

Lecture 8

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Quantum ideal gases, Bose-Einstein distribution

Maxwell-Boltzmann statistics

- Consider a generic ensemble of N free particles that can occupy discrete energy levels $\{\epsilon_i\}$ with the occupation numbers $\{n_i\}$

$$N = \sum_i n_i, \quad U = \sum_i n_i \epsilon_i$$

- Each energy state ϵ_i has a «degeneracy» g_i (density of states = nr of microstates at that energy level for one particle)

Multiplicity of a macrostate

- Number of configurations with n_1 particles in the energy state ϵ_1 , n_2 particles in the energy state ϵ_2 , \dots etc

$$N! \prod_i \frac{1}{n_i!}$$

- Each particle in ϵ_i energy level has g_i available microstates, hence $g_i^{n_i}$ ways of arranging n_i particles in g_i degenerate states.
- The total number of configurations for *distinguishable* particles

$$W = N! \prod_i \frac{g_i^{n_i}}{n_i!}$$

- The total number of configurations for *indistinguishable* particles (for a given partition $\{n_i\}$)

$$W = \prod_i \frac{g_i^{n_i}}{n_i!}$$

Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

Equilibrium distribution of particles over energy states

$$n_i = \frac{N}{Z_1} g_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}, \quad Z_1 = \sum_{i=1} g_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$$

- Probability to find a particle in the energy level ϵ_i : $p_i = \frac{g_i}{Z_1} e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$

- Average energy

$$U = N \langle \epsilon_i \rangle = N \sum_i p_i \epsilon_i = \frac{N}{Z_1} \sum_i \epsilon_i g_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Z_1^N$$

- Helmholtz free energy

$$F(T, N) = -kT \ln Z_N, \quad Z_N \equiv Z_1^N \text{ (dist)}, \quad Z_N \equiv \frac{Z_1^N}{N!} \text{ (indist)},$$

- Entropy

$$\frac{S}{k} = N \log Z_1 + \frac{U}{kT} = -Nk \sum_i p_i \ln p_i$$

Indistinguishable, classical free particles

$$Z_N(T) = \frac{Z_1^N}{N!} = e^{-\beta F_N(T)}, \quad \Xi(T, \mu) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} Z_1^n e^{\beta n \mu} = e^{-\beta \Omega}$$

- Helmholtz free energy

$$F_N(T) = -NkT \left(\ln \left(\frac{Z_1}{N} \right) + 1 \right)$$

- Chemical potential

$$\mu(T, N) = - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial N} \right)_{T, V} = -kT \ln \frac{Z_1}{N} \rightarrow Z_1 = N \lambda^{-1}, \lambda = e^{\beta \mu} \text{ (fugacity)}$$

- Landau free energy:

$$\Omega = -kT \ln \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} Z_1^n \lambda^n \right) = -kT \ln(e^{Z_1 \lambda}) = -kT \lambda Z_1 = -NkT$$

Classical ideal gas

$$Z_N(T) = \frac{1}{N!} \left(\frac{V}{\Lambda^3} \right)^N = e^{-\beta F_N(T)}, \quad \Xi(T, \mu) = e^{Vz} = e^{-\beta \Omega},$$

$$\Lambda(T) = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2\pi m k T}}, \quad z = \frac{\lambda}{\Lambda^3}$$

- Helmholtz free energy

$$F_N(T) = -NkT \left(\ln \left(\frac{V}{N\Lambda^3(T)} \right) + 1 \right)$$

- Chemical potential

$$\mu(T, N) = - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial N} \right)_{T, V} = -kT \ln \frac{V}{N\Lambda^3(T)} \ll 0 \rightarrow N = zV$$

- Landau free energy:

$$\Omega = -kT zV = -NkT$$

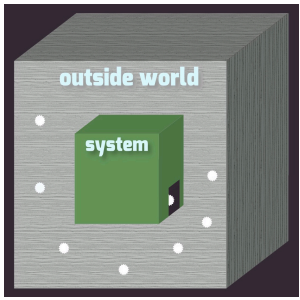
Quantum statistics: Bose-Einstein distribution

