

Some Lecture Notes for

# *Statistical Mechanics*

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# CHAPTER 1

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## THERMODYNAMICS (TD)

### 1.1 Postulates and Laws

- TD is motivated by applications: steam engines
- TD deals with macroscopic equilibrium states.

**Definition 1.1.1** (Macroscopic state). A description of a system based macroscopic measurements. Temperature, volume, mass, energy, pressure...

A macroscopic state is not infinitely precise. It doesn't refer to a particle.

**Definition 1.1.2** (Equilibrium state). A macroscopic state that does NOT change in time. No net transfer of energy or particle or of the system.

**Definition 1.1.3** (State function). A function of the small number of quantities that specifies an equilibrium state.

**Main Assumption:** For every equilibrium state there is a state function called the ENTROPY.

#### 1.1.1 Postulates of TD

1. Existence of S:

$$S \equiv S(U, V, N).$$

The fundamental relation (in the entropy representation)

A macroscopic system has equilibrium states that are characterised uniquely by a small set of extensive variables.

**Definition 1.1.4** (Extensive variables). Provides a measure of the size of a system. Answer “how much“ questions. (U: energy, V:Volume, N:Number of particle (mass).)

The fundamental relation gives all TD info about the system. (because you can invert the equation above to get U,V,N)

2. **Maximisation:** The values of the extensive variables of an isolated system in the absence of an internal constraint are those that maximise the entropy over the set of all constrained macroscopic states. We have then:

Figure 1.1: Box with removable wall.

$$S(U_A, V_A, N_A, U_B, V_B, N_B)$$

$$U = U_A + U_B$$

same for  $V, N$  Removing wall, the values of  $U_A, V_A, N_A$  will be such that it maximises  $S$ .

3. **Additivity:** The entropy of a composite system is additive over its constituent subsystems.

$$S(X_A, X_B) = S(X_A) + S(X_B)$$

This is not true if there exist long range forces but usually well satisfied.

Hold whenever interactions between particles are much shorter than the system size.

4. **Continuity and Differentiability:** The entropy is a continuous and differentiable function of the extensive parameters. (NOT true at phase transitions.)
5. **Extensivity:** The entropy is an extensive function of its extensive variables.

$$S(\lambda U, \lambda V, \lambda N) = \lambda S(U, V, N) \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

(Only holds if surface effects can be neglected.)

6. **Monotonicity:** The entropy is a monotonically increasing function of energy for equilibrium volumes of the energy.

$$\left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial U} \right|_{V,N} > 0$$

(Something funny happens at negative temperature.)

7. **Nernst postulate:** The entropy of any real physical system is non-negative.(Only applies to QM systems. Doesn't apply to f.eks ideal gas.)

**Definition 1.1.5** (Temperature in TD).

$$\left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial U} \right)_{N,V} \equiv \frac{1}{T}$$

### 1.1.2 TD laws

- If two systems are in equilibrium with a third system, they are also in equilibrium with each other. (Their intensive variables are equal)
- Heat is energy and energy is conserved.
- After the release of a constraint in a closed system, the entropy never decreases.
- The entropy of a quantum mechanical system goes to a constant as  $T \rightarrow 0$ .

0th law: It follows from P.2(maximisation) and P.3(additivity).

$$S = S(U_A, V_A, N_A) + S(U_B, V_B, N_B)$$

$$U_B = U - U_A$$

\*Calculations\*

## 1.2 Small Changes: Inexact and exact differentials

Consider a function of 2 variables  $F(x, y)$  The differential of this is:

$$df = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)_y dx + \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)_x dy \quad (1.1)$$

This is an exact differential.

Exact differential gives a **unique (does not depend on the integration path)** function (up to a constant) when integrated.

$$\int_{(0,0)}^{(x,y)} df = \int_{(0,0)}^{(x,y)} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy + \int_{(0,y)}^{(x,y)} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx$$

Condition for exact differential:

$$\left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)_x = \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right)_y$$

**But not every differential**

$$df = f(x, y)dx + g(x, y)dy$$

is exact For instance:

$$dF = -ydx + xdy$$

is not exact. (The integral is path dependant.)

$$\int_{(0,0)}^{(x,y)} dF = \int_{(0,0)}^{(x,0)} -y dx + \int_{(x,0)}^{(x,y)} x dy = xy,$$

$$\int_{(0,0)}^{(x,y)} dF = \int_{(0,0)}^{(0,y)} x dy + \dots$$

Not the same.

We can always find an integrating non unique factor (function) so that

$$dG = r(x, y) dF$$

For

$$dF = -y dx + x dy$$

want

$$dG = (-r(x, y)y) dx + (r(x, y)x) dy$$

$$r = \frac{1}{xy}$$

This is the same thing as used when solving first order diff.equation.

Conservation of energy:  $dU = dQ$  (Heat added) +  $dW$  (work done **on** the system)  $U$  is a state function so  $dU$  is exact.  $dQ$  and  $dW$  are inexact as they cannot be derived.

## Work

$$dW = F_{outer}^{\vec{}} \cdot d\vec{x} > 0 \quad (1.2)$$

$$F_{outer} = -F_{inside}$$

$$dW = -F_{inner} \cdot dx$$

$$dW = -pdV$$

$$-\frac{1}{p} dW = dV$$

Here  $-1/p$  plays the role of an integrating factor.

$$\int_{(0,0)}^{(p,v)} = \int_{(0,0)}^{p,0} + \int_{(p,0)}^{p,V} -pdV = -pV$$

$$\int_{(0,0)}^{(p,v)} = \int_{(0,0)}^{(0,v)} -pdV = 0$$

**Path dependant** work can also be magnetic or electric.

## Heat

$$\begin{aligned}dS &= S(U + \mathrm{d}Q, V, N) - S(U, V, N) \\&= \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial U} \right)_{(V, N)} \mathrm{d}Q \\&\implies \mathrm{d}Q = T dS\end{aligned}$$

$$dS = \frac{1}{T} \mathrm{d}Q$$

## Conservation of energy

$$dU = \mathrm{d}Q + \mathrm{d}W$$

$$dU = T dS - p dV$$

(N const)

$$U = U(S, V, N)$$

$$dU = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial S} \right)_{V, N} dS + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_{S, N} dV + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial N} \right)_{S, V} dN$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial S} \right)_{V, N} = T$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_{S, N} = -P$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial N} \right)_{(S, V)} \equiv \mu$$

With N varying:

$$dU = T dS - P dV + \mu dN$$

In entropy representation:

$$S = S(U, V, N)$$

$$dS = \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial U} \right)_{(V, N)} dU + \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right)_{U, N} dV + \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial N} \right)_{U, V} dN$$

$$dS = \frac{1}{T} dU + \frac{P}{T} dV - \frac{\mu}{T} dN$$

### 1.2.1 TD Processes

For all processes in a closed system,

$$dS \geq 0$$

$dS = 0$  when system is already in equilibrium.

Processes when  $dS > 0$  in termed irreversible.

#### Quasistatic process

**Definition 1.2.1.** In the limit of infinitesimal changes at an equilibrium system (very slow ideal process)

$$\Rightarrow dS = 0$$

It's an idealisation, doesn't exist.

#### Heat Engines

Produce work from heat (steam engine).

Such engines are cyclic,

$$dU = 0, \quad dS = 0, \quad dV = 0, \quad dN = 0$$

in a cycle.

$$dU = 0 \implies \delta Q + \delta W = 0$$

$$\implies -\delta W = \delta Q$$

$$dS = 0$$

$$T\delta Q = 0$$

This shit doesn't do any work, new engine: Need a hot and a cold reservoir (to dump heat)

$$\frac{\delta Q_i}{T_i} - \frac{\delta Q_o}{T_o} = 0$$

$$\implies \delta Q_o = \frac{T_i}{T_o} \delta Q_i$$

$$\delta Q_i - \delta Q_o + \delta W = 0$$

$$\implies -\delta W = \delta Q_i \left(1 - \frac{T_o}{T_i}\right)$$

#### Efficiency

$$\eta = \frac{-\delta W}{\delta Q_i} = 1 - \frac{T_o}{T_i} = \frac{T_i - T_o}{T_i}$$

## Fridge and Air conditioners

Diagram

Fridges are heat engines run in reverse.

$$\mathrm{d}W + \mathrm{d}Q_I - \mathrm{d}Q_o = 0 \quad (dU = 0)$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}Q_I}{T_I} - \frac{\mathrm{d}Q_o}{T_o} \quad dS = 0$$

Coefficient of Performance is

$$COP_{cooling} = \frac{-\mathrm{d}Q_o}{\mathrm{d}W}$$

$$\implies \mathrm{d}Q_I = T_I \frac{\mathrm{d}Q_o}{T_o}$$

$$\left( \mathrm{d}W + \left( \frac{T_I}{T_o} - 1 \right) \mathrm{d}Q_o \right) = 0$$

Reduce efficiency as  $T_o \rightarrow 0$ .

## Heat Pumps

Same as refigderators, but inside of fridge is outside of the house.

$$COP_{heating} = \frac{\mathrm{d}Q_I}{\mathrm{d}W} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{T_o}{T_I}} = \frac{T_I}{T_I - T_o}$$

with

$$\mathrm{d}Q_o = \frac{T_o}{T_I} \mathrm{d}Q_I$$

$$\mathrm{d}W + \mathrm{d}Q_I - \frac{T_o}{T_I} \mathrm{d}Q_I = 0$$

$$\mathrm{d}W = \mathrm{d}Q_I \left( \frac{T_o}{T_I} - 1 \right)$$

For a non-reversible engine:

$$dS = \frac{\mathrm{d}Q_I}{T_I} - \frac{\mathrm{d}Q_o}{T_o} + \mathrm{d}A$$

$A$  is the positive entropy generated in a cycle.

## 1.3 TD Potentials

Fundamental relation:

$$S = S(U, V, N) \text{ or } U = U(S, V, N)$$

from this we can derive all TD.

**Example 1.3.1** (Ideal Gas).

$$S = Nk_B \left( \frac{3}{2} \ln\left(\frac{V}{N}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{V}{N}\right) + \ln X \right)$$

where  $X$  is independent of  $U, V, N$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} &= \frac{\partial S}{\partial U}_{V,N} = \frac{3}{2} Nk_B \frac{1}{U} \\ \implies U &= \frac{3}{2} Nk_B T \\ \frac{P}{T} &= \frac{\partial S}{\partial V}_{U,N} = \frac{Nk_B}{V} \\ \implies PV &= Nk_B T \\ -\frac{\mu}{T} &= \frac{\partial S}{\partial N}_{U,V} = \frac{S}{N} - Nk_B \frac{5}{2} \frac{1}{N} = \frac{S}{N} - \frac{5}{2} k_B \\ \implies S &= \frac{5}{2} k_B N - \frac{\mu N}{T} \end{aligned}$$

These are all equations of states, not fundamental relations.

**How can we extract TD info at constant  $T, P$  etc. ?**

$$T = \frac{\partial U}{\partial S}_{V,N} - \frac{\partial U}{\partial V}_{S,N}$$

### 1.3.1 Legendre Transform

Given  $y = y(x)$  let's call  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = p$

$$\tilde{y}(p)$$

Try  $\tilde{y} = y$  and make a table.

Useless, no way to know where on the x-axis.

$$\begin{array}{cc} p & y \\ \dots & \dots \end{array}$$

Second try: replace  $\tilde{y}$  by the y-intercept of the curved tangent. This works, but requires  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$  monotonic (as temperature is).



$$y - \tilde{y} = px$$

$$\tilde{y} = y - px$$

**Example 1.3.2.**

$$y = x^2$$

$$p = \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 2x \implies x = \frac{p}{2}$$

$$\tilde{y}(p) = y - px = x^2 - px = \frac{p^2}{2} - p\frac{p}{2} = -\frac{p^2}{2}$$

Inverse:

$$y(x) = \tilde{y} + px = -\frac{p^2}{2} + px = -\frac{-(2x)^2}{2} + 2x^2 = x^2$$

Differentials:

$$d\tilde{y} = dy - p dx - x dp$$

$$dy = d\tilde{y} + x dp + p dx = p dx$$

Switches and negative.

### 1.3.2 Helmholtz free energy

$$U = U(S, V, N)$$

want a function of  $T, V, N$  that gives all TD info.

$$T = \frac{\partial U}{\partial S}_{V,N}$$

$$F = U - TS$$

eliminate  $U, S$  in favour of  $T, V, N$

$$= F(T, V, N)$$

(is a fundamental relation.)

$$dF = dU - T dS - S dT$$

recall  $dU = T dS - P dV + \mu dN$

$$= -S dT - P dV + \mu dN$$

$$\implies -S = \frac{\partial F}{\partial T}_{V,N} \quad -P = \frac{\partial F}{\partial V}_{T,N} \quad \mu = \frac{\partial F}{\partial N}_{T,V}$$

### 1.3.3 Enthalpy

$P$  instead of  $v$ .

$$p = - \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_{S,N}$$

$$H = U + PV$$

want to eliminate  $V$

$$= H(S, P, N)$$

$$dH = TdS + VdP + \mu dN$$

$$T = \frac{\partial H}{\partial S}_{P,N} \quad V = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P}_{S,N} \quad \mu = \frac{\partial H}{\partial N}_{S,P}$$

For experiments at constant  $P, N$  Then

$$dH = TdS = \delta Q$$

or

$$dH = \delta Q$$

(No integrating factor since it's one dimensional.)

### 1.3.4 Gibbs free energy

Double Legendre transform: replace  $S$  with  $T$  and replace  $V$  by  $P$ .

$$G = U - TS + PV = G(T, P, N)$$

$$dG = -SdT + VdP + \mu dN$$

$$-S = \frac{\partial G}{\partial T}_{P,N}, \quad V = \frac{\partial G}{\partial P}_{T,N} \quad \mu = \frac{\partial G}{\partial N}_{P,T}$$

### 1.3.5 Summary

- Energy:  $U(S, V, N)$
- Helmholtz  $F(T, V, N) = U - TS$
- Enthalpy  $H(S, P, N) = U + PV$
- Gibbs:  $G(T, P, N) = U - TS + PV$
- $f(S, V, \mu) = U - \mu N$
- Grand potential (Landau potential) :  $\Omega(T, V, \mu) = U - TS - \mu N$
- $f(S, P, \mu) = U + PV - \mu N$
- $f(T, P, \mu) = U - TS + PV - \mu N$

## 1.4 Extensivity

From the postulate,

$$S(\lambda U, \lambda V, \lambda N) = \lambda S(U, V, N)$$

in systems where surface effect can be neglected.

**Assume that it holds:** For energy:

$$U(\lambda S, \lambda V, \lambda N) = \lambda U(S, V, N)$$

Now vary  $\lambda$ : Differentiate w.r.t  $\lambda$  and let  $\lambda = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} U(\lambda S, \lambda V, \lambda N) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial(\lambda S)} U(\lambda S, \lambda V, \lambda N) \left( \frac{\partial(\lambda S)}{\partial \lambda} \right)_{\lambda=1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial(\lambda V)} U(\lambda S, \lambda V, \lambda N) \left( \frac{\partial(\lambda V)}{\partial \lambda} \right)_{\lambda=1} \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial(\lambda N)} U(\lambda S, \lambda V, \lambda N) \\ \text{RHS} &= U(S, V, N) \\ \implies TS - PV + \mu N &= U \quad \text{Euler's equation} \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

For the entropy equation:

$$S = \frac{U}{T} + \frac{P}{T}V - \frac{\mu}{T}N.$$

Same stuff.

### 1.4.1 Gibbs-Duhem relation

Euler's equation:

$$U = TS - PV + \mu N$$

differentiate:

$$dU = \underbrace{TdS - PdV + \mu dN}_{dU} + SdT - VdP + Nd\mu$$

$$\implies 0 = SdT - VdP + Nd\mu \tag{1.4}$$

So changes in  $T, P, N$  are not independent for an extensive system.

For instance:

$$d\mu = -\frac{S}{N}dT + \frac{V}{N}dP$$

### 1.4.2 TD Potentials and Extensivity

$$\text{Euler's Equation } U = TS - PV + \mu N$$

$$\text{Helmholtz } F = U - TS = -PV + \mu N$$

$$\text{Enthalpy } H = U + PV = TS + \mu N$$

$$\text{Gibbs } G = U - TS + PV = \mu N$$

$$f(T, P, \mu) = U - TS + PV - \mu N = 0 \quad \text{Check on extensivity}$$

## 1.5 TD identities

Derivatives: What is held constant matters!

Ideal gas:

$$U = \frac{3}{2}Nk_B T, \quad PV = Nk_B T$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}_{T,N} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}_{P,N} = \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \left( \frac{3}{2}PV \right)_{P,N} = \frac{3}{2}P$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}_{S,N} = -P$$

**Other TD potentials**

$$dF = -SdT - PdV + \mu dN$$

See previous section for derivatives. We are often interested in quantities like

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial P}_{T,N} = \left( \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial P^2} \right)_{T,N} = -V\kappa_T$$

### 1.5.1 Standard Quantities

**Coefficient of thermal expansion:**

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_{P,N} \quad (1.5)$$

**Isothermal compressibility:**

$$\kappa_T = -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_{T,N} \quad (1.6)$$

The negative sign in front is because most substance shrink when applying pressure.

**Specific heat at constant pressure:**

$$C_p = \frac{T}{N} \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{P,N} \quad (1.7)$$

**Specific heat at constant volume:**

$$C_v = \frac{T}{N} \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{V,N} \quad (1.8)$$

**Heat capacity:** = specific heat  $\times N$

### 1.5.2 Maxwell Relations

For  $N$  constant:

$$dU = TdS - PdV$$

because  $dU$  is an exact differential (orders of derivative doesn't matter):

$$\left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial V} \right)_{S,N} = - \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial S} \right)_{V,N}$$

From

$$dF = -SdT - PdV + \mu dN$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}_{V,N} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial T}_{V,N}$$

and from unnamed potential:

$$\left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial P} \right)_{S,N} = \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} \right)_{P,N}$$

## 1.6 Manipulating partial derivatives as Jacobians

**Jacobian:**

$$\frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(x, y)} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \quad (1.9)$$

can be extended to any number of variables by adding rows and columns.

**Property of Jacobians**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(x, y)} &= - \frac{\partial(V, U)}{\partial(x, y)} \\ &= - \frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(y, x)} = \frac{\partial(V, U)}{\partial(y, x)} \end{aligned}$$

### 1.6.1 Connection to partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial(U, y)}{\partial(x, y)} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right)_y$$

So

$$\left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial T} \right)_{V, N} = \frac{\partial(F, V, N)}{\partial(T, V, N)}$$

**Chain rule:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(x, y)} &= \frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(r, s)} \frac{\partial(r, s)}{\partial(x, y)} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} U_r & U_s \\ V_r & V_s \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} r_x & r_y \\ s_x & s_y \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} U_r r_x + U_s s_x & U_r r_y + U_s s_y \\ V_r r_x + V_s s_x & V_r r_y + V_s s_y \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Using rule:

$$\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$$

**An identity:**

$$\frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(x, y)} \frac{\partial(a, b)}{\partial(c, d)} = \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(c, d)} \frac{\partial(a, b)}{\partial(x, y)}$$

chain rule gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(x, y)} \frac{\partial(a, b)}{\partial(c, d)} &= \frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(r, s)} \frac{\partial(r, s)}{\partial(x, y)} \frac{\partial(a, b)}{\partial(r, s)} \frac{\partial(r, s)}{\partial(c, d)} \\ &= \frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(r, s)} \frac{\partial(r, s)}{\partial(c, d)} \frac{\partial(a, b)}{\partial(r, s)} \frac{\partial(r, s)}{\partial(x, y)} \\ &= \frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(c, d)} \frac{\partial(a, b)}{\partial(x, y)} \end{aligned}$$

**Reciprocals:**

$$\frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(U, V)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial U}{\partial U} & \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial U} & \frac{\partial V}{\partial V} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(U, V)} = \frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(x, y)} \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(U, V)} \\ &\implies \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right)_y = \frac{\partial(U, y)}{\partial(x, y)} \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(U, y)} \right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.6.1.**

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_{V,N}$$

in terms standard quantities. Standard quantities:

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{\partial V}{v\partial T}\right)_{P,N}$$

$$K_T = -\frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P}\right)_{T,N}$$

$$C_p = \frac{T}{N} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_{P,N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_{V,N} &= \frac{\partial(P, V, N)}{\partial(T, V, N)} = \frac{\partial(P, V, N)}{\partial(P, T, N)} \underbrace{\frac{\partial(P, T, N)}{\partial(T, V, N)}}_{-\partial(V, T, N)} - \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{P,N} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_{T,N} \\ &= \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{P,N} \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P}\right)_{T,N}} \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\kappa_T} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.6.2.**  $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_{H,N}$  in terms of std. quantities.

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_{H,N} = \frac{\partial(T, H, N)}{\partial(P, H, N)} = \frac{\partial(T, H, N)}{\partial(T, P, N)} \frac{\partial(T, P, N)}{\partial P, H, N} = -\frac{\partial(H, T, N)}{\partial(P, T, N)} \frac{\partial(T, P, N)}{\partial(H, P, N)} = \frac{\left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial P}\right)_{T,N}}{\left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T}\right)_{P,N}}$$

$$= \frac{V(T\alpha - 1)}{NC_p}$$

$$dH = TdS + VdP + \mu dN$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial P}\right)_{T,N} = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P}\right)_{T,N} + V = V - T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{P,N}$$

Want  $\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P}\right)_{T,N}$  Maxwell relation

$$-SdT + VdP + \mu dN = 0$$

$$\implies \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P}\right)_{T,N} = -\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{P,N}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T}\right)_{P,N} = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_{P,N}$$

$$dH = TdS \implies \Delta H = T\Delta S$$

$$\frac{\Delta H}{\Delta T} = \frac{T\Delta}{\Delta T} = \frac{T(S(T + \Delta T) - S(T))}{\Delta T}$$

$$\frac{\Delta H}{\Delta T} = \frac{T\Delta S}{\Delta T}$$

Which T ?  $T, T + \Delta T$  or something else? Check an arbitrary  $T + g\Delta T$

$$\frac{\Delta H}{\Delta T} = \frac{(T + g\Delta T)\Delta S}{\Delta T} = \frac{T\Delta S}{\Delta T} + g\Delta S \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{when } \Delta \rightarrow 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T}\right)_{P,N} = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_{P,N}$$

**Example 1.6.3** ( $C_p$  and  $C_v$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} C_v &= \frac{T}{N} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_{V,N} = \frac{T}{N} \frac{\partial(S, V, N)}{\partial(T, V, N)} \\ &= \frac{T}{N} \frac{\partial(S, V, N)}{\partial(T, P, N)} \underbrace{\frac{\partial(T, P, N)}{\partial(T, V, N)}}_{\frac{\partial(P, T, N)}{\partial(V, T, N)} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P}\right)_{T,N}}} \\ &= -\frac{T}{NVK_T} \frac{\partial(S, V, N)}{\partial(T, P, N)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(S, V, N)}{\partial(T, P, N)} &= \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_{P,N} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P}\right)_{T,N} - \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{P,N} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P}\right)_{T,N} \\ &= \frac{NVC_P\kappa_T}{T} + (\alpha V)^2 \\ \Rightarrow C_V &= \frac{-T}{NVK_T} \left( \frac{-NVC_P\kappa_T}{T} + (\alpha V)^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$C_P = C_V + \frac{T\alpha^2 V}{NK_T}$$

## 1.7 Extrema Principles

TD postulate:  $S = S(U, V, N, X)$  ( $N$  unconstrained extensive variable), is maximized for  $U, V, N$  constant as a function of  $X$ .  $X$  is the position of the wall. In equilibrium:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial X}_{U,V,N,X_0} = 0$$

$X_0$  is the equilibrium value.

$$\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x^2}_{U,V,N,X_0} < 0$$

since entropy is max.

Similarly,  $U = U(S, V, N, X)$  is minimized for  $S, V, N$  constant.



*Proof.* Near equilibrium at constant  $V$  and  $N$

$$dS = \frac{\partial S}{\partial U}_{V,N,X_0,U_0} dU + \frac{\partial S}{\partial X}_{U,V,N,X_0} dX + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial X^2} \right)_{U,V,N,X_0} dX^2$$

$$\implies dU = T dS - \frac{T}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial X^2} \right)_{U,V,N,X_0} dX^2$$

For  $S, V, N$  constant:

$$dU = -\frac{T}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial X^2} \right)_{U,V,N,X_0} dX^2 > 0$$

$U$  has a minimum in equilibrium for  $S, V, N$  constant. □

Process is where entropy is constant and system minimises energy by doing work on the surroundings.

