

Pressure: $P = - \frac{\partial F}{\partial V} = \frac{N k_B T}{V} \Rightarrow PV = N k_B T$ as expected

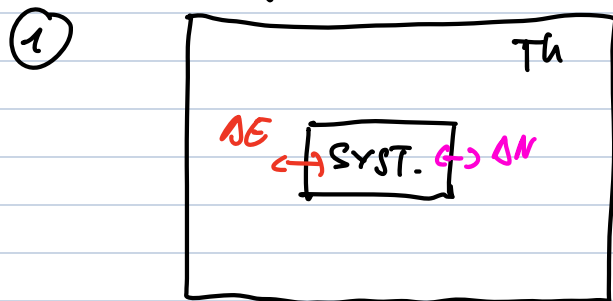
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\Rightarrow Same physics in both ensembles in the thermodynamic limit

3.3) The grand canonical ensemble

3.3.1) Changing ensemble

Let us now consider open systems, that can exchange particles and energy with a reservoir.



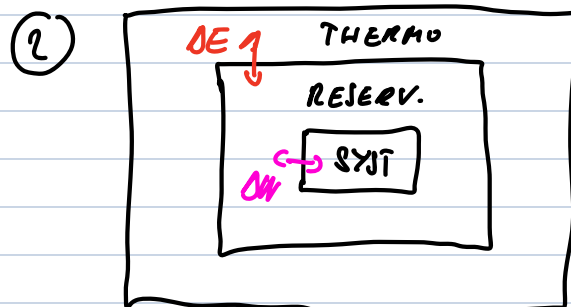
System + Thermostat isolated

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E(q_{th}) + E(q_s) &= E \\ N(q_{th}) + N(q_s) &= N \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{micro canonical} \\ \text{ensemble} \end{array}$$

Microstate $\{q_s, q_{th}\}$

$$P(q_s, q_{th}) = \frac{1}{\Omega(E, N)} \delta_{E_{th} + E_s, E} \delta_{N_{th} + N_s, N}$$

Thermostat \gg syst



System + Reservoir exchange ΔE with reservoir

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Temperature } T_{th} \\ N(q_s) + N(q_{res}) &= N \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{canonical} \\ \text{ensemble} \end{array}$$

Microstate $\{q_s, q_{res}\}$

$$P(q_s, q_{res}) = \frac{1}{Z(T, N)} e^{-\beta [E(q_s) + E(q_{res})]}$$

Thermostat \gg reservoir \gg syst

Macro state: fixing q_{syst} & computing $P(q_s)$

* Route ① & ② are equivalent in the limits of large thermostat & reservoirs, with finite systems (still large enough to neglect interaction energy). Here: follow ①

$$P(q_s) = \sum_{q_{res} | N_s + N_{res} = N} \frac{1}{Z_{tot}(T, N)} e^{-\beta E(q_{res})} e^{-\beta E(q_s)} \quad ; \quad \beta = \frac{1}{k_B T_h}$$

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$$= e^{-\beta E(q_s)} \frac{1}{Z_{tot}(T, N)} \underbrace{\sum_{q_{res} | N_{res} = N - N_s} e^{-\beta E(q_{res})}}_{Z_{res}(T, N - N_s)}$$

$$P(q_s) = e^{-\beta E(q_s)} \frac{Z_{res}(T, V_{res}, N - N_s)}{Z_{tot}(T, V_{tot}, N_{tot})} \rightarrow e^{-\beta \underbrace{F_{res}(T, V_{res}, N - N_s)}_{F_{res}(T, V_{res}, N) - N_s \frac{\partial F_{res}}{\partial N}}}$$

$$P(q_s) = e^{-\beta E(q_s)} e^{\beta N_s \frac{\partial F_{res}}{\partial N} \big|_{T, V_{res}, N}} \cdot \frac{Z_{res}(T, V_{res}, N)}{Z_{tot}(T, V_{tot}, N)}$$

Chemical potential of the reservoir: $\mu_{res} = \frac{\partial F_{res}(T, V_{res}, N_{tot})}{\partial N}$