Bosons: quantum particles with integer values of spin

- Consider an ensemble of N free bosons that occupy energy levels $\{\epsilon_i\}$ with the occupation numbers $\{n_i\}$ such that

$$N = \sum_i n_i$$

Find the equilibrium occupation number n_i of bosons in an energy state ϵ_i



Grand-canonical ensemble for free quantum particle

Probability of the system being in a given microstate is proportional to the probability that the reservoir is in *any state that accomodate that particular microstate*

Probability ratio between two microstates (the system can exchange energy $\Delta U_R = -\Delta E$, and particles $\Delta N_R = -\Delta N$)

$$\frac{P(s_1)}{P(s_2)} = \frac{\Omega_R(s_1)}{\Omega_R(s_2)} = e^{\frac{[S_R(s_1) - S_R(s_2)]}{k}} = e^{\beta \Delta U_R} e^{-\beta \mu \Delta N_R} = e^{-\beta \Delta E} e^{\beta \mu \Delta N}$$

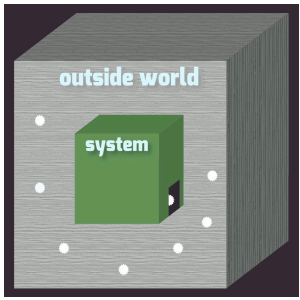
Probability of the system in a specific microstate a fixed T and μ

$$P(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{1}{\Xi(T, \mu)} e^{-\beta(E_s - \mu N_s)}$$

Grand-canonical Partition function

$\Xi(T, \mu) = \sum_{\mathbf{s}} e^{-\beta(E_s - \mu N_s)}$ counts all the accessible microstates weighted by the Gibbs factor

What is the microstate \mathbf{s} ?



Grand-canonical ensemble for free quantum particle

Each particle can occupy the energy states ϵ_j , where $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ is the state number

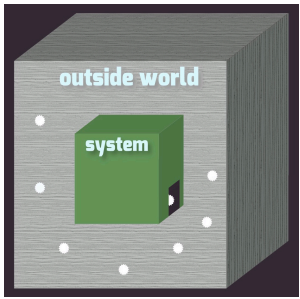
For N identical particles, there are n_j number of particles (occupation number) in the energy state ϵ_j

The energy of a specific microstate with $N_s = \sum_j n_j$ particles is $E_s = \sum_j n_j \epsilon_j$

$\sum_s \equiv$ sum over all particles number N_s and over all the partitions of particles N_s in the quantum states with total energy E_s

$$\Xi(T, \mu) = \sum_{N_s} \sum_{\substack{\{n_j\} \\ \sum_j n_j = N_s}} e^{-\beta(E_s - \mu N_s)} = \sum_{\{n_j\}} e^{-\beta \sum_j n_j (\epsilon_j - \mu)}$$

$$\Xi(T, \mu) = \left(\sum_{n_1} e^{-\beta n_1 (\epsilon_1 - \mu)} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n_2} e^{-\beta n_2 (\epsilon_2 - \mu)} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n_3} e^{-\beta n_3 (\epsilon_3 - \mu)} \right) \dots$$



Occupation number of a microstate

Probability that the system is in a specific microstate a fixed T and μ

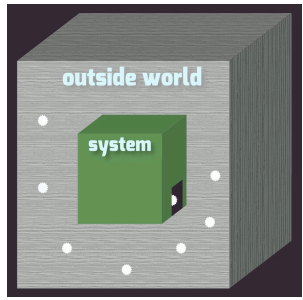
$$P(s) = \frac{1}{\Xi(T, \mu)} e^{-\beta(E_s - \mu N_s)} = \frac{e^{-\beta n_1(\epsilon_1 - \mu)} \cdot e^{-\beta n_2(\epsilon_2 - \mu)} \cdot e^{-\beta n_3(\epsilon_3 - \mu)} \dots}{\left(\sum_{n_1} e^{-\beta n_1(\epsilon_1 - \mu)}\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n_2} e^{-\beta n_2(\epsilon_2 - \mu)}\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n_3} e^{-\beta n_3(\epsilon_3 - \mu)}\right) \dots}$$

