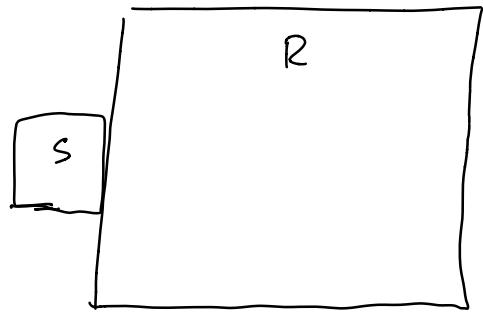


Last Lecture



What is the prob that the energy in the system will be U ?

$$P(U) = \frac{e^{-\beta U}}{Z} \quad ; \quad \beta = \frac{1}{kT}$$
$$Z = \sum_i e^{-\beta E_i}$$

The sum is over microstates

Example: QM harmonic oscillator

(Like the Einstein Solid but only one)

In thermal contact with res @ temp T

Possible energies:

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

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

$$Z = e^{-\frac{\beta\hbar\omega}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta\hbar\omega n}$$

An aside: solving a geometric series

$$s = \sum a r^n = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots a r^n$$
$$a = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta\hbar\omega}, \quad r = e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}$$



$$S = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^n$$

multiplied by r

$$rS = ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n+1}$$

$$S - rS$$

$$S = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^n$$

multiplied by r

$$rS = ar + \cancel{ar^2} + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n+1}$$

$$S - rS = a - ar^{n+1}$$

$$S(1-r) = a(1-r^{n+1})$$

$$S = a \left(\frac{1-r^{n+1}}{1-r} \right) ; \quad r \neq 1$$

if $n \rightarrow \infty$ AND $|r| < 1$, then $r^{n+1} \rightarrow 0$

$$S = \frac{a}{1-r} ; \quad |r| < 1$$

$$S = \frac{a}{1 - r}$$

$$a = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta k\omega}, \quad r = e^{-\beta k\omega}$$

$$Z = S = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta k\omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta k\omega}}$$

mult top & bot by $e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta k\omega}$

$$= \frac{1}{e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta k\omega} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta k\omega}}$$

$$Z = \frac{1}{2 \sinh(\frac{1}{2}\beta k\omega)}$$

$$-(n+\frac{1}{2})\beta k\omega$$

$$P(n) = \frac{e^{-(n+\frac{1}{2})\beta k\omega}}{2 \sinh(\frac{1}{2}\beta k\omega)}$$

In previous example \sum over microstates = \sum over energy levels

To see the difference, consider a system of 3 oscillators

$$Z = \sum_{\vec{s}} e^{-E(\vec{s})/kT}$$

\vec{s} is a vector specifying the microstate of the entire system

$$\vec{s} = \langle s_1, s_2, s_3 \rangle$$

s_i specifies the state of each object in the system

Ex: $\vec{s} = \left\langle \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{5}{2}\hbar\omega \right\rangle$

$\sum_{\vec{s}}$ sums over all possible combinations of $\langle s_1, s_2, s_3 \rangle$

$$\vec{s}_1 = \left\langle \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{s}_2 = \left\langle \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{s}_3 = \left\langle \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{s}_4 = \left\langle \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{s}_5 = \left\langle \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{s}_6 = \left\langle \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega \right\rangle$$

⋮

This is just an Einstein solid where each oscillator has energy $U_i = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega + q\hbar\omega$

$$\vec{s} = \langle q_1, q_2, q_3 \rangle$$

\vec{s}	q_1	q_2	q_3	$E(\vec{s})$	
1	0	0	0	$\frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega$	$E(\vec{s}) = (q_1 + q_2 + q_3)\hbar\omega$
2	1	0	0	$\frac{5}{2}\hbar\omega$	$+ \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega$
3	0	1	0	$\frac{5}{2}\hbar\omega$	
4	0	0	1	$\frac{5}{2}\hbar\omega$	
5	1	1	0	$\frac{7}{2}\hbar\omega$	
6	0	1	1	$\frac{7}{2}\hbar\omega$	
7	1	0	1	$\frac{7}{2}\hbar\omega$	
8	2	0	0	$\frac{7}{2}\hbar\omega$	
9	0	2	0	$\frac{7}{2}\hbar\omega$	

