

# Statistical Mechanics/Thermal Physics

## General Statistical Formulas

$$W_N(n) = \frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!} p^n q^{N-n} \quad W(n) = \frac{\bar{n}^n e^{-\bar{n}}}{n!}$$

$$W(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(n-\bar{n})^2/2\sigma^2} \quad \bar{n} = Np \quad \bar{s} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} sw(s)ds$$

$$\sigma^2 = Npq \quad \sigma^2 = \overline{(\Delta s)^2} = \overline{(s-\bar{s})^2} = \bar{s}^2 - \bar{s}^2 \quad \ln n! = n \ln n - n$$

## Velocity and Speed Distributions

$$h(v_i) = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\pi kT}} e^{-mv_i^2/2kT} \quad R(v) = 4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi kT}\right)^{3/2} v^2 e^{-mv^2/2kT}$$

$$\hat{f}(\vec{v}) = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi kT}\right)^{3/2} e^{-m\vec{v}^2/2kT} \quad \bar{v}_i = 0 \quad \overline{v_i^2} = \frac{kT}{m} \quad \bar{v} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$$

$$\overline{v^2} = \frac{3kT}{m} \quad \tilde{v} = \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m}} \quad \text{erf}(z) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-y^2} dy$$

## Flux and Effusion

$$\bar{p} = nkT \quad \bar{p}V = NkT \quad \Phi(\vec{v})d\vec{v} = nv_z h(v_x)h(v_y)h(v_z)dv_x dv_y dv_z = nv_z \hat{f}(\vec{v})d\vec{v} \quad \Phi_0 = \frac{1}{4}n\bar{v}$$

## Transport Processes

$$P(t) = e^{-wt} \quad w = n\sigma\bar{v} \quad \tau = \frac{1}{w} \quad \mathcal{P}(t)dt = e^{-t/\tau} \frac{dt}{\tau} \quad t = \frac{l^2}{6D}$$

$$t = \frac{R^2}{6D} \quad \eta = \frac{1}{3}n\bar{v}ml \quad \kappa = \frac{1}{3}n\bar{v}lc \quad D = \frac{1}{3}\bar{v}l \quad l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}n\sigma_0}$$

$$\sigma_0 \sim T^{-0.2} \quad Q_r = -\kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial r}$$

## Random Walk

$$\vec{R}_N = \sum_{n=1}^N \vec{r}_n \quad \langle \vec{R}_N \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^N \langle \vec{r}_n \rangle$$

$$\langle \vec{r}_n \rangle = \sum_i P_i \vec{r}_i \quad P = \text{probability for each type of step } i$$

$$\langle \vec{R}_N^2 \rangle = \langle \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{r}_i \cdot \sum_{j=1}^N \vec{r}_j \rangle = \sum_{i,j} \langle \vec{r}_i \cdot \vec{r}_j \rangle = \sum_{i=j} \langle \vec{r}_i^2 \rangle + 2 \sum_{i<j} \langle \vec{r}_i \cdot \vec{r}_j \rangle$$

## Thermodynamics

$$\Delta U = Q - W \quad dW = \bar{p}dV \quad S = k \ln \Omega(E) \quad \beta = \frac{\partial \ln \Omega}{\partial E} = \frac{1}{kT}$$

$$dS = \frac{dQ}{T} \quad (dQ)_v = C_v dT \quad (dQ)_p = C_p dT \quad \Delta S = \frac{Q}{T} \quad pV = \nu RT$$

$$c_v + R = c_p \quad C_v + \nu R = C_p \quad \gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v} \quad \Omega \propto \frac{V^N}{N!}$$

## Maxwell Relations

	$E$	$dE = TdS - pdV$
enthalpy	$H = E + pV$	$dH = TdS + Vdp$
Helmholtz	$A = E - TS$	$dA = -SdT - pdV$
Gibbs	$G = E - TS + pV$	$dG = -SdT + Vdp$

ex.  $E = E(S, V) \rightarrow dE = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial S}\right)_V dS + \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial V}\right)_S dV$

identify  $T = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial S}\right)_V$  and  $P = -\left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial V}\right)_S$

now  $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_S = -\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial S}\right)_S$