Fugacity: $z = e^{\beta \mu}$

Grand canonical partition function: $Q = \frac{Z_{tot}(T, V_{tot}, N)}{Z_{res}(T, V_{res}, N)}$

\Rightarrow Grand canonical distribution function

$$P(q_s) = \frac{1}{Q} e^{-\beta E(q_s) + \beta \mu N(q_s)}$$

Normalization: $Q = \sum_{q_s} e^{-\beta E(q_s) + \beta \mu N(q_s)} = \sum_N e^{\beta \mu N} \sum_{q_s | N(q_s) = N} e^{-\beta E}$

$$= \sum_N e^{\beta \mu N} Z_c(T, V, N) = \sum_{N, E} e^{\beta \mu N - \beta E + \beta TS_{max}}$$

Grand potential: $G = -k_B T \ln Q$

3.3.2) Fluctuations and large V limit

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N is now a fluctuating quantity, set by the chemical potential

$$\mu = \frac{\partial F}{\partial N}. \text{ Since } F \propto N, \mu \sim O(1) \Rightarrow \text{intensive quantity,}$$

like the temperature.

To take the large system limit, we can now only send V to ∞ , keeping T & μ constant.

Fluctuations of N :

moment generating function

$$\langle N^n \rangle = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{\partial^n Q}{\partial (\beta \mu)^n} = \frac{1}{\beta^n Q} \frac{\partial^n Q}{\partial \mu^n} \Big|_T = \frac{1}{Q} \left(\partial_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)^n Q$$

$$\text{Using } \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial \mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \beta z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\langle N \rangle = z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \ln Q$$

[the $\frac{\partial}{\partial (\beta \mu)}$ of the canonical ensemble becomes $\frac{\partial}{\partial (\beta \mu)}$ here...]

cumulant generating function

$$\langle N^n \rangle_c = \frac{1}{\beta^n} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial \mu^n} (-\beta \phi) \Big|_T = -\beta \left(\partial_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)^n \phi$$

$$\langle e^{\lambda N} \rangle = \frac{Q(\mu + \frac{\lambda}{\beta})}{Q(\mu)} \Rightarrow \psi(\lambda) = \ln Q(\mu + \frac{\lambda}{\beta}) - \ln Q(\mu)$$

$$\psi^{(n)}(\lambda) \Big|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{1}{\beta^n} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial \mu^n} [Q(\mu)] = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial (\beta \mu)^n} [-\beta \phi]$$

Typical fluctuations

$$\langle N \rangle = -\partial_\mu \phi \Big|_T$$

$$\langle N^2 \rangle_c = -\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mu^2} \phi \Big|_T = kT \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \langle N \rangle$$

The typical fluctuations thus scale as $\sqrt{\langle N^2 \rangle_c} \propto \sqrt{\langle N \rangle} \ll \langle N \rangle$

as $V \rightarrow \infty$ and the relative fluctuations of N are small. (4)
like those of E in the canonical ensemble.

Large V limit:

$$* \sum_{N,E} e^{\beta \mu N - \beta E + \beta T S_m(E,N,V)} \sim e^{\beta \mu N^* - \beta E^* + \beta T S_m(E^*, N^*, V)}$$

where N^* & E^* maximize $\Psi_\alpha(N, E, V) = \mu N - E + T S_m(E, N, V)$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial E} = 0 \Rightarrow -1 + T \frac{\partial S_m}{\partial E} = 0 \Rightarrow \left. \frac{\partial S_m(E, N, V)}{\partial E} \right|_{E^*, N^*} = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial N} = 0 \Rightarrow \mu + T \frac{\partial S_m}{\partial N} = 0 \Rightarrow \left. \frac{\partial S_m(E, N, V)}{\partial N} \right|_{E^*, N^*} = -\frac{\mu}{T} \quad (*)$$

$$* \text{ But also } Q = \sum_N e^{\beta \mu N} Z_c(N, V, T) = \sum_N e^{\beta \mu N - \beta F(N, V, T)}$$

$$\Rightarrow N^* = \underset{N}{\text{argmax}} [\mu N - F(N, V, T)] \Rightarrow \mu - \left. \frac{\partial F(N, V, T)}{\partial N} \right|_{N^*} = 0 \quad (**)$$

\Rightarrow we start to see a lot of similarly looking relaxations that are consistent \Rightarrow thermodynamic relaxations.