$$P(s) = \frac{e^{-\beta n_1(\epsilon_1 - \mu)}}{\left(\sum_{n_1} e^{-\beta n_1(\epsilon_1 - \mu)}\right)} \cdot \frac{e^{-\beta n_2(\epsilon_2 - \mu)}}{\left(\sum_{n_2} e^{-\beta n_2(\epsilon_2 - \mu)}\right)} \cdot \frac{e^{-\beta n_3(\epsilon_3 - \mu)}}{\left(\sum_{n_3} e^{-\beta n_3(\epsilon_3 - \mu)}\right)} \dots$$

$$P(s) = P(n_1) \cdot P(n_2) \cdot P(n_3) \dots$$

Probability for an occupation number n of the given energy state at fixed T and μ

$$P(n) = \frac{e^{-\beta n(\epsilon - \mu)}}{\left(\sum_n e^{-\beta n(\epsilon - \mu)}\right)}$$



Free BOSONS in grand canonical ensemble

The number of bosons in each energy states can be any non-negative integer: $n = 0, 1, 2 \dots$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta n(\epsilon-\mu)} = \frac{1}{1-e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}}, \quad \text{for } \mu < \epsilon \text{ (for every } \epsilon\text{!)}$$

Probability for having n bosons in a given energy state a fixed T and μ

$$P_{\epsilon}(n) = \left(1 - e^{-\beta(\epsilon-\mu)}\right) e^{-\beta n(\epsilon-\mu)}$$

Find the average number of bosons $\langle n \rangle$ (occupation number) in the given energy state ϵ a fixed T and μ

Bose-Einstein distribution

Average number of bosons $\langle n \rangle$ with energy ϵ at fixed T and μ

$$\langle n \rangle(\epsilon) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n P(n) = (1 - e^{-\beta(\epsilon - \mu)}) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n e^{-\beta n(\epsilon - \mu)}$$

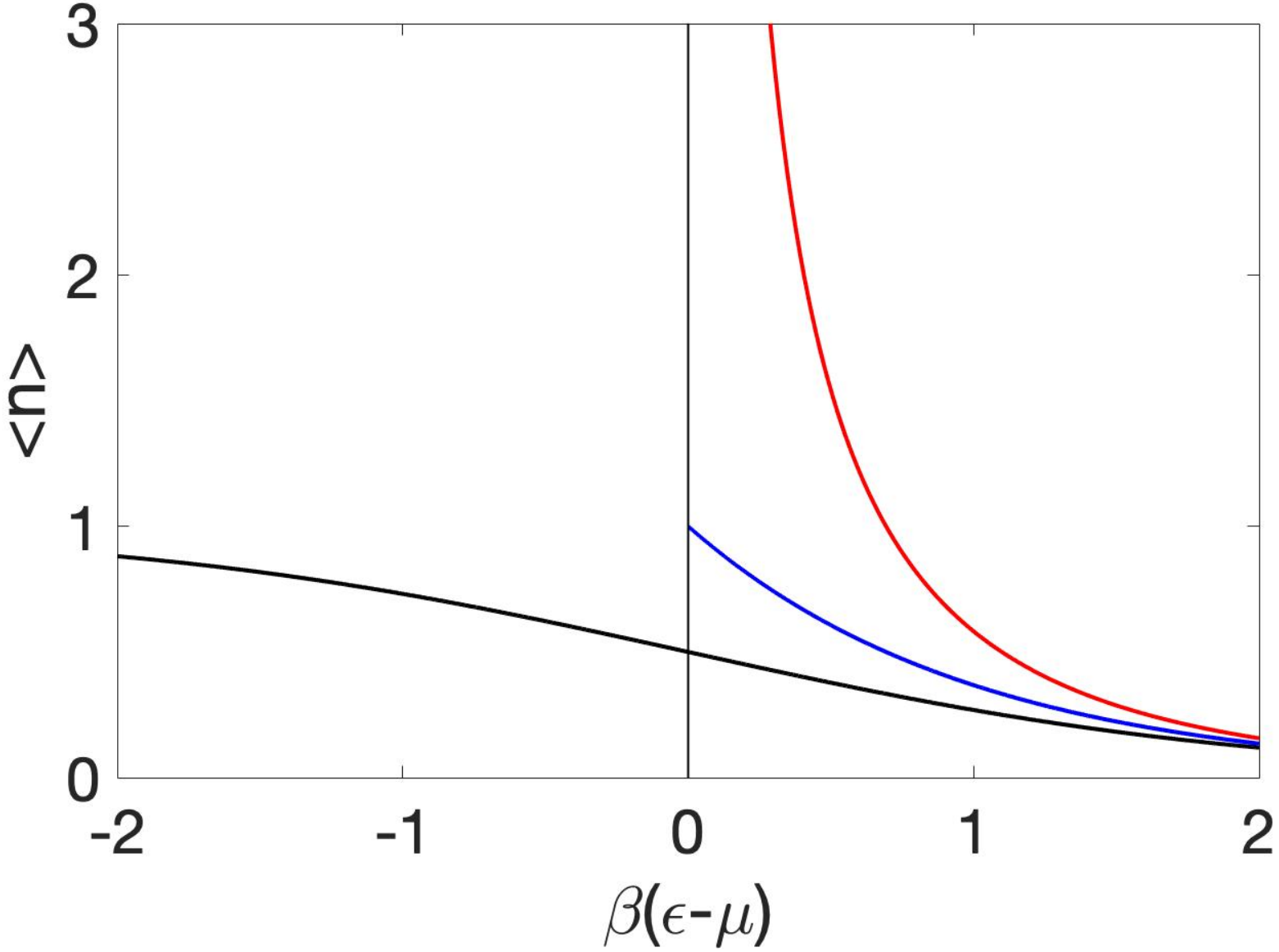
$$= -(1 - e^{-x}) \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-nx}, \quad x = \beta(\epsilon - \mu)$$