## Thermodynamic Relations

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial E}\right)_{N,V} = \frac{1}{T} \quad \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_{N,E} = \frac{P}{T} \quad \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial N}\right)_{V,E} = -\frac{\mu}{T}$$

$$P = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_{N,E} / \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial E}\right)_{N,V} = -\left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial V}\right)_{N,S}$$

$$\mu = -\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial N}\right)_{V,E} / \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial E}\right)_{N,V} = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial N}\right)_{V,S}$$

$$T = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial S}\right)_{N,V} \quad C_V = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_{N,V} = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T}\right)_{N,V}$$

$$C_P = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_{N,P} = \left(\frac{\partial(E+pV)}{\partial T}\right)_{N,P} = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T}\right)_{N,P}$$

## Heat Capacity

heat capacity	C	$Q = C\Delta T$
specific heat capacity	c'	$Q = mc'\Delta T$
molar heat capacity	c	$Q = \nu c\Delta T$

m = mass ν = number of moles  
 C: value for each system c, c': value for each substance  
 R: for number of moles k: for number of particles

## Ideal Gases

$$\Delta U = Q - W \quad W = \int pdV$$

Q=heat added to system W=work done on surroundings

$$pV = \nu RT \quad \Delta U = \nu c_v \Delta T \quad \gamma = c_p/c_v \quad c_p = c_v + R$$

monatomic gas:  $c_v = \frac{3}{2}R$  or  $c_v = \frac{3}{2}k$   $c_p = \frac{5}{2}R$  or  $c_p = \frac{5}{2}k$

$\gamma = 5/3$   $E = \frac{3}{2}\nu RT = \frac{3}{2}NkT$

diatomic gas:  $c_v = \frac{5}{2}R$  or  $c_v = \frac{5}{2}k$   $c_p = \frac{7}{2}R$  or  $c_p = \frac{7}{2}k$

$\gamma = 7/5$

polyatomic gas:  $\gamma = 4/3$

in general:  $E = f \left(N \frac{1}{2} kT\right) \quad C_v = \frac{f}{2} Nk \quad f = \text{degrees of freedom}$

isotherm	$dT = 0$	$W = \int \frac{nRT}{V} dV$	$Q = W$
isobar	$dp = 0$	$W = p\Delta V$	$Q = C_p \Delta T$
isochor	$dV = 0$	$W = 0$	$Q = C_v \Delta T$
adiabat		$W = -\Delta U$	$Q = 0$

adiabat:  $PV^\gamma = \text{const}, S = \text{const}$

$$dS = \frac{dQ}{T} \quad (dQ)_v = C_v dT \quad (dQ)_p = C_p dT$$

## Critical Points

$$P = \frac{RT}{v-b} - \frac{a}{v^2} \quad \text{critical point: } \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial v}\right)_T = 0 \quad \left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial v^2}\right)_T = 0$$

usually taking derivatives of  $P$  or free energy  $A$

## Statistical Basis of Thermodynamics

$$TdS = dE + PdV - \mu dN \Rightarrow S = S(N, V, E) \quad \Omega = \Omega(N, V, E)$$

$$\beta = \left(\frac{\partial \ln \Omega}{\partial E}\right)_{N, V, E} = \frac{1}{kT}$$

## Canonical Ensemble

$$Q_N = \sum_i g_i e^{-\beta E_i} \quad Q_N = \frac{1}{N!} [Q_1]^N \text{ if independent}$$