### 1.7.1 Helmholtz Free Energy $F$

$F$  is minimal in equilibrium for constant  $T, V, N$

A big box with system inside and within the system there's a movable wall with a piston connected to the wall which goes outside of the system and the box. Outside the system inside the box is the reservoir, can exchange heat, but with  $V, N$  constant. In equilibrium:

$$\frac{\partial(U + U_R)}{\partial X} = 0 \quad \text{for const. } V + V_R, N + N_R, S + S_R$$

where  $U$  is system energy.

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2}(U + U_R) > 0$$

Entropy is conserved:  $\frac{\partial(S+S_R)}{\partial X} = 0$

$$F = U - TS$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial X} &= \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} - \frac{\partial}{\partial X}(T_R S) = \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} - T_R \frac{\partial S}{\partial X} \\ &= \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} + T_R \frac{\partial S_R}{\partial X} \end{aligned}$$

Since reservoir can't do work or anything

$$T dS = dU$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial X}(U + U_R) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial X^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U_R}{\partial X^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2}(U + U_R) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

The max work that can be extracted:

$$dF = -SdT + dW + \mu dN$$

with  $dW = -PdV + dW'$  and  $dW'$  is other work For constant  $T, V, N$

$$dF = dW'$$

Free energy Enthalpy and Gibbs free energy are also minimized in equilibrium (see 15.3 and 15.4, Swendsen.)

### 1.7.2 Exergy

$$dU = TdS - PdV + dW_X + \mu dN$$

$dW_X$  is work on system by moving internal wall. For constant  $T, P, N$ ,  $G$  is minimized

$$dG = -SdT + VdP + \mu dN + dW_X$$

$$\implies dG = dW_X$$

at  $P = P_0, T = T_0$  standard  $T_0 = \text{room temp}, P_0 = 1\text{atm}$ .

$$\text{Exergy} = G(T_0, P_0, X) - G(T_0, P_0, X_0)$$

This is the amount of work that can be extracted at standard pressure and temperature. (Important in engineering for machines in real environment. )

## 1.8 Stability Conditions

### 1.8.1 Composite system

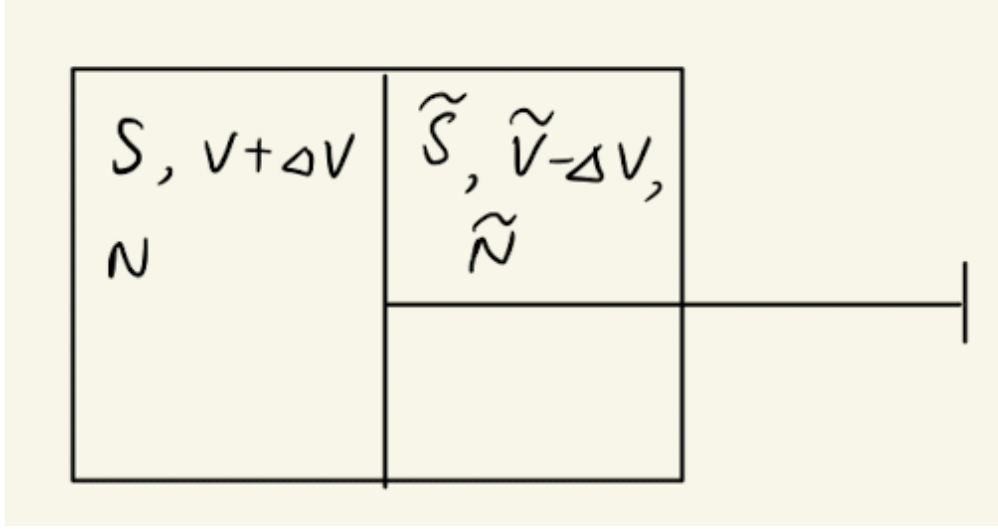


Figure 1.2: Composite system

Using the additivity postulate:

$$\Delta U = U(S, V + \Delta V, N) + \tilde{U}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{V} - \Delta V, \tilde{N}) - (U(S, V, N) + U(\tilde{S}, \tilde{V}, \tilde{N})) \geq 0 \quad (1.10)$$

The second term is the equilibrium energy, and it's minimised.

**Specialise to identical systems:**

$$\tilde{U} = U$$

Then

$$\Delta U = U(S, V + \Delta V, N) - U(S, V - \Delta V, N) - 2U(S, V, N) \geq 0$$

For  $\Delta V$  infinitesimal:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial V^2} (\Delta V)^2 \\ \Rightarrow & \left( \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial V^2} \right)_{S,N} \geq 0 \\ dU = & TdS - PdV + \mu dN \\ \frac{\partial U}{\partial V}_{S,V} = & -P \\ \left( \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial^2} \right)_{S,N} = & -\frac{1}{\left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_{S,V}} \\ = & \frac{1}{VK_s} \geq 0 \\ & K_s > 0 \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

where  $K_s$  is the isentropic compressibility.

### 1.8.2 Heat Transfer

$$\Delta U = U(S + \Delta S, V, N) - U(S - \Delta S, V, N) - 2U(S, V, N) \geq 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial S^2} \right)_{V,N} \geq 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial S} \right)_{V,N} = T \implies$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial S^2} \right)_{V,N} = \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial S} \right)_{V,N} = \left[ \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{V,N} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{N}{T} \frac{T}{N} \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{V,N} \right]^{-1} \geq 0$$

### 1.8.3 Volume Exchange for Helmholtz Free Energy

$$\Delta F = F(T, V + \Delta V, N) - F(T, V - \Delta V, N) - 2F(T, V, N) \geq 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial V^2} \right)_{T,N} \geq 0$$

$$\implies \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial V} \right)_{T,N} = -P$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial V^2} \right)_{T,N} = \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right)_{T,N} = \left[ v \frac{1}{-v} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_{T,N} \right]^{-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{V K_T} \geq 0$$

$$\implies K_T \geq 0$$

### 1.8.4 Heat Exchange for Enthalpy

$$H(S + \Delta S, P, N) - H(S - \Delta S, P, N) - 2H(S, P, N) \geq 0$$

$$\implies \left( \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial S^2} \right)_{P,N} \geq 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial S} \right)_{P,N} = T$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial S^2} \right)_{P,N} = \left[ \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{P,N} \right]^{-1} \geq 0$$

$$\implies C_p \geq 0$$

The stability conditions that we have derived so far are only valid for **extensive** variables!

### 1.8.5 What about intensive variables?

We use TD relations.

$$\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial T}\right)_{V,N} = -S, \quad \left(\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial T^2}\right)_{V,N} = -\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right) = \frac{-1}{\left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial S^2}\right)_{V,N}} < 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_{V,N} = T, \quad \left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial S^2}\right)_{V,N}$$

so

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial T^2}\right)_{V,N} < 0 \quad (1.12)$$

### 1.8.6 Van der Waal's gas

Ideal gas:

$$F = -Nk_B T \left[ \ln\left(\frac{V}{N}\right) + \frac{3}{2} \ln(k_B T) + X \right]$$

#### Free, non-interacting particles

Include interactions "treated crudely":

The interaction has two main effects:

1. Energy is lowered by the mean interaction energy  $\propto \frac{N}{V}$  per particle.
2. The hard-core potential restricts the volume to  $V \rightarrow V - Nb$

$$F_{VDW} = -Nk_B T \left[ \ln\left(\frac{V - Nb}{N}\right) + \frac{3}{2} \ln(k_B T) + X \right] - a \frac{N^2}{V}$$

where  $a$  (measure of attraction) and  $b$  (hard-core) are constants. This is an extensive system, meaning we could use the Euler's equation.

**Pressure:**

$$P = -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial V}\right)_{T,N} = \frac{Nk_B T}{V - Nb} + a \frac{N^2}{V^2}$$

**Stability:**

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial V^2}\right)_{T,N} \geq$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial V}\right)_{T,N} = -P$$

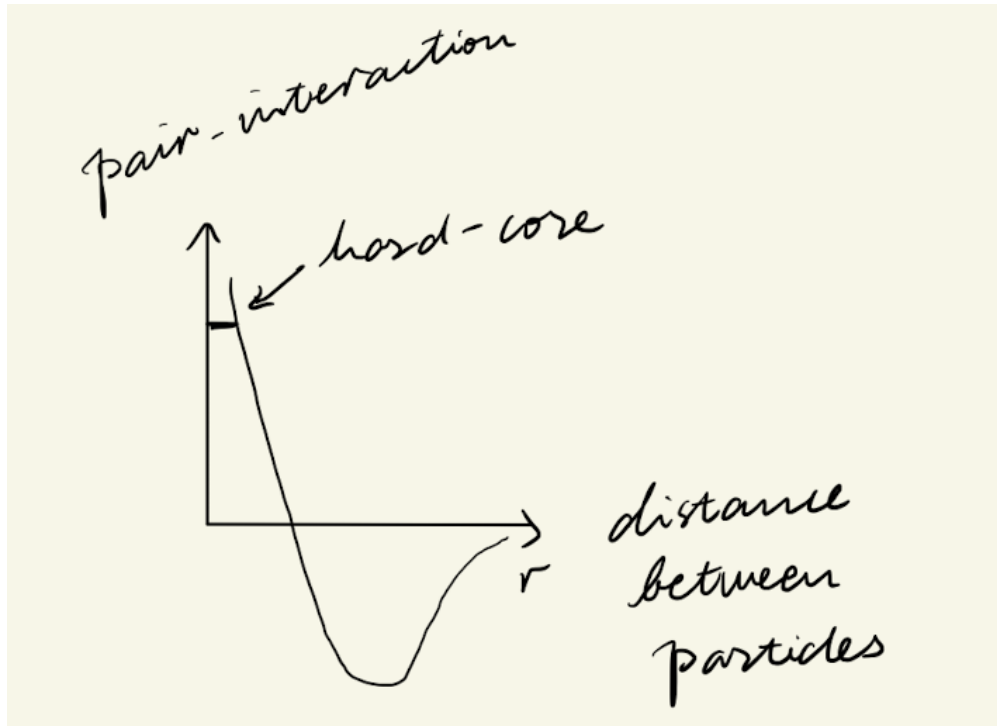


Figure 1.3: Van der Waal interaction model.

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial V^2}\right)_{T,N} = -\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_T > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_{T,N} < 0$$

The highlighted part is unstable since  $\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_{T,N} \geq 0$ .

Want to calculate the critical temperature  $T_c$ :

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_{T,N} = 0 = \left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial V^2}\right)_{T,N} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial V} = \frac{-Nk_B T}{(V - Nb)^2} + 2a \frac{N^2}{V^3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Nk_B T V^3 = 2aN^2(V - Nb)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial V^2}\right) = \frac{2Nk_B T}{(V - Nb)^3} - 6a \frac{N^2}{V^4} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2Nk_B T V^4 = 6aN^2(V - Nb)^3$$

Combine:

$$2V = 3(V - Nb)$$

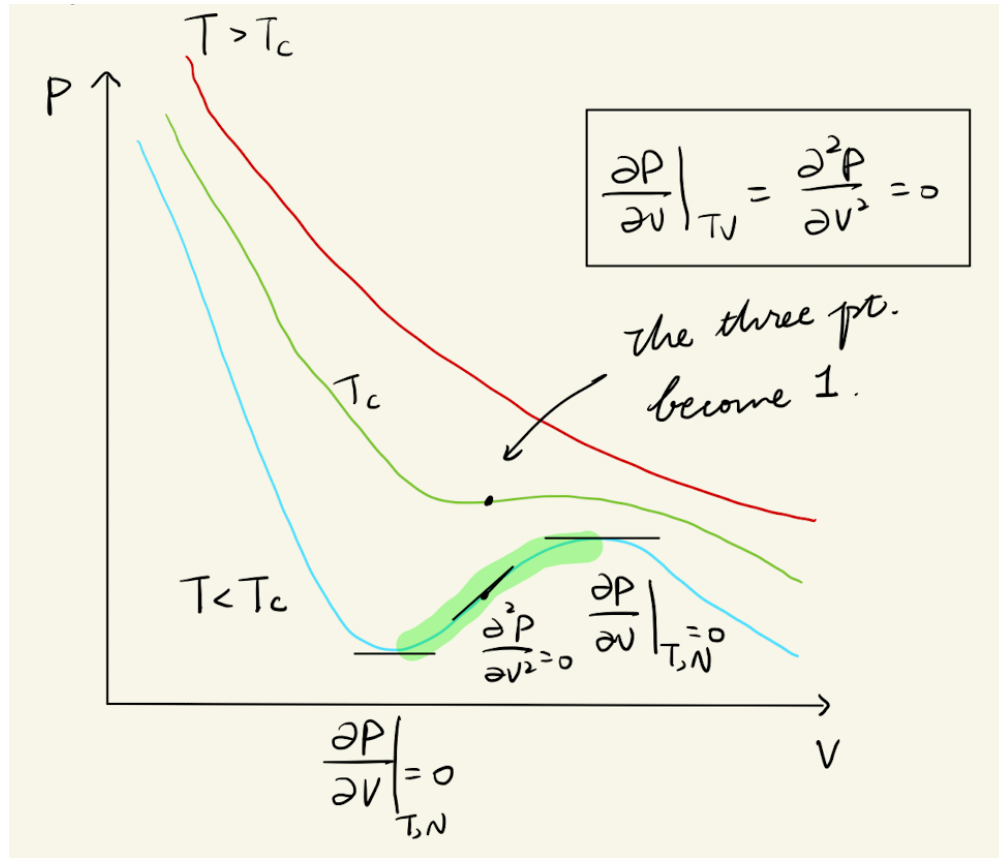


Figure 1.4: Pressure vs Volume diagram.

$$\Rightarrow V_c = 3Nb$$

and

$$k_B T_c = \frac{2aN^2(3Nb - Nb)^2}{N(3Nb)^3} = \frac{8}{27} \frac{a}{b}$$

$$P_c = \frac{N_k B T}{V_c - Nb} - a \frac{N^2}{V_c^2} = \frac{1}{27} \frac{a}{b^2}$$

$$\frac{P_c V_c}{N k_B T_c} = \frac{3}{8}$$

Ideal gas: 1

insert Fig.4

Both unphysical, unstable.

$$P = - \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial V} \right)_{T,N}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right)_{T,N} = - \left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial V^2} \right)_{T,N} < 0$$

For stability.

$$V = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial P} \right)_{T,N}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_{T,N} = \left( \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial P^2} \right)_{T,N} < 0$$

second derivative of intensive variable less than 0 for stability.

**insert Fig.5**

Cap: Van der Waal's gas at  $T < T_C$  Stability

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial V^2} \right)_{T,N} > 0 \Rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right)_{T,N} < 0$$

This is violated on D-F. Assumption of homogeneity breaks down. The homogeneous solution is unstable (unphysical. NOT realised) on D-F.

**insert Fig.6**

Maxwell construct: Choose a line which crosses the graph 3 times which also divides the area into 2 equal parts. In the region B-H there are 3 possible values for  $V$  given a  $P$  (one is unphysical (DF), but there are still two to choose from.) TD stable state at const.  $P, T, N$  minimises **Gibbs free energy**. Calculate  $G$ ! Van der Waal's gas is extensive:

$$U = TS - PV + \mu N$$

$$G = U - TS + PV = \mu N$$

Recall Gibbs-Duhem relation:

$$d\mu = - \left( \frac{S}{N} \right) dT + \left( \frac{V}{N} \right) dP = \frac{V}{N} dP$$

$$\Rightarrow G = \int dG = \int d\mu N = \int dPV$$

Area under the curve.

$$V = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial P} \right)_{T,N}$$

At  $C, G$  there are two phases that coexists:  $V_C$  and  $V_G$  Since  $V_C$  is bigger than  $V_G$ , so  $V_C$  describes a gas phase and  $V_G$  describes a liquid phase.

**insert Fig.8 and 9**

$$\rho_C = \frac{N}{V_C}, \quad \rho_G = \frac{N}{V_G}$$



### 1.8.7 Phases

C-phase:  $V_C$  volume fraction  $\frac{V_C}{V} = X_C$  G-phase:  $V_G$  volume fraction  $\frac{V_G}{V} = X_G$

$$\implies V_C + V_G = V \implies X_C + X_G = 1$$

Total number of particles:

$$N = V_C \rho_C^* + V_G \rho_G^*$$

$$\frac{N}{V} = X_C \rho_C^* + X_G \rho_G^*$$

Set  $X_G = 1 - X_C$ ,  $\frac{N}{V}$

$$\rho = X_C \rho_C^* + (1 - X_C) \rho_G^*$$

$$X_C = \frac{\rho - \rho_G^*}{\rho_C^* - \rho_G^*}, \quad X_G = 1 - X_C$$

insert Fig.10

From Helmholtz Free energy,  $T < T_C$

insert Fig.11

$$P = - \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial V} \right)_{T, N}$$

insert Fig.12

### 1.8.8 Clausius-Clapeyron

Assume extensivity  $\implies$  Gibbs-Duhem relation

$$d\mu = -\frac{S}{N}dT + \frac{V}{N}dP = -sdT + \frac{1}{n}dP$$

where  $s \equiv \frac{S}{N}$ ,  $n \equiv \frac{N}{V}$

Liquid

$$\mu_2^l - \mu_1^l = -s(T_2^l - T_1^l) + \frac{1}{n^l}(P_2^l - P_1^l)$$

Gas

$$\mu_2^g - \mu_1^g = -s(T_2^g - T_1^g) + \frac{1}{n^g}(P_2^g - P_1^g)$$

$l$  stands for liquid On the coexistence line in equilibrium:

$$\mu_1^l = \mu_1^g$$

same with all other variables. Subtract the eqs:

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= (s^g - s^l)(T_2 - T_1) + \left( \frac{1}{n^l} - \frac{1}{n^g} \right) (P_2 - P_1) \\
\Rightarrow \frac{P_2 - P_1}{T_2 - T_1} &= \frac{s^g - s^l}{T_2 - T_1} = \frac{s^g - s^l}{\frac{1}{n^g} - \frac{1}{n^l}} \\
\Rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_{\text{alone coexistence}} &= \frac{(s^g - s^l)}{\frac{1}{n^g} - \frac{1}{n^l}}
\end{aligned}$$

## 1.9 More particle types: Gibbs Phase Rule

$$dU = TdS - PdV + \sum_{i=1}^K \mu_i dN_i$$

There are  $2 + K$  independent variable. Extensive:

$$U = TS - PV + \sum_{i=1}^k \mu_i N_i$$

Gibbs-Duhem:

$$d\mu = -\frac{S}{N}dT + \frac{V}{N}dP + \sum_{i=1}^k N_i d\mu_i$$

If we have  $\phi$  phases, then there is a Gibbs-Duhem rel. for each phase.

$$0 = S^1 dT^1 - V^1 dP^1 + \sum_{i=1}^k N_i^1 d\mu_i^1$$

phase 1

$\vdots$

$$0 = S^\phi dT^\phi - V^\phi dP^\phi + \sum_{i=\phi}^k N_i^\phi d\mu_i^\phi$$

phase  $\phi$

**At coexistence:**

$$T_1 = T_2 = \dots = T_\phi \quad P_1 = P_2 = \dots = P_\phi \quad \forall i \mu_i^1 = \mu_i^2 = \dots = \mu_i^\phi$$

(Can omit superscript from T,P, and  $\mu_i$ )

$$0 = S^1 dT - V^1 dP + \sum_{i=1}^k N_i^1 d\mu_i$$

and for all  $\phi$  equations. There are  $2 + k$  variables ( $T, P, \mu_i$ ) and  $\phi$  equations. The number of **free variables** at coexistence determines the dimension of the coexistence manifold (multidimensional object).

$$F = 2 + K - \phi$$

**Example 1.9.1** (K=1).

$$F = 3 - \phi$$

$\phi = 2$  (Two phases coexist)  $\implies F = 1$  (line)  $\phi = 3$  (Three phases coexist)  $\implies F = 0$  (point)  
 $\phi = 4$  cannot coexist.

**Example 1.9.2** (Binary Alloy (Two types of atoms)).

$$K = 2$$

$$F = 4 - \phi$$

Here 4 phases can coexist at a point, 3 along a line and 2 on a surface.

## 1.10 3. Law of TD

“The entropy of a (real QM) TD system goes to a constant as  $T \rightarrow 0$ . ”  
 Violated for the ideal gas:

$$\begin{aligned} S &= k_B N \left( \frac{3}{2} \ln \left( \frac{U}{N} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{V}{N} \right) \right) + X \\ &= k_B N \left( \frac{3}{2} \ln \left( \frac{3}{2} \frac{N k_B T}{N} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{V}{N} \right) + X \right) \end{aligned}$$

when  $T \rightarrow 0$ ,  $S \rightarrow -\infty$

Planck said it's 0, but it's **NOT**!

### 1.10.1 Consequences

$$dS = \frac{dQ}{T} \quad dQ = c dT$$

$$dS = c \frac{dT}{T}, S(T) - S(0) = \int_0^T dS = \int_0^T \frac{dT}{T} C$$

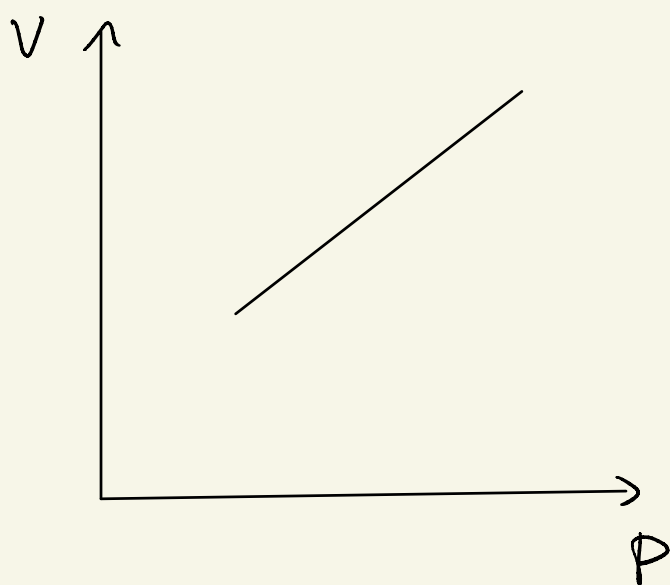
Taking  $T \rightarrow 0$  will give 0 if integral is not diverging. For integral not to diverge  $C(T \rightarrow 0) = 0$   
 Also the thermal expansion coefficient:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_{P,N} = -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial P} \right)_{T,N}$$

$$-S dT + V dP.$$

If  $S$  goes to a pressure independent const. at  $T \rightarrow 0$ . Then  $\alpha = 0$ .

Fig 4.



