

1 May 2006, Thermodynamics, Problem 2

1.1 (a)

$$Z_1 = \int e^{-(p_x^2+p_y^2+p_z^2)/2MT} e^{-p_\theta^2/2IT} e^{-p_\phi^2/2I\sin^2\theta T} e^{\mu E \cos\theta/T} \frac{d\phi d\theta dp_x dp_y dp_z dx dy dz dp_\theta dp_\phi}{(2\pi)^5}$$

$$Z_1 = (MT)^{3/2} (IT) \int_0^\pi \sin\theta e^{\mu E \cos\theta/T} \frac{V d\theta}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} = \left(\frac{MT}{2\pi}\right)^{3/2} ITV \frac{T}{\mu E} \int_{-\mu E/T}^{\mu E/T} e^x dx$$

$$Z_1 = \left(\frac{MT}{2\pi}\right)^{3/2} \frac{2IT^2V}{\mu E} \sinh(\mu E/T)$$

$$Z = \frac{Z_1^N}{N!}$$

$$F_N = -T \ln Z = -T(N \ln Z_1 - N \ln N + N) = Nk_B T \left[\ln N - 1 - \ln \left(\left(\frac{MT}{2\pi}\right)^{3/2} \frac{2IT^2V}{\mu E} \sinh(\mu E/T) \right) \right] \quad (1)$$

1.2 (b)

The dipole moment per unit volume is going to be the average dipole moment of each particle, times the particle density. So one way to compute the polarization is:

$$\langle \cos\theta \rangle = \int e^{-(p_x^2+p_y^2+p_z^2)/2MT} e^{-p_\theta^2/2IT} e^{-p_\phi^2/2I\sin^2\theta T} e^{\mu E \cos\theta/T} \frac{\cos\theta d\phi d\theta dp_x dp_y dp_z dx dy dz dp_\theta dp_\phi}{Z_1 (2\pi)^5} =$$

$$= \frac{T}{\mu Z_1} \frac{\partial Z_1}{\partial E} = \frac{T}{\mu} \frac{\partial \ln Z_1}{\partial E} = \frac{T}{\mu} \left[\frac{\mu \cosh(\mu E/T)}{T \sinh(\mu E/T)} - \frac{1}{E} \right] = \coth(\mu E/T) - \frac{T}{\mu E}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_N = \frac{N}{V} \langle \boldsymbol{\mu} \rangle = \frac{N}{V} \mu \langle \cos\theta \rangle \hat{z} = \frac{N\mu\hat{z}}{V} \left[\coth(\mu E/T) - \frac{T}{\mu E} \right] \quad (2)$$

$$\coth x = \frac{\cosh x}{\sinh x} \approx \frac{1+x^2/2}{x} \quad x \ll 1$$

$$\mathbf{P}_N = \frac{N\mu\hat{z}}{V} \left(\frac{\mu E}{2T} \right) \quad \frac{\mu E}{T} \ll 1 \quad (3)$$

$$(\epsilon - 1)E = 4\pi P$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{4\pi P}{E} + 1 = 1 + \frac{4\pi N\mu}{E V} \left[\coth(\mu E/T) - \frac{T}{\mu E} \right] \quad (4)$$

$$\epsilon = 1 + \frac{2\pi N\mu^2}{VT} \frac{\mu E}{T} \ll 1 \quad (5)$$