

6.11 a) First off, we notice $\int f(\vec{p}) d\vec{p} = 1 = \frac{Q_1}{Q_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{h^3} \int e^{-\beta E(\vec{p})} d\vec{p} d\vec{q}}{Q_1}$

$\Rightarrow \int f(\vec{p}) d\vec{p} = \int \frac{1}{h^3} \frac{1}{Q_1} \cdot 4\pi V e^{-\beta E(p)} p^2 dp$

comparing arguments

$\Rightarrow f(\vec{p}) d\vec{p} = \frac{\frac{V}{h^3} e^{-\beta E(p)} 4\pi p^2 dp}{Q_1}$ (★)

This is key.

$Q_1 = \frac{1}{h^3} \int e^{-\beta E(\vec{p})} d\vec{p} d\vec{q} = \frac{V}{h^3} \int e^{-\beta E(\vec{p})} d\vec{p} = \frac{V}{h^3} \int e^{-\beta c(p^2 + m_0^2 c^2)^{1/2}} d\vec{p}$

convert to spherical:

$= \frac{V}{h^3} \int e^{-\beta c(p^2 + m_0^2 c^2)^{1/2}} 4\pi p^2 dp = \frac{4\pi V}{h^3} \int e^{-\beta c^3 m_0 (1 + \frac{p^2}{m_0^2 c^2})^{1/2}} p^2 dp$

u-substitution: let $\cosh \theta = \sqrt{1 + \frac{p^2}{m_0^2 c^2}}$

Now, note $\frac{d \cosh \theta}{dp} = \frac{d}{dp} \sqrt{1 + \frac{p^2}{m_0^2 c^2}} = \frac{p/m_0^2 c^2}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{p^2}{m_0^2 c^2}}} = \frac{d \cosh \theta}{d\theta} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dp} = \sinh \theta \frac{d\theta}{dp}$

$\Rightarrow \sinh \theta d\theta = \frac{p/m_0^2 c^2}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{p^2}{m_0^2 c^2}}} dp = \frac{1}{\cosh \theta m_0^2 c^2} p dp \Rightarrow p dp = m_0^2 c^2 \cosh \theta \sinh \theta d\theta$

Also note that $\cosh^2 \theta - 1 = \sinh^2 \theta = \frac{p^2}{m_0^2 c^2} \Rightarrow p = m_0 c \sinh \theta \Rightarrow \frac{p}{m_0 c \sinh \theta} = 1$

Multiply by 1: $\left(\frac{p}{m_0 c \sinh \theta}\right) p dp = m_0^2 c^2 \cosh \theta \sinh \theta d\theta$

$\Rightarrow p^2 dp = (m_0 c)^3 \cosh \theta \sinh^2 \theta d\theta$

Rearrange to make it look like modified Bessel functions.

$\cosh \theta \sinh^2 \theta = \left(\frac{e^\theta + e^{-\theta}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{e^\theta - e^{-\theta}}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{8} (e^{-3\theta} - e^{-\theta} - e^\theta + e^{3\theta}) = \frac{1}{4} (\cosh(3\theta) - \cosh(\theta))$

$\Rightarrow p^2 dp = \frac{(m_0 c)^3}{4} (\cosh(3\theta) - \cosh(\theta)) d\theta$

Plug into Q_1 : $Q_1 = \frac{4\pi V}{h^3} \int e^{-\beta c^3 m_0 \cosh \theta} \left(\frac{(m_0 c)^3}{4} [\cosh(3\theta) - \cosh(\theta)]\right) d\theta$

$\Rightarrow Q_1 = \frac{\pi V (m_0 c)^3}{h^3} \left[\int e^{-\beta c^3 m_0 \cosh \theta} \cosh(3\theta) d\theta - \int e^{-\beta c^3 m_0 \cosh \theta} \cosh(\theta) d\theta \right]$

From Schwinger Electrodynamics 18.71, $K_\nu(x) = \int_0^\infty \cosh(\nu\theta) e^{-x \cosh(\theta)} d\theta$

$\Rightarrow Q_1 = \frac{\pi V (m_0 c)^3}{h^3} (K_3(\beta m_0 c^2) - K_1(\beta m_0 c^2))$

Mathematica shows us that $K_3(x) - K_1(x) = \frac{4}{x} K_2(x)$ (output attached).

$\Rightarrow Q_1 = \frac{4\pi V m_0^2 c}{h^3 \beta} K_2(\beta m_0 c^2)$ from (★) $f(\vec{p}) d\vec{p} = \frac{\frac{V}{h^3} e^{-\beta c(p^2 + m_0^2 c^2)^{1/2}} 4\pi p^2 dp}{\frac{4\pi V m_0^2 c}{h^3 \beta} K_2(\beta m_0 c^2)}$

$$\Rightarrow f(\vec{p}) d\vec{p} = \frac{\beta e^{-\beta c(p^2 + m_0^2 c^2)^{1/2}} p^2 dp}{m_0^2 c k_2 (\beta m_0 c^2)}$$

b) $kT \ll m_0 c^2$

$$\sqrt{p^2 + m_0^2 c^2} = m_0 c \sqrt{1 + \frac{p^2}{m_0^2 c^2}} \stackrel{\text{Binomial Approx.}}{\approx} m_0 c \left(1 + \frac{p^2}{2m_0^2 c^2}\right) = m_0 c + \frac{p^2}{2m_0 c}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\beta c(p^2 + m_0^2 c^2)^{1/2} \approx -\beta m_0 c^2 - \frac{\beta p^2}{2m_0} = \frac{-m_0 c^2}{kT} - \frac{p^2}{2kT m_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-\beta c(p^2 + m_0^2 c^2)^{1/2}} \approx e^{-\frac{m_0 c^2}{kT}} \cdot e^{-p^2 \beta / 2m_0}$$