*not physical!*

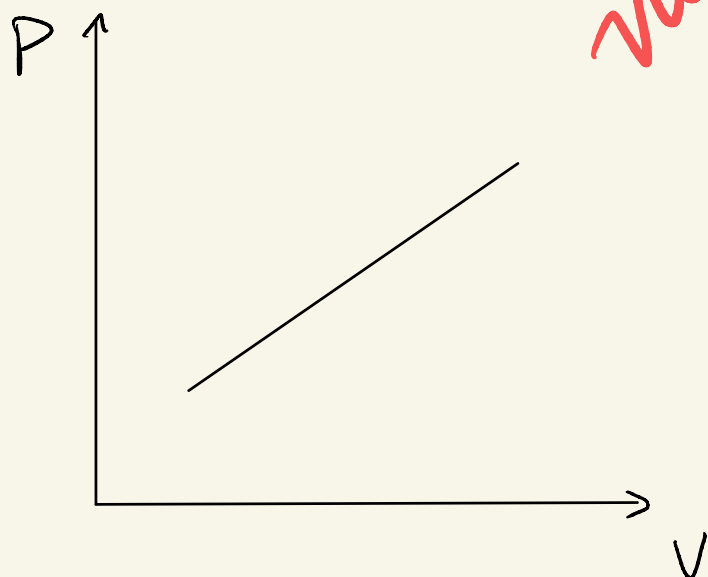


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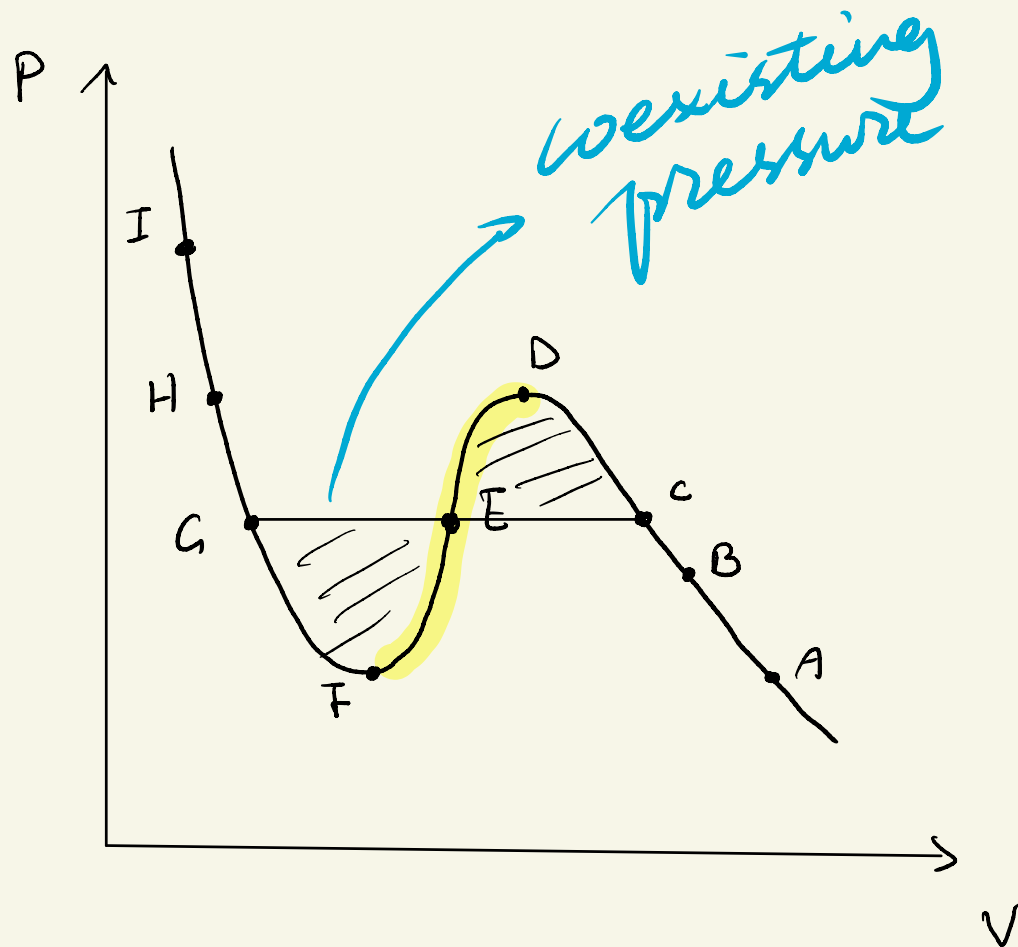
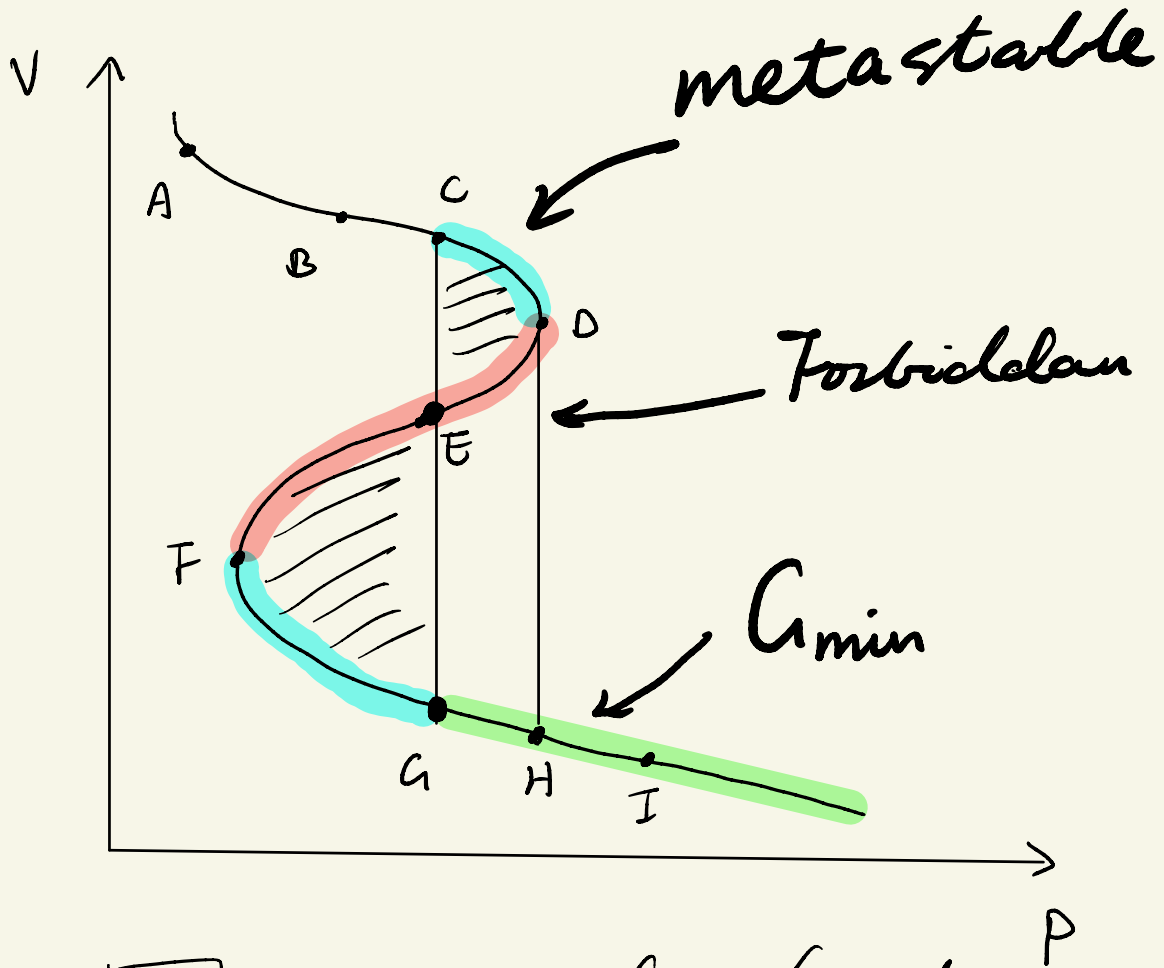


Figure 1.5:

Fig. 6 Flip axes




 equal  $\Rightarrow G_c = G_a$ , so  
they cross

Figure 1.6:

Fig. 8

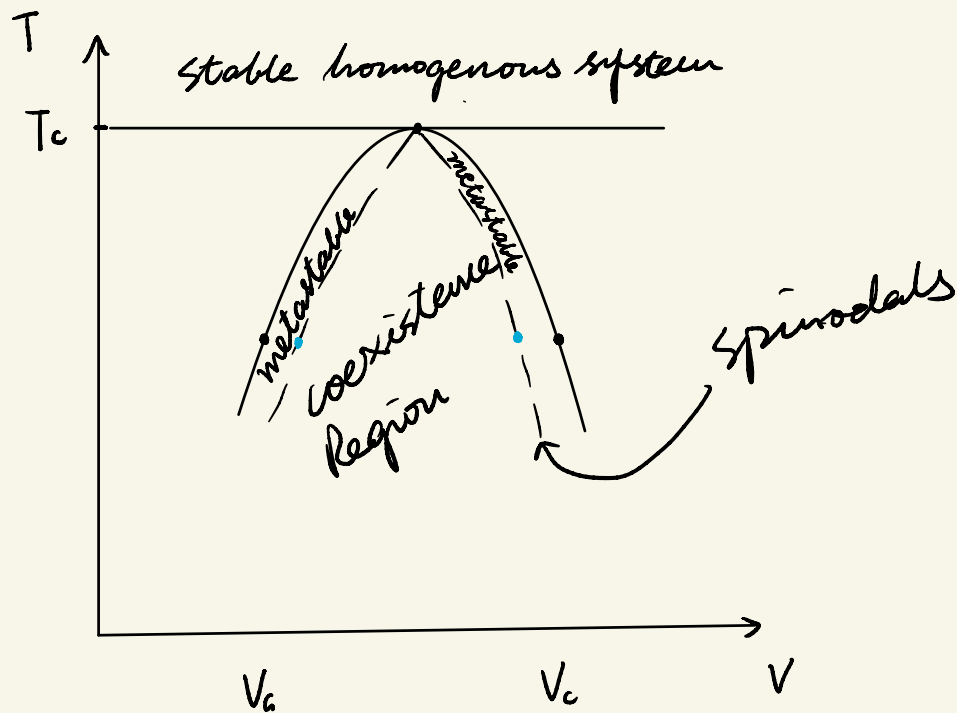
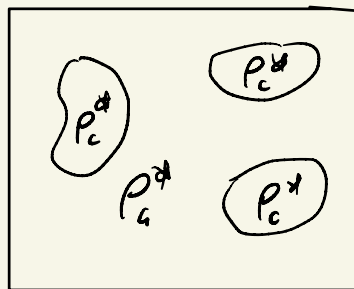


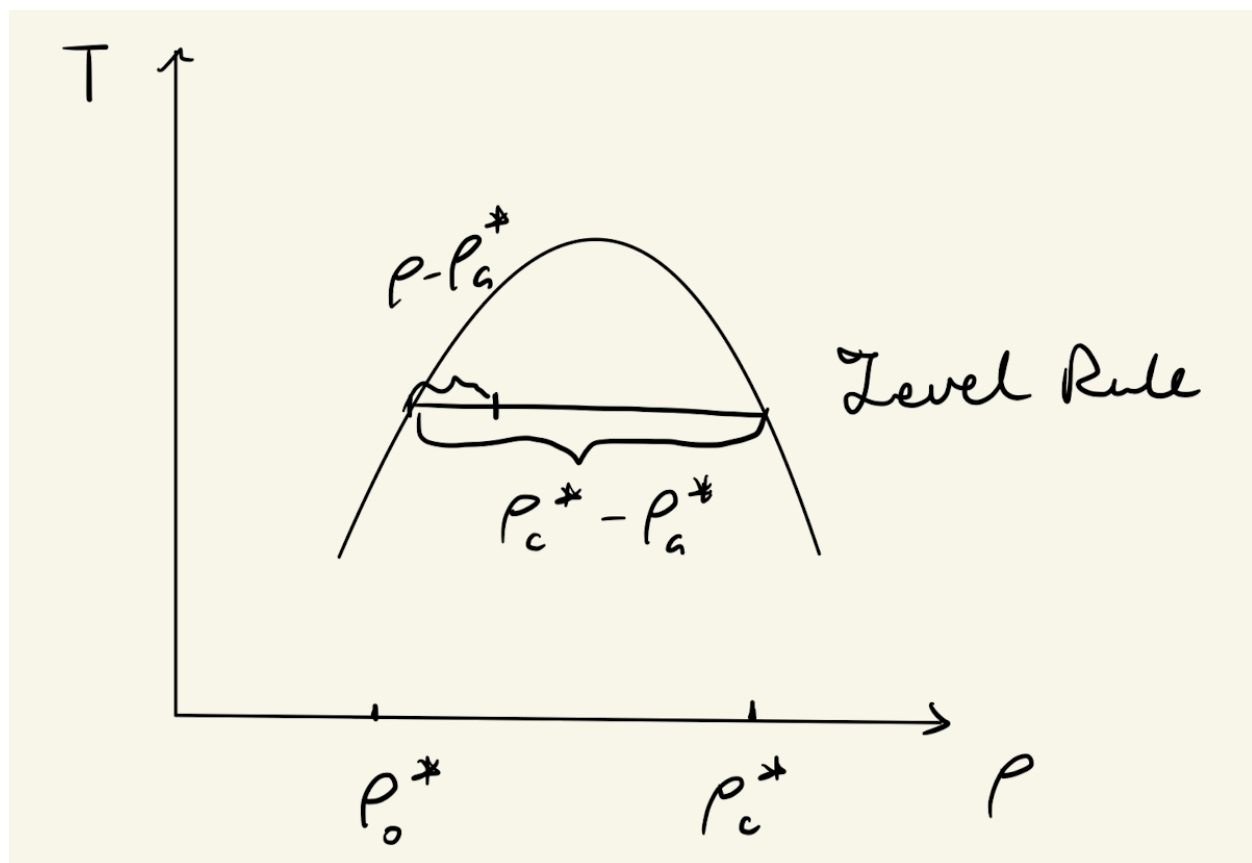
Fig. 9

coexistence

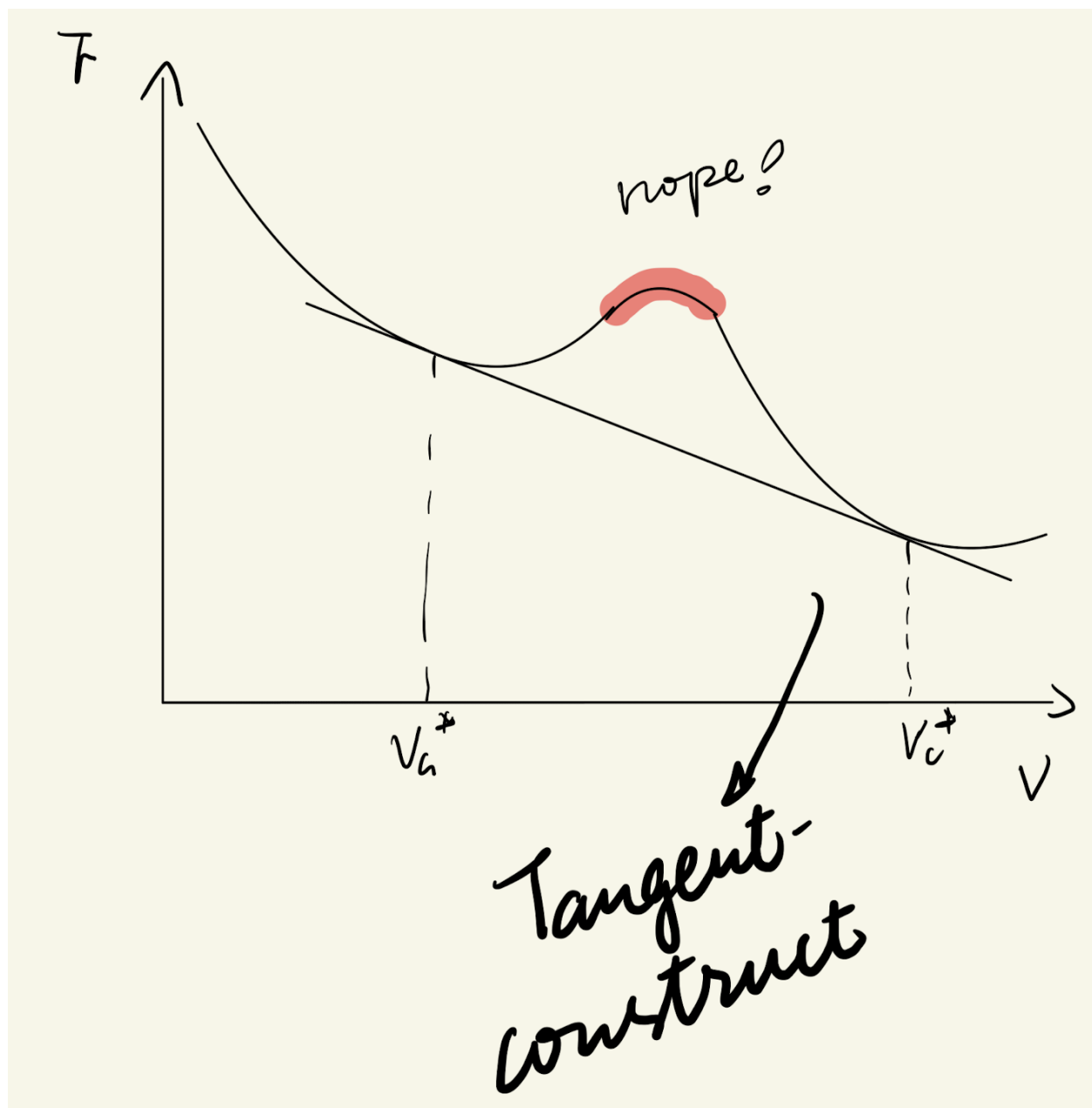


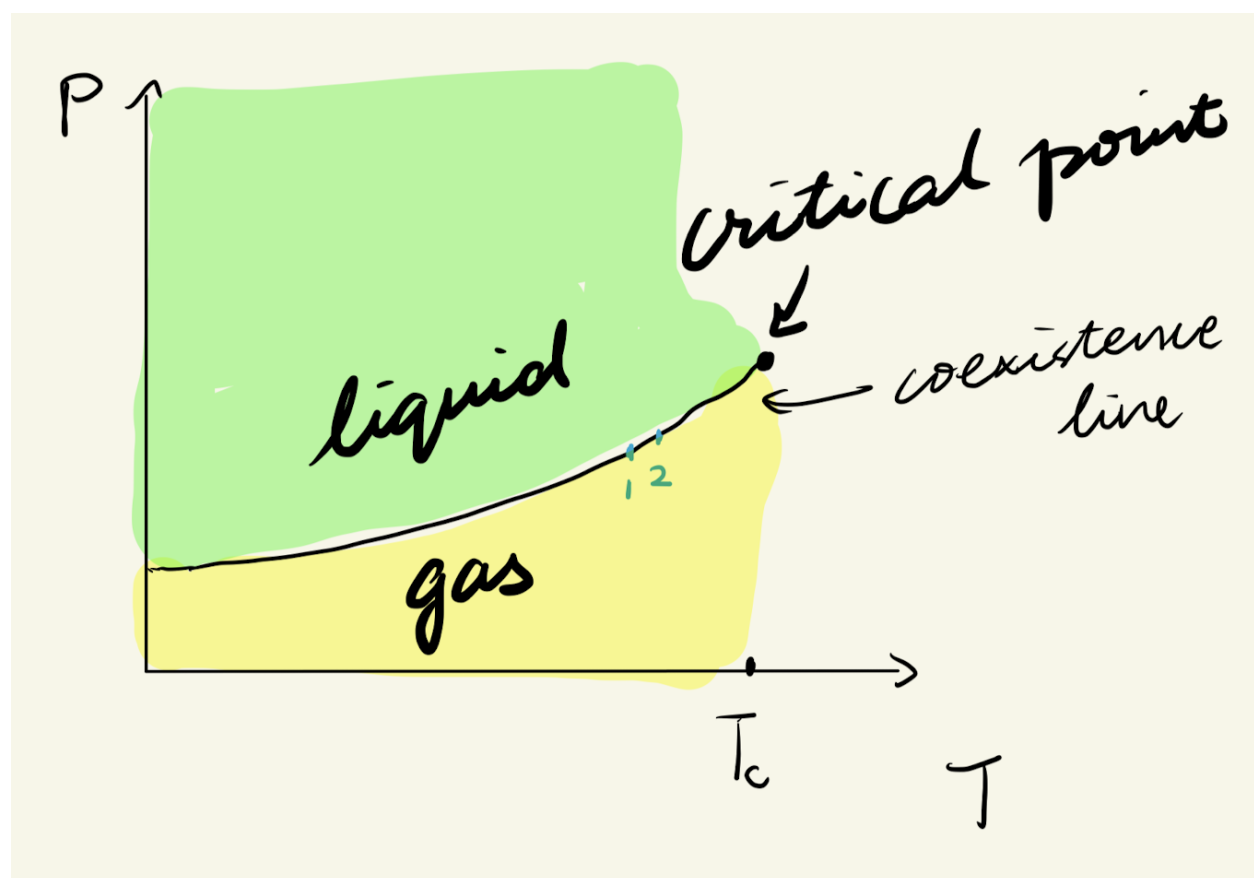
characterist density.

$$P_c^* = \frac{N}{V_c} \quad P_a^* = \frac{N}{V_a}$$









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# CHAPTER 2

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## STATISTICAL MECHANICS

### 2.1 Behaviour for Large N

#### 2.1.1 Binomial Distribution

Probability distribution for flipping coins: 1 coin:

$$1 : 1$$

2 coins:

$$1 : 2 : 1$$

3 coins:

$$1 : 3 : 3 : 1$$

Mean value, increases width increases, maximum (probability) decreases.

$$P(N_{\uparrow}) = \frac{1^{\uparrow} 1^{\downarrow}}{2^N} = \frac{N!}{N_{\uparrow}!(N - N_{\uparrow})!} \frac{1^N}{2^N}$$

What is the characteristic of this distribution when  $N$  is large. We need  $N!$  for  $N$  large

$$N! = \int_0^{\infty} dx x^N e^{-x} = \left( -x^N e^{-x} \Big|_0^{\infty} + N \int_0^{\infty} dx x^{N-1} e^{-x} \quad \text{and so on} \right)$$

**Factorial Expansion**

$$N! = \int_0^{\infty} dx e^{-x+N \ln(x)} \tag{2.1}$$

Use Laplace's method. For  $N$  large Approximate the integrand by its value close to the maximum of the exponent. Set

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(x) &= N \ln(x) - x \\
 \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right) &= \frac{N}{x} - 1 = 0 \implies X_0 = N \\
 2 \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right) &= -\frac{N}{x^2} \Big|_{x=x_0} = -\frac{1}{N} < 0 \implies x_0 \text{ is a max.} \\
 g(x) &\approx g(x_0) + \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right)_{x_0} (x - x_0) + \frac{1}{2} 2 \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right)_{x=x_0} (x - x_0)^2 \\
 \implies N! &= \int_0^\infty dx e^{N \ln(N) - N - \frac{1}{2N} (x - N)^2} \\
 &= e^{N \ln(N) - N} \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{1}{2N} (x - N)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $N \gg \sqrt{(N)}$  width of the Gaussian we can extend the lower limit to  $-\infty$  since it's so small.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \implies e^{N \ln(N) - N} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx e^{-\frac{1}{2N} x^2} \\
 = e^{N \ln(N) - N} \sqrt{2\pi N}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Stirling Approximation

$$\ln(N!) = N \ln(N) - N + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi N) \quad (2.2)$$

The last term is often dropped when  $N \gg \sqrt{N}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln(P(N_\uparrow)) &= \ln(N_\downarrow) - \ln(N_\uparrow) - \ln((N - N_\uparrow)!) + N_\uparrow \ln(P) + (N - N_\uparrow) \ln(1 - p) \\
 &= N \ln(N) - N - (N_\uparrow \ln(N_\uparrow) - N_\uparrow) - ((N - N_\uparrow) \ln(N - N_\uparrow) - (N - N_\uparrow)) + N_\uparrow \ln(P) + (N - N_\uparrow) \ln(1 - P) \\
 &= N \ln(N) - N_\uparrow \ln(N_\uparrow) - (N - N_\uparrow) \ln(N - N_\uparrow) + N_\uparrow \ln\left(\frac{P}{1 - p}\right) + N \ln(1 - P)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Maximum:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial N_\uparrow} \right) \ln[P(N_\uparrow)] &\implies -\ln(N_\uparrow) - \frac{N_\uparrow}{N_\uparrow} + \ln(N - N_\uparrow) + 1 + \ln\left(\frac{p}{1 - p}\right) = 0 \\
 \implies \ln\left(\frac{p}{1 - p}\right) &= \ln\left(\frac{N_\uparrow}{N - N_\uparrow}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{N_\uparrow/N}{1 - N_\uparrow/N}\right) \\
 \implies P &= \frac{N_\uparrow}{N} \\
 \implies N_\uparrow^{max} &= NP
 \end{aligned}$$

**Location of the max  $P$  is  $NP$ .** Second derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \ln(P)}{\partial N_{\uparrow}^2} \right) &= -\frac{1}{N_{\uparrow}} - \frac{1}{N - N_{\uparrow}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{1}{N_{\uparrow}/N} + \frac{1}{1 - N_{\uparrow}/N} \right) = -\frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{1}{(N_{\uparrow}/N)(1 - N_{\uparrow}/N)} \right) \\ &=_{atmax \frac{N_{\uparrow}}{N}=p} -\frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{p(1-p)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\ln(P_N)|_{at \ max} = N \ln N - Np(\ln N + \ln p) - N(1-p)(\ln(N) + \ln(1-P)) + NP \ln(1-p) + N \ln(1-p) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln[P(N_{\uparrow})] &= 0 + \underbrace{0}_{\text{first der.}} - \frac{1}{2(Np(1-P))} (N_{\uparrow} - NP)^2 \\ P(N_{\uparrow}) &\approx \textcolor{red}{A} e^{-\frac{1}{2N(1-p)} (N_{\uparrow} - NP)^2} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\textcolor{red}{A}$  is the missing normalisation constant.

