

Stat mech II HW7

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1 Problem 7.6

For $T > T_c$ we will take $\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln z} \frac{\partial \ln z}{\partial T}$. We drop the argument z of the Bose integrals for compactness.

$$\frac{C_V}{Nk} = \frac{15}{4} \frac{g_{5/2}}{g_{3/2}} - \frac{9}{4} \frac{g_{3/2}}{g_{1/2}} \quad (1.1)$$

$$\frac{1}{Nk} \frac{\partial C_V}{\partial \ln z} = \frac{15}{4} \left(g_{3/2} \frac{1}{g_{3/2}} - g_{5/2} \frac{g_{1/2}}{g_{3/2}^2} \right) - \frac{9}{4} \left(g_{1/2} \frac{1}{g_{1/2}} - g_{3/2} \frac{g_{-1/2}}{g_{1/2}^2} \right) \quad (1.2)$$

$$\frac{1}{Nk} \frac{\partial C_V}{\partial \ln z} = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{15}{4} \frac{g_{5/2} g_{1/2}}{g_{3/2}^2} + \frac{9}{4} \frac{g_{3/2} g_{-1/2}}{g_{1/2}^2} \quad (1.3)$$

Using the relation $\frac{1}{z} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial T} \right) = \frac{\partial \ln z}{\partial T} = \frac{3}{2T} \frac{g_{3/2}}{g_{1/2}}$ we have:

$$\frac{1}{Nk} \left(\frac{\partial C_V}{\partial T} \right) = \frac{1}{T} \left(\frac{45}{8} \frac{g_{5/2}}{g_{3/2}} - \frac{9}{4} \frac{g_{3/2}}{g_{1/2}} - \frac{27}{8} \frac{g_{3/2}^2 g_{-1/2}}{g_{1/2}^3} \right) \quad (1.4)$$

For $T < T_c$ we use the relation:

$$\frac{C_V}{Nk} = \frac{15}{4} \zeta \left(\frac{5}{2} \right) \frac{v}{\lambda^3} \quad (1.5)$$

With $\frac{1}{\lambda} \propto T^{3/2}$ we can take the derivative with respect to T directly. Adding a factor of $\frac{1}{T}$ we can keep the expression in terms of λ :

$$\frac{C_V}{Nk} = \frac{45}{8} \zeta \left(\frac{5}{2} \right) \frac{v}{T \lambda^3} \quad (1.6)$$

We have thus proved the required results.

We now examine the discontinuity at $T = T_c$. We take the difference of our two expressions as $T \rightarrow T_c$ from above and below. Using D.9 to make the approximation $(g_v(z) = \zeta(z))$

2 Problem 7.10

We start from the expression for particle density in a Bose system, and the Hamiltonian for an ideal gas in a uniform gravitational field:

$$N = \sum_e \frac{1}{z^{-1}e^{\beta e} - 1} \quad (2.1)$$

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + mgz \quad (2.2)$$

To convert the sum to an integral we need to calculate the density of energy states $a(e) de$.

3 Problem 7.13

The number of particles with energy e in a Bose gas is:

$$\sum_e \frac{1}{z^{-1}e^{\beta e} - 1} \quad (3.1)$$

We convert this to an integral in the usual manner, except the gas is now confined to a 2D space. So the space integral evaluates to A rather than V , and we divide by h^2 for the per-particle area. Our 2D expression for the density of energy states is therefore:

$$a(e) de = \frac{2\pi mA}{h^2} e de \quad (3.2)$$

And our integral expression is:

$$\frac{N}{A} = \frac{2\pi m}{h^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{e de}{z^{-1}e^{\beta e} - 1} + \frac{1}{A} \frac{z}{1 - z} \quad (3.3)$$

Where we have removed the singularity at $e = 0$ from the integral. The term on the left is the number of excited particles N_e while the right hand term is the number of particles in the ground state N_0 . The solution to the integral is $g_1(z)$.

The critical temperature is defined by the number of particles that can be accomodated in the excited states in the limit as $z \rightarrow 1$, where $g_1(z) \rightarrow \zeta(1)$. Although $\zeta(1)$ is an undetermined form, the limits from the left and right are $\pm\infty$. This implies that the system can accomodate any number of paritcles in the excited states and shows that the system will not undergo Bose-Einstein condensation for any finite temperature.