Proof of consistency:

$$F(N, V, T) = E^* - T S_m(E^*, N, V) \text{ when } \left. \frac{\partial S_m}{\partial E} \right|_{E^*, N} = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial N} = \frac{\partial E^*}{\partial N} - T \frac{\partial S_m}{\partial N} - T \frac{\partial S_m}{\partial E^*} \cdot \frac{\partial E^*}{\partial N} = -T \frac{\partial S_m(E^*, N, V)}{\partial N} \Rightarrow \text{consistent!}$$

3.3.3) Thermodynamics

So far, we have ignored the variations of F & S with μ

$$\Rightarrow dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial V} dV + \frac{\partial F}{\partial T} dT + \frac{\partial F}{\partial N} dN = -p dV - S dT + \mu dN$$

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$$dS = \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} dV + \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} dE + \frac{\partial S}{\partial N} dN = \frac{1}{T} dV + \frac{1}{T} dE - \frac{\mu}{T} dN$$

$$\Rightarrow 1^{st} \text{ principle } \boxed{dE = T dS - p dV + \mu dN}$$

grand potential $G = E - TS - \mu N = F - \mu N$

$$\Rightarrow dG = dF - \mu dN - N d\mu = -S dT - p dV - N d\mu$$

Entropy $S = -\frac{\partial G}{\partial T} \Big|_{V, \mu}$ Pressure $p = -\frac{\partial G}{\partial V} \Big|_{T, \mu}$

All these definitions are consistent with canonical & microcanonical ones in the large V limit.

3.3.4) Ideal gas

Ideal gas

Grand partition function

$$Q = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} e^{\beta \mu N} \frac{1}{N!} \left(\frac{V}{\lambda^3} \right)^N$$

$$= \sum_N \frac{1}{N!} \left(\frac{V e^{\beta \mu}}{\lambda^3} \right)^N = \exp \left[\frac{V e^{\beta \mu}}{\lambda^3} \right] = e^{\frac{V z}{\lambda^3}}$$

Fugacity $z = e^{\beta \mu}$

$P_{GC}(N) = \frac{1}{N!} \left(\frac{V z}{\lambda^3} \right)^N e^{-\frac{V z}{\lambda^3}}$ \Rightarrow Poisson distribution of parameter

$$\langle N \rangle = \frac{V z}{\lambda^3}$$

\Rightarrow Makes sense for a non interacting gas.

$\Rightarrow z$ controls the average density $\frac{\langle N \rangle}{V}$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = kT \ln \left[\frac{\lambda^3 \langle N \rangle}{V} \right]$$

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Grand potential

$$G = -kT \frac{V \Xi}{\lambda^3}$$

Pressure $P = -\frac{\partial G}{\partial V} = kT \frac{\Xi}{\lambda^3} = kT \frac{\langle N \rangle}{V} \Rightarrow EoS$

Can also do S, F , etc. \Rightarrow consistent with canon & micro when $V \rightarrow \infty$

3.4) Thermodynamics

3.4.1) Thermodynamic variables

3 extensive variables, E, V, N & 3 intensive ones, T, p, μ .

$\Rightarrow 2^3 - 1 = 7$ ensembles with **at least one extensive observable**.

All these ensembles lead to thermodynamic potentials

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (E, V, N) \rightarrow S_m \\ (\bar{T}, V, N) \rightarrow F \\ (\bar{T}, V, \mu) \rightarrow G \end{array} \right\} \text{etc.}$$

In the large size limit, all ensembles lead to consistent thermodynamics provided the variables are related by the saddle point relations*.

e.g. $\frac{1}{T} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \Big|_V \Rightarrow U(T, V, N)$ constrains the variables.

$F = U - TS \Rightarrow$ the Legendre transform constrains the potentials.

\Rightarrow Thermodynamic variables are **NOT** independent.

Experiments: what you can measure

Ensemble: what you can predict

* & the thermo potentials have the right convexity properties.