$$10 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 2 \quad \frac{7}{2} \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z &= \sum_{\vec{s}} e^{-\frac{E(\vec{s})}{kT}} \\
 &= e^{-\frac{3}{2} \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}} + e^{-\frac{5}{2} \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}} + e^{-\frac{7}{2} \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}} + e^{-\frac{9}{2} \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}} + \dots \\
 &= e^{-\frac{3}{2} \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}} + 3e^{-\frac{5}{2} \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}} + 6e^{-\frac{7}{2} \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}} + \dots \\
 &= \frac{(0+3-1)!}{0! (3-1)!} e^{-\frac{3}{2} \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}} + \frac{(1+3-1)!}{1! (3-1)!} e^{-\frac{5}{2} \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}} + \frac{(2+3-1)!}{2! (3-1)!} e^{-\frac{7}{2} \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Z_N = \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q+N-1)!}{q! (N-1)!} e^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} + q\right) \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}}$$

$$= ?$$

Come back to this in a minute ...

OK, so we know the probability distribution, big deal

Why is this useful?

We can use the probability distribution to obtain macroscopic (average) quantities

Ex: Say I have 5 atoms

Energies (above min) can be: 0, 4, 7 eV

Upon measurement

2 atoms have 0 eV

2 have 4 eV

1 has 7 eV

What is the average energy of all the atoms?

$$\bar{E} = \frac{(0 \text{ eV}) \cdot 2 + (4 \text{ eV}) \cdot 2 + (7 \text{ eV}) \cdot 1}{5}$$

$$\bar{E} = 3 \text{ eV}$$

Can write like this:

$$\bar{E} = (0 \text{ eV}) \cdot \frac{2}{5} + (4 \text{ eV}) \cdot \frac{2}{5} + (7 \text{ eV}) \cdot \frac{1}{5} = 3 \text{ eV}$$

$$\bar{E} = (E_{\text{state } 1})(P_{\text{state } 1}) + (E_{\text{state } 2})(P_{\text{state } 2}) + (E_{\text{state } 3})(P_{\text{state } 3})$$

$\text{Prob}(E)$ is the probability distribution

If we know the probability dist in advance,

we can calculate the expected value

Example: I put 10 dollar bills (of different values) in a bag. 2 are 20's, 3 are 10's 1 is a 5, 4 are 1's

Here's the game: you can randomly select 1 of the bills from the bag (no peeking!) but I charge you \$6.

Do you play?

How much should you expect to win if you play?

$$\text{Expected winnings} = \langle m \rangle$$

$$\langle m \rangle = \$20 \cdot P(\$20) + \$10 P(\$10) + \dots$$

$$\langle m \rangle = 20(0.2) + 10(0.3) + 5(0.1) + 1(0.4)$$

$$\langle m \rangle = \$7.90$$

it cost \$6 to play, but you should expect to
win \$7.90

so you come out ahead, by \$1.90

- This is on average! If you played the game
1000 times, sometimes you
draw \$20, sometimes \$1
(never \$7.90) but
the average amount will be
\$7.90

$$\text{Expected outcome} = \sum_{\text{all outcomes}} (\text{outcome}_i) (P_{\text{outcome}_i})$$

$$\langle y \rangle = \sum_i y_i \cdot P(y_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle E \rangle &= \sum_i E_i \cdot P(E_i) \\ &= \sum_i E_i \frac{e^{-\beta E_i}}{Z}\end{aligned}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_i E_i e^{-\beta E_i}$$

H. O.

$$Z = e^{-\frac{3}{2} \frac{\hbar \omega}{kT}} + e^{-\frac{5}{2} \frac{\hbar \omega}{kT}} + e^{-\frac{7}{2} \frac{\hbar \omega}{kT}} + e^{-\frac{9}{2} \frac{\hbar \omega}{kT}} + \dots$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \left[\left(\frac{3}{2} \hbar \omega \right) e^{-\frac{3}{2} \frac{\hbar \omega}{kT}} + \left(\frac{5}{2} \hbar \omega \right) e^{-\frac{5}{2} \frac{\hbar \omega}{kT}} + \left(\frac{7}{2} \hbar \omega \right) e^{-\frac{7}{2} \frac{\hbar \omega}{kT}} + \dots \right]$$

$$Z_N = \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q+N-1)!}{q!(N-1)!} e^{-(\frac{1}{2}+q)\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{Z_N} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{2}+q)\hbar\omega \frac{(q+N-1)!}{q!(N-1)!} e^{-(\frac{1}{2}+q)\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}}$$

