

Single particle with coordinate q and momentum p moving in a one-dimensional periodic potential[1] of the form:

$$U(q, L) = \frac{m\omega^2 L^2}{4\pi^2} \left[1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi q}{L}\right) \right].$$

The partition function in the NPT ensemble is:

$$\mathcal{Z}_{NPT} = \int_0^\infty dL e^{-\beta PL} \mathcal{Z}_{NVT}.$$

where

$$\mathcal{Z}_{NVT} = \frac{1}{h} \sqrt{2\pi m \beta} \int_0^L dq e^{-\beta U(q, L)}$$

and

$$\mathcal{Z}_{NPT} = \int_0^\infty dL e^{-\beta PL} \frac{1}{h} \sqrt{2\pi m \beta} L e^{-\frac{\beta m \omega^2 L^2}{4\pi^2}} I_0\left(\frac{\beta m \omega^2 L^2}{4\pi^2}\right).$$

The length and position distribution functions are:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(L) &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_{NPT}} e^{-\beta PL} \frac{1}{h} \sqrt{2\pi m \beta} L e^{-\frac{\beta m \omega^2 L^2}{4\pi^2}} I_0\left(\frac{\beta m \omega^2 L^2}{4\pi^2}\right) \\ \rho(q) &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_{NPT}} \frac{1}{h} \sqrt{2\pi m \beta} \int_q^\infty dL e^{-\beta PL} e^{-\beta U(q, L)} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where I_0 is the Bessel functions of the first kind, the length and position distribution functions need to be calculated numerically, for which we study the following physical situation in particular $T = 1$, $P = 1$, $m = 1$, $\omega = 1$, $k_B = 1$ and $h = 1$.

References

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