

## Section A

1.

$$dG = \mu_1 dN_1 + \mu_2 dN_2 = 0$$

and

$$dN_1 + dN_2 = 0$$

we have that  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ .

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} d\mu_1(T, P) &= d\mu_2(T, P) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_1} \left( \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial T} dT + \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial P} dP \right) &= \frac{1}{N_2} \left( \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial T} dT + \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial P} dP \right) \\ \Rightarrow (s_2 - s_1) dT &= (v_2 - v_1) dP \quad s_i = \frac{S_i}{N_i}; v_i = \frac{V_i}{N_i} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\left. \frac{dP}{dT} \right|_{\gamma} = \frac{s_1 - s_2}{v_1 - v_2}$$

With

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{U + PV}{N} \right) - \frac{\mu}{T} \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \frac{H}{N} - \frac{\mu}{T} \\ \Rightarrow s_1 - s_2 &= \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{H_1}{N_1} - \frac{H_2}{N_2} - \mu_1 + \mu_2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \mathcal{L} \quad \text{since } \mu_1 = \mu_2. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\left. \frac{dP}{dT} \right|_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{\mathcal{L}}{v_1 - v_2}$$

as required.

For this equation to be meaningful we require a volume change, a signal for a first order phase transition.

2.

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\Omega} &= \sum_N \frac{1}{N!} \left( \frac{zV}{\lambda^3} \right)^N \\ &= \exp \left( \frac{Vz}{\lambda^3} \right) \\ \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z_{\Omega} &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \left( \frac{V e^{\beta \mu}}{\lambda^3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

And

$$-\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu} = N = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{V}{\lambda^3} \beta e^{\beta \mu}$$

yields,

$$\mu = \frac{1}{\beta} \ln \left( \frac{N\lambda^3}{V} \right)$$

3.

$$F(T, M, B) = F_0(T) + \int d^3x \left\{ a(T) \vec{M}(x) \cdot \vec{M}(x) + b(T) \left( \vec{M}(x) \cdot \vec{M}(x) \right)^2 + \dots \right. \\ \left. + c(T) \sum_{ij} (\nabla_j M_i(x) \cdot \nabla_j M_i(x) + \dots) - \vec{B} \cdot \vec{M}(x) \right\}$$

Equilibrium implies  $\frac{dF}{dM} = 0$  and  $\vec{x}$ -independence implies  $\nabla() = 0$ . Then, considering the  $z$ -direction only

$$2a(t)M_z(x) + 4b(T)M_z^3(x) = B_z(x)$$

Need a solution with  $B_z = 0$  and  $M_z \neq 0$  and  $T < T_c$ .

$$M_z = 0 \\ M_z = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-a(t)}{2b(T)}}$$

4. Consider 2 ideal gases,  $A$  and  $B$  with  $V_A, N_A, T$  and  $V_B, N_B, T$  respectively. Compare gases before and after mixing with  $S = S_A + S_B$  and  $S_{A+B}$ .

Write entropy,  $S(U(V, T), V, N)$ . Then  $\frac{dS}{dV}|_T = \frac{P}{T} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{NRT}{V} = \frac{NR}{V}$  and

$$S(T, V) = NR \ln V + S_0(T)$$

**Before mixing**

$$S = S_A + S_B = N_A R \ln V_A + N_B R \ln V_B + S_0(T)$$

and  $S_0(T)$  is an irrelevant constant that can be set to zero.

**After mixing**

$$S_{A+B} = (N_A + N_B) R \ln V_A + V_B \\ = (N_A + N_B) R \ln V$$

Then subtracting the entropies we have the change in entropy after mixing

$$S_{A+B} - (S_A + S_B) = N_A R \ln \frac{V}{V_A} + N_B R \ln \frac{V}{V_B} > 0$$

but if gas  $A$  and gas  $B$  are the same then removing the partition should result in zero change in entropy.

$\Rightarrow$  PARADOX

5. For a Bose-Einstein (BE) system

$$N = A \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \sqrt{\epsilon} n(\epsilon) \quad n(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} - 1}$$

If  $\mu > 0$  then  $n(0) < 0$  which is not physically meaningful. Therefore BE  $\Rightarrow \mu < 0$  and  $\Rightarrow z = e^{\beta\mu} \leq 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < n(\epsilon) &= \frac{z}{e^{\beta\epsilon} - z} \\ \Rightarrow z &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and putting this together  $0 \leq z \leq 1$  as required.