$g_i = \text{multiplicity of } i^{\text{th}} \text{ state}$   $\frac{1}{N!}$  if indistinguishable

$$\text{ensemble average: } \langle C \rangle = \frac{\sum_i C g_i e^{-\beta E_i}}{\sum_i g_i e^{-\beta E_i}}$$

$$A = -kT \ln Q_N \quad U = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Q_N = A + TS =$$

$$-T^2 \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left( \frac{A}{T} \right) \right]_{N, V} \quad S = -\left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial T}\right)_{N, V} \quad \mu = \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial N}\right)_{V, T}$$

$$P = -\left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial V}\right)_{N, T} \quad C = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T}\right)$$

## Going to the Continuum Limit

$$\sum_i \rightarrow \int \frac{d^d x d^d p}{(2\pi\hbar)^d} \rightarrow \int \frac{d^d x d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \quad d^3 p = 4\pi p^2 dp$$

$$\sum_i e^{-\beta E_i} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N!} \frac{1}{h^3 N} \int d^3 q_1 \dots \int d^3 q_N \int d^3 p_1 \dots \int d^3 p_N e^{-\beta H(q_1, \dots, q_N, p_1, \dots, p_N)}$$

$$\sum_i \rightarrow \int dE g(E)$$

## Density of States

$$\sum_i \rightarrow \int g(\epsilon) d\epsilon$$

for a gas with  $\epsilon \propto p^s$ , confined to a space of  $n$  dimensions

$$g(\epsilon) d\epsilon \sim p^{n-1} dp \sim \epsilon^{(n/s)-1} d\epsilon$$

## Magnetic Systems

$\bar{M} = \frac{1}{\beta Q_N} \frac{\partial}{\partial H} Q_N$  where  $H$  is the magnetic field

$$\bar{M}^2 = \frac{1}{\beta^2 Q_N} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial H^2} Q_N$$

$$\chi = \frac{\partial \bar{M}}{\partial H}$$

for 1D lattice,  $c=4$  for 2D cubic lattice, etc) so the new MFT Hamiltonian is:

$$H = - \sum_i s_i (cJ\bar{s} - \mu s_i)$$

Say that the spatial average  $\bar{s}$  equals the canonical ensemble average  $\langle s \rangle$ . Now an ensemble average of  $s$  can be taken to find a transcendental equation for  $\langle s \rangle$ . Expand to get critical exponents.

## Solid-Vapor Equilibrium

$\mu$  and  $T$  same for two phases:  $z_{solid} = z_{gas}$

$$\text{Clausius Clapeyron: } \frac{dp}{dT} = \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta V} = \frac{L_{12}}{T\Delta V}$$

## Grand Canonical Ensemble

$$\mathcal{Z}(z, V, T) = \sum_{N_r=0}^{\infty} z^{N_r} Q_{N_r}(V, T)$$

$$q = \ln \mathcal{Z}$$

$$P = \frac{kT}{V} q$$

$$N = z \frac{\partial q}{\partial z} \Big|_{V, T}$$

$$\mu = kT \ln z$$

$$U = - \frac{\partial q}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{z, V}$$

## Quantum Statistics

$$\mathcal{Z}(z, V, T) = \begin{cases} \prod_{\epsilon} \frac{1}{1 - z e^{-\beta \epsilon}} & \text{Bose - Einstein} \\ \prod_{\epsilon} (1 + z e^{-\beta \epsilon}) & \text{Fermi - Dirac} \end{cases}$$

fugacity:  $z = e^{\mu/kT}$

BE:  $a = -1$ , FD:  $a = 1$ , MB:  $a \rightarrow 0$

$$q = \ln \mathcal{Z} = \frac{PV}{kT} = \frac{1}{a} \sum_{\epsilon} \ln(1 + a z e^{-\beta \epsilon})$$

$$\bar{N} = z \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial z} \right)_{V, T} = \sum_{\epsilon} \frac{1}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon} + a}$$

$$U = \bar{E} = \sum_{\epsilon} \frac{\epsilon}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon} + a} = - \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial \beta} \right)_{z, V} = kT^2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left( \frac{PV}{kT} \right) \right)_{z, V}$$

$$\langle n_{\epsilon} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \left[ - \frac{1}{\beta} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \epsilon} \right)_{z, T, \text{other } \epsilon} \right] = - \frac{1}{\beta} \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial \epsilon} \right) = \frac{1}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon} + a}$$