A better way of dealing with multiparticle systems

Scenario: my system consists of N identical objects (harmonic oscillators, spin $\frac{1}{2}$ electrons, etc)

Let's assume that the N objects are non-interacting (the state of one object does not affect the state of any other)

Think of s as a vector specifying the state of the entire system

Ex: for a 2-state paramagnet

$$s = \langle \uparrow, \uparrow, \downarrow, \dots, \uparrow \downarrow \rangle$$

For a collection of QM oscillators

$$s = \langle q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots, q_n \rangle = \left\langle \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega, \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega, \dots \right\rangle$$

so

\sum_s is over all possible values of s

$$\langle \uparrow \downarrow \downarrow, \dots \downarrow \downarrow \rangle$$

$$\langle \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow, \dots \downarrow, \downarrow \rangle$$

$$\langle \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \downarrow, \dots \rangle$$

Microstate of the system is the vector of states of the composite systems

$$\text{In general, } s = \langle s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_n \rangle$$

s_i could also be a vector i.e. $s_i = \langle x_i, p_{x_i} \rangle$

$$Z_N = \sum_{\vec{s}} e^{-\frac{E(\vec{s})}{kT}}$$

$$E(\vec{s}) = E(s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_N)$$

IF particles are non-interacting

$$\text{Then } E(\vec{s}) = E_1(s_1) + E_2(s_2) + \dots + E_N(s_N)$$

$$Z_N = \sum_{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} [E_1(s_1) + E_2(s_2) + \dots + E_N(s_N)]}$$

$$E_1(\uparrow) + E_2(\downarrow) + \dots$$

$$Z_N = \sum_{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_1(s_1)} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_2(s_2)} \dots e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_N(s_N)}$$

if particles are distinguishable
 (more on this in a moment)

$$Z_N = \sum_{s_1} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_1(s_1)} \sum_{s_2} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_2(s_2)} \dots \sum_{s_N} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_N(s_N)}$$

$$Z_N = Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 \cdots Z_N$$

$$Z_N = Z_1^N$$

Assumptions: oscillators are

- non interacting

(the state of each oscillator
is independent of the
other oscillators)

- distinguishable

(I can tell each
oscillator apart)

What do we mean by distinguishable?

