

2.3 High temperature expansion

For ideal boson gas we had for $\lambda = 0, \mu = 0$

$$(*) \quad P = -T \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \ln(1 - e^{-\beta E_k})$$

$$E_k = \sqrt{k^2 + m^2}$$

For $T \gg m^2$ we expanded

$$P = T^4 \left\{ \frac{\pi^2}{90} - \frac{m^2}{24T^2} + \dots \right\}$$

Naively, the next term in the expansion of (*) would be $\mathcal{O}(m^4)$

However, that is wrong: The coefficient of this term

would contain an integral like

$$\int_0^\infty dx \frac{1}{(e^x - 1)^2} (\dots) \quad (\text{we had } x = \frac{|k|}{T})$$

which is divergent at $x = 0$. (IR divergence)

This indicates that (*) is not an analytic function of m^2 . [this problem does not arise for fermions]

The next term in the high- T expansion of P turns out to be $\mathcal{O}(m^3 T)$.

This can be derived from (*), but we can also obtain it from perturbation theory.

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Mass dependence of P

Consider a free field and replace

$$m^2 \rightarrow m^2 + \delta m^2$$

This is still a free field theory, which we have already solved. But by treating δm^2 as an "interaction" (or better: perturbation) we still learn something interesting.

$$P - P_0 = \frac{1}{V} \langle i S_{int} \rangle_0 + \mathcal{O}(\delta m^4)$$

where now

$$S_{int} = \int d^4x \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \delta m^2 \varphi^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle i S_{int} \rangle_0 &= -i \frac{\delta m^2}{2} (-i) \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x \underbrace{\langle \varphi^2(x) \rangle_0}_{\substack{\rightarrow V \\ = \Delta(x-x) \equiv \Delta(0)}} \\ &= -\frac{\delta m^2}{2} \beta V \Delta(0) \quad \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$P - P_0 = -\frac{\delta m^2}{2} \Delta(0) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dP}{dm^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta(0)$$

We had

$$\Delta(-i\tau, \vec{x}) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-i\omega_n \tau} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\vec{x}} \frac{1}{\omega_n^2 + \vec{k}^2 + m^2}$$

$$f_B(\omega) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\omega} - 1} \quad \text{Bose-Einstein distribution}$$

(*) periodic in imaginary frequency with period $i\omega_n$

$$f_B(\omega + i\omega_n) = f_B(\omega) \quad \text{since } e^{\beta i\omega_n} = e^{i\beta n 2\pi} = 1$$

near $\omega = 0$: $f_B(\omega) = \frac{T}{\omega} + \mathcal{O}(\omega^0) \Rightarrow f_B$

(**) has poles at $\omega = i\omega_n$ with residue T .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} + f_B(\omega) &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}(e^{\beta\omega} - 1) + 1}{e^{\beta\omega} - 1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^{\beta\omega} + 1}{e^{\beta\omega} - 1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^{\beta\omega/2} + e^{-\beta\omega/2}}{e^{\beta\omega/2} - e^{-\beta\omega/2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \coth(\beta\omega/2) \end{aligned}$$

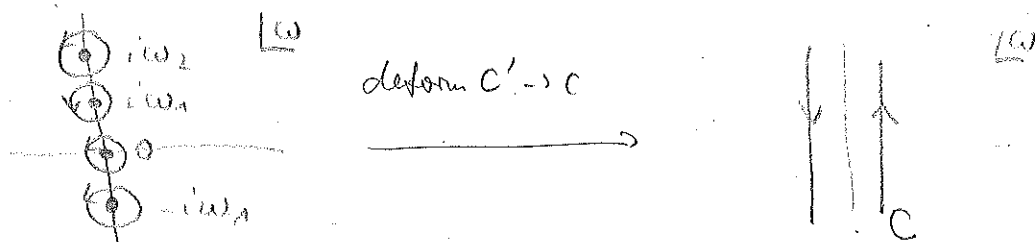
is an odd function of ω and also has the properties (*) & (**).

Let h be analytic near the imaginary axis.