6. The expectation value of  $f$  is written  $\bar{f} = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_N f(N) \rho_N$ . Decompose the system into  $R$  large subsystems ( $R$  is also large). Then write  $\bar{f}_a$  is the expectation value of  $f$  in  $a$ , with  $a = 1, 2, \dots, R$ .

$$\Rightarrow \bar{f} = \overline{\sum_{a=1}^R f_a} = \sum_{a=1}^R \bar{f}_a \sim R * \bar{f}_{a^*}$$

where  $\bar{f}_{a^*}$  is a typical value of  $\bar{f}_a$ . Fluctuations of the system are  $\Delta f \equiv f - \bar{f}$ . Then

$$(\overline{\Delta f})^2 = \overline{(\sum_{a=1}^R \Delta f_a)^2} = \sum_{a=1}^R \overline{(\Delta f_a)^2} + \sum_{a \neq b} \Delta f_a \Delta f_b$$

and the last term is zero by statistical independence. So,

$$(\overline{\Delta f})^2 = R(\overline{\Delta f_a})^2$$

Then, the RMS fluctuation

$$\frac{\sqrt{(\overline{\Delta f_a})^2}}{\bar{f}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}} \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

If  $f = E$  then  $\bar{E} = U$  and

$$\frac{\sqrt{(\overline{E - U})^2}}{U} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}} \rightarrow 0$$

As  $N \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$  the canonical and microcanonical ensembles are equivalent.

## Section B

1.

$$\begin{aligned} Z_\Omega &= \sum_N \sum_{E_N} e^{-\beta(E_N - \mu)} \\ &= \sum_N z^N Z_N \\ &= \sum_N \frac{z^N}{N!} V^N \lambda^{-3N} \\ &= e^{\frac{Vz}{\lambda^3}} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\Omega = -PV = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z_\Omega = -\frac{1}{\beta} \left( \frac{Vz}{\lambda^3} \right)$$

For the reaction  $2H_2 + O_2 \leftrightarrow 2H_2O$ , need  $\mu$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \left( \frac{V e^{\beta\mu}}{\lambda^3} \right) \\ -\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu} &= \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{V}{\lambda^3} \beta e^{\beta\mu} \\ &= N \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{\beta} \ln \frac{N \lambda^3}{V}.$$

For chemical equilibrium,  $dG = \sum \mu_i dN_i = 0$ . Consider the reaction represented by  $\sum \nu_i A_i$  and with  $\sum \nu_j \mu_j = 0$ . Treating the constituents in the perfect gas model

$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{\beta} \ln \frac{N_j \lambda_j^3}{V}$$

with  $P_j V = N_j kT$  and  $P = \sum_j P_j = NkT$  so that

$$\mu_j = kT \ln c_j P + f_j(k, T) \quad ; \quad \text{with } c_j = N_j/N \quad \text{and } f_j = kT \ln \frac{\lambda_j^3}{kT}$$

Therefore

$$\prod c_j^{\nu_j} = P^{-\sum \nu_j} e^{-\sum \nu_j f_j / kT}$$

Substitute  $\nu_1 = 2, \nu_2 = 1, \nu_3 = -2$  and  $N_1 = 2, N_2 = 1, N_3 = 2$  and simplify to get

$$\frac{1}{V} = \frac{m_1}{m_3} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi m_2 kT}}{h}$$

2. Recall from the notes,

$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{n,\mu} \sigma_n \sigma_{n+\mu} - h \sum_n \sigma_n$$

and in  $D$  dimensions there are  $q = 2D$  nearest neighbours. In mean field theory

$$\sigma_n \sigma_{n'} = -M^2 + M(\sigma_n + \sigma_{n'}) + \partial \sigma_n \partial \sigma_{n'}$$

and the last term is neglected. The doing the sum,  $\sum_{n,\mu}$

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{1}{2} q J N M^2 - (q J M + h) \sum_n \sigma_n \\ Z &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} \beta q J N M^2} \sum_{\{\sigma\}} e^{\beta (q J M + h) \sum_n \sigma_n} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} \beta q J N M^2} [2 \cosh \beta (q J M + h)]^N \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A = F/N &= -kT \ln Z \\ &= -kT \ln 2 \cosh \beta(qJM + h) + \frac{1}{2}qJM^2 \end{aligned}$$

and  $\partial A/\partial M = 0 \Rightarrow M = \tanh \beta(qJM + h)$ . This equation can be solved (eg. graphically) for  $h = 0$  and  $M \neq 0$  and you find a stable solution for  $\beta qJM = M \Rightarrow \beta qJ = 1$ , which gives

$$T_c = qJ/k$$

In mean field theory,  $F$  can be expanded in powers of  $M$ . Then,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial M}|_{B=0} = 0$  at equilibrium which can be solved for  $M$  and hence  $\chi \dots$  see notes for details.

Note that the susceptibility diverges at the critical point ie at  $T = T_c$ .

3. Given  $U(T, V) = V \int_0^\infty d\omega u(\omega, T)$ , find  $u(\omega, T)$ . In the notes this corresponds to

$$dE_\omega = \frac{V\hbar}{\pi^2 c^3} \frac{\omega^3 d\omega}{e^{\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}} - 1}$$

(see lecture notes for this derivation).