**Gaussian around  $NP \propto N$  and standard derivative**  $\sqrt{NP(1-P)} \propto \sqrt{N}$

The height is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$ .

If we focus on the fraction of coins being head,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{N_{\uparrow}}{N} \right\rangle &= p \\ \left\langle \left( \frac{N_{\uparrow}}{N} \right)^2 \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{N_{\uparrow}}{N} \right\rangle^2 &= \frac{1}{N^2} NP(1-P) \propto \frac{1}{N} \end{aligned}$$

the mean value becomes a precise statment as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

### 2.1.2 Random Independent Variables

We define a random variable  $F$  that takes 2 values

1 with Probability  $P$  0 with probability  $1 - P$  Then take  $N$  such random variables  $F_i \quad i = 1 \dots N$  then

$$N_{\uparrow} = \sum_{i=1}^N F_i$$

The average value of  $F_i$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle F_i \rangle &= 1P + 0(1-P) = P \\ \langle N_{\uparrow} \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N F_i \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \langle F_i \rangle = NP \end{aligned}$$

Deviation from the average:

$$\langle (N_{\uparrow} - NP)^2 \rangle = \langle N_{\uparrow}^2 \rangle - 2NP \langle N_{\uparrow} \rangle + (NP)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle N_{\uparrow}^2 \rangle &= \left\langle \left( \sum_{i=1}^N F_i \right)^2 \right\rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N F_i \sum_{j=1}^N F_j \right\rangle = \left\langle \sum_{n=0}^N F_i^2 + \sum_{i,j} F_i F_j \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N \langle F_i^2 \rangle + \sum_{i \neq j} \langle F_i F_j \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{N^2} NP(1-P)
\end{aligned}$$

## 2.2 Boltzmann Configurational Entropy

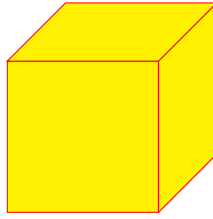


Figure 2.1: A 3D box with  $V = L^3$  with  $N$  identical particles, labelled by their  $x$ -coordinates

"The number of microstates  $\propto L^3$  "

Since  $x_1$  has to be in the left of  $x_2$  and same for the other particles:

$$\begin{aligned}
\# \text{ of microstates} &= \int_0^L dx_N L^2 \cdots \int_0^{x_3} dx_2 L^2 \int_0^{x_2} dx_1 L^2 \\
&= L^{2N} \int_0^L dx_N \int_0^{x_N} dx_{N-1} \cdots \int_0^{x_3} dx^2 \int_0^{x_2} dx_1
\end{aligned}$$

Integrating from the right hand side we see a pattern:

$$\begin{aligned}
x_2 &\rightarrow \frac{x_3^2}{2!} \rightarrow \frac{x_4^3}{3!} \cdots \\
&= L^{2N} \frac{L^N}{N!} = \frac{V^N}{N!}
\end{aligned}$$

This is the same result as gotten with first labelling particles and then divide by all permutations of labels.

Assuming all the microstates are equally probable.

$$\begin{aligned}
P(N_A, N_B) &= \frac{\frac{V_A^{N_A}}{N_A!} \frac{V_B^{N_B}}{N_B!}}{\frac{V^N}{N!}} \\
&= \frac{N!}{N_A! N_B!} \left( \frac{V_A}{V} \right)^{N_A} \left( \frac{V_B}{V} \right)^{N_B}
\end{aligned}$$

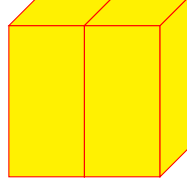


Figure 2.2: 2 boxes.

(Binomial distribution) Boltzmann: All microstates (position here) are equally likely. The most likely macrostate (value of  $N_A, N_B$  is the one that corresponds to most microstates: i.e. the max of  $P(N_A, N_B)$ ).

The maximum of  $P(N_A, N_B)$  also corresponds to the maximum of

$$k_B \ln \left( P(N_A, N_B) \frac{V^N}{N!} e^{xN} \right) \quad (2.3)$$

$S_B$  **Boltzmann Configuration Entropy** Boltzmann never actually wrote this.

Equation 2.3 can also be written as

$$k \ln \left( \left( \frac{V_A^{N_A}}{N_A!} \right) e^{xN_A} \frac{V_B^{N_B}}{N_B!} e^{xN_B} \right)$$

*The other words, the impossibility of an uncompensated decrease of entropy seems to be reduced to an improbability. (Boltzmann, 1898)*

Set  $\Omega \equiv \frac{V^N}{N!}$  In equilibrium:

$$S_B = \underbrace{k \ln(P_{max} \Omega e^{xN})}_{k \ln P_{max} + k \ln(\Omega e^{xN})} = k \ln(\Omega_A e^{xN_A}) + k \ln(\Omega_B e^{xN_B})$$

$$LHS = k \ln(\Omega e^{xN}),$$

Note that this has the same form as the right hand side!

So in the TD equilibrium,

$$S = k \ln(\Omega e^{xN}) = k \ln(\Omega) + kxN \quad (2.4)$$

This is additive over its subsystems.

$$S = S_A + S_B$$

$$\Omega = \frac{V^N}{N!} = \frac{\int d^3 q_1 \cdots \int d^3 q_n}{N!} \quad (2.5)$$

To generalise to also include momenta and pick only those configurations that have a total energy  $E$ .

$$\Omega(E) \delta E$$

$\delta E$  is a thin energy shell

$$\frac{1}{N!h^{3N}} = \int d^3q_1 \cdots \int d^3q_N \int d^3p_1 \cdots \int d^3p_N$$

the  $h^{3N}$  can be interpreted as the  $x$  from before, the reference volume phase space. It's related to the uncertainty, and it's a choice.

**Remark 2.2.1.**

$$\ln(h^{3N}) = N \ln(h^3)$$

$$\Omega(E)\delta E = \frac{1}{N!h^{3N}} \int d^3q_1 \cdots d^3p_N (\Theta(E + \delta E - H(q_1, \dots, p_N)) - \Theta(E - H(q_1 \cdots p_N))) \quad (2.6)$$

where the  $\Theta(x)$  is the Heaviside step function. Expand for small  $\delta E$

$$= \delta E \frac{1}{N!h^{3N}} \int d^3q_1 \cdots d^3p_N \delta(E - H(q_1 \cdots p_N))$$

$$\Omega(E) = \frac{1}{N!h^{3N}} \int d^3q_1 \cdots d^3p_N \delta(E - H(q_1 \cdots p_N)) \quad (2.7)$$

**This is the microcanonical ensemble. (All microstates have the same energy.)**

## 2.3 Equilibrium Stat Mech and Ensembles

After a time the system reaches equilibrium (when the macroscopic states is time independent and is independent of the initial condition.) Microscopic state changes all the time (also in equilibrium)  
Microscopic state:

$$Q = \{q_{1x}, q_{1y}, q_{1z}, \dots, q_{Nx}\}$$

$$P = \{p_{1x}, p_{1y}, \dots\}$$

$\{Q, P\}$  has  $6N$  components. A microstate is a point in phase-space.

### 2.3.1 Conserved Quantities

In the approach to equilibrium, not all info about the initial state is lost. If collisions conserves energy, then (total) energy is conserved.

Instead of considering the microstates at different times, evolving from a particular initial condition, we can consider the system at a particular time  $t$ , coming from all possible initial conditions with the same energy.

$$\Omega(E) = \frac{1}{N!h^{3N}} \int DQ DP \delta(E - H(P, Q))$$



$$S = k_B \ln(\Omega(E)\delta E) \tag{2.8}$$

Ensemble average

$$\langle O \rangle_E = \frac{1}{\Omega(E)} \frac{1}{N!h^{3N}} \int D\mathbb{P}D\mathbb{Q} \delta(E - H(\mathbb{P},\mathbb{Q})) O(\mathbb{P},\mathbb{Q})$$

## 2.4 Microcanonical Ensemble

Ideal gas and Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution. Microcanonical ensemble:

$$S = k_B \ln(\Omega)$$

$$\Omega = \Omega(E) \delta E = \int \frac{1}{N! h^{3N}} \int d^3 q_1 \cdots d^3 p_N \delta(E - H(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q})) \delta E$$

**Ideal Gas:**

$$H = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\vec{p}_i^2}{2m}$$

All  $q$ 's will be inside the box of volume  $V$ .

First the integrals over  $q$ 's give  $V^N$  (They are independent of the positions, but need to be confined in the box.)

$$\Omega = \frac{V^N}{N! h^{3N}} \delta E \int d^3 p_1 \cdots d^3 p_N \delta(E - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\vec{p}_i^2}{2m}) \equiv \frac{V^N}{N! h^{3N}} \delta E$$

Note that it's possible to take any momentum.

Shift:

$$\vec{p}_i' = \frac{\vec{p}_i}{\sqrt{2m}}$$

$$(2m)^{\frac{3N}{2}} \int d^3 p_1' \cdots d^3 p_N' \delta(E - \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{\vec{p}_i'^2}_{3N \text{ terms}})$$

Expanding these out and call them  $r^2$

$$r^2 = p_1^2 + p_1^2 + p_1^2 + \dots + p_N^2$$

Switch to hyperspherical coordinates in  $3N$  dimensions.

$$I = (2m)^{\frac{3N}{2}} \int d\tilde{\Omega}^{3N-1} \int_0^\infty dr V^{3N-1} \delta(E - r^2)$$

Now use

$$\begin{aligned} \int dx f(x) \delta(g(x)) &= \sum_n \frac{f(x)}{|g'(x)|} \Big|_{x=x_n} \\ \int dr r^{3N-1} \delta(E - r^2) & \\ |g'(r)| = |-2r| = 2r & \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

**Zeros of  $g$ :**  $r = \pm\sqrt{E}$  but only  $+\sqrt{E}$  is inside the integration range.

Then

$$\int dr r^{3N-1} \delta(E - r^2) = \frac{E^{\frac{3N-1}{2}}}{2E^{1/2}} = \frac{E^{\frac{3N}{2}}}{2}$$

So

$$I = (2m)^{\frac{3N}{2}} \tilde{\Omega}^{3N-1} (2m)^{3N/2} \frac{E^{\frac{3N}{2}-1}}{2}$$

For the **Solid Angle**  $\tilde{\Omega}^{d-1}$  in  $d$  dimensions We consider a Gaussian Integral and compute it in both hyperspherical and Cartesian coordinates.

$$I = \int d^d r e^{-r^2} = \int d\tilde{\Omega}^{d-1} \int_0^\infty r^{d-1} e^{-r^2}$$

Change variables:

$$t = r^2 \quad dt = 2r dr$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\Omega}^{d-1} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty t^{\frac{d}{2}-1} e^{-t}}_{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}$$

Then in Cartesian coordinates:

$$I = \int_0^\infty dx \cdots \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-x_1^2} e^{-x_2^2} \cdots e^{-x_d^2} = \pi^{\frac{d}{2}}$$

$$\tilde{\Omega}^{d-1} = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\Omega = \frac{V^N}{N! h^{3N}} \delta E \tilde{\Omega}^{3N-1} (2m)^{\frac{3N}{2}} \frac{E^{\frac{3N}{2}-1}}{2}$$

where

$$\tilde{\Omega}^{3N-1} = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{3N}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{3N}{2})}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{V^N}{N! h^{3N}} \frac{(2\pi m E)^{\frac{3N}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{3N}{2})} \frac{dE}{E}$$

Finally the entropy is

$$S = k_B \ln(\Omega) = k_B \ln \left( \left[ \frac{V(2\pi m E)^{3/2}}{h^3} \right]^N \frac{dE}{N! \Gamma(3N/2) E} \right)$$

Now use

$$X\Gamma(x) = \Gamma(x+1) \implies \Gamma(3N/2) = \frac{2}{3N} \Gamma\left(\frac{3N}{2} + 1\right)$$

$$S = k_B \left( \ln \left[ \frac{V(2\pi m E)^{3/2}}{h^3} \right]^N \right) - k_B (N \ln N - N) - k_B \left( \frac{3N}{2} \ln \left( \frac{3N}{2} - \frac{3N}{2} \right) \right) - k_B \ln \left( \frac{2E}{3N \delta E} \right)$$

where we ignore the last term since it doesn't scale with  $n$ .

$$S = N k_B \left[ \ln \left( \frac{V}{N} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \ln \left( \frac{E}{N} \right) + \frac{5}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \ln \left( \frac{4\pi m}{3h^2} \right) \right]$$

The Sackur-Tetrode formula for entropy of ideal gas

$$S = Nk_B \left( \frac{5}{2} - \ln \left( \frac{N}{V} \underbrace{\left( \frac{h}{\left( \frac{4\pi m E}{3N} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}_{\lambda^3} \right)^3 \right) \quad (2.11)$$

Expected to be valid physically when  $V \gg N\lambda^3$

## 2.5 Maxwell-Boltzmann Distribution

**NOTATION:**  $P \rightarrow$  Probability,  $p \rightarrow$  momentum

The probability of one particle having a momentum in one direction being of magnitude  $p_1$  when the total energy is  $E$ .

$$P(p_1) = \frac{\text{Volume of phase-space where } p_{1x} = p_1 \text{ and the total energy is } E}{\text{Volume of phase-space with total energy } E}$$

$$= \frac{\text{The surface area of a sphere in } 3N - 1 \text{ dimensions with radius } \sqrt{E - \frac{p_i^2}{2m}}}{\text{surface area of a sphere in } 3N \text{ dimensions with radius } \sqrt{E}}$$

$$= \frac{\pi^{\frac{3N-1}{2}} (2m)^{\frac{3N-1}{2}} \left(E - \frac{p_i^2}{2m}\right)^{\left(\frac{3N-1}{2}-1\right)} \Gamma\left(\frac{3N-1}{2}\right)}{\pi^{3N/2} (2m)^{3N/2} E^{3N/2-1} / \Gamma(3N/2)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(3N/2) \left(1 - \frac{p_i^2}{2mE}\right)^{\frac{3N}{2}-\frac{3}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{3N-1}{2}\right) \sqrt{\pi} \sqrt{2mE}}$$

In general  $\frac{p_i^2}{2mE} \ll 1$

$$1 - \frac{p_i^2}{2mE} \approx e^{-\frac{p_i^2}{2mE}}$$

**Stating the result without proof:**

$$\frac{\Gamma(3N/2)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{3N-1}{2}\right)} \stackrel{N \rightarrow \text{large}}{\approx} \left(\frac{3N}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

To show this, use Stirling's formula and that the gamma function is factorial (somehow).

$$P(p_1) = e^{-\frac{\frac{p_i^2}{2mE} \left(\frac{3N}{2}-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{\frac{3N}{2}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \frac{2mE}{3N}}} e^{-\frac{p_i^2}{2\left(\frac{2mE}{3N}\right)}}$$

Gaussian with mean 0,  $\sigma^2 = \frac{2mE}{3N}$ .

For the ideal gas in TD:

$$E = \frac{3}{2} N k_B T$$

$$\sigma^2 = m k_B T$$

We can in fact define the temperature in statistical mechanics as the width of the momentum distribution and use that definition to establish the equality:

$$E = \frac{3}{2} N k_B T$$

## 2.6 Flow in Phase-space: Liouville theorem

**Ensemble:** Several copies of the same system but with different initial conditions. Insert phase space figure. A point in the phase space is one system, an ensemble is many dots in the phase space. Imagine so many copies of the system that on a coarse grained scale  $h^3N$ , we can talk about a density of systems.

$$\rho(q_1, \dots, p_N, t)$$

where  $\rho$  is the ensemble density.

So the number of systems in the region around  $q_1 \dots p_N$  at time  $t$  is

$$\rho(Q, P, t) dQ dP$$

when time goes on, the system will change (points in phase-space is moving) and so the ensemble density can in principle change.

Paths can't cross, but can merge, because from one point (initial condition) we can only have path. Newton's equations are continuous, so a system (the trajectory, point) moves continuously in phase-space. This means that it does not disappear or reappear suddenly in phase space.

### 2.6.1 Continuity Equation

“in = out”

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{j} = \rho \vec{V}$$

where  $V$  is the generalised velocity.

$$\vec{V} = (\dot{q}_1, \dots, \dot{p}_N)$$

Continuity equation in terms of components:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} &= \sum_{n=1}^{3N} \left( \frac{\partial(\rho \dot{q}_n)}{\partial q_n} + \frac{\partial(\rho \dot{p}_n)}{\partial p_n} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{3N} \left( \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial q_n} \right) \dot{q}_n + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p_n} \dot{p}_n + \rho \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial \dot{q}_n}{\partial q_n} + \frac{\partial \dot{p}_n}{\partial p_n} \right)}_0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Hamilton eqs of motion:

$$\dot{q}_n = \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_n} \right) \implies \left( \frac{\partial \dot{q}_n}{\partial q_n} \right) = \left( \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial q_n \partial p_n} \right)$$

using

$$\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial q_n \partial p_n} = \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial p_n \partial q_n}$$

How does the density change as we flow with the system?

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dt} \rho(q_{1x}(t) \cdot p_{nz}(t), t) \\
 &= \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \sum_{n=1}^{3N} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial q_n} \dot{q}_n + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p_n} \dot{p}_n \\
 &= \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

No local change in density following a Volume element.

Flow in phase-space is as an incompressible liquid (same volume different shape.)

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = - \sum_{n=1}^{3N} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial q_n} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_n} - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p_n} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_n} \right) = -\{\rho, H\}$$

Recall  $\{\}$  is the Poisson bracket,

$$\{A, B\} = \sum_{n=1}^{3N} \frac{\partial A}{\partial q_n} \frac{\partial B}{\partial p_n} - \frac{\partial A}{\partial p_n} \frac{\partial B}{\partial q_n}$$

which btw is the anticommutator in QM.

In equilibrium we want  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$

$$\{H, \rho\} = 0$$

Now note that is  $\rho = \rho(H)$  Then

$$\{H, \rho(H)\} = \sum_{n=1}^{3N} \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_n} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial H} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_n} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_n} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial H} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_n} \right) = 0$$

That's the microcanonical ensemble (only depends on H) is constant in time.

$$\rho(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) = \frac{1}{N! h^{3N}} \rho(E - H(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}))$$

More generally if there are more of motions  $c_1, c_2$  so that  $\{H, C\} = 0$  then

$$\rho = \rho(H, \{c_1\})$$

will also have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \\
 & \{H, \rho(H, \{c_1\})\} = \sum_{n=0}^{3N} \sum_i \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_n} \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial p_n} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial c_i} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_n} \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial q_n} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial c_i} \right) \\
 & \sum_i \{H, C_i\} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial c_i} = 0 \implies \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

## 2.6.2 The Ergodic Hypothesis

With statistical ensembles  $\rho$  we can calculate ensemble averages:

$$\langle f \rangle$$

this is average over different copies of the same system with differential initial conditions. But experimentally we most often measure a single copy over some time

$$\bar{f} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_1 - t_0} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} dt f(t)$$

It holds whenever "the trajectories of (almost every point phase space eventually passes arbitrarily close to every point on the surface of constant energy.)" Proving ergodicity is very hard and has been done only for a few systems: Gas of hard spheres.

**Ergodicity is very strict and in practice we might do well with**

$$\langle f \rangle = \bar{f} + \text{error}$$

**For certain systems  $\langle f \rangle \neq \bar{f}$**

- Few-body problems: chaos
- Integrable systems: Many-body systems with  $\infty$  number of conservation laws.
- Broken symmetry phases.
- Glasses, very slow dynamics.

## 2.7 Canonical Ensemble

Canonical: "the way to go". The probability density of the system having an energy  $E$  is the number of microstates of the system having energy  $E$  given the reservoir have  $E_T - E$  divided by the total number of microstates:

$$P(E) = \frac{\Omega(E)\Omega_R(E_T - E)}{\Omega_T(E_T)}$$

We'll take an approximation and assume that the reservoir is much larger than the system.

$$E_T \gg E$$

Recall that energy is extensive, so this is proportional to the size of the system.

$$\ln(P(E)) - \ln(\Omega(E)) + \ln(\Omega(E_T - E)) - \ln(\Omega_T(E_T))$$

We expand:  $\ln(\Omega_R(E_T - E)) \approx \ln(\Omega_R(E_T)) - E \frac{\partial \ln(\Omega_R(E_T))}{\partial E_R} \big|_{E_R=E_T, N, V}$

$$\frac{\partial S_R}{k_B \partial E_R} \big|_{E_R = E_T} \approx \frac{1}{k_B T_R} \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{in equilibrium}} \equiv \beta$$



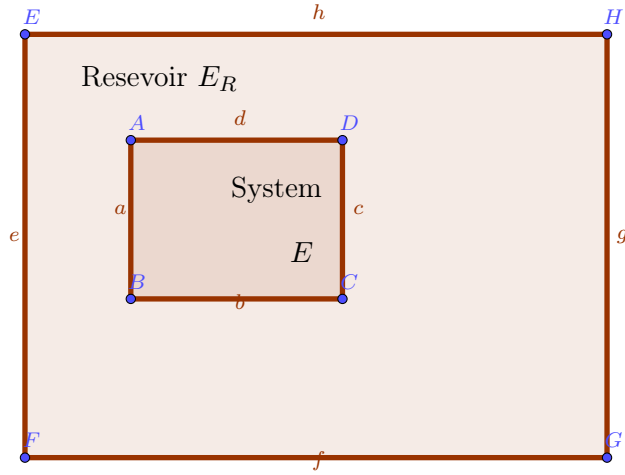


Figure 2.3: Heat can flow between the system and the reservoir.  $E$  is the system energy,  $E_R$  is the reservoir energy. The total energy  $E + E_R$  is conserved.

$$\ln(P(E)) = \ln(\Omega(E)) - \beta E + \underbrace{\ln(\Omega_R(E_T)) - \ln(\Omega_T(E_T))}_{\text{Independent of } E - \ln(Z)}$$

Exponentiate and we have

$$P(E) = \frac{\Omega(E)e^{-\beta E}}{Z}$$

This is the canonical probability distribution.  
 $\frac{e^{-\beta E}}{Z}$  is known as the Boltzmann factor.

$$1 = \int dE P(E)$$

$$\implies Z = \int dE \Omega(E) e^{-\beta E}$$

From microcanonical ensemble:

$$\Omega(E) = \int D\mathbb{P} D\mathbb{Q} \frac{1}{N h^{3N}} \delta(E - H(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}))$$

$$1 = \int dE P(E) = \int dE \int D\mathbb{P} D\mathbb{Q} \frac{1}{Z N h^{3N}} \delta(E - H) e^{-\beta E}$$

$$= \int D\mathbb{P}D\mathbb{Q} \underbrace{e^{-\beta H(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q})} \frac{1}{ZNh^{3N}}}_{\text{Probability density of a certain phase space coordinates, } \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}}$$

$$Z = \int \frac{D\mathbb{P}D\mathbb{Q}}{Nh^{3N}} e^{-\beta H(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q})}$$

As we know,  $Z$  is nothing but the partition function (but really, just a normalisation constant.)