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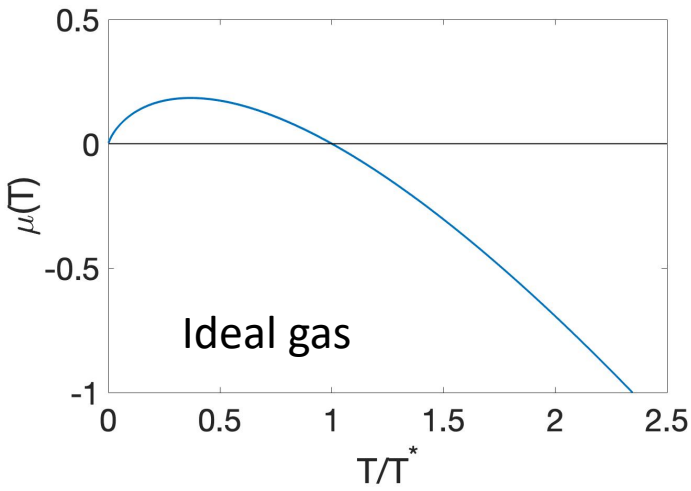
$$\langle n \rangle(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} - 1}$$

Bose Einstein distribution

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Classical limit



Bose-Einstein distribution for the average occupation number of an energy level

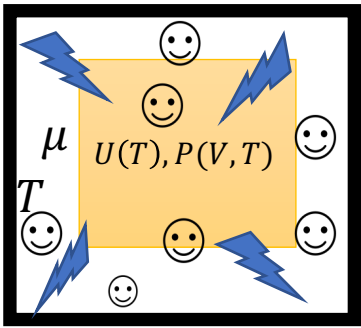
$$\langle n \rangle(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} - 1}$$

High T limit ($\lambda = e^{\beta\mu} \ll 1$)

Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

$$\langle n \rangle(\epsilon) = \frac{\lambda}{e^{\beta\epsilon} - \lambda} \xrightarrow{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \langle n \rangle(\epsilon) \approx \lambda e^{-\beta\epsilon}$$

$$\langle n \rangle(\epsilon) \approx N \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon}}{Z_1}, \quad Z_1 = N\lambda^{-1}$$



Grand canonical ensemble --- Classical limit

The energy of a specific microstate s with $N_s = \sum_j n_j$ particles is $E_s = \sum_j n_j \epsilon_j$

$$\Xi(T, \mu) = \prod_j \left(\sum_{n_j} e^{-\beta n_j (\epsilon_j - \mu)} \right) = e^{-\beta \Omega}$$