Forget oscillators for a second,

think of 3 spin 1/2 electrons

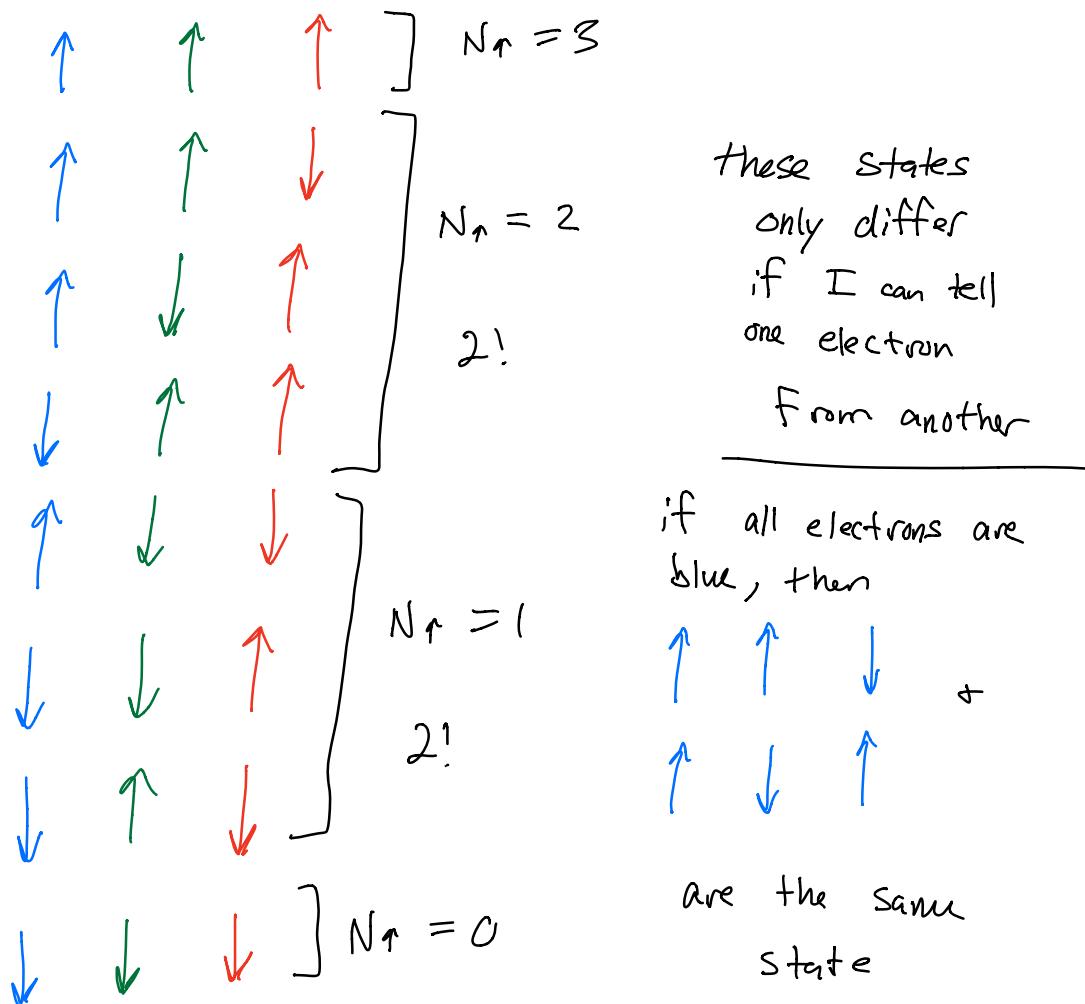
- How do I label their microstates?



1st e⁻ is blue

2nd is green

3rd is red



In this case, we
have overcounted

- We will deal with this overcounting in a
rigorous way next chapter

- Assume we're off by N!

- For now, $Z_N = \frac{1}{N!} Z^N$

Z_N for a system of N many
non-interacting particles

$$Z_N = Z_1^N \quad ; \quad \text{distinguishable}$$

$$Z_N = \frac{1}{N!} Z^N \quad ; \quad \text{indistinguishable}$$

Example : the 2 state paramagnet (N -many)

In general

$$Z_N = \sum_s e^{-U(s)/kT}$$

System states specified by $N\uparrow$

$$U(s) = U(N\uparrow) = \mu B(N - 2N\uparrow)$$

There are $\frac{N!}{N\uparrow!(N-N\uparrow)!}$ many states for each $N\uparrow$

$$Z_N = \sum_{N\uparrow=0}^N \frac{N!}{N\uparrow! (N-N\uparrow)!} e^{-\frac{\mu B(N-2N\uparrow)}{kT}}$$

?

Instead: $Z_N = Z_1^N$

$$Z_1 = \sum_{\mu=\pm 1} e^{-\frac{\mu B}{kT}} = e^{-\frac{\mu B}{kT}} + e^{\frac{\mu B}{kT}} = 2 \cosh\left(\frac{\mu B}{kT}\right)$$

so: $Z_N = \left(2 \cosh\left(\frac{\mu B}{kT}\right)\right)^N$

What is $\langle E \rangle$?



$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{Z_N} \sum_{\vec{s}} E(\vec{s}) e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E(\vec{s})}$$

