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FUN FACTS TO KNOW AND TELL

$$\int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^{n-1}}{e^x - 1} = \Gamma(n)\zeta(n), \quad \int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^{n-1}}{e^x + 1} = \Gamma(n)\zeta(n) \left[1 - (1/2)^{n-1}\right],$$
$$\zeta(n) \equiv \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-n}, \quad \Gamma(n) \equiv (n-1)!,$$
$$\zeta(3/2) = 2.612375\dots, \quad \zeta(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}, \quad \zeta(3) = 1.20205\dots, \quad \zeta(4) = \frac{\pi^4}{90},$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-x^2/2} = \sqrt{2\pi}, \quad \int_0^\infty dx x^n e^{-x} = n!$$

LONG ANSWER SECTION

1. (10 pts) Given

$$TdS = dE + PdV - \mu dN,$$

show that

$$T \left. \frac{\partial N}{\partial T} \right|_{V, \mu/T} = \left. \frac{\partial E}{\partial \mu} \right|_{T, V}.$$

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Extra work space for #1

2. Consider a one-dimensional system of fixed number  $N$  in a fixed length  $L \rightarrow \infty$ , with the partition function given by:

$$Z = \text{Tr} \exp \{-\beta H\}, \quad H = \int h(x) dx,$$

where  $h(x)$  is the Hamiltonian density operator. After great effort, the correlation function is calculated,

$$\Gamma(x - x') = \langle (h(x) - \epsilon)(h(x') - \epsilon) \rangle = \Gamma_0 e^{-|x-x'|/\lambda},$$

where  $\langle A \rangle$  denotes a thermal average,  $\langle A \rangle = \text{Tr} A e^{-\beta H} / \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H}$ , and  $\epsilon = \langle h(x) \rangle$  is the average energy density.

- (a) (5 pts) Calculate the fluctuation of the total energy,

$$\sigma_E^2 = \langle (H - E)^2 \rangle, \quad E = \epsilon L,$$

in terms of  $\Gamma_0, T, N, \lambda$  and  $L$ .

- (b) (10 pts) In terms of the same variables, what is the specific heat,

$$C = \frac{dE}{dT}.$$

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Extra work space for #2

3. (15 pts) You have discovered a new species of spin-zero bosons called weirdons which you can confine to a one-dimensional motion. Weirdons interact very weakly with one another and are unusual because of their dispersion relation,

$$\epsilon_p = A\sqrt{p}.$$

(A normal dispersion relation would be  $\epsilon_p = p^2/2m$ ).

You have a gas of weirdons with density (number per unit length)  $\rho$ . To what temperature must you cool the weirdons to get Bose condensation?

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Extra work space for #3

SHORT ANSWER SECTION

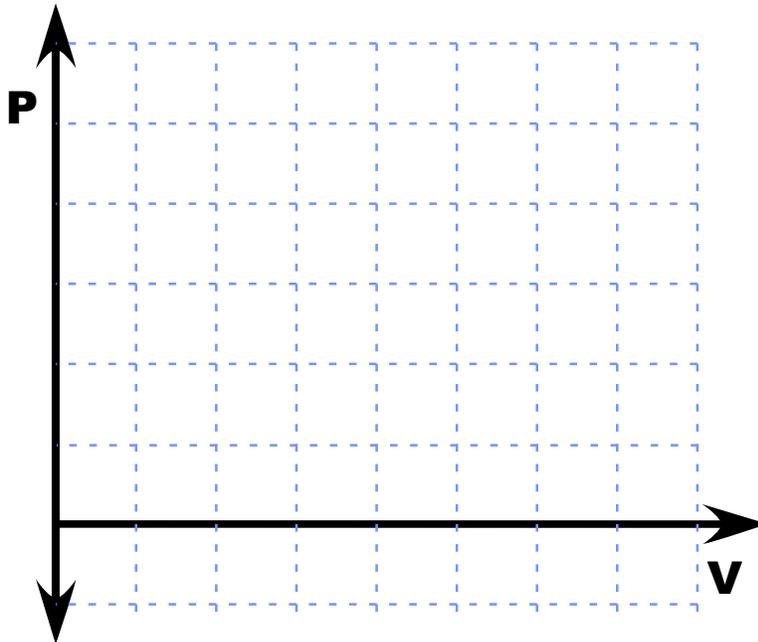
4. (2 pts each) Two non-interacting electrons occupy two single-particle energy levels  $\epsilon$  and  $-\epsilon$ .
- (a) What is the average energy when  $T = 0$ ? \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) What is the entropy when  $T = 0$ ? \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) What is the average energy when  $T \gg \epsilon$ ? \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) What is the entropy when  $T \gg \epsilon$ ? \_\_\_\_\_
5. (2 pts each, 8 pts total) You are performing a calculation to determine the thermodynamically optimum concentration  $x$  of some chemical species. For each question circle either **maximize** or **minimize**, and one of the quantities  $S, F, P, G$ , where  $S$  is the entropy,  $F = E - TS$  is the Helmholtz free energy,  $P$  is the pressure and  $G = \mu N$  is the Gibb's free energy.
- (a) If the system is kept at fixed temperature, pressure and particle number (the volume can adjust to match the desired pressure), you should (**maximize/minimize**) the quantity ( $S, F, P, G$ ).
- (b) If the system is kept at fixed volume, temperature and chemical potential (there is a particle bath and a heat bath), you should (**maximize/minimize**) the quantity ( $S, F, P, G$ ).
- (c) If the system has fixed particle number, volume and temperature (heat bath only), you should (**maximize/minimize**) the quantity ( $S, F, P, G$ ).
- (d) If the system is isolated at fixed energy, particle number and volume, you should (**maximize/minimize**) the quantity ( $S, F, P, G$ ).
6. (3 pts each) Consider a one-dimensional array of  $N$  coupled oscillators lined up along the  $z$  direction. The oscillators are allowed to move only in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions. Transverse waves move with velocity  $c_s$ . Let  $C/N$  refer to the specific heat per oscillator.
- (a) As  $T \rightarrow 0$ , the specific heat from phonons behaves as  $C \sim T^n$ . What is  $n$ ? \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) What is  $C/N$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ? \_\_\_\_\_

7. (2 pts each) Consider a one-dimensional Ising model at temperature  $T > 0$ . Label each of the following as true or false.

- (a) In the exact solution there is no phase transition. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) In the mean-field solution there is no phase transition. \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) In the mean-field solution, the critical exponents are the same as they would be for a two-dimensional model. \_\_\_\_\_

8. (2 pts each) Graph several isotherms on a  $P$  vs.  $V$  graph illustrating the characteristics of a liquid gas phase transition. The graph should include:

- (a) An isotherm with  $T > T_c$ .
- (b) An isotherm with  $T = T_c$ .
- (c) An isotherm with  $T < T_c$ .
- (d) Label the critical point.
- (e) For the isotherm with  $T < T_c$ , label the coexistence points.



9. (3 pts) Two phase transitions will be of the same universality class if they have: (circle one)

- The same order parameters
- The same critical exponents
- The same Goldstone bosons
- The same dimensionality

10. (6pts) Consider a **three-dimensional** Ising model, where each spin can have  $\sigma = \pm 1$ , and nearest neighbor spins experience an attractive interaction,  $H_{nn} = -J \sum_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j$ . Each spin also experiences an interaction with an external field,  $H_B = -\mu B \sum_i \sigma_i$ . Plot  $\langle \sigma \rangle$  as a function of the magnetic field  $B$  (qualitatively) for isotherms with:

(a)  $T = T_c/2$

(b)  $T = 2T_c$

