For reasons which will become more clear below, we will write $e^{\beta\mu}$ as the **fugacity** z , i.e.

$$z = e^{\beta\mu}. \quad (30.11)$$

These give expressions for N and U as follows:

$$N = \left[\frac{(2S+1)V}{(2\pi)^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \right] \int_0^\infty \frac{E^{1/2} dE}{z^{-1} e^{\beta E} \pm 1} \quad (30.12)$$

and

$$U = \left[\frac{(2S+1)V}{(2\pi)^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \right] \int_0^\infty \frac{E^{3/2} dE}{z^{-1} e^{\beta E} \pm 1}. \quad (30.13)$$

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

$$\vec{p} = \hbar \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{k} = \frac{\pi}{L} (n_x, n_y, n_z)$$

³Note that in the derived expressions, the \pm sign means $+$ for fermions and $-$ for bosons.

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$$\int_0^\infty \frac{E^n}{\frac{1}{z} e^{\beta E} \pm 1} dE \quad n < \begin{cases} 1/2 \rightarrow 3/2 \\ 3/2 \rightarrow 5/2 \end{cases}$$