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Plan

Brief general Feedback HW

Second HW due 24 April

Heat capacities and Einstein solid

Heat capacity

Already seen ideal gas gives $c_v = \frac{3}{2} N$ X

For dist'able spins $E = -NH \tanh(\beta H)$ $H > 0$

$$c_v = \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} = -\beta^2 \frac{\partial E}{\partial \beta} = N\beta^2 H \left(\frac{H \cosh(\beta H)}{\cosh(\beta H)} - \frac{H \sinh^2(\beta H)}{\cosh^2(\beta H)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{N\beta^2 H^2}{\cosh^2(\beta H)} > 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Low-T $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ $\cosh^2(\beta H) \approx \frac{1}{4} e^{2\beta H}$ $c_v \rightarrow 0$ \checkmark

High-T $\beta \rightarrow 0$ $\cosh^2(\beta H) \rightarrow 1$ $c_v \rightarrow 0$ X

Einstein solid

Atoms in solid held in place by interacting with neighbours
↳ oscillators

Suppose oscillators non-interacting with energies $\epsilon_n = 0, \hbar\omega, 2\hbar\omega, \dots$

Consider assigning K units of energy to N oscillators

$$E = K\hbar\omega = \sum_n k_n \hbar\omega = \sum_n \epsilon_n \quad K = \sum_n k_n$$

$$\text{Find } M \rightarrow S = \log M \rightarrow \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial E}$$

N^K corrected for over-counting \rightarrow mess

Invert $T(E)$ to find canonical $E(T) \rightarrow C_V = \frac{\partial E}{\partial T}$

Warm-up: $N=3$ with $K=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$



