

# High-temperature series expansion of the Debye function

$$D(x_D) = -\frac{3x_D}{e^{x_D}-1} + \frac{12}{x_D^3} \int_0^{x_D} \frac{x^3 dx}{e^x-1}$$

$$x_D = \frac{\Theta_D}{T}, \quad \Theta_D = \frac{\hbar \omega_D}{k}$$

$\omega_D$ : Debye frequency  
 $\Theta_D$ : Debye temperature

high-temperature limit  $x_D = \frac{\Theta_D}{T} \ll 1$

first term:  $-\frac{3x_D}{1+x_D+\frac{x_D^2}{2}+\frac{x_D^3}{6}+\dots-1} \approx -\frac{3x_D}{x_D+\frac{x_D^2}{2}+\frac{x_D^3}{6}+\dots} = -\frac{3}{1+\frac{x_D}{2}+\frac{x_D^2}{6}+\dots}$

$$\approx -3 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{x_D}{2} + \frac{x_D^2}{6} \right) + \frac{x_D^2}{4} + o(x_D^3) \right] = -3 \left[ 1 - \frac{x_D}{2} + \frac{1}{12} x_D^2 \right]$$

$$\approx -3 + \frac{3}{2} x_D - \frac{1}{4} x_D^2$$

the integral:  $\frac{x^3}{e^x-1} = \frac{x^3}{1+x+\frac{x^2}{2}+\frac{x^3}{6}+\dots-1} = \frac{x^2}{1+\frac{x}{2}+\frac{x^2}{6}+\dots} \approx x^2 \left( 1 - \left( \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{6} \right) + \frac{x^2}{4} + o(x^3) \right)$

$$\approx x^2 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{12} x^2 \right) = x^2 - \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{12}$$

$$\int_0^{x_D} \frac{x^3}{e^x-1} dx \approx \frac{1}{3} x_D^3 - \frac{1}{8} x_D^4 + \frac{1}{60} x_D^5$$

$$\frac{12}{x_D^3} \int_0^{x_D} \frac{x^3}{e^x-1} dx \approx 4 - \frac{3}{2} x_D + \frac{1}{5} x_D^2$$

Finally:

$$D(x_D) \simeq \left(-3 + \frac{3}{2} x_D - \frac{1}{4} x_D^2\right) + \left(4 - \frac{3}{2} x_D + \frac{1}{5} x_D^2\right)$$

$$\simeq 1 - \frac{1}{20} x_D^2$$

$$D(x_D) \simeq 1 - \frac{x_D^2}{20} + \dots$$