

Physics 112, Fall 2017, Holzapfel  
Problem Set 9 (4 Problems). **Due Monday, November 13, 5 PM**

Problem 1: Chemical potential versus concentration  
Kittel 7.13

Problem 2: Two orbital boson system  
Kittel 7.14

Problem 3: Bose Einstein Condensation with Rb 87  
Consider a collection of  $10^4$  atoms of Rb 87, confined inside a box of volume  $10^{-15}\text{m}^3$ .

- a) Calculate  $\epsilon_0$ , the energy of the ground state.
- b) Calculate the Einstein temperature and compare it with  $\epsilon_0$ .
- c) Suppose that  $T = 0.9T_E$ . How many atoms are in the ground state? How close is the chemical potential to the ground state energy? How many atoms are in each of the (threefold-degenerate) first excited states?
- d) Repeat parts (b) and (c) for the cases of  $10^6$  atoms, confined to the same volume. Discuss the conditions under which the number of atoms in the ground state will be much greater than the number in the first excited states.

Problem 4: Boson Gas in One Dimension  
a) Kittel 7.9

- b) What property must the density of states have for there to be an abrupt Bose-Einstein transition?