Non-interacting:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle E \rangle &= \frac{1}{Z_N} \sum_{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N} \left(E_1(s_1) + E_2(s_2) + \dots + E_N(s_N) \right) e^{-\frac{1}{kT} (E_1(s_1) + E_2(s_2) + \dots + E_N(s_N))} \\
 &= \frac{1}{Z_N} \sum_{s_1, \dots, s_N} \left(E_1(s_1) + E_2(s_2) + \dots + E_N(s_N) \right) e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_1(s_1)} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_2(s_2)} \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{Z_N} \sum_{s_1, \dots, s_N} E_1(s_1) e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_1(s_1)} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_2(s_2)} \dots + E_2(s_2) e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_1(s_1)} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_2(s_2)} \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{Z_N} \left[\sum_{s_1} E_1(s_1) e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_1(s_1)} \sum_{s_2, \dots, s_N} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_2(s_2)} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_3(s_3)} \dots \right. \\
 &\quad + \sum_{s_2} E_2(s_2) e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_2(s_2)} \sum_{s_1, s_3, \dots, s_N} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_1(s_1)} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_3(s_3)} \dots \\
 &\quad + \dots \\
 &\quad + \sum_{s_N} E_N(s_N) e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_N(s_N)} \sum_{s_1, \dots, s_{N-1}} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_1(s_1)} e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_2(s_2)} \dots e^{-\frac{1}{kT} E_{N-1}(s_{N-1})} \left. \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z_N} \left[Z_1 \langle E_1 \rangle Z_{N-1} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z_N} N \langle E_1 \rangle Z_N$$

$$= N \langle E_1 \rangle$$

$$\langle E \rangle = U = N \langle E_1 \rangle$$

Ex: Two state paramagnet

$$\begin{aligned} Z_1 &= 2 \cosh(\beta \mu B) \\ \langle E_1 \rangle &= \frac{1}{2 \cosh(\beta \mu B)} \left[\mu B e^{-\beta \mu B} + (-\mu B) e^{\beta \mu B} \right] \\ &= \frac{\mu B}{2 \cosh(\beta \mu B)} (-2 \sinh(\beta \mu B)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle E_1 \rangle = -\mu B \tanh(\beta \mu B)$$

$$U = N \langle E_i \rangle = -\mu B N \tanh\left(\frac{\mu B}{kT}\right)$$

$$\langle \mu \rangle = \mu \frac{e^{\beta \mu B}}{z} + (-\mu) \frac{e^{-\beta \mu B}}{z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\mu}{z} \left(e^{\beta \mu B} - e^{-\beta \mu B} \right) \\ &= \frac{2 \mu \sinh(\beta \mu B)}{2 \cosh(\beta \mu B)} = \mu \tanh(\beta \mu B) \end{aligned}$$

$M = N \mu \tanh(\beta \mu B)$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\vec{s}} E(\vec{s}) e^{-\beta E(\vec{s})}$$

$$E(\vec{s}) e^{-\beta E(\vec{s})} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} e^{-\beta E(\vec{s})}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle E \rangle &= -\frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\vec{s}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} e^{-\beta E(\vec{s})} \\ &= -\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left(\sum_{\vec{s}} e^{-\beta E(\vec{s})} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta}\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\langle E \rangle = -\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln(Z)}$$

$$Z = 2 \cosh(\beta \mu B)$$

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} = 2 \mu B \sinh(\beta \mu B)$$

$$\langle E \rangle = -\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{1}{2 \cosh(\beta \mu B)} (2 \mu B \sinh(\beta \mu B))$$

$$\langle E \rangle = -\mu B \tanh(\beta \mu B) \quad \checkmark$$

N distinguishable oscillators

$$Z_1 = \frac{1}{2 \sinh(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega)}$$

$$Z_N = Z^N$$

$$-\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{1}{Z_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (Z_1^N) = -\frac{1}{Z_1^N} N Z_1^{N-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} Z_1$$

$$= -\frac{N}{Z_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} Z_1 = -\frac{N}{Z_1} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \sinh^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega\right)$$

$$= -\frac{N}{Z_1} \frac{1}{2} \left(-1 \sinh^{-2}\left(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega\right) \cosh\left(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega\right) \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \frac{N}{Z_1} \hbar \omega \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega\right)}{\sinh^2\left(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega\right)}$$

$$Z_1 = \frac{1}{2 \sinh(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} N \hbar \omega \frac{\cosh(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega)}{\sinh(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega)}$$

$$\coth\left(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega\right)$$

if $kT \gg \hbar \omega$, $\beta \hbar \omega \ll 1$

$$\coth\left(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega\right) \approx \frac{2}{\beta \hbar \omega}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} N \hbar \omega \frac{\cosh(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega)}{\sinh(\frac{1}{2} \beta \hbar \omega)} \approx \frac{N \hbar \omega}{2} \frac{2}{\beta \hbar \omega}$$

$$\approx N k T$$