

3.31 A fermi oscillator has the very simple energy eigenvalues $\epsilon_n = n \cdot \epsilon$ ($n=0,1$)

$$Q(\beta) = \sum_{n=0}^1 e^{-\beta n \epsilon} = 1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon} \Rightarrow Q_N(\beta) = [Q(\beta)]^N = (1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})^N$$

Now that we have the partition function, I'll calculate the thermodynamics of the system of N oscillators:

$$\rightarrow A = -kT \ln(Q_N(\beta)) = -kTN \ln(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}) \Rightarrow \boxed{A = -kTN \ln(1 + e^{-\epsilon/kT})}$$

$$\rightarrow \mu = \frac{A}{N} \Rightarrow \boxed{\mu = -kT \ln(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})}$$

\rightarrow also, $\boxed{P=0}$ b/c the oscillators can't explore the volume they occupy.

$$\rightarrow S = -\left. \frac{\partial A}{\partial T} \right|_N = kN \ln(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}) + \frac{kTN}{1 + e^{-\epsilon/kT}} \cdot \frac{\epsilon e^{-\epsilon/kT}}{kT^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{S = Nk \ln(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}) + \frac{N\epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{T(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})}}$$

$$\rightarrow U = A + TS = -kTN \ln(1 + e^{-\epsilon/kT}) + TNk \ln(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}) + \frac{N\epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{U = \frac{N\epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}}}$$

Usually, for oscillators, the # of energy quanta available for distribution among N oscillators is $R = \frac{E - \frac{1}{2}N\hbar\omega}{\hbar\omega}$ where E is the total energy. In this case the

zero-point energy $\frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega \rightarrow 0$, and the energy quanta $\hbar\omega \rightarrow \epsilon$. $\therefore \boxed{R = \frac{E}{\epsilon}}$

The multiplicity of states, then, reduces to the # of ways to distribute R quanta into N boxes, where we allow no more than 1 quanta per box.

$$\boxed{\Omega = \frac{N!}{R!(N-R)!}}$$

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We can use Ω to calculate the thermodynamics as well.

$$S = k \ln \Omega = k \ln N! - k \ln R! - k \ln (N-R)!$$

where $N \gg R \gg 1$, we use Stirling's approx: $S \approx kN \ln N - kR \ln R - k(N-R) \ln(N-R)$

$$S \approx kN \ln \left[\frac{N}{N-R} \right] + kR \ln \left[\frac{N-R}{R} \right] \Rightarrow \boxed{S \approx kN \ln \left[\frac{N\epsilon}{N\epsilon - E} \right] + \frac{kE}{\epsilon} \ln \left[\frac{N\epsilon - E}{\epsilon} \right]}$$

$$T = \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right|_N \Rightarrow \boxed{T = \frac{\epsilon}{k \ln \left(\frac{N\epsilon}{\epsilon} - 1 \right)}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{mathematica} \\ \text{for derivative} \end{array} \Rightarrow \beta \epsilon = \ln \left(\frac{N\epsilon}{\epsilon} - 1 \right) \Rightarrow e^{\beta \epsilon} = \frac{N\epsilon}{\epsilon} - 1$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{E}{N} = \frac{\epsilon}{1 + e^{\beta \epsilon}}}$$

\rightarrow classical limit is where $T \gg 1$.

Then $\frac{E}{N} \approx \epsilon$ (most of the oscillators are excited, as expected)

\rightarrow In the $T \ll 1$ limit, $E \approx 0$ also as expected