Then

$$T \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} h(i\omega_n) = \int_{C'} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \left[\frac{1}{2} + f_B(\omega) \right] h(\omega)$$

where C' is the following contour:



$$T \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} h(i\omega_n) = \int_C \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \left[\frac{1}{2} + f_B(\omega) \right] h(\omega)$$

apply this to $h(\omega) = \Delta(\omega, \vec{k})$

$\Delta(\omega, \vec{k}) = \frac{-1}{(\omega - E_k)(\omega + E_k)}$ has poles at $\omega = \pm E_k$, $E_k = \sqrt{k^2 + m^2}$

with residues $\mp \frac{1}{2E_k}$

and falls off like $\frac{1}{\omega^2}$ for $\omega \rightarrow \infty$.

$$T \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \Delta(i\omega_n, \vec{k}) = \text{Res}_{\omega = -E_k} \left[\frac{1}{\omega} \Delta(\omega, \vec{k}) \right] - \text{Res}_{\omega = E_k} \left[\frac{1}{\omega} \Delta(\omega, \vec{k}) \right]$$

(counter-clockwise) $\rightarrow (-1)$

$$= (-1)^2 \frac{1}{2E_k} \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{2} + f_B(E_k) \right] - \left[\frac{1}{2} + f_B(-E_k) \right] \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2E_k} [1 + 2f_B(E_k)]$$

Thus

$$\Delta(0) = T \sum_{\vec{k}} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \Delta(i\omega_n, \vec{k})$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_k} [1 + 2f_B(E_k)]$$

The integral $\int d^3k \frac{1}{2E_k}$ diverges at large k (UV divergence)

This divergent contribution is T -independent \Rightarrow

$\frac{dP}{d\ln \mu^2}$ contains a T -independent UV divergence.

We did not see this in chapter 1 because there we

put the vacuum energy equal to zero. Since

$$E = TS - PV$$

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entropy

a UV divergent P implies a UV-divergent E .

[This is the famous cosmological constant problem]

We can renormalize P by subtracting the vacuum

contribution

$$\frac{dP}{dm^2} = - \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{f_B(E_k)}{2E_k}$$

compare with (*),

$$\frac{d}{dm^2} (*) = -T \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \underbrace{\frac{dE_k}{dm^2}}_{= \frac{1}{2E_k}} (-\beta) e^{-\beta E_k} (-1) \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta E_k}} \frac{\partial k}{\partial k}$$

Now back to the high T expansion. Before the Matsubara sum:

$$\Delta(0) = T \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\omega_n^2 + k^2 + m^2}$$

If we expand in m^2 here, we see that the IR divergence comes from the $n=0$ term

$$(X) \left[\Delta(0) \right]_{\omega_n=0} = T \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2}$$

which we treat separately. It is UV divergent. This divergence is proportional to T and independent of m^2 . We already know that the T -dependent part of P is UV finite. Thus the UV divergence in (X) must cancel against contributions from $\omega_n \neq 0$. We can get rid of the UV divergence by differentiating WRT $m^2 \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\frac{d^2 P}{d(m^2)^2} \right]_{\omega_n=0} &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dm^2} \Delta(0) \Big|_{\omega_n=0} = +\frac{1}{2} T \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{(k^2 + m^2)^2} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{4\pi}{8\pi^3}}_{= \frac{1}{4\pi^2}} (m^2)^{-1/2} T \underbrace{\int_0^\infty dx \cdot x^2 (x^2 + 1)^{-2}}_{= \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{T (m^2)^{-1/2}}{16\pi} \end{aligned}$$

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The resulting contribution to P is

$$\frac{1}{16\pi} \frac{2}{3} \cdot 2 (m^2)^{3/2} T = \frac{(m^2)^{3/2}}{12\pi} T$$

This is obviously not analytic near $m^2 = 0 \Rightarrow$

high- T expansion for ideal boson gas ($\lambda = 0, \mu = 0$)

$$P = T^4 \left\{ \frac{\pi^2}{90} - \frac{m^2}{2.4T^2} + \frac{m^3}{12\pi T^3} + \mathcal{O}(m^4/T^4) \right\}$$

[NB: the m^4 term also contains $\ln(m^2/T^2)$.]