### 2.7.1 Characteristics of $P(E)$ for ideal gas

$$S = k_B \ln(\Omega(E)) = k_B \left( \ln\left(\frac{E}{N}\right)^{3N/2} + \dots (\text{volume and } N \text{ dependant parts}) \right)$$

$$\implies \Omega(E) \propto E^f$$

$$\ln(P(E)) = \ln(\Omega(E)) - \beta E - \ln(Z)$$

$$\ln(P(E)) = \ln(E^f) - \beta E - \ln(Z)$$

The max of  $P(E)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial E} \ln(P(E)) = \frac{f}{E} - \beta = 0 \implies E_{\max} = \frac{f}{\beta}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial E^2} \ln(P(E)) = -\frac{f}{E^2} < 0$$

since both  $f$  and  $E^2$  are positive.

$$\ln(P(E)) = \ln(P(E_{\max})) + \frac{1}{2!} \left( -\frac{f}{E_{\max}^2} \right) (E - E_{\max})^2$$

$$P(E) = P(E_{\max}) e^{-\frac{(E - E_{\max})^2}{2E_{\max}^2/f}}$$

In equilibrium:  $E_{eq} = E_{\max}$

$$\underbrace{\ln(P(E_{eq}))}_{P(E_{\max}) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}} = \underbrace{\ln(\Omega(E_{eq}))}_{\frac{S_{eq}}{k_B} \propto N} - \underbrace{\beta E_{eq}}_{\propto N} - \ln(Z)$$

$$\approx \ln(Z) = -\beta (E_{eq} - TS_{eq})$$

### 2.7.2 A More General Case

For the microcanonical ensemble:  $\Omega(E, V, N) = \int \frac{D\mathbb{P}D\mathbb{Q}}{N!h^{3N}} \delta(E - H(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}))$  where  $\Omega \equiv Z$  Canonical ensemble: Laplace transform of the microcanonical ensemble w.r.t  $E$ :

$$Z(T, V, N) := \int_0^\infty dE Z(E, V, N) e^{\beta E}$$

$$= \int \frac{DPDQ}{N!h^{3N}} e^{\beta H}$$

On the other hand

$$Z(E, V, N) = \Omega(E, V, N) = e^{\frac{1}{k_B} S(E, V, N)}$$

$$\Rightarrow Z(T, V, N) = \int_0^\infty dE e^{-\beta \underbrace{(E - TS(E, V, N))}_{F(T, V, N, E)}}$$

We will approximate the integral using Laplace's method. Expanding the integrand around its max. (Which is equivalent to expanding F around its min.)

$$F = E - TS(E, V, N)$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial E} \right) = 1 - T \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right)_{V, N} = 0 \Rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right)_{V, N} = \frac{1}{T}$$

Where the equation after the implies sign determines  $E_{\min}$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial E^2} \right) = -T \left( \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial E^2} \right) = -T \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \frac{1}{T} = \frac{T}{T^2} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial E} \right) = \frac{1}{TNc_v}$$

$$Z = \int_0^\infty dE e^{\beta F} \approx e^{-\beta F(T, V, N, E_{\min})} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty dE e^{\frac{-1}{2k_B T^2 N c_v} (E - E_{\min})^2}}_{\sqrt{2\pi k_B T^2 N c_v}}$$

$$= e^{-\beta F(T, V, N, E_{\min})} + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi k_B T^2 N c_v)$$

$$\approx_{N \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\beta F(T, V, N, E_{\min})}$$

and so the second term is negligible when  $N \rightarrow \infty$  except when  $c_v \rightarrow \infty$  (at phase transition) and  $T \rightarrow 0$  (which is taken care by QM).

## Identities

$$\ln(Z) = -\beta F$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\ln(z)) = \frac{1}{Z} \left( \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} \right) = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left( \int \frac{DPDQ}{N!h^{3N}} e^{-\beta H} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \int \frac{DPDQ}{N!h^{3N}} H e^{-\beta H} = -\langle H \rangle = -U \quad \text{In the canonical ensemble.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\beta F) = U$$

### 2.7.3 Fluctuations (Beyond TD)

$$c_V = \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_{V,N} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \langle E \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial T}}_{-\frac{1}{k_B T}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \langle E \rangle$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \frac{DPDQ}{N!h^{3N}} H e^{-\beta H}$$

$$\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial \beta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (Z^{-1}) \int \frac{DPDQ}{N!h^{3N}} H e^{-\beta H} + Z^{-1} \int \frac{DPDQ}{N!h^{3N}} \langle H^2 \rangle e^{-\beta H}$$

Notice  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (Z^{-1}) = -\frac{1}{Z^2} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial \ln(Z)}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{1}{Z} \langle E \rangle$ .

So the above equation is

$$\langle E \rangle^2 - \langle E^2 \rangle$$

so

$$c_V = \frac{1}{Nk_B T} (\langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Nk_B T} (\langle (E - \langle E \rangle)^2 \rangle)$$

## 2.8 Other Ensembles

### Grand Canonical Ensemble

$$Z(T, V, \mu) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{\beta \mu N} Z(T, V, N)$$

TD: is by approximating the sum by the max summand which means determining  $N_{max}$  such that  $\beta \mu N - \beta F(T, V, N)$  is maximal.

$$\Omega(\mu, T, V) = \beta \mu N - \beta F(T, V, N)$$

is the grand potential For extensive system

$$\Omega = -PV$$

which is useful for calculation  $P$ .

$$Z(T, V, \mu) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int \frac{DPDQ}{N!h^{3N}} e^{-\beta H - \mu N}$$

## Gibbs Ensemble

$$Z(T, P, N) = \int dV e^{\beta PV} Z(T, V, N)$$

Approximate the integral by max integrand

$$e^{-\beta G} = Z(T, P, N) \approx e^{\beta(F(T, V_{\max}, N)) + PV_{\max}}$$



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## CHAPTER 3

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# QUANTUM STATISTICAL MECHANICS

### Notations

Quantum state  $|\phi\rangle = \sum_n c_n |n\rangle$  where we sum over all energies for each energy eigen state.

$$H |n\rangle = E_n |n\rangle$$

where  $E_n$  is the energy eigenvalue.

Normalisation:

$$\sum_n |c_n|^2 = 1$$

Energy eigenstates  $|n\rangle$  can be represented as a wave function:

$$\psi(r_1 \cdots r_n) = \langle r_1 \cdots r_n | \psi \rangle$$

QM: Intrinsic probabilities: Given if we know  $|\psi\rangle$ , the measurement outcome is uncertain.

Any observable (a measurement quantity) can be written in its spectral representation.

$$\hat{O} = \sum_i \lambda_i |O_i\rangle \langle O_i|,$$

where  $|O_i\rangle$  is an eigenstate of  $\hat{O}$  and  $\lambda_i$  are eigenvalues.

The QM average value for a given  $|\psi\rangle$  :

$$\langle \psi | \hat{O} | \psi \rangle = \sum_i \lambda_i \underbrace{\langle \psi | O_i \rangle \langle O_i | \psi \rangle}_{P_i(\psi)}$$

where  $P_i(\psi)$  is the probability of measuring  $\lambda_i$  in state  $\psi$ .

Time dependence:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle = H |\psi\rangle$$

$$|\psi, t\rangle = \sum_n c_n e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} |n\rangle$$

Ensemble average:

Operator  $\hat{A}$ , the combined ensemble and QM average is

$$\langle A \rangle = \int_{\forall \psi} p_\psi \langle \psi | \hat{A} | \psi \rangle$$

$P_\psi$  is the prob to find the system in state  $|\psi\rangle$ .

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_n c_n e^{i\phi_n} e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} |n\rangle$$

So the probability of finding  $p_\psi = p_{\{|c|, \phi\}}$  The subscript is the set of amplitudes and phases for all energy eigenstates. ( $\sum_n |c_n|^2 = 1$ )

$$\langle A \rangle = \int D|c| \int D\phi P_{\{|c|, \phi\}} \sum_{mn} |c_m| |c_n| e^{-i(\phi_m - \phi_n)} e^{i(E_m - E_n)t/\hbar} \langle m | A | n \rangle$$

$$D\phi = \frac{d\phi_1}{2\pi} \frac{d\phi_2}{2\pi}$$

Assume incoherent ensemble:  $P_{\{|c|, \phi\}} = P_{|c|}$ , all phases are equally likely

$$\int \frac{d\phi_n}{2\pi} \frac{d\phi_m}{2\pi} e^{-i(\phi_m - \phi_n)} = \delta_{m,n}$$

The integrand is 0 when  $m = n$  and the integral is otherwise 0.

$$\langle A \rangle = \sum_{m,n} \int D|c| |c_n| |c_m| P_{\{|c|\}} \delta_{m,n} e^{-i(E_m - E_n)t/\hbar} \langle m | \hat{A} | n \rangle$$

$$\sum_n \underbrace{\int D|c| |c_n|^2 P(\{c\})}_{P_n} \langle n | \hat{A} | n \rangle$$

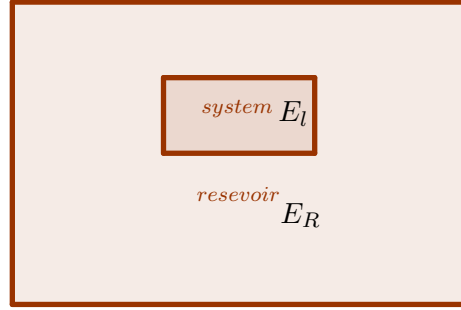
$$\implies \langle A \rangle = \sum_n P_n \langle n | \hat{A} | n \rangle$$

One can interpret  $P_n$  as the probability of energy eigenstate  $|n\rangle$

$P_n$  can be interpreted as the probability because  $P_n \geq 0$  and it is normalised choose  $\hat{A} = 1$

$$\implies \langle 1 \rangle = \sum_n P_n \langle n | n \rangle \implies \sum_n P_n = 1$$





### 3.1 QM Cannonical Ensemble

$E_l$ , energy level  $l$  in our system, level  $l$  gas degeneracy  $\Omega(E_l)$ .

$E_R$  is the energy in the resevoir, with degeneracy  $\Omega_R(E_R)$   $E_T$  is the total energy of the system, with degeneracy  $\Omega_T(E_T)$

**Remark 3.1.1.** We know that in QM energies have gaps, therefore it is important that the resevoir is big.

$$P_l = \frac{\Omega_R(E_T - E_l)\Omega(E_l)}{\Omega_T(E_T)}$$

$$\ln(P_l) = \ln(\Omega(E_T - E_l)) - \ln(\Omega(E_T)) - \ln(\Omega(E_l))$$

$$E_T \gg E_l$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \ln(\Omega_l(E_T)) - E_l \frac{\partial}{\partial E_R} \ln(\Omega_R(E_R))|_{E_R=E_l} \\ &= \ln(\Omega(E_l)) - \beta E_l + \underbrace{\ln(\Omega_R(E_T)) - \ln(\Omega_T(E_T))}_{-\ln(Z)} \end{aligned}$$

$$P_l = \frac{\Omega(E_l)e^{-\beta E_l}}{Z}$$

$$Z = \sum_l \Omega(E_l)e^{-\beta E_l} = \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n}$$

where the sum over  $n$  is all energy eigenstates.

The probability of having a particular energy eigenstates  $P_n$

$$P_n = \frac{e^{-\beta E_n}}{Z}, \quad Z = \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n}$$

$$\langle A \rangle = \sum_n \frac{e^{-\beta E_n}}{Z} \langle n | \hat{A} | n \rangle$$

If  $A = H$ ,

$$\langle n | H | n \rangle = E_n \langle n | n \rangle = E_n$$

$$U = \langle H \rangle = \sum_n \frac{E_n e^{-\beta E_n}}{Z} = \frac{1}{Z} \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \right) \overbrace{\sum_n e^{-\beta E_n}}^Z = -\frac{\partial \ln(Z)}{\partial \beta}$$

So

$$U = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln(Z)$$

We can define Helmholtz free energy from  $F = -k_B T \ln(Z)$  or we can define it using the TD identity,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta F} = U = -\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}\right)_{V,N} \ln(Z)$  On integration

$$\beta F = -\ln(Z) + f(V, N)$$

$f(V, N)$  can be taken to 0 for identical particles but is  $f(V, N) = -\ln(N!)$  for distinguishable QM particles. (We will not treat such systems, so  $f(V, N) = 0$ )

$$F = -k_B T \ln(Z)$$

### 3.1.1 Entropy

$$\begin{aligned} S &= -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial T}\right)_{V,N} = k_B \ln(Z) + k_B \underbrace{\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial T}}_{-\frac{1}{k_B T^2}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln(Z)}_{-\frac{1}{Z} \sum_n E_n e^{-\beta E_n}} \\ &= k_B \left( \ln(Z) + \frac{1}{k_B T} \sum_n E_n \frac{e^{-\beta E_n}}{Z} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now use  $\sum_n P_n = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= k_B \sum_n (P_n \ln(Z) + \underbrace{\beta E_n}_{-\ln(Z) - \ln(P_n)} P_n) \\ &= -k_B \sum_n P_n \ln(P_n) \\ S &= -k_B \sum_n P_n \ln(P_n) \end{aligned}$$

Apart from  $k_B$  this expression is the information theory entropy of how much information (or lack thereof) it is in a probability distribution.

**Example 3.1.1.** For  $n = 1 \dots K$  if  $P_i = 1$  and the rest is 0

**Example 3.1.2.**

$$P_1 = \frac{1}{K} \forall i \implies S = -k_B \frac{K}{K} \frac{1}{K} = k_B \ln(K)$$

### 3.2 Statistical Mechanics from Information Theory

Canonical ensemble: choose the probability distribution with the least amount of information (maximum entropy) consistent with the constraints:  $\sum_n P_n = 1$

$$\sum_n E_n P_n = U$$

(Jaynes, 1957) Maximise  $-\sum_n P_n \ln(P_n)$  subject to the constraints:  $\sum_n P_n = 1$ ,  $\sum_n E_n P_n = U$   
Use Lagrange Multiplier  $\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}$

$$0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial P_n} \left( -\sum_i P_i \ln(P_i) - \alpha(\sum_i P_i - 1) - \tilde{\beta}(\sum_i E_i P_i - U) \right)$$

$$0 = -\ln(P_n) - 1 - \tilde{\alpha} - \tilde{\beta}E_n$$

$$\ln(P_n) = -1 - \tilde{\alpha} - \tilde{\beta}E_n$$

$$P_n = e^{-1-\tilde{\alpha}} e^{-\tilde{\beta}E_n} = \frac{e^{-\tilde{\beta}E_n}}{\sum_n e^{\tilde{\beta}E_n}}$$

1. constraint:

$$\sum_n P_n = 1 \implies e^{-1-\tilde{\alpha}} \sum_n e^{-\tilde{\beta}E_n} = 1 \implies e^{-1-\tilde{\alpha}} = \frac{1}{\sum_n e^{-\tilde{\beta}E_n}}$$

2. constraint:  $\sum_n E_n P_n = U$

$$\left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right) = N c_V > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_n E_n \frac{e^{-\tilde{\beta}E_n}}{\sum_n e^{-\tilde{\beta}E_n}} &= U \quad \underbrace{\text{from constraint}}_{=} \quad \sum_n \frac{e^{-\beta E_n}}{\sum_n e^{-\beta E_n}} \\ \implies \tilde{\beta} &= \beta = \frac{1}{k_B T} \end{aligned}$$

### 3.3 The 3rd Law of TD

$$Z = \sum_l \Omega(l) e^{-\beta E_l}$$

$l = 0$  is the lowest energy level, we can

$$Z = \Omega(0) e^{-\beta E_0} \left( 1 + \sum_{l>0} \frac{\Omega(l)}{\Omega(0)} e^{-\beta \underbrace{(E_l - E_0)}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \beta \rightarrow \infty}} \right) \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow 0 (\beta \rightarrow \infty)} \Omega(0) e^{-\beta E_0}$$

The probability that the system is in one of the ground state for  $T \rightarrow 0$  is

$$P_0 = \frac{e^{-\beta E_0}}{\Omega(0) e^{-\beta E_0}} = \frac{1}{\Omega(0)}$$

Equally distributed among the  $\Omega(0)$  ground states.

$$\begin{aligned}
S &= -k_B \sum_n P_n \ln(P_n) \\
&\stackrel{T \rightarrow 0}{=} -k_B \Omega(0) \frac{1}{\Omega(0)} \ln\left(\frac{1}{\ln(\Omega(0))}\right) \\
S &= k_B \ln(\Omega(0))
\end{aligned}$$

which is  $T$  independent.

$\Omega(0)$  is a degeneracy  $\rightarrow \Omega(0) \geq 1$  (quantum system)

If there is a unique ground state  $\Omega(0) = 1 \implies S = 0$ .

If there is degeneracy,  $S(T \rightarrow 0) = k_B \ln(\Omega(0)) > 0$ . In some systems, like glasses, there is a very large degeneracy of the ground state  $\Omega(0) \sim a^N$ . Then  $S(T \rightarrow 0) = k_B \ln(a^N) = N k_B \ln(a)$ , and so even entropy per particle is finite.

## 3.4 Quantum Canonical Ensemble Calculations

### 3.4.1 Derivatives of "averages"

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_n \langle n | A | n \rangle e^{-\beta E_n}$$

where  $Z = \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \langle A \rangle}{\partial \beta} &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} Z^{-1} \right) \sum_n \langle n | A | n \rangle e^{-\beta E_n} + \frac{1}{Z} \sum_n \underbrace{\langle n | A | n \rangle (-E_n)}_{-\langle n | A H | n \rangle} e^{-\beta E_n} \\
\left( \frac{\partial Z^{-1}}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{1}{Z^2} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} = \frac{1}{Z^2} \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n} = \frac{1}{Z} \langle H \rangle \right) \\
\implies \frac{\partial \langle A \rangle}{\partial \beta} &= \langle H \rangle \langle A \rangle - \langle A H \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

for the special case  $A = H$

$$\frac{\partial \langle H \rangle}{\partial \beta} = - \left( \langle H^2 \rangle - \langle H \rangle^2 \right) = - \left\langle (H - \langle H \rangle)^2 \right\rangle$$

Independent "particles" Assume that  $H = \sum_{j=1}^N H_j$  when  $[H_j, H_i] = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . Then each  $H_j$  can be diagonalised separately.

$$H_j |n_j\rangle = E_{n_j} |n_j\rangle$$

and the eigenstate of the full system is

$$|\{n_j\}\rangle = \prod_{j=1}^N |n_j\rangle$$

these  $|n_j\rangle$ 's are single particle eigenstates.

$$\begin{aligned} H|\{n\}\rangle &= \sum_{j=1}^N H_j |\{n\}\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^N H_j \prod_{i=1}^N |n_i\rangle \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^N E_{n_j}}_{\text{sum of single particle energies.}} |\{n\}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Really, it's just commuting Hamiltonians.

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \sum_{\text{all } n_j \text{'s for all } j \text{'s}} e^{-\beta \sum_{j=1}^N E_{n_j}} = \sum_{j=1}^N \prod_{j=1}^N e^{-\beta E_{n_j}} \\ &= \sum_{n_1} \sum_{n_2} \cdots \sum_{n_N} \prod_{j=1}^N e^{-\beta E_{n_j}} = \sum_{n_1} e^{-\beta E_{n_1}} \sum_{n_2} e^{-\beta E_{n_2}} \cdots \sum_{n_N} e^{-\beta E_{n_N}} \end{aligned}$$

is all single particle sums are identical (same eigenvalues  $\{E_{n_1}\} = \{E_{n_2}\} \cdots$ ) Then

$$Z = (Z_1)^N$$

where  $Z_1 = \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n}$  summing over single particle energy eigenstates

**Free Energy:**

$$\begin{aligned} F &= -k_B T \ln(Z) \\ &= -N k_B T \ln(Z_1) \end{aligned}$$

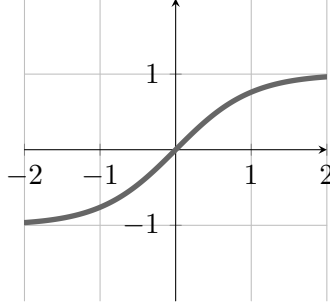
(Extensive)

### 3.4.2 Examples of Single Particle systems

**Two level systems**

**Example 3.4.1** (Two non-degenerate levels).

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \epsilon \cdot n, \quad \epsilon \in \{0, 1\} \\ Z &= \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n} = 1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon} \\ F &= -k_B T \ln(Z) = -k_B \ln(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}) \\ U - \frac{\partial \beta F}{\partial \beta} &= -\frac{\partial \ln((1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}))}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}} - \epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}} = \frac{\epsilon}{e^{\beta \epsilon} + 1} = \epsilon \langle n \rangle \\ \langle n \rangle &= \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{n=0}^1 n e^{-\beta E_n} = \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}} = \frac{1}{e^{\beta \epsilon} + 1} \end{aligned}$$



**Example 3.4.2** (Simple Magnet in a field). Spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $H = -h\sigma$  for  $\sigma = \pm 1$

$$Z = \sum_{\sigma=\pm 1} e^{-\beta h \sigma} = e^{-\beta h} + e^{\beta h} = 2 \cosh(\beta h)$$

$$F = -k_B T \ln(Z) = -k_B T \ln(2 \cosh(\beta h))$$

$$\begin{aligned} U = \frac{\partial \beta F}{\partial \beta} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln(2 \cosh(\beta h)) = -2 \frac{\sinh(\beta h)}{2 \cosh(\beta h)} h \\ &= -h \tanh(\beta h) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sigma \rangle &= \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\sigma} \sigma e^{-\beta h \sigma} = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta h} \sum e^{\beta h} = \frac{\partial}{\partial (\beta h)} (\ln(Z)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \cosh(\beta h)} 2 \sinh(\beta h) = \tanh(\beta h) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.4.3** (The Harmonic Oscillator).

$$E_n = \hbar \omega \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$Z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \hbar \omega (n + \frac{1}{2})} = e^{-\beta \frac{\hbar \omega}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \hbar \omega n} \text{ = geometry series = } \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta \hbar \omega}} e^{-\beta \frac{\hbar \omega}{2}}$$

$$F = -k_B T \ln(Z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -k_B T \ln(e^{-\beta \frac{\hbar \omega}{2}}) - k_B T \ln(1 - e^{-\beta \hbar \omega})^{-1} \\ &= \frac{\hbar \omega}{2} + k_B T \ln(1 - e^{-\beta \hbar \omega}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} U = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\beta F) &= \frac{\hbar \omega}{2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln(1 - e^{-\beta \hbar \omega}) \frac{\hbar \omega}{2} + \frac{\hbar \omega e^{-\beta \hbar \omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta \hbar \omega}} \\ &= \frac{\hbar \omega}{2} + \hbar \omega \frac{1}{e^{\beta \hbar \omega} - 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hbar \omega \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) e^{-\beta \hbar \omega (n + \frac{1}{2})} \\ &= \frac{\hbar \omega}{2} + \frac{\hbar \omega}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n e^{-\beta \hbar \omega (n + \frac{1}{2})} = \frac{\hbar \omega}{2} + \hbar \omega \langle n \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle n \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\beta \hbar \omega} - 1}$$

This is the Bosonic occupation number. For  $\beta \hbar \omega \ll 1$  (high-T regime)

$$e^{\beta \hbar \omega} \approx 1 + \beta \hbar \omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n \rangle &\approx \frac{1}{1 + \beta \hbar \omega - 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta \hbar \omega} = \frac{k_B T}{\hbar \omega} \end{aligned}$$

### 3.5 The Harmonic Solid and the Debye Approximation

For simplicity, we consider a 1D model of vibrating atoms.

$$r_j = R_j + X_j, \quad R_j = ja, \quad j \in [0, N-1]$$

where  $a$  is the lattice spacing. Let us use periodic boundary conditions:

$$r_{j+N} = r_j$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2}m \sum_j \dot{r}_j^2 + \frac{1}{2}K \sum_j (r_{j+1} - r_j - a)^2$$

$R_j$  are independent of time and  $r_{j+1} - r_j = a + x_{j+1} - x_j$ .

$$H = \frac{1}{2}m \sum_j \dot{x}_j^2 + \frac{1}{2}k \sum_j (x_{j+1} - x_j)^2$$

Now introduce the **Fourier transform**:

$$X_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_j x_j e^{-ikR_j}, \quad x_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k x_k e^{ikR_k}$$

( $R_j = aj$ )  $x_j$ 's are real,

$$\Rightarrow x_k^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_j x_j^* e^{ikR_j} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_j \underbrace{x_j}_{=x_j^*} e^{-i(-k)R_j} = x_{-k}$$

PBC

$$\begin{aligned} x_{j+N} = x_j &\Rightarrow x_{j+N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k x_k e^{ik \overbrace{R_{j+N}}^{R_j + Na}} = e^{ikNa} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k x_k e^{ikR_j} \\ &\Rightarrow e^{ikNa} = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{2\pi}{Na} n \end{aligned}$$

If  $(k + \Delta)R_j = 2\pi z + kR_j$  then  $x_{k+\Delta}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta R_j = 2\pi z \Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{2\pi z}{ja}$$

if  $\Delta = \frac{2\pi}{a}$  then  $x_{k+\frac{2\pi}{a}} = x_R$

So all info about  $x_j$ 's are gotten from  $x_k$ 's where  $k \in [0, \frac{2\pi}{a}]$  or equivalently  $[-\frac{\pi}{a}, \frac{\pi}{a})$ .