(in the nonrel. limit)

$$\Rightarrow f(\vec{p}) d\vec{p} = \frac{4\pi V}{h^3} e^{-\beta p^2 / 2m_0} p^2 dp \quad \text{using } \textcircled{A}$$

$$\text{now, } Q_1 = \frac{1}{h^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta p^2 / 2m_0} d^3 p = \frac{V}{h^3} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2\pi m_0}{\beta}}\right)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\vec{p}) d\vec{p} = \frac{\frac{4\pi V}{h^3} e^{-\beta p^2 / 2m_0} p^2 dp}{\frac{V}{h^3} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2\pi m_0}{\beta}}\right)^3} = \boxed{\left(\frac{\beta}{2\pi m_0}\right)^{3/2} e^{-\beta p^2 / 2m_0} 4\pi p^2 dp}$$

$kT \gg m_0 c^2$

in this limit, $\epsilon \approx pc$, so $f(\vec{p}) d\vec{p} = \frac{V}{h^3} e^{-\beta pc} 4\pi p^2 dp$

$$Q_1 = \frac{1}{h^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta pc} d^3 p = \frac{4\pi V}{h^3} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta pc} p^2 dp\right)^3 = \frac{8\pi}{(\beta c)^3} \frac{V}{h^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\vec{p}) d\vec{p} = \frac{\frac{V}{h^3} e^{-\beta pc} 4\pi p^2 dp}{\frac{8\pi}{(\beta c)^3} \frac{V}{h^3}} = \boxed{\frac{(\beta c)^3}{8\pi} e^{-\beta pc} (4\pi p^2 dp)}$$

c) We use equation \textcircled{A} to find $\langle pu \rangle$. (I have multiplied both sides by Q_1 b/c I'm running low on fractions...)

$$Q_1 \langle pu \rangle = \frac{1}{h^3} \int d\vec{p} d\vec{q} (pu) e^{-\beta \epsilon(\vec{p})}$$

Now, since $\epsilon = \frac{p^2}{2m} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dp} \epsilon = \frac{2p}{2m} = \frac{mu}{u} = u \Rightarrow Q_1 \langle pu \rangle = \frac{1}{h^3} \int d\vec{p} d\vec{q} p \frac{d\epsilon}{dp} e^{-\beta \epsilon(p)}$

$$Q_1 \langle pu \rangle = \frac{4\pi V}{h^3} \int p^3 d\epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon(p)}$$

next, $\epsilon^2 = (pc)^2 + (mc^2)^2 \Rightarrow p^2 = \frac{\epsilon^2}{c^2} - mc^2 \Rightarrow p^3 = \left(\frac{\epsilon^2}{c^2} - mc^2\right)^{3/2}$

$$Q_1 \langle pu \rangle = \frac{4\pi V}{h^3} \int \left[\frac{\epsilon^2}{m^2 c^4} - 1\right]^{3/2} e^{-\beta \epsilon(p)} d\epsilon \quad \text{Let } x = \frac{\epsilon}{mc^2}$$

$$= (m^4 c^5) \frac{4\pi V}{h^3} \int e^{-\beta mc^2 x} [x^2 - 1]^{3/2} dx = k_2 (\beta mc^2) \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)!}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{\beta mc^2}{2}\right)^{-2} (m^4 c^5) \frac{4\pi V}{h^3}$$

Because $\int_1^{\infty} e^{-zx} (x^2 - 1)^{n-1/2} dx = K_n(z) \frac{(n-1/2)!}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{2} z\right)^{-n}$

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$$\text{Therefore } \langle p \rangle = \frac{k_2 (\beta m c^2) \frac{(\frac{3}{2})! \cdot (\frac{\beta m c^2}{2})^{-2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} m^4 c^5 \frac{4\pi V}{h^3}}{\frac{4\pi V m^2 c}{h^3 \beta} k_2 (\beta m c^2)} = \frac{3}{\beta} = \boxed{3kT}$$

Wow. I almost lost faith there...
 (see simplification in Mathematical attachment).

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Modified Bessel Function difference identity

In[381]:= **BesselK[3, θ] - BesselK[1, θ] // FullSimplify**

Out[381]:= $\frac{4 \text{ BesselK}[2, \theta]}{\theta}$

The big simplification from the end of part c.

In[402]:= $\frac{(\frac{3}{2})!}{\pi^{1/2}} \left(\beta \frac{m c^2}{2}\right)^{-2} m^4 c^5$
 $\frac{m^2 c}{\beta}$

Out[402]:= $\frac{3}{\beta}$