

In this solution, unit system  $k_B = 1$  is used. One can restore it by dimensional analysis  $\beta = \frac{1}{T}$ ,

## 6.1 Bose condensation in harmonic trap

For harmonic potential, the energy is

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 r^2 \quad (1)$$

At critical temperature  $\beta_C$ ,  $\mu(\beta_C) = 0$ .

If the system is classical:

$$N = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int d^3x d^3p \frac{g}{e^{-\beta_C \varepsilon} - 1} = \frac{(4\pi)^2}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int dr dp \frac{gr^2 p^2}{e^{\beta_C(\frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2}{2}r^2)} - 1}; \quad (2)$$

We change to another set of variables  $u^2 \cos^2 \theta = \frac{p^2}{2m}$ ,  $u^2 \sin^2 \theta = \frac{m\omega^2}{2}r^2$

$$\begin{aligned} N &= g \frac{(4\pi)^2}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} (2m)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{2}{m\omega^2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \int \frac{u^5 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta}{e^{\beta_C u^2} - 1} du d\theta; \quad x = \beta_C u^2 \\ &= g \frac{16}{\pi(\hbar\omega)^3} \frac{1}{2\beta_C^3} \int \frac{x^2 dx}{e^x - 1} \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\theta \sin^2 2\theta \\ &= g \frac{8}{\pi(\beta_C \hbar\omega)^3} I_3 \frac{\pi}{16} \\ &= \frac{g I_3}{2} \frac{1}{(\beta_C \hbar\omega)^3} \\ \Rightarrow T_C &= \left(\frac{2N}{g I_3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \hbar\omega \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

If the system is quantum,  $E_{\vec{n}} = \hbar\omega(n_x + n_y + n_z + \frac{3}{2})$ , We have to be careful ground state energy  $E_g = E_{\vec{0}} = \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega$ . In usual Bose-Einstein condensation calculation, we assume  $\mu(T_C) = E_g$ . However by doing so, the summation of

$$N = \sum_{\text{states}} \frac{g}{e^{\beta(E-\mu)} - 1} = \sum_{\vec{n}} \frac{g}{e^{b(n_x+n_y+n_z)} - 1} = \infty + \sum_{\vec{n} \neq \vec{0}} \frac{g}{e^{b(n_x+n_y+n_z)} - 1} = \infty \quad (4)$$

The infinity comes from the ground state  $\frac{1}{e^{0-1}} = \frac{1}{1-1} = \infty$ . Equation  $N = \infty$  gives us no information. One needs to regulate and renormalize this formula. A way to do so is to put back ground state energy, i.e. set  $\mu = 0$ .

$$N = \sum_{\vec{n}} \frac{g}{e^{b(n_x+n_y+n_z+\frac{3}{2})} - 1} = \sum_{k=1} \sum_{\vec{n}} e^{-kb(n_x+n_y+n_z+\frac{3}{2})} = g \sum_{k=1} \left[ \frac{e^{-\frac{bk}{2}}}{1 - e^{-bk}} \right]^3 = g \sum_{k=1} \left[ \frac{1}{2 \sinh \frac{bk}{2}} \right]^2 \quad (5)$$

We can evaluate its upper bound by the fact  $2 \sinh \frac{bk}{2} \geq bk \quad \forall k \geq 0$ .

$$N \leq g \sum_{k=1} \frac{1}{(bk)^3} = \frac{g}{b^3} \sum_{k=1} \frac{1}{k^3} = \frac{g\zeta(3)}{b^3} \quad (6)$$

In thermodynamics/semi-classical limit  $b \rightarrow 0$ ,  $N \rightarrow \frac{g\zeta(3)}{b^3}$ , which matches our classical calculation. ( $I_3 = \Gamma(3)\zeta(3) = 2\zeta(3)$ ). One can try to do full quantum calculation by evaluating the summation in eq.(5)

A common mistake here is defining  $n = n_x + n_y + n_z$  and then replace the summation in eq.(4) with  $\int d^3n = \int 4\pi n^2 dn$ . However neither  $n^2$  nor  $\frac{n^2}{6}$  (some people write this factor, I don't know why.) are the

correct degeneracy factor, e.g.  $n = 1$  has degeneracy 3,  $(n_x, n_y, n_z) = (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$ ,  $1^2 = 1 \neq 3$ . The right way is replacing  $\sum$  with  $\int g(n)dn$ ,  $g(n) = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$  (one may check this is the correct degeneracy factor). One may immediately found the integration becomes

$$\frac{g}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{n^2 + 3n + 2}{e^{bn} - 1} dn = \frac{I_3}{2b^3} + \frac{3I_2}{b^2} + \frac{I_1}{b}; I_1 = \Gamma(1)\zeta(1) = \infty \quad (7)$$

Eventually one still got  $N = \infty + \dots$  if all calculations are done correctly, which tells you nothing.