For  $N$  even

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{Na}, \quad 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm(\frac{N}{2} - 1), \pm \frac{N}{2}$$

$N$  odd:

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{Na} 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm \frac{N-1}{2}$$

Now express  $H$  in terms of  $x_k$ 's

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j \dot{x}_j^2 &= \sum_j \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \sum_{k'} \dot{x}_k \dot{x}_{k'} e^{i(k+k')R_j} \\ \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} e^{i(k+k')R_j} &= \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} e^{\frac{2\pi}{aN}(n+n')ja} = \frac{1 - e^{2\pi(n+n')}}{1 - e^{i\frac{2\pi}{N}(n+n')}} = \frac{N\delta_{n,n'}}{N\delta_{k'-k}} \\ \sum_j \dot{x}_j^2 &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \sum_{k'}' \dot{x}_k \dot{x}_{k'} N\delta_{k'-k} \\ &= \sum_k \dot{x}_k \dot{x}_{-k} = \sum_k |\dot{x}_k|^2 \end{aligned}$$

### Potential Energy

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j (x_{j+1} - x_j)^2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k \left( x_k e^{ikR_{j+1}} - x_k e^{ikR_j} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k'} (x_{k'} e^{ik'R_{j+1}} - x_{k'} e^{ik'R_j}) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \sum_k \sum_{k'}' x_k x_{k'} \left( e^{ikR_{j+1}} - e^{ikR_j} \right) \left( e^{ik'R_{j+1}} - e^{ik'R_j} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \sum_k \sum_{k'} x_k x_{k'} (e^{ika} - 1) (e^{ik'a} - 1) e^{i(k+k')R_j} \end{aligned}$$

Then use  $\sum_j e^{i(k+k')R_j} = N\delta_{k'-k}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j (x_{j+1} - x_j)^2 &= \sum_k x_k x_{-k} \underbrace{(e^{ika} - 1)(e^{-ika} - 1)}_{2 - 2\cos(ka) = 4\sin^2(\frac{ka}{2})} \\ &= \sum_k |x_k|^2 4\sin^2\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$H = \sum_k \left( \frac{1}{2} m |\dot{x}_k|^2 + \frac{k}{2} |x_k|^2 4\sin^2\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right) \right)$$



This describes a collection of independent harmonic oscillators with a k-dependent stiffness and associated frequency.

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_k^2 &= \frac{K_k}{m} = \frac{K_4 \sin\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right)}{m} \\ \Rightarrow \omega_k &= 2\tilde{\omega} \left| \sin \frac{ka}{2} \right| \\ \tilde{\omega} &= \sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}\end{aligned}$$

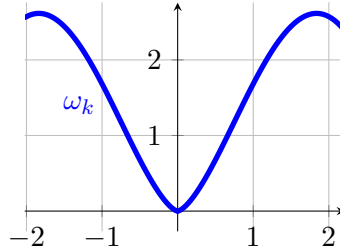


Figure 3.1: Frequencies in the first brillion zone.

The quantum version is

$$H = \sum_k \hbar \omega_k (a^\dagger)_k a_k + \frac{1}{2}$$

Then we can calculate the partition function as a system of independent harmonic oscillators.

$$Z = \prod_k \left( \sum_{n_k=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \hbar \omega_k (n_k + \frac{1}{2})} \right)$$

Helmoholtz free energy:

$$F = -k_B T \ln(Z) = \sum_k -k_B T \ln(Z_k) = \sum_k \left( \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_k + k_B T \ln(1 - e^{-\beta \hbar \omega_k}) \right)$$

$$Z_k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{\beta \hbar \omega_k (n + \frac{1}{2})}$$

The energy

$$U = \frac{\partial \beta F}{\partial \beta} = \sum_k \left( \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_k + \frac{\hbar \omega_k}{e^{\beta \hbar \omega_k} - 1} \right)$$

For large N, the allowed k values are closely spaced and we can approximate the sum by an integral

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### 3.6 Grand Canonical Ensemble

$$Z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overbrace{\sum_{\alpha} e^{-\beta E_{\alpha}}}^{\text{canonical partition f}} e^{\beta \mu N}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the energy eigenstate of the system with  $N$  particles.  
Simplification: independent particles.

$$E_{\alpha} = \sum_{j=1}^N \underbrace{\epsilon_{\alpha_j}}_{\text{energy of single-particle state}}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{many-body state}} = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots\}$$

$$e^{-\beta(E_{\alpha} - \mu N)}$$

$$= e^{\beta \sum_{j=1}^N (\epsilon_{\alpha_j} - \mu)}$$

$$\Rightarrow Z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\alpha} \prod_{j=1}^N e^{-\beta(\epsilon_{\alpha_j} - \mu)}$$

Again  $\alpha$  is all possible eigenstate of the systems with  $N$  particle.  
A possible  $\alpha$  for 9 particles, might be

$$\alpha = 4, 2, 1, 0, 4, 2, 1, 1, 1$$

Alternatively we can count how many particles have the same since single-particle state.

$$n_{\epsilon} = n_0, n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4, n_5, n_6, n_7, n_8, n_9$$

$$= 1, 4, 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0,$$

Then

$$Z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\underbrace{\{n_{\epsilon}\}}_{\text{all possible occupation number with } \sum_{\epsilon} n_{\epsilon} = N}} e^{-\beta(\epsilon - \mu)n_{\epsilon}}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\underbrace{\{n_{\epsilon}\}}_{\sum_{\epsilon} n_{\epsilon} = N}} = \sum_{\{n_{\epsilon}\}}$$

So for independent particles, the partition function is then:

$$Z = \prod_{\epsilon} \sum_{n_{\epsilon}} e^{-\beta(\epsilon - \mu)n_{\epsilon}}$$

### 3.6.1 Bosons

The many-body wave function may be compared to an arbitrary number of particles in the same single particle eigenstate. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_{\text{boson}} &= \prod_{\epsilon} \sum_{n_{\epsilon}=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)n_{\epsilon}} = \prod_{\epsilon} \underbrace{\frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}}}_{Z_{\epsilon} \text{ for bosons}} \\
 \langle n_{\epsilon} \rangle &= \frac{1}{Z_{\epsilon, \text{bosons}}} \sum_{n_{\epsilon}=0}^{\infty} n_{\epsilon} e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)n_{\epsilon}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{Z_{\epsilon, \text{bosons}}} \left( \frac{-1}{\epsilon - \mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \sum_{n_{\epsilon}=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)n_{\epsilon}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{-1}{\epsilon - \mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln(Z_{\epsilon, \text{boson}}) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon - \mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln(1 - e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)})^{-1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\epsilon - \mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln(1 - e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}) \\
 \langle n_{\epsilon} \rangle &= \frac{1}{\epsilon - \mu} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}} (\epsilon - \mu) e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} \\
 &= \frac{e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}}{1 - e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

#### Boson occupation number factor

$$\langle n_{\epsilon} \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} - 1}$$

### 3.6.2 Fermions

The occupation number are restricted to 0 or 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_{\text{fermions}} &= \prod_{\epsilon} \sum_{n_{\epsilon}}^1 e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)n_{\epsilon}} \\
 &= \prod_{\epsilon} (1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}) \\
 \langle n_{\epsilon} \rangle &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon - \mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln(Z_{\epsilon, \text{boson}})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{1}{\epsilon - \mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln(1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon - \mu)}) \\
&= \frac{e^{-\beta(\epsilon - \mu)}}{1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon - \mu)}} \\
&= \frac{1}{e^{-\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} + 1}
\end{aligned}$$

**The fermionic occupation number is**

$$\langle n_\epsilon \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} + 1}$$

which does not have any singularity.

To summarise:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle n_\epsilon \rangle &= \frac{1}{e^{-\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} \pm 1} \\
Z_f &= \prod_\epsilon (1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon - \mu)}) \\
Z_b &= \prod_\epsilon (1 - e^{-\beta(\epsilon - \mu)})^{-1} \\
\ln(Z_{f,b}) &= \pm \sum_\epsilon \ln(1 \pm e^{-\beta(\epsilon - \mu)})
\end{aligned}$$

The relation: Classical ideal gas:

$$\begin{aligned}
PV &= Nk_B T \\
U &= \frac{3}{2} Nk_B T \\
\implies PV &= \frac{2}{3} U
\end{aligned}$$

The same relation holds also for a non-relativistic quantum gas of fermions or bosons.

For an extensive system:  $U = TS - PV + \mu N$ .

Grand Potential

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega &= F - \mu N = U - TS - \mu N = -PV \\
Z_\Omega &= e^{-\beta\Omega} = e^{-\beta PV} \\
\beta PV &= \ln(Z) = \pm \sum_{\vec{k}} \ln(1 \pm e^{-\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)})
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\vec{k}$  is all single particle energy eigenstates, and  $\epsilon_k$  is the associated energies.

$$U = \sum_{\vec{k}} (e^{-\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)} \pm 1)^{-1}$$

$$= \sum_{\vec{k}} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} \langle n_{\vec{k}} \rangle$$

### Free non-relativistic particles in a box

$$\epsilon_{\vec{k}} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2)$$

Going back to the expression for  $\beta PV$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k f(\epsilon_{\vec{k}}) &= \sum_{\vec{k}} \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \delta(\epsilon - \epsilon_{\vec{k}}) \\ &= \int_0^\infty f(\epsilon) \underbrace{\sum_{\vec{k}} \delta(\epsilon - \epsilon_{\vec{k}})}_{\text{Density of states}} \end{aligned}$$

### 3.6.3 Density of States for Particles in a Box

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2) \\ k_x &= \frac{\pi}{L} n_x, \quad n_x \in \{1, 2, \dots\} \\ k_y &= \frac{\pi}{L} n_y, \quad k_z = \frac{\pi}{L} n_z \end{aligned}$$

$$D(\epsilon) = \sum_{k_x} \sum_{k_y} \sum_{k_z} \delta(\epsilon - \epsilon_{\vec{k}}) = \frac{V}{\pi^3} \frac{1}{8} \int dk_x dk_y dk_z \delta(\epsilon - \epsilon_{\vec{k}})$$

For large  $L$  we approximate:

$$\sum_{k_x} \underbrace{\Delta}_{\frac{\pi}{L}} = \int dk_x \implies \sum_{k_x} = \frac{L}{\pi} \int dk_x$$

Change to spherical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} D(\epsilon) &= \frac{V}{\pi^3} \frac{1}{8} 4\pi \int_0^\infty dk k^2 \delta\left(\epsilon - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k^2\right) = \frac{V}{2\pi^2} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty dk k^2 \delta\left(\epsilon - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k^2\right)}_{\left|\frac{k^2}{\frac{\hbar^2}{m}}\right|_{k=\sqrt{\frac{2m\epsilon}{\hbar^2}}}} \\ &= \frac{V}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\beta PV = \ln(Z) = \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \underbrace{\pm \ln(1 \pm e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)})}_u \frac{D(\epsilon)}{x\sqrt{\epsilon}}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \epsilon (e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} \pm 1)^{-1} \frac{D(\epsilon)}{x\sqrt{\epsilon}} \\ \ln(Z) &= \pm \ln(1 \pm e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}) x \epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{2}{3} \Big|_{vert_0}^\infty \\ &= \mp \int_0^\infty \frac{2}{3} X \epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\mp \beta e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}}{1 \pm e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}} \\ &\quad \frac{2}{3} \beta U \\ &\implies PV = \frac{2}{3} U \end{aligned}$$

### 3.7 Bose-Einstein Condensation

Boson occupation number:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n_{\epsilon_k} \rangle &= \frac{1}{e^{-\beta(\epsilon_k - \mu)}} - 1 \\ \langle n_{\epsilon_k} \rangle &\geq 0 \implies \epsilon_k - \mu > 0 \forall \epsilon_k \end{aligned}$$

Assume that the lowest energy level has  $\epsilon_k = 0$

$$\implies \mu < 0$$

Consider a free Bose gas in 3D.

Use DOS  $D(\epsilon) = \mathbb{X}\sqrt{\epsilon}$ : Then the total number of bosons is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle N \rangle &= \sum_k \langle n_{\epsilon_k} \rangle = \int_0^\infty d\epsilon D(\epsilon) \underbrace{n_\epsilon}_{\frac{1}{e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}-1}} \\ \langle N \rangle &= X \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \frac{\epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}-1} \end{aligned}$$

let  $x = \beta\epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle N \rangle &= X \frac{1}{\beta^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \beta d\epsilon \frac{(\beta\epsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{-\beta\mu} e^{\beta\epsilon} - 1} \\ &= X (k_B T)^{\frac{3}{2}} \int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{-\beta\mu} e^x - 1} \end{aligned}$$

When  $T$  is lowered, the value of the integral must increase for  $\langle N \rangle$  to stay fixed. However  $e^{-\beta\mu}$  cannot become smaller than 1 because then  $\mu$  is no longer negative. So there is a lowest  $T = T_E$  where the integral is a maximum  $\mu = 0$ . This is

$$\langle N \rangle = X(k_B T)^{\frac{3}{2}} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^x - 1}}_{\approx 2.315}$$

The integrand is divergent for  $x \rightarrow 0$ , but as  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$  which still is integrable.

Something is fishy. We had:

$$\langle N \rangle = \sum_k \langle n_{\epsilon_k} \rangle = \int_0^\infty d\epsilon D(\epsilon) \frac{1}{e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} - 1}$$

The problem lies in replacing the sum with the integral when the occupation number factor is wildly varying, which it is at low  $T$  for  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\langle N \rangle = \langle N_0 \rangle + \sum_{k \neq 0} \langle n_{\epsilon_k} \rangle = \langle N_{\epsilon_0} \rangle + \underbrace{\int_0^\infty d\epsilon \frac{D(\epsilon)}{e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} - 1}}_{\langle N_{ex} \rangle \text{ Number of excited bosons}}$$

$$\langle N_{ex} \rangle = (k_B T)^{\frac{3}{2}} X \underbrace{\int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^x - 1}}_{\frac{\langle N \rangle}{(k_B T \epsilon)^{\frac{3}{2}}}}$$

$$\langle N \rangle = \langle N_{\epsilon_0} \rangle + \langle N_{ex} \rangle$$

$$\implies \langle N_{\epsilon_0} \rangle = \langle N \rangle \left( 1 - \left( \frac{T}{T_\epsilon} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right)$$

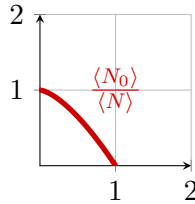


Figure 3.2: Number of ground state particles over number of particles.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle N_{\epsilon_0} \rangle &= \frac{1}{e^{-\beta\mu} - 1} \approx \frac{1}{1 - \beta\mu - 1} = \frac{1}{-\beta\mu} \\ -\frac{1}{\beta\mu} &= \langle N \rangle - \left( 1 - \right) \end{aligned}$$

### 3.7.1 Energy

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= U_0 + \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \frac{D(\epsilon)\epsilon}{e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} - 1} \\
 &= X \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \frac{\epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}}}{e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} - 1} \\
 &= X(k_B T)^{\frac{5}{2}} \int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{e^{-\beta\mu} e^x - 1} \\
 &\quad \underbrace{=}_{T=T_E} 1.7826 X (k_B T)^{\frac{5}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $X = \frac{N}{2.315(k_B T_E)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$  For  $T < T_E$  we may set  $e^{-\beta\mu} \approx 1$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{e^x - 1} = 1.7826$$

$$c_V = \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right) = \frac{1.7826 X}{N} \frac{5}{2} (k_B T)^{\frac{3}{2}} k_B = 1.925 \left( \frac{T}{T_E} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} k_B \quad (T < T_E)$$

plot of  $c_v$  here For  $T > T_E$ ,  $e^{-\beta\mu}$  becomes big and energy decreases fast.

### 3.7.2 Fermions at Low Temperature

Fermion occupation number/ Fermi function:

$$f(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} + 1} > 0 \quad \forall T, N$$

At low  $T$ , high  $\beta$ ,

$$T = 0, \lim_{T \rightarrow 0} \mu = \epsilon_f$$

$$f(\epsilon) = \Theta(\epsilon_f - \epsilon) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 N &= \sum_k f(\epsilon_k) = \int_0^\infty D(\epsilon) f(\epsilon) d\epsilon = \int_0^{\epsilon_f} d\epsilon \underbrace{D(\epsilon)}_{X\sqrt{\epsilon}} \\
 &= X \frac{2}{3} \epsilon_f^{\frac{3}{2}} \Rightarrow \epsilon_f \propto \left( \frac{N}{V} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$



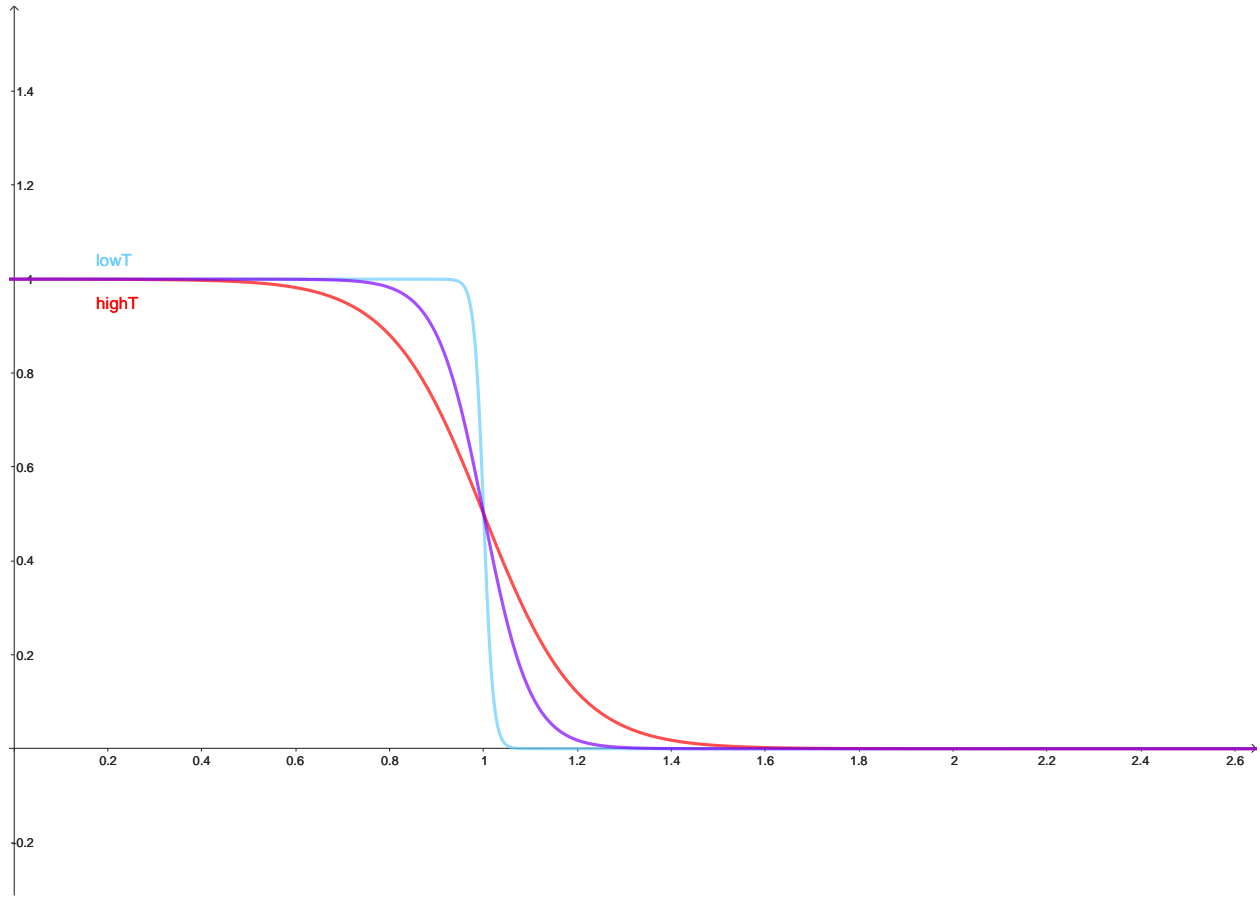


Figure 3.3: Fermi Function(occupation number) at different Temperature. The width  $\propto k_B T$

### 3.8 Fermions at Low T, Continued

The Fermi function:

$$f(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} + 1} > 0 \quad \forall \epsilon, N$$

$$T \rightarrow 0 \implies f(\epsilon) = \Theta(\epsilon_f - \epsilon)$$

$$\epsilon_f = \lim_{T \rightarrow 0} \mu$$

For the grand canonical ensemble:

$$\langle N \rangle = \sum_{\vec{k}} f(\epsilon_k) = \int_0^\infty d\epsilon D(\epsilon) f(\epsilon) \underset{T=0}{=} \int_0^{\epsilon_f} d\epsilon \underbrace{D(\epsilon)}_{\sqrt{\epsilon} \cdot X}$$

Particles in a 3D box.

$$= X \frac{2}{3} \epsilon_f^{\frac{3}{2}} \implies \epsilon_f \propto \left( \frac{N}{V} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

For metals,  $\frac{\epsilon_f}{k_B} \propto 10^4$  K So

$$\frac{k_B T}{\epsilon_f} \sim \frac{300}{10^4} \ll 1$$

$k_B T \ll \epsilon_f$  at room T.

### 3.8.1 Total Energy

At  $T = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \int_0^\infty d\epsilon D(\epsilon) \epsilon f(\epsilon) \\ &= \int_0^{\epsilon_f} d\epsilon D(\epsilon) \epsilon \\ &= X \frac{2}{5} \epsilon_f^{\frac{5}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{U}{N} = \frac{X \frac{2}{5} \epsilon_f^{\frac{5}{2}}}{X \frac{2}{3} \epsilon_f^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{3}{5} \epsilon_f$$

### 3.8.2 Compressibility

$$\begin{aligned} PV &= \frac{2}{3} U = \frac{2}{5} \epsilon_f N \quad \epsilon_f = Y \left( \frac{N}{V} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ \implies P &= \frac{2}{5} \epsilon_f \frac{N}{V} = \frac{2}{5} Y \left( \frac{N}{V} \right)^{\frac{5}{3}} \\ K &= -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right) = -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right)^{-1} = -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{2}{5} Y N^{\frac{5}{3}} \frac{\partial}{\partial V} V^{-\frac{5}{3}} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{2Y}{3} \left( \frac{N}{V} \right)^{\frac{5}{3}} \frac{1}{V} \right)^{-1} \\ \implies K^{-1} &= \frac{2}{3} Y \overbrace{\left( \frac{N}{V} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}}^{\epsilon_f} \frac{N}{V} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \epsilon_f \frac{N}{V} \end{aligned}$$

The large value of  $\epsilon_f$  and high electron density of metals means that the inverse compressibility is large or equivalently the compressibility is small.

This gives the correct magnitude for the compressibility of metals, for copper  $K \sim 10^{-10} P_a^{-1}$ .