To find  $S/V$  recall  $\mu = 0 \Rightarrow F = \Omega$  and  $\Omega = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z_\Omega$ . We know that  $Z = (1 - e^{-\beta\epsilon})$  for 1 state so

$$F = kT \ln (1 - e^{-\beta\epsilon}) \quad \text{for 1 quantum state}$$

and the number of quantum states of photons with frequency in range  $\omega \rightarrow \omega d\omega = \frac{V\omega^2 d\omega}{\pi^2 c^3}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} F_{total} &= \int_0^\infty kT \frac{V\omega^2 d\omega}{\pi^2 c^3} \ln (1 - e^{-\beta\epsilon}) \\ &= \frac{kTV}{\pi^2 c^3} \int_0^\infty \omega^2 \ln (1 - e^{-\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}}) d\omega \end{aligned}$$

Writing  $x = \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}$  and integrating by parts

$$\begin{aligned} F_{total} &= \frac{kTV}{\pi^2 c^3} \frac{(kT)^3}{\hbar^3} \int_0^\infty x^2 \ln (1 - e^{-x}) dx \\ &= \frac{(kT)^4 V}{\pi^2 c^3 \hbar^3} \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^3}{e^x - 1} dx \right\} + C \\ &= -\frac{V(kT)^4}{3\pi^2 c^3 \hbar^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^3}{e^x - 1} dx \\ &= -\frac{V\pi^2 (kT)^4}{45(\hbar c)^3} \\ &= -\frac{4\sigma}{3c} VT^4 \end{aligned}$$

where the constant term (independent of  $T$ ) is ignored. Then

$$S = \frac{\partial F}{\partial T} = \frac{16\sigma}{3c} VT^3$$

and  $S/V = \frac{16\sigma}{3c} T^3$ . Note above that in the integration by parts:

$$dv = x^2 dx \quad \text{and} \quad u = \ln(1 - e^{-x})$$

4. Calculate  $P(N/V)$  as  $T \rightarrow 0$  and  $c_V$  as  $T \rightarrow 0$ . Have that

$$n(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon-1)} + 1} \begin{cases} 1 & \epsilon < \mu \\ \mu, \epsilon > \mu \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Then,

$$N \rightarrow A \int_0^\mu \epsilon^{1/2} d\epsilon = \frac{2}{3} A \mu^{3/2}$$

and

$$\Omega \rightarrow -\frac{2}{3} A \int_0^\infty \epsilon^{3/2} d\epsilon = -\frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{2}{5} \mu^{5/2} \right)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega = -PV &= -\frac{4}{15} \left( \frac{3N}{A} \right)^{5/3} \\ PV &= \frac{4}{15} \left( \frac{3}{A} \right)^{5/3} \left( \frac{N}{V^{3/5}} \right)^{5/3} \end{aligned}$$

For  $c_V$ , recall  $S = -\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial T}$  and  $c_V = T \frac{\partial S}{\partial T}$ . Use

$$I = \int_0^\infty \frac{f(\epsilon) d\epsilon}{e^{\beta(\epsilon-\mu)} + 1} \sim \int_0^\mu d\epsilon f(\epsilon) + 2(kT)^2 f'(\mu) \int_0^\infty \frac{x}{e^x + 1} dx + \dots$$

and  $\int_0^\infty \frac{x}{e^x + 1} dx = \pi^2/12$  to re-write  $\Omega$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= -\frac{2}{3} A \left[ \int_0^\mu \epsilon^{3/2} d\epsilon + 2(kt)^2 \left( \frac{d}{d\mu} \mu^{3/2} \right) \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \dots \right] \\ &= -\frac{4}{15} A \mu^{5/2} + \frac{\pi^2}{4} (kT)^2 \mu^{1/2} \left( -\frac{2}{3} A \right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

and also  $\mu = \mu_0 + (kT)^2 \mu_1 + \mathcal{O}(kT)^2$  with  $\mu_0 = \left( \frac{3N}{2A} \right)^{2/3}$  and  $\mu_1 = -\frac{\pi^2}{12} \frac{1}{\mu_0}$ .

Then

$$\Omega = -\frac{4}{15} A \mu_0^{5/2} - \frac{\pi}{9} (kT)^2 A \mu_0^{1/2} + \dots$$

and

$$S = -\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial T} = \frac{2\pi^2}{9} k^2 T A \mu_0^{1/2} + \dots$$

and

$$c_V = T \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial T} = T \left( \frac{2\pi^2}{9} k^2 A \mu_0^{1/2} \right) = aT$$

and  $c_V \rightarrow 0$  like  $T \rightarrow 0$ .