High T limit ($\lambda = e^{\beta \mu(T)} \ll 1$)

$$\Omega = -kT \sum_j \ln \left[\sum_{n_j} \lambda^{n_j} e^{-\beta n_j \epsilon_j} \right]$$

$$\approx_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} -kT \sum_j \ln [1 + \lambda e^{-\beta \epsilon_j}]$$

$$\approx_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} -kT \sum_j \lambda e^{-\beta \epsilon_j} = -kT \lambda \left(\sum_j e^{-\beta \epsilon_j} \right) = -kT \lambda Z_1 = -kT \ln \Xi$$

$$\Xi_{\text{classical}} = e^{\lambda Z_1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} Z_1^n e^{\beta n \mu}$$

Bose-Einstein distribution: counting of microstates

- Each energy levels ϵ_i has a degeneracy g_i


Number of ways of arranging n_i bosons in g_i quantum states with energy level ϵ_i :

g_i degenerate energy levels $\sim g_i$ identical boxes

n_i particles $\sim n_i$ identical balls

Number of ways of distributing n_i balls between g_i boxes equals the number of combinations with n_i balls and $(g_i - 1)$ –walls between the lined up boxes

$$W_i(n_i, g_i) = \frac{(n_i + g_i - 1)!}{n_i! (g_i - 1)!}$$

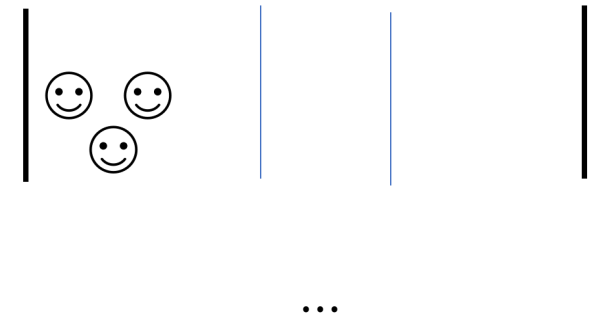
The total number of configurations for all energy levels for a given partition $\{n_i\}$: 

$$W_b(\{n_i\}) = \prod_i W_i(n_i, g_i) = \prod_i \frac{(n_i + g_i - 1)!}{n_i! (g_i - 1)!}$$

Multiplicity of a macrostate is dominated by the largest $W_b(\{n_i\})$, corresponding to the equilibrium distribution

Bose-Einstein distribution: counting of microstates

How many configurations there are with 3 bosons and 3 energy states?



Bose-Einstein statistics (grand-canonical)

- Spontaneous fluctuations induce a change in the population number

$$n_i \rightarrow n_i + 1$$

- Change in entropy:

$$\Delta S = k \left[\ln \frac{(n_i + g_i)!}{(n_i + 1)!} - \ln \frac{(n_i + g_i - 1)!}{n_i!} \right] = k \ln \frac{g_i + n_i}{n_i + 1}$$

- Change in energy:

$$\Delta U = \epsilon_i$$

- Change in number of particles: $\Delta N = 1$

- These spontaneous fluctuations are in thermodynamic equilibrium: $T\Delta S = \Delta U - \mu\Delta N$

Bose-Einstein statistics

$$T\Delta S = \Delta U - \mu\Delta N$$

$$kT \ln \frac{g_i + n_i}{n_i} = \epsilon_i - \mu$$

Occupation number of energy level ϵ_i

$$n_i = \frac{g_i}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)} - 1}$$

Filling fraction of energy level ϵ_i

$$f_i = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)} - 1}$$

Bose-Einstein statistics

Occupation number of energy level ϵ_i

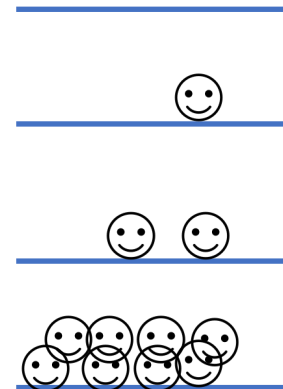
$$n_i = \frac{g_i}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)} - 1}$$

Number of particles

$$N(T, \mu) = \sum_i n_i = \sum_i \frac{g_i}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)} - 1}$$