## 6.2 Temperature of Earth

(a)

First we calculate the energy absorbed by Earth

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Energy} &= \text{energy flux} \times \text{cross section} \\ &= \sigma T_S^4 \times \frac{4\pi R_S^2}{4\pi d^2} \times \pi R_E^2 \\ &= \sigma T_E^4 \times 4\pi R_E^2 \\ \Rightarrow T_E &= \sqrt{\frac{R_S}{2d}} T_S = 289K \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

(b)

Assume moon has no surface heat transfer, a patch with area  $A$  at angle  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . (z-direction pointing toward sun)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma T_m(\theta)^4 \times A &= \sigma T_S^4 \times \frac{4\pi R_S^2}{4\pi d^2} \times \cos \theta \times A \\ \Rightarrow T_m(\theta) &= (\cos \theta)^{\frac{1}{4}} \sqrt{\frac{R_S}{d}} T_E = (4 \cos \theta)^{\frac{1}{4}} T_E \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Maximum  $T_m(0) = 409K$ , minimum  $T_m(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$ .

## 6.3 Voltage fluctuation in an LC circuit

We can write down Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2}LI^2 + \frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{\Pi^2}{2L} + \frac{1}{2}L\omega^2 Q^2; \Pi \equiv LI = L\dot{Q} \quad (10)$$

We can view  $\Pi$  as "conjugate momentum" of "generalized coordinate"  $Q$ .  $Q\Pi$  has dimension as angular momentum.

If the system is classical, the partition function can be found by

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \sum_{\text{state}} e^{-\beta\varepsilon} = \int \frac{d\Pi dQ}{2\pi\hbar} e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}(\frac{\Pi^2}{L} + L\omega^2 Q^2)} = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi L}{\beta}} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\beta L\omega}} = \frac{1}{\beta\hbar\omega} \\ \overline{V^2} &= \frac{\sum V^2 e^{-\beta\varepsilon}}{Z} = \frac{1}{C^2} \frac{\sum Q^2 e^{-\beta\varepsilon}}{Z} = \frac{1}{C^2} \frac{-2}{\beta L} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^2} \log Z = \frac{1}{C^2 \beta L \omega^2} = \frac{1}{C\beta} \\ \delta V &= \sqrt{\overline{V^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{C}} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

An easy way to check this result is by considering the energy held by capacitor  $E_C = \frac{1}{2}CV^2 = E_T = \frac{1}{2}T \Rightarrow V^2 = \frac{T}{C}$

If the system is quantum, set quantization condition as  $[Q, \Pi] = i\hbar$ . Defining  $a = \sqrt{\frac{L\omega}{2\hbar}} (Q + i\frac{\Pi}{L\omega})$ ,  $a^\dagger = \sqrt{\frac{L\omega}{2\hbar}} (Q - i\frac{\Pi}{L\omega})$ , we obtain

$$H = \hbar\omega (a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2}) \Rightarrow E_n = \hbar\omega (n + \frac{1}{2}) \quad (12)$$

Calculate partition function

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \sum_{\text{state}} e^{-\beta\varepsilon} = \sum_{n=0} e^{-\beta\hbar\omega(n+\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta\hbar\omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}} = \frac{1}{2 \sinh \frac{1}{2}\beta\hbar\omega} \\ \overline{V^2} &= \frac{-1}{C^2\beta L\omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial\omega} \log Z = \frac{\omega}{C\beta} \frac{1}{2} \beta\hbar \coth \frac{1}{2}\beta\hbar\omega = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2C} \coth \frac{1}{2}\beta\hbar\omega \\ \delta V &= \sqrt{\overline{V^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega}{2C} \coth \frac{1}{2}\beta\hbar\omega} \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

As  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ , classical solution is obtained.