

I think this Problem can be expressed in this way :

Do the partition function always converge? What should we do if not?

$$\Xi = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \prod_{\text{states}} \text{Exp}[-\alpha N - \beta E]$$

Note : When N is 0, the system has only one possible state, and E should be 0 in the state. Thus Ξ should be 1.

$$\Xi = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} z^N Q_N(V, T)$$

$$Q_N(V, T) = \sum_{\text{states}} \text{Exp}[-\beta E]$$

When we are discussing the classical solid,

$$Q_N(V, T) = Q_1(V, T)^N \equiv \phi(T)^N$$

$$\text{Thus, } \Xi = \frac{1}{1 - z\phi(T)}, \text{ when } |z\phi(T)| < 1$$

First discuss for harmonic oscillators

$$\phi[T] = (2 \text{ Sinh}[(h(w)) / (2(k) T)])^{-3}$$

$$z[T] = \text{Exp}[\mu / ((k) T)]$$

$$\text{Plot}[(2 \text{ Sinh}[1/x])^{-3}, \{x, 0, 100\}]$$

$$\text{Plot}[\text{Exp}[1/x], \{x, 0, 100\}]$$

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Plot[Exp[-1 / x] (1 - Exp[-1 / x]), {x, 10, 100}]
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Summary

1. $T \rightarrow 0, T > 0$

$\mu > 3 / 2 h(\text{bar}) \omega, = > z\phi > 1$

$\mu < 3 / 2 h(\text{bar}) \omega, = > z\phi < 1$

μ can be less than 0

2. $T \rightarrow +\infty$

$z\phi \rightarrow \infty$

3. $T \rightarrow 0, T < 0$

$\mu > 3 / 2 h(\text{bar}) \omega, = > |z\phi| < 1$

$\mu < 3 / 2 h(\text{bar}) \omega, = > |z\phi| > 1$

4. $T \rightarrow -\infty$

$|z\phi| \rightarrow \infty$

e.g.

I checked the chemical potentials in www.job-stiftung.de. I found that generally speaking, chemical potentials are in the range $-10\,000 \sim 10\,000$ (kJ / mol), (even $-10\,000 \sim 1000$ (kJ / mol)). That is to say, chemical potential per particle is $(-1.7 \cdot 10^{-17}, 1.7 \cdot 10^{-17})$ (kJ / mol) low temperature :

$(h(\text{bar}) \omega) / (kT)$ is just about at the range of 0 to 1

in Debye 's model, $\omega_D < 2\pi \cdot 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$

$k = 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23}$ blablaba

$h((\text{bar}) \sim 10)^{-34}$

positive μ , generally $|z\phi| \ll 1$

negative μ , always $|z\phi| \gg 1$

One thing we should pay attention to is that,

all same harmonics model is only valid at relatively high temperature (not so high as we expect) when the oscillations are almost the same.

In a non - harmonic system,

it can be inferred that the similar property at the limits in our discussion.

However, what we are really interested is How to

calculate the thermal properties of of such a system when $|z\phi| > 1$