## Ideal Bose Gas

$$\frac{PV}{kT} = \ln \mathcal{Z} = - \sum_{\epsilon} \ln(1 - z e^{-\beta \epsilon})$$

$$\bar{N} = \sum_{\epsilon} \langle n_{\epsilon} \rangle = \sum_{\epsilon} \frac{1}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon} - 1} \rightarrow \frac{4\pi V}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{p^2 dp}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon} - 1} + N_0$$

$$g_{\nu}(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{\nu-1} dx}{z^{-1} e^x - 1} = z + \frac{z^2}{2^{\nu}} + \frac{z^3}{3^{\nu}} + \dots$$

$$z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} g_{\nu}(z) = g_{\nu-1}(z) \quad \text{at } T = T_c, z \rightarrow 1 \text{ so } g_{\nu}(z) \rightarrow \xi(\nu)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2\pi m k T}}$$

## Ideal Fermi Gas

$$\frac{PV}{kT} = \ln \mathcal{Z} = \sum_{\epsilon} \ln(1 + z e^{-\beta \epsilon})$$

$$\bar{N} = \sum_{\epsilon} \langle n_{\epsilon} \rangle = \sum_{\epsilon} \frac{1}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon} + 1} \rightarrow \frac{4\pi V}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{p^2 dp}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon} + 1}$$

$$f_{\nu}(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{\nu-1} dx}{z^{-1} e^x + 1} = z - \frac{z^2}{2^{\nu}} + \frac{z^3}{3^{\nu}} - \dots$$

$$z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} f_{\nu}(z) = f_{\nu-1}(z) \quad \text{at } T \rightarrow 0, \mu_0 \rightarrow \epsilon_f$$

$$\text{as } T \rightarrow 0 \quad \langle n_{\epsilon} \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{(\epsilon - \mu)/kT} + 1} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \epsilon < \mu_0 = \epsilon_f \\ 0 & \text{for } \epsilon > \mu_0 = \epsilon_f \end{cases}$$

$$\int_0^{\epsilon_f} g(\epsilon) d\epsilon = N \quad p_f = \left( \frac{3N}{4\pi g V} \right)^{1/3} h$$

## Critical Exponents

	<i>VDW</i>	<i>Critical Exponent</i>	<i>Relation</i>
<i>order parameter</i>	$\Delta V = V_g - V_l$	$\beta = 1/2$	$\Delta V \sim  T_c - T ^{\beta}$
<i>conjugate quantity</i>	$P$	$\delta = 3$	$\Delta V^{\delta} = P$
<i>response function</i>	$\kappa_T$	$\gamma = 1$	$\kappa_T = -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial \beta} \right)_T \sim  t ^{-\gamma}$
<i>heat capacity</i>	$C$	$\alpha = 0$	$C \sim  t ^{\alpha}$
<i>correlation length</i>	$\xi$	$\nu = 1/2$	$\xi \sim  t ^{-\nu}$

$$t = \frac{T - T_c}{T_c}$$

MFT predicts the same critical exponents for any system

## Ising Model/Mean Field Theory

consider the following Hamiltonian:

$$H = -J \sum_{i < j} s_i s_j - \mu \sum_i s_i^2$$

MFT says turn the interaction term sum to one over nearest neighbors:

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i, j \rangle} s_i s_j - \mu \sum_i s_i^2 \rightarrow H = \sum_i s_i \left[ -J \sum_{j, n, n} s_j - \mu s_i \right]$$

Now replace  $s_j$  with the spatial average  $\bar{s}$  and make  $\sum_{j, n, n} \rightarrow c$

where  $c$  is the coordination number or number of neighbors ( $c=2$