### 3.8.3 Low T Expansion (Sommerfeld Expansion)

An integral  $I$ ,

$$I = \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \phi(\epsilon) f(\epsilon)$$

Rewrite the Fermi function

$$f(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} + 1} > 0 \quad \forall \epsilon, N$$

to

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1 + e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} - e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}}{e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} + 1} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} + 1} \\ I &= \int_0^{-\mu} d\epsilon \phi(\epsilon) \underbrace{\frac{f(\epsilon)}{1 - \frac{1}{e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} + 1}}} + \int_{\mu}^{\infty} d\epsilon \phi(\epsilon) \underbrace{\frac{f(\epsilon)}{\frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} + 1}}} \\ &= \int_0^{\mu} d\epsilon \phi(\epsilon) - \int_0^{\mu} d\epsilon \frac{\phi(\epsilon)}{1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}} + \int_0^{\infty} d\epsilon \frac{\phi(\epsilon)}{e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} + 1} \end{aligned}$$

Substitution

$$I = \int_0^{\mu} d\epsilon \phi(\epsilon) - \int_{\beta\mu}^0 d\left(-\frac{z}{\beta}\right) \frac{\phi\left(\mu - \frac{z}{\beta}\right)}{e^z + 1} + \int_0^{\infty} d\left(\frac{z}{\beta}\right) \frac{\phi\left(\mu + \frac{z}{\beta}\right)}{e^z + 1}$$

For  $\beta\mu \gg 1$  we replace with  $\infty$

$$I = \int_0^{\mu} d\epsilon \phi(\epsilon) + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dz}{\beta} \frac{\phi\left(\mu + \frac{z}{\beta}\right) - \phi\left(\mu - \frac{z}{\beta}\right)}{e^z + 1}$$

Taylor Expand:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi\left(\mu + \frac{z}{\beta}\right) &= \phi(\mu) + \frac{z}{\beta} \phi'(\mu) \\ \phi\left(\mu - \frac{z}{\beta}\right) &= \phi(\mu) - \frac{z}{\beta} \phi'(\mu) \\ I &= \int_0^{\mu} d\epsilon \phi(\epsilon) + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dz}{\beta} \left( \frac{2z}{\beta} \phi'(\mu) + \frac{2}{3!} \left(\frac{z}{\beta}\right)^3 \phi'''(\mu) + \dots \right) \\ &= \int_0^{\mu} \phi(\epsilon) + (k_B T)^2 \phi'(\mu) \cdot 2 \int_0^{\infty} dz \frac{z}{e^z + 1} + (k_B T)^4 \phi'''(\mu) \frac{7\pi^4}{360} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

### 3.8.4 Heat Capacity of Fermions at low T

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(\epsilon) &= X\sqrt{\epsilon} \\
 U &= \int_0^\infty d\epsilon D(\epsilon)\epsilon f(\epsilon) \\
 \implies \phi'(\mu) &= \frac{3}{2}X\mu^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 U &= \underbrace{\int_0^\mu d\epsilon X\epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}}}_{\frac{2}{5}X\mu^{5/2}} + \frac{\pi^2}{6}(k_B T)^2 \frac{3}{2}X\mu^{\frac{1}{2}} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

How does  $\mu$  depend on  $T$  at constant  $N$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T}\right)_N \\
 &\langle N \rangle \int_0^\infty d\epsilon D(\epsilon)f(\epsilon) \\
 &= \underbrace{\int_0^\mu d\epsilon X\epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}}_{X\frac{2}{3}\mu^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{\pi^2}{6}(k_B T)^2 \frac{1}{2}X\mu^{-\frac{1}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

At  $T = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle N \rangle &= \frac{2}{3}X\epsilon_f^{\frac{3}{2}} \\
 \implies \epsilon_f^{3/2} &= \mu^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{\pi^2}{8}(k_B T)^2 \mu^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \mu^{3/2} \left( 1 + \frac{\pi^2}{8} \left( \frac{k_B T}{\mu} \right)^2 \right) \\
 \mu &= \epsilon_f \left( 1 + \underbrace{\frac{\pi^2}{8} \left( \frac{k_B T}{\mu} \right)^2}_{\text{small}} \right)^{-\frac{2}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since that term is small we can replace  $\mu$  by  $\epsilon_f$  the error will be  $(k_B T/\epsilon_f)^4$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\approx \epsilon_f \left( 1 + \frac{\pi^2}{8} \left( \frac{k_B T}{\mu} \right)^2 \right) \\
 (1 + \Delta)^{-\frac{2}{3}} &\approx 1 - \frac{2}{3}\Delta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\approx \epsilon_f \left( 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \left( \frac{k_B T}{\mu} \right)^2 + \dots \right)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \frac{2}{5} \mu^a + \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{3}{2} X \mu^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{5} X \epsilon_f^{\frac{5}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \left( \frac{k_B T}{\epsilon_f} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{5}{2}} + \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{3}{2} X \epsilon_f^{1/2} \underbrace{\left( 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \left( \frac{k_B T}{\epsilon_f} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}_{1 - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \left( \frac{k_B T}{\epsilon_f} \right)^2} \\ &= \frac{2}{5} X \epsilon_f^{\frac{5}{2}} + \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} \frac{3}{2} - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right) \left( \frac{k_B T^2}{\epsilon_f} \right)^2 X \epsilon_f^{\frac{5}{2}} \\ c_v &= \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_{N,V} = \frac{\pi^2}{3} k_B \left( \frac{k_B T}{\epsilon_f} \right) X \epsilon_f^{3/2} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{2} N k_B \left( \frac{k_B T}{\epsilon_f} \right) \propto T \end{aligned}$$

### 3.9 Ising Model in d>1: Mean Field approximation

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle j,k \rangle} \sigma_j \sigma_k - h \sum_j \sigma_j$$

$J > 0$ : favours alignment of spins.

$h > 0$ :  $\sigma = +1$  is favoured. Expect: high-T: Disordered phase, as many  $\uparrow, \downarrow$

#### 3.9.1 Mean Field Approximation (MFA)

Magnetisation per site:

$$m = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \langle \sigma_j \rangle$$

with  $m \in [-1, 1]$

Write  $\sigma_j$  as the deviation from the average m:

$$\tilde{\sigma}_j \equiv \sigma_j - m$$

$$\sigma_j = m + \sigma_j - m = m + \tilde{\sigma}_j$$

Then

$$\sigma_j \sigma_k = (m + \tilde{\sigma}_j)(m + \tilde{\sigma}_k) = m^2 + m\tilde{\sigma}_j + m\tilde{\sigma}_k + \tilde{\sigma}_j \tilde{\sigma}_k$$

Once  $\tilde{\sigma}_j \tilde{\sigma}_k$  is neglected, we can rewrite in terms of  $\sigma_j$  again.

$$\sigma_j \sigma_k \approx m^2 + m(\sigma_j - m) + m(\sigma_k - m) = -m^2 + m\sigma_j + m\sigma_k$$

$$-J \sum_{\langle j,k \rangle} \sigma_j \sigma_k = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_j \underbrace{\sum_{\delta} \sigma_j \sigma_{j+\delta}}_{\text{all nbrs of site } j}$$

Let  $z$  be the number of nearest neighbours of site  $j$ , the coordination number.  
On our lattice

$$Z = \sum_{\delta} 1$$

(4 for square lattice, 6 for cubic lattice)

$$\begin{aligned} -J \sum_{\langle j,k \rangle} \sigma_j \sigma_k &= -\frac{J}{2} \sum_j \sum_{\delta} (-m^2 + m\sigma_j + m\sigma_{j+\delta}) \\ &= -\frac{J}{2} \left( NZ(-m^2) + mz \sum_j \sigma_j + m \sum_{\delta} \sum_j \underbrace{\sigma_{j+\delta}}_{\sum_j \sigma_j} \right) \\ &= \frac{J}{2} NZm^2 - JmZ \sum_j \sigma_j \end{aligned}$$

In MFA

$$H = N \frac{J}{2} Z m^2 - \underbrace{(h + JmZ)}_{h_{eff}} \sum_j \sigma_j$$

The partition function:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z} &= \sum_{\{\sigma\}} e^{-\beta \frac{NJ}{2} z m^2 + \beta h_{eff} \sum_j \sigma_j} \\ &= e^{-\beta N \frac{JZ}{2} m^2} \left( \sum_{\sigma_1} e^{-\beta h_{eff} \sigma_1} \right)^N \\ &= e^{-\beta N \frac{JZ}{2} m^2} \underbrace{2 \cosh(\beta h_{eff})}_{\mathcal{Z}_1} \end{aligned}$$

**$m$  is determined self-consistently**

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \langle \sigma_j \rangle = \langle \sigma_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_1} \sigma_1 e^{\beta h_{eff} \sigma_1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_1} (2 \sinh(\beta h_{eff})) = \tanh(\beta h_{eff}) \end{aligned}$$

recall  $h_{eff}$  contains  $m$ .

### 3.9.2 MF self-consistent eq.

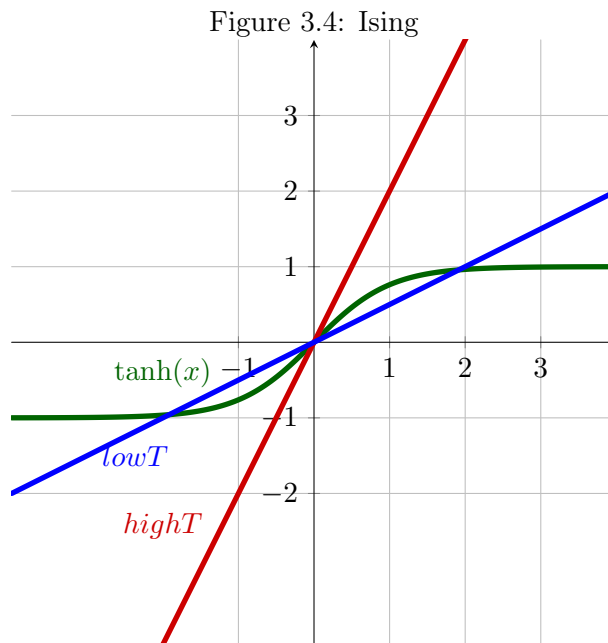
$$m = \tanh(\beta h + \beta J Z m)$$

an equation for  $m$ . For  $h = 0$ ,

$$m = \tanh(\beta J Z m)$$

set  $x = \beta J Z m \implies m = \frac{x}{\beta J Z} = \frac{k_B T}{J Z}$

$$X \frac{k_B T}{J Z} = \tanh(X)$$



High-T solution:  $m = 0$  for  $\frac{k_B T}{J Z} > 1$  Low-T solution:  $m = \pm m_0, m = 0$  for  $\frac{k_B T}{J z} < 1$

The critical temperature is

$$k_B T_c = J z$$

The solution  $m = 0$  turns out to be unstable!

### 3.10 MFA continued.

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i, j \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j - h \sum_j \sigma_j$$

$$\approx N \frac{J}{2} z m^2 - (h + J m z) \sum_j \sigma_j$$

where  $m = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \langle \sigma_i \rangle$ ,  $z$  is the number of neighbours on a single site on the lattice,  $z = 4$  for square lattice.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z} &= \prod_j \sum_{\sigma_j = \pm 1} e^{-\beta \left( \frac{J z m^2}{2} - (h + J m z) \sigma_j \right)} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} \beta N J z m^2} [2 \cosh(\beta(h + J m z))]^N \end{aligned}$$

The free energy:

$$\begin{aligned} -\beta F &= \ln(\mathcal{Z}) \\ &= -\beta \frac{N J z m^2}{2} + N \ln(2) + N \ln(\cosh(\beta(h + J m z))) \end{aligned}$$

set  $h = 0$

$$F = N \left( \frac{J z m^2}{2} - k_B T \ln(2) - k_B T \ln(\cosh(\beta J m z)) \right)$$

Minimise:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial m} \right) = 0 &\implies N \left( J z m - \frac{k_B T \sinh(\beta J m z)}{\cosh(\beta J m z)} \beta J z \right) = 0 \\ &\implies N J z (m - \tanh(\beta J m z)) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies m = \tanh(\beta J m z)$$

Note that this is the same equation that we found by requiring self-consistency:  $\langle \sigma_1 \rangle = m$ .

For stability:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial m^2} \right) &> 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial m^2} &= N J z \left( 1 - \frac{\beta J z}{\cosh(\beta J z m)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now for  $m = 0$  (which is a solution of  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial m} = 0$  for all  $T$ )

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial m^2} N J z (1 - \beta J z) \underset{\text{stability}}{\geq 0}$$

so system with  $m = 0$  is stable for  $\beta J z < 1 \implies \frac{k_B T}{J z} > 1$ . So there are only 2 stable solution below  $T_c$ :  $m = \pm m_{\text{finite}}$



### 3.10.1 Behaviour of $m$ close to $T_c$ : Critical Exponents

$$m = \tanh(\beta J z m)$$

For  $T < T_c$ , but very close to  $T_c$ ,  $m$  is small. Want to know how  $m$  changes with  $T$  for  $T$  close to  $T_c$ . So we can expand the right hand side:

$$\tanh(\beta J z m) \approx \beta J z m - \frac{1}{3}(\beta J z m)^3 + \dots$$

then

$$m = \beta J z m - \frac{1}{3}(\beta J z m)^3$$

$$\frac{1}{3}(\beta J z)^2 m^2 = (\beta J z - 1)$$

$$m^2 = \frac{\beta J z - 1}{1/3(\beta J z)^3} = 3 \left( \frac{k_B T}{J z} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{k_B T}{J z} \right)$$

Now  $\frac{k_B T_c}{J z} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 = 3 \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{T}{T_c} \right)$$

So for  $T \leq T_c : m^2 \sim 3 \left( \frac{T_c - T}{T_c} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow m \sim \left( \frac{T_c - T}{T_c} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

This  $\frac{1}{2}$  is an example of a critical exponent  $\beta$ . Figure for  $m$  vs  $T$ . The correct answer is  $\beta = \frac{1}{8}$ .

### 3.11 Phase Transitions, Generalities

**Definition 3.11.1** (Phase). Region where the free energy  $F$  is analytic (as a function of its arguments  $\{k\}$ )

**Definition 3.11.2** (Phase Transitions). Non-analyticity of  $F$ .

- $F$  is continuous, so the non-analyticity of  $F$  concerns its derivatives.
- $F$  is always analytic for finite systems, so phase transitions are only defined in the sense when  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , which is the thermodynamic limit.

### 3.11.1 Two classes of phase transitions

1. First order/discontinuous phase transition ( $\frac{\partial F}{\partial K}$ ) discontinuous. (Entropy, magnetisation)
2. Continuous phase transition: all ( $\frac{\partial F}{\partial K}$ ) continuous, but one or more higher order derivatives is discontinuous.

### 3.11.2 Existence of Phase Transitions

Energy/Entropy argument

$$Z = e^{-\beta F} = \sum_s e^{-\beta H(s)}$$

**Low  $T$**

At low  $T$ , (large  $\beta$ ),  $Z$  (and  $F$ ) is dominated by the lowest energy configurations of which there are  $N_g$  with energy  $E_g$ .

$$Z \approx N_g e^{-\beta E_g} = e^{-\beta(E_g - k_B T \ln(N_g))}$$

so at low  $T$ :

$$F \approx E_g - k_B T \ln(N_g)$$

Usually,  $N_g$  is small, often  $N_g = 1$ .

**fig 14**

**Higher  $T$  (not  $T \rightarrow \infty$ )**

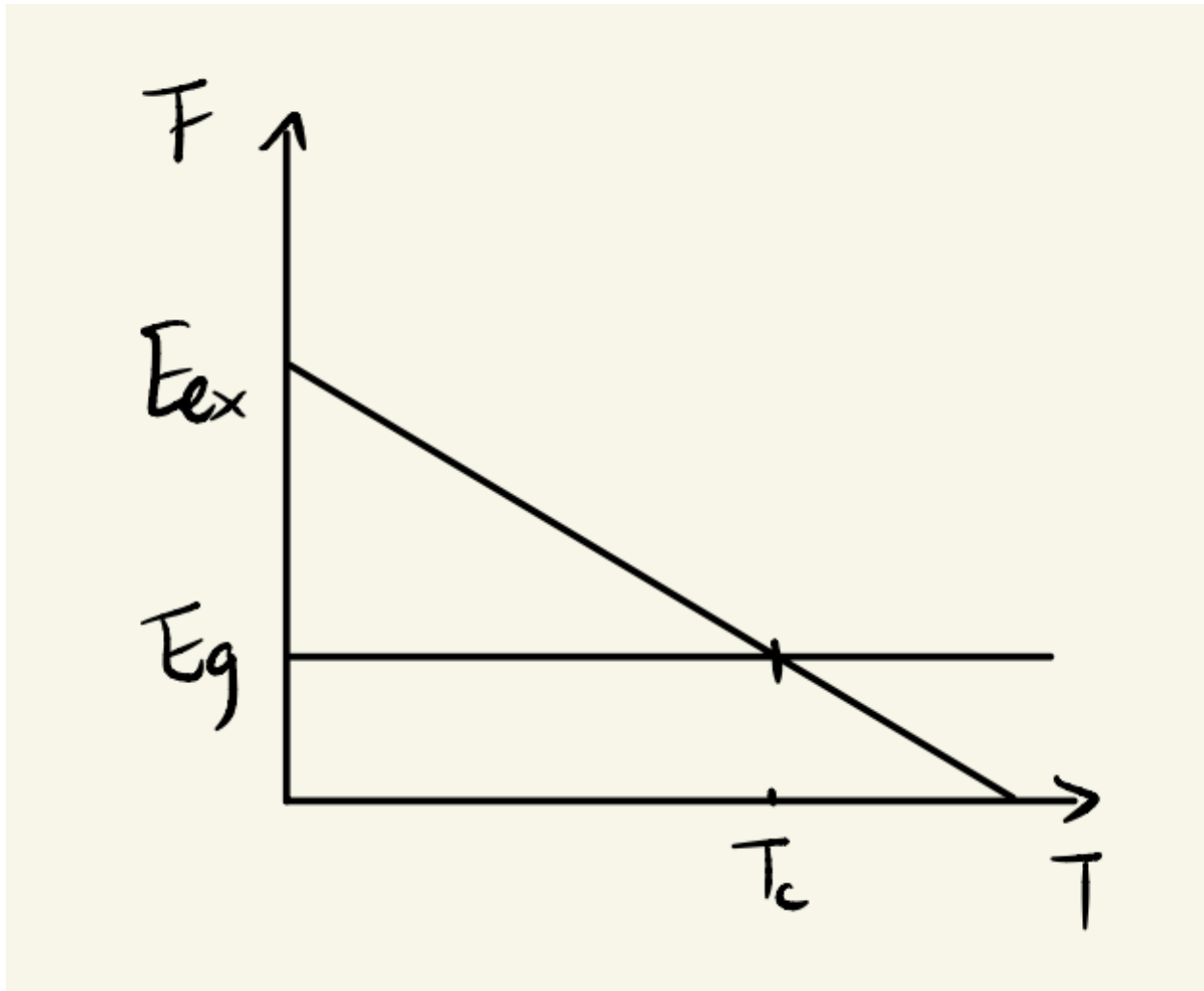
Excited states have higher energies, and are therefore not favoured at low- $T$ , but if there are very many of them, they might dominate, because of entropy. Their contribution to the free energy is

$$F_{ex} = E_{ex} - k_B T \ln(N_{ex})$$

We expect a phase transition when:

$$E_{ex} - k_B T \ln(N_{ex}) = E_g - k_B T \ln(N_g)$$

The first term dominates for  $T > T_c$  and the second term dominates for  $T < T_c$ .



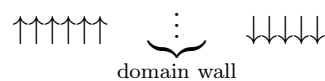
$$\Rightarrow k_B T_c = \frac{E_{ex} - E_g}{\ln(N_{ex}) - \ln(N_g)} = \frac{\Delta E}{\ln(N_{ex}) - \ln(N_r)}$$

**Example 3.11.1** (1D Ising with open b.c.  $H = -J \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}$ ). Ground states: all up or all down.

$$E_g = -J(N - 1)$$

What are the lowest excited states?

All states with one bond broken,



$$E_{ex_1} = -J(N - 1) + 2J, N_{ex} = 2(N - 1)$$

$$k_B T_c = \frac{2J}{\ln(2(N - 1)) - \ln(2)} = \frac{2J}{\ln(N - 1)} \rightarrow 0$$

So the excited states always wins at any  $T \implies$ , **no phase transition** at finite  $T$ .

**Example 3.11.2** (2D Ising).

$$\begin{bmatrix} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \downarrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \downarrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \downarrow \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $l$  of them are up.

$$\Delta E = 2Jl, N_g = 2(\text{all up down})$$

$N_x$  is the number of ways of doing a random walk on the lattice with length  $l$  that encloses a domain.

$$\approx 2N(z-1)^l$$

where  $N$  is the number of starting point,  $z$  is the coordination number 4 on square lattices,  $-1$  because no backtracking (all possible neighbour except the one where it came from) and 2 from the up and down symmetry.

$$k_B T_c = \frac{2Jl}{\ln(2N(z-1)^l) - \ln(2)} = \frac{2Jl}{\ln(N) + l \ln((z-1))}$$

For  $N$  and  $L$  large,

$$l \ln(z-1) \gg \ln(N) = \ln(l^2) = 2 \ln(l)$$

$$k_B T_c \underset{l \rightarrow \infty}{=} \frac{2Jl}{l \ln(z-1)} = \frac{2J}{\ln(z-1)}$$

For square lattice,  $z = 4$

$$k_B T_c = \frac{2J}{\ln(3)} \approx 1.821J$$

compare to the exact value  $k_B T_c = 2.269J$ , and from MF  $k_B T_c = 4J$ . For  $z = 2(1D)T_c = 0$  We do get a finite  $T$  p.t. in 2D. this is in fact general result for systems with discrete symmetry (**2(finite)** spins, in our case).

For discrete symmetries, the **lower critical dimension** = 1 (for dimensions bigger than the lower critical dimension, there exists a finite  $T$  phase transition.)

For systems with continuous degrees of freedom, the lower critical dimension is 2. (So continue systems must be in 3D in order to see a finite p.t.)

Mean field theory is exact about the upper critical dimension, = 4 (in all cases).

### 3.11.3 Landau Argument for Existence of Phase Transition

A symmetry cannot be continuously deformed. Therefore two phases with different symmetries must be separated by one or more phase transitions.

There can still be a phase transition between two phases of the same symmetry. Example: Liquid and gas. <sup>1</sup>

### 3.11.4 First Order/Discontinuous p.t.

First order/Discontinuous p.t: “Common, yet little systematics (how it behaves varies drastically in different systems.)”

#### Main characteristics

- Order parameter discontinuity
- Latent heat
- Coexistence of phases
- Hysteresis (metastable states)

**fig. 15.1** Area depends on sweep time, short sweep time, ( $H$  changes fast), gives a large area.

Free energy develops several minima.

- A disordered system  $M = 0$  at  $T \gg T_c$ , will not order before  $T = T^{**} < T_c$
- An ordered system ( $M^*$  finite) at  $T \ll T_c$  will disorder at  $T = T^* > T_c$

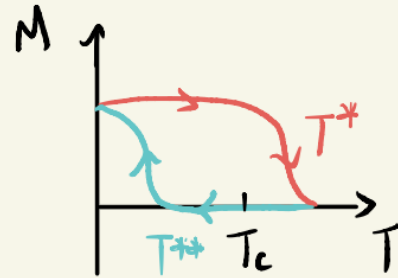
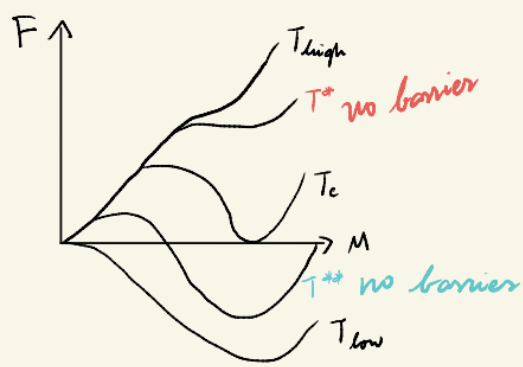
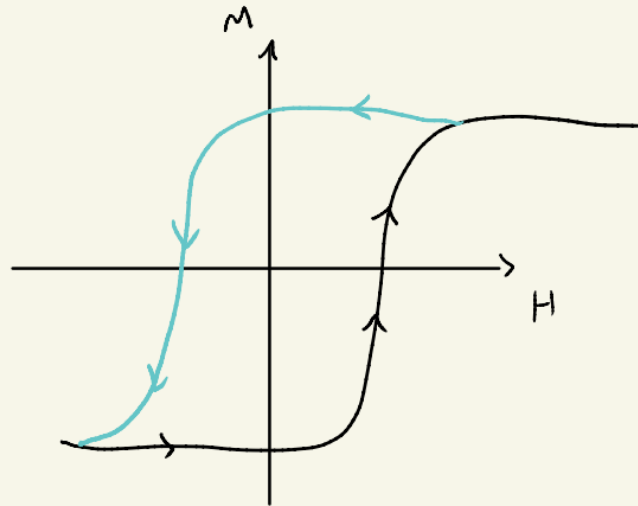
### 3.11.5 Continuous Phase Transition

“Not so common, but with systematics” **Main Characteristics**

- All first derivatives of  $F$  are continuous (definition)
- Correlation length  $\xi \rightarrow \infty$  at p.t: No coexistence of phases
- Scaling (Critical exponents)
- Universality (just a handful set of exponents)

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<sup>1</sup>There's no symmetry in liquid and gas, but still you can find a point where it changes abruptly, at which point where the free energy is not analytical (def).



Correlation functions

$$\begin{aligned} C(r) &= \langle (m_r - \langle m_r \rangle) (m_0 - \langle m_0 \rangle) \rangle \\ &= \langle m_r m_0 \rangle - \langle m_r \rangle \langle m_0 \rangle \\ &= f(r) e^{-\frac{r}{\xi}} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\xi$  is the correlation length.

Spins separated by  $r < \xi$  is said to be correlated.

At  $T_c$ ,  $\xi \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $C(r)$  is dictated by  $f(r)$  alone, and there are no domains of finite extent as then  $\xi$  would be finite. (reasons for no coexistence)

There is also other quantities that diverges at  $T_c$ .