Internal energy

$$U(T, \mu) = \sum_i \epsilon_i n_i = \sum_i \frac{\epsilon_i g_i}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_i - \mu)} - 1}$$

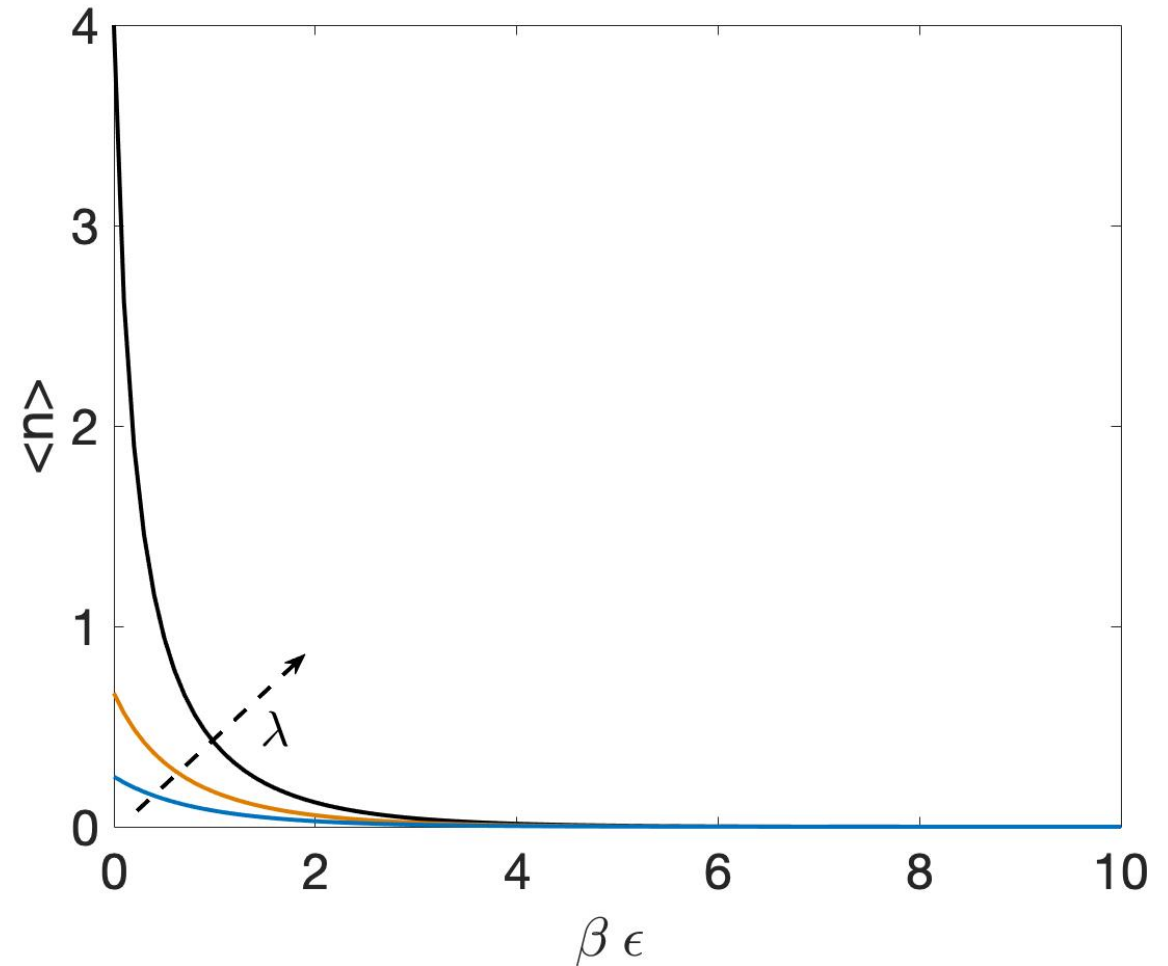


Bose-Einstein statistics

Occupation number of energy level ϵ

$$\langle n \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} - 1} = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\epsilon} \lambda^{-1} - 1},$$

$$0 < \lambda = e^{\beta\mu} \leq 1, \quad \mu \leq 0$$



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