Introduce the reduced temperature:

$$t \equiv \frac{T - T_c}{T_c}$$

for  $T < T_c$ ,  $t = 0$

$t > T_c$ ,  $t > 0$

$T < T_c$ ,  $t < 0$

Many quantities behave as power laws of  $t$ , (close to  $T_c$ )

### 3.11.6 Critical Exponents

Table 3.1: Critical Exponents

$\alpha$	specific heat $c_V = -\frac{T}{N} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial T^2} \sim \frac{1}{ t ^\alpha}$
$\beta$	Order parameter ( $T < T_c$ ), $m \sim (-t)^{-\beta}$
$\gamma$	Susceptibility ( $H=0$ ): $\chi = \left(\frac{\partial m}{\partial H}\right)_{H=0} \sim \frac{1}{ t ^\gamma}$
$\delta$	Order parameter dependence on $H$ at $t = 0$ , $m \sim  H ^{\frac{1}{\delta}}$
$\eta$	Correlation function for $r \ll \xi$ , $C(r) \sim \frac{1}{ r ^{d-2+\eta}}$

### 3.11.7 Scaling Laws

“Exponents are not independant, but are related by certain relations called scaling laws.”

Fisher:

$$\nu(2 - \eta) = \gamma$$

Rushbrook:

$$\alpha + 2\beta + \gamma = 2$$

Widom:

$$\beta(\delta - 1) = \gamma$$

Josephson (hyperscaling, since it contains the dimensionality  $d$ ):

$$2 - d = \nu d$$

### 3.11.8 Universality

“Very different system can still have the same set of exponents, in fact there are only a handful set of exponents, known as universality classes.”

Table 3.2: Universality

Univ.class	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$\delta$	$\nu$	$\eta$	Example
Ising 2D	0	1/8	7/4	15	1	1/4	H of Fe
Ising 3D	0.11	0.32	124	48	0.63	0.04	
Heisenberg 3D	-0.12	0.36	139	4.86	0.71	0.04	Magnetisation of Fe
XY 3D	0.01	0.35	1.35	4.77	0.67	0.04	Superfluids/superconductors
Mean Field	0	1/2	1	3	1/2	0	exact for $d > 4$

Which universality class is expected?

Determined by order parameter symmetry and dimensionality (Not dependent on the details of the interaction.) Note that if there's a first order transition, there are no exponents.

## 3.12 Scaling and the Renormalisation Group (RG)

Universality  $\implies$  Microscopic details are unimportant “Several different microscopic system/models give the same behaviour at the phase transition.”

**Definition 3.12.1** (RG-transformation<sup>3</sup>). Transformation between different microscopic models that behave the same on microscopic scales.

### 3.12.1 Example of RG: 1D Ising model using transfer matrices

$$H = - \sum_r (J\sigma_r\sigma_{r+a} + C)$$

where  $C$  is a constant which can be added to  $H$  at no cost,  $a$  is the spacing between neighbouring spin. We have added a constant  $C$  for each nearest neighbours and omitted the field  $H$ . Use periodic boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \sum_{\{\sigma\}} e^{\sum_r (\beta J\sigma_r\sigma_{r+a} + \beta C)} \\ &= \sum_{\{\sigma\}} T_{\sigma_a, \sigma_{2a}} T_{\sigma_{2a}, \sigma_{3a}} \cdots T_{\sigma_{Na}, \sigma_a} \end{aligned}$$

<sup>3</sup>Ken Wilson: Nobel Prize 1982



$$T = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\beta(J+C)} & e^{\beta(J+C)} \\ e^{\beta(-J+C)} & e^{-\beta(J+C)} \end{bmatrix}$$

RG-transformation:

Perform the  $\sum_{\sigma}$  on every second site

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\sigma_{2a}} T_{\sigma_a, \sigma_{2a}} T_{\sigma_{2a}, \sigma_{3a}} \\ &= T^2 - e^{2\beta C} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\beta J} & e^{-\beta J} \\ e^{-\beta J} & e^{\beta J} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\beta J} & e^{-\beta J} \\ e^{-\beta J} & e^{\beta J} \end{pmatrix} \\ & T^2 = 2e^{2\beta C} \begin{pmatrix} \cosh(2\beta J) & 1 \\ 1 & \cosh(2\beta J) \end{pmatrix} \\ & \equiv e^{\beta C'} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\beta J'} & e^{-\beta J'} \\ e^{-\beta J'} & e^{-\beta J'} \end{pmatrix}}_{T'} \end{aligned}$$

So this transfer matrix  $T'$  is the transfer matrix for another Ising chain but with spins on every second site.

The new model is

$$H' = - \sum_{\gamma} (J' \sigma_r \sigma_{r+a'} + C')$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 2e^{2\beta C} \cosh(2\beta J) &= e^{-\beta C'} e^{\beta J'} \\ 2e^{2\beta C} &= e^{\beta C'} e^{-\beta J'} \\ 4e^{4\beta C} \cosh(2\beta J) &= e^{2\beta C'} \\ \cosh(2\beta J) &= e^{2\beta J'} \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Rename:

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= e^{-2\beta J}, K_2 = e^{-2\beta C}, K_1 = 1 \implies \beta J = 0 \\ K'_1 &= e^{-2\beta J'}, K'_2 e^{-2\beta C'}, K_1 = 0 \implies \beta J \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

with the  $K$  variables, equation 3.1 becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{K'_2} &= \frac{4}{K_2^2} \left( \frac{K_1^{-1} + K_1}{2} \right) \implies K'_2 = \frac{K_2^2}{2} \left( \frac{K_1}{1 + K_1^2} \right) \\ \frac{1}{K'_1} &= \frac{1}{2} (K_1^{-1} + K_1) \implies K'_1 = 2 \frac{1}{K_1^{-1} + K_1} = 2 \frac{K_1}{1 + K_1^2} \end{aligned}$$

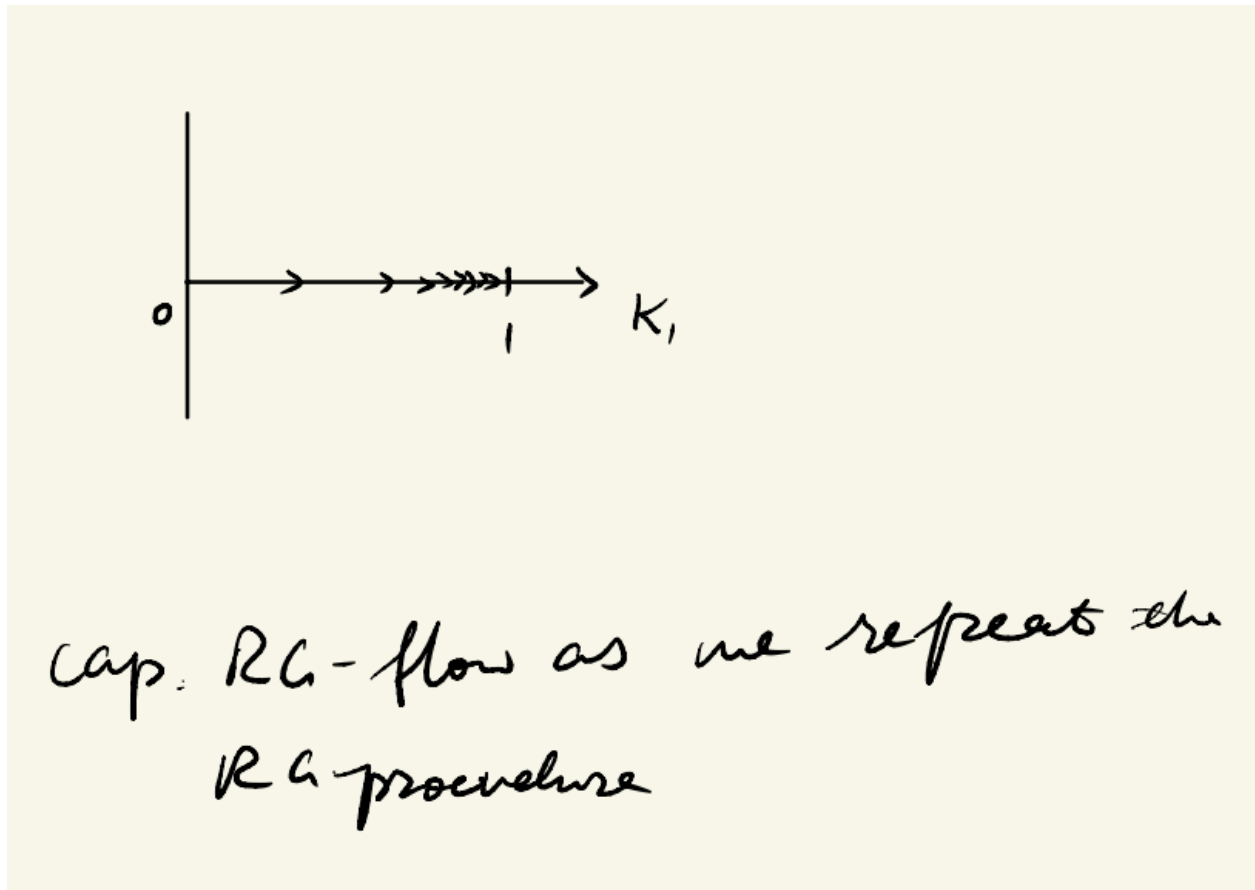
$K_2(K'_2)$  are not interesting as it is only a constant in the Hamiltonian but  $K_1(K'_1)$  is

$$K'_1 = \frac{2K_1}{1 + K_1^2}$$

The prime is a flow in theory (model) space, there's no inverse in RG, so it's not a group in the strict mathematical sense.

$$K'_1 = \frac{2}{\underbrace{1 + K_1^2}_{>1, \because K_1 < 1}} K_1$$

Fig.16



So by doing repeated RG transformation the exchange coupling  $K_1 = e^{-2\beta J}$  “flows” towards 1.

There are two exceptions to this, the fixed points  $K_1 = 0$ ,  $K_1 = 1$  starting with these  $K_1$  does not change.

Flowing into(attractive): phase

Flowing away(repulsive): phase transition

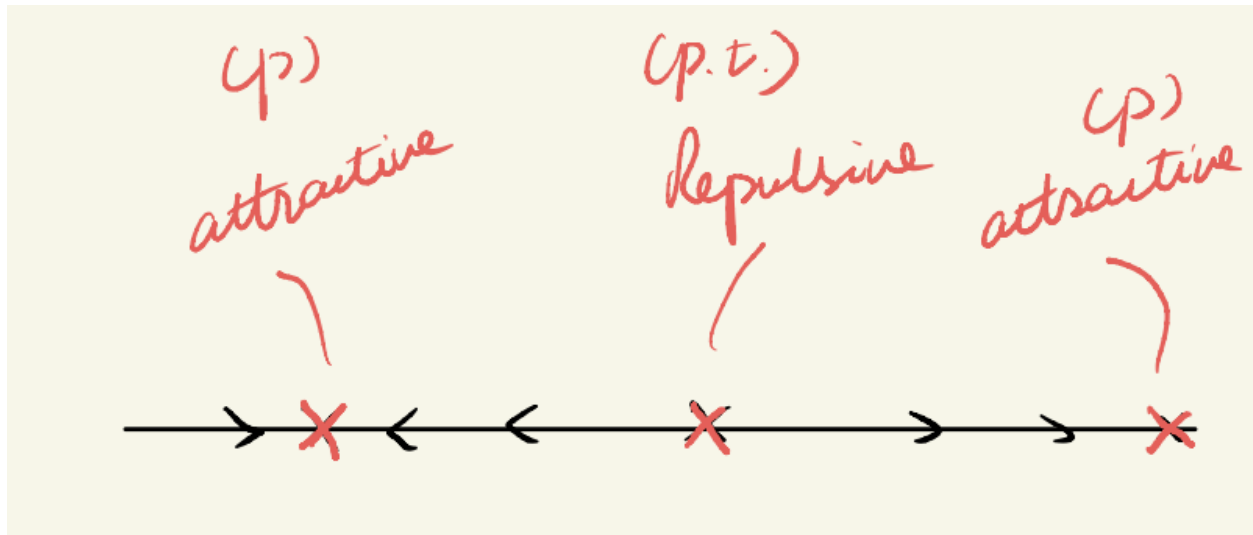
Continuous phase transitions:  $m \sim (-t)^\beta$ , where  $\beta$  is the scaling exponent, and  $t = \frac{T-T_c}{T_c}$

Scaling laws: exponents are related to each other. For instance, the Widom scaling law:

$$\beta(\delta - 1) = \gamma$$

where  $\delta$  is the order parameter as a function of  $h$  at  $T_c$ .

Fig.17



RG is a transformation that keeps the physics on large-scales invariant. The linearised equation around the repulsive fixed point.

$$K' = s^{y_K} K, a' = s a \quad s > 1$$

in our case  $s = 2$ .

Macroscopic physical quantities are the same regardless of microscopic description. (RG doesn't change any large scale properties.) For instance, the correlation length  $\xi$

$$\xi = \left( \frac{\xi}{a} \right) a = \tilde{\xi}(\{K\}) a = \left( \frac{\xi}{a'} \right) a' = \tilde{\xi}(\{K'\}) a'$$

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$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\xi}(\{K\}) = \tilde{S}(\{K'\}) \frac{a'}{a}$$

### Scaling Relation

$$\tilde{\xi}(K) = S \tilde{\xi}(K S^{y_K})$$

<sup>4</sup>Apparently later we'll skip the  $\tilde{\xi}$ .

For a dimensionless quantity  $Q$ , that has dimension length to the power  $D$  when measured in units of powers of the lattices spacing.

$$\tilde{Q}(\{K\}) = S^D \tilde{Q}(KS^{y_k})$$

so for the free energy density  $f = \frac{F}{V}$

$$\tilde{f}(\{K\}) = S^{-d} \tilde{f}(\{KS^{y_k}\})$$

$d$  is the spatial dimension from now on we drop the tilde and assume dimensionless quantities.

### 3.12.2 Scaling

Usually there are two independent relevant couplings

- The reduced temperature  $t = \frac{T-T_c}{T_c}$ . ( $y^t$ )
- The magnetic field:  $h$ . ( $y^h$ )

The variable  $t, h$  are chosen such that  $t = h = 0$  is the p.t.

**Example 3.12.1** (Correlation Length).

$$\xi(h, t) = S \xi(hs^{y_h}, ts^{y_t})$$

where  $y_h, y_t > 0$ .

$S$  is arbitrary  $s > 1$ .

Choose it such that for  $t > 0$ ,  $ts^{y_t}$ .

$$\implies S = t^{-1/y_t}$$

$$\xi(h, t) = t^{-1/y_t} \xi(ht^{-y_h/y_t}, 1)$$

for  $h = 0$

$$\xi(0, t) = t^{-1/y_t} \xi(0, 1) \sim t^{-\nu}$$

where  $\nu = 1/y_t$

**Order parameter**  $m \sim (-t)^{-\beta}, t < 0$

$$m = -T \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial h} \right)_{h=0}$$

Recall  $f$  is the free energy density. Scaling  $f(h, t) = S^{-d} f(h, s^{y_h}, ts^{y_t})$

Choose  $s = (-t)^{1/y_t}$

$$f(h, t) = (-t)^{\frac{d}{y_t}} f\left(h(-t)^{-\frac{y_h}{y_t}}, -1\right)$$

$$m = -T(-t)^{\frac{d}{y_t}}(-t)^{\frac{-y_h}{y_t}} f^{(1,0)}(0, -1)$$

$$^5 \text{ Now } t = \frac{T-T_c}{T_c} \implies T = T_c t + T_c = T_c - T_c(-t)$$

$$m = -T_c f^{(1,0)}(0, -1)(-t)^{\frac{d-y_h}{y_t}} + T_c f^{(1,0)}(0, -1)(-t)^{\frac{d-y_h}{y_t}+1}$$

when  $-t \rightarrow 0$  the 2nd term is negligible.

$$m \sim (-t)^{-\beta}$$

where  $\beta = \frac{d-y_h}{y_t}$ . **Susceptibility**

$$\chi = \left( \frac{\partial m}{\partial h} \right)_{h=0}$$

$$\text{Use } m = -T(-t)^{\frac{d-y_h}{y_t}} f^{(1,0)}(h(-t)^{\frac{-y_h}{y_t}}, -1)$$

$$\chi = -T(-t)^{\frac{d-y_h}{y_t}} (-t)^{\frac{-y_h}{y_t}} f^{(2,0)}(0, -1) \sim (-t)^{\frac{d-2y_h}{y_t}}$$

$$\implies \gamma = \frac{2y_h - d}{y_t}$$

**Order parameter vs field at  $T_c$**

$$m \sim |h|^{\frac{1}{\delta}}, t = 0$$

$$m|_{t=0} = -T \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial h} \right)_{t=0}$$

$$f(h, t) = s^{-d} f(hs^{y_h}, ts^{y_t})$$

$$m \sim \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial h} \right) = S^{y_h-d} f^{(1,0)}(hs^{y_h}, ts^{y_t})$$

$$\text{set } t = 0 \text{ and choose } hs^{y_h} = 1 \implies S = h^{-1/y_h}$$

$$m \sim h^{d/y_h-1} \implies \delta = \frac{y_h}{d-y_h}$$

Now observe that

$$\beta(\delta - 1) = \left( \frac{d-y_h}{y_t} \right) \underbrace{\left( \frac{y_h}{d-y_h} - 1 \right)}_{\frac{2y_h-d}{d-y_h}} = \frac{2y_h-d}{y_t} = \gamma$$

This is the Widom scaling law:

$$\beta(\delta - 1) = \gamma$$

The other scaling laws can be worked out similarly so even though there are 6 scaling exponents, they boil down to the existence of two relevant couplings.

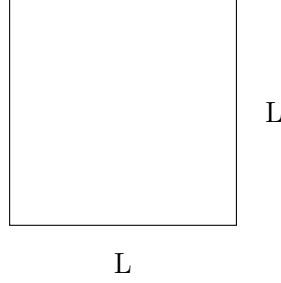


Figure 3.5: LxL

### 3.12.3 Finite size scaling

Numeric: **Another parameter** that must be tuned to get the phase transition.

$$\tilde{L} = \frac{L}{a}$$

we choose  $\tilde{L}^{-1} = (\frac{a}{L})$  as the 3rd variable so that p.t is at  $\tilde{L}^{-1} = 0$ . Under RG  $\tilde{L}^{-1} = S\tilde{L}^{-1}$   
Correlation length

$$\chi(h, t, L^{-1}) = s\xi(hs^{y_h}, ts^{y_t}, L^{-1}s)$$

for  $h = 0$

$$\xi(t, L^{-1}) = S\xi(ts^{y_t}, L^{-1}s)$$

choose  $s = L$  (finite size scales )

$$\xi(t, L^{-1}) = L\xi(tL^{y_t}, 1)$$

for  $L \rightarrow 0$ , we should recover the usual  $|t|^{-\frac{1}{y_t}}$  scales, which means that

$$g(x) \sim \frac{1}{x^{\frac{1}{y_t}}}$$

for large  $x$

$$\xi(t, 0) \sim \frac{L}{(tL^{y_t})} \sim t^{\frac{-1}{y_t}}$$

for finite  $L$  close to  $t = 0$  it is the behaviour of  $g(x)$  at  $x$  close to 0 that matters and for  $x$  close to 0 we expect to be able to Taylor expand

$$g(x) \approx g(0) + tL^{y_t}g'(0) + \dots$$

$$\xi(t, L^{-1}) = L(g(0) + tL^{y_t}g'(0) + \dots)$$

If we divide by  $L$

$$\frac{\xi(t, L^{-1})}{L} = g(0) + tL^{y_t}g'(0) + \dots$$

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<sup>5</sup> $f(1, 0)$  is the partial derivative w.r.t. the first argument.

Now the RH is independent of  $L$  when  $t = 0$ . So a plot of  $\frac{S}{L}$  The exponent  $\mu = \frac{1}{y_t}$  can be gotten by computing the slopes at  $T_c$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left( \frac{\xi}{L} \right) |_{T=T_c} = \frac{g'(0)}{T_c} L^{y_t} \implies \ln \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \frac{\xi}{L} \right) |_{T=T_c} \sim \ln \left( \frac{g'(0)}{T_c} \right) + y_t \ln(L)$$

So a plot of  $\ln \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\xi}{L} \right) |_{T_c}$  gives a straight line when plotted vs  $\ln(L)$

### 3.13 Symmetric Long walks

$N$  large,  $P = \frac{1}{2}$

$$P(R) = \frac{N!}{R!(N-R)!} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^N$$

$$x = (2R - N)a \implies = \frac{N}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{X}{Na} \right)$$

This makes sense: if  $x = 0$  you end up the same place, and  $R = \frac{N}{2}$  the amount of right steps. For large  $N$  (and  $R$ ), the binomial distribution becomes Gaussian (Stirlings Formula). The probability for being at position  $x$  is then

$$P(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi N}} e^{\frac{-x^2}{2Na^2}}$$

and  $Na^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle$  Here  $X$  is discrete  $\sum_x P(x) = 1$ .

Introduce Probability Density

$$\mathcal{P}(x) = \frac{P(x)}{2a} \quad (3.2)$$

The space between possible outcomes.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \mathcal{P}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi Na^2}} e^{\frac{-x^2}{2Na^2}} = 1$$

Introduce  $\Delta t$ ,  $t = N\Delta t$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(x, t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \frac{a^2}{\Delta t}}} e^{\frac{-x^2}{2\frac{a^2}{\Delta t}t}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi 2Dt}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2(2Dt)}} \end{aligned}$$

Small  $t$  sharper gaussian, larger  $t$  wider gaussian (width  $\propto \sqrt{2Dt}$ ) With  $M$  random walkers we can define a density per unit length

$$\rho(x, t) = M\mathcal{P}(x, t) \quad (3.3)$$

Observation:  $\rho(x, t)$  satisfies the diffusion equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\rho = \frac{M}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad \sigma = \sqrt{2Dt}$$

Prove that  $\rho$  satisfies the Diff eq: L.H.S

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \right) &= \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} \\ &= \frac{D}{\sigma} \frac{M}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right)}_{\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left( \frac{x}{\sigma} e^{-(\frac{x}{\sigma})^2 \frac{1}{2}} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Set } \eta = \frac{x}{\sigma}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} &= \frac{\eta}{\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \\ &= \frac{D}{\sigma} \frac{M}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \eta e^{-\frac{\eta^2}{2}} \right) \\ &= -\frac{D}{\sigma^2} \frac{M}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \eta e^{-\frac{\eta^2}{2}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

RHS

$$\begin{aligned} D \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x^2} &= D \frac{M}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right)}_{-\frac{x}{\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}} \\ &= -D \frac{M}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \underbrace{\left( x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right)}_{\eta e^{-\frac{\eta^2}{2}}} \\ x = \eta \sigma \quad \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2} &= \eta^2/2 \\ &= -D \frac{M}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} (\eta e^{-\frac{\eta^2}{2}}) \end{aligned}$$

Satisfies the diffusion equation, justifies the name of diffusion constant D. This has nothing to do with interactions. It's just a consequence of probability. <sup>6</sup>

This result is more general. It holds for any symmetric random walk with arbitrary symmetric step distribution.

Consider a general random walk in 1D

$$x(t + \Delta t) = x(t) + l,$$

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<sup>6</sup>Apparently it's just ugly maths and we should forget about it ASAP.



where  $l$  is a stochastic variable from a distribution  $\chi(l)$  If  $\chi(l)$  satisfies

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dl \chi(l) = 1, \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dl \chi(l) l = 0$$

The second equation is true for symmetric walks, and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dl \chi(l) l^2 = \alpha^2$$

In our simple case

$$\chi(l) = \frac{1}{2} \delta(l - a) + \frac{1}{2} \delta(l + a)$$

Then  $\rho(x, t)$  will satisfy the diffusion equation with  $D = \frac{a^2}{2\Delta t}$

$$\mathcal{P}(x, t + \Delta t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}(x - l, t) \chi(l) dl$$

The first term is the probability of being at  $x - l$  at  $t$  and the second term is the probability of step length  $l$  in the last step.

For typical  $l \ll x$ , we can expand  $\rho(x - l, t)$

$$\rho(x - l, t) = \mathcal{P}(x, t) - l \frac{\partial \mathcal{P}}{\partial x}(x, t) + \frac{l^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{P}}{\partial x^2}(x, t) + \mathcal{O}(l^3)$$

$$\mathcal{P}(x, t + \Delta t) = \mathcal{P}(x, t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dl \chi(l) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{P}}{\partial x}(x, t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dl l \chi(l) + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{P}}{\partial x^2}(x, t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dl l^2 \chi(l)$$

The first term is 1 (probability) and the second term is 0 (symmetric, and the last integral is  $a^2$  move  $\mathcal{P}$  to the L.H.S and divide by  $\Delta t$ :

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{P}(x, t + \Delta t) - \mathcal{P}(x, t)}{\Delta t} = \frac{a^2}{2\Delta t} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{P}(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

Diffusion equation with  $D = \frac{a^2}{2\Delta t}$ .