

Chapter 4.4: Noninteracting Fermions and Bosons

Reminder: Each basis state is fully symmetrized/anti-symmetrized superposition.

Impossible to specify which particle is in which state. Instead specify occupation numbers n_r = number of particles in state $|r\rangle$

Basis states:

Bosons

$|n_{r_1}, n_{r_2}, n_{r_3}, n_{r_4}, \dots\rangle_B$ = fully symmetric superposition of all possible states fully specified $\{n_{r_1}, n_{r_2}, \dots\}$ $n_r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$

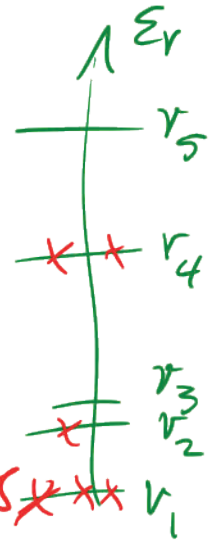
Fermions

$|n_{r_1}, n_{r_2}, n_{r_3}, n_{r_4}, \dots\rangle_F$ = Slater determinant

$n_r = 0, 1$

if particles are independent $E = n_{r_1} \epsilon_{r_1} + n_{r_2} \epsilon_{r_2} + \dots$

if non-interacting



for noninteracting $E = \sum_r n_r \epsilon_r$

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Calculation for non-interacting particles

$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha N} \sum_{\{r\}} e^{-\beta E(\{r\})}$$

$$= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha N} \sum_{\{n_r\}} e^{-\beta \sum_r \epsilon_r n_r}$$

$$= \sum_{\{n_r\}} e^{-\alpha N} e^{-\beta \sum_r \epsilon_r n_r}$$

$$= \sum_{\{n_r\}} e^{-\beta \sum_r (\epsilon_r - \mu) n_r}$$

$$= \sum_{\{n_r\}} \prod_r e^{-\beta (\epsilon_r - \mu) n_r}$$

$$\alpha = -\beta \mu$$

is simpler for \mathcal{Z} than for $Z_N = \sum_{\{r\}} e^{-\beta E(\{r\})}$

$\sum_{\{r\}}$ = sum over all quantum #'s of particles

$\sum_{\{n_r\}}$ = sum over all allowed occupation #'s restricted so $\sum_r n_r = N$

e.g. for $N=1$
 $\sum_{\{n_r\}} e^{-\beta \sum_r n_r \epsilon_r} = Z$

$$\sum_N \sum_{\{n_r\}} = \sum_{\{n_r\}}$$

unrestricted

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Distributive rules

$$\begin{aligned}
 & a_1 a_2 a_3 + a_1 a_2 b_3 + a_1 b_2 a_3 + a_1 b_2 b_3 \\
 & + b_1 a_2 a_3 + b_1 a_2 b_3 + b_1 b_2 a_3 + b_1 b_2 b_3 \\
 & = (a_1 + b_1)(a_2 + b_2)(a_3 + b_3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\{n_r\}} \prod_{r=1,2,3} e^{-\beta(\epsilon_r - \mu)n_r} = \prod_{r=1,2,3} \sum_{n_r=0}^1 e^{-\beta(\epsilon_r - \mu)n_r} \\
 & \sum_{\{n_r\}} e^{-\beta \sum_r (\epsilon_r - \mu)n_r} = \sum_{\{n_r\}} \prod_r e^{-\beta(\epsilon_r - \mu)n_r} = \prod_r \sum_{n_r} e^{-\beta(\epsilon_r - \mu)n_r} = \prod_r Z_r
 \end{aligned}$$

partition function
each level r

$$Z_r = \sum_{n_r} e^{-\beta(\epsilon_r - \mu)n_r}$$

Fermions $n_r = 0, 1$
Bosons $n_r = 0, \dots, \infty$

$$\ln Z = \sum_r \ln Z_r$$

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Noninteracting partition functions

Bosons $Z_r = \sum_{n_r=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta(\epsilon_r - \mu)n_r} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta(\epsilon_r - \mu)}}$

Fermions $Z_r = \sum_{n_r=0}^1 e^{-\beta(\epsilon_r - \mu)n_r} = 1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_r - \mu)}$ (geom. sum)

Bosons

Z_r

$$\ln Z_B = -\sum_r \ln(1 - e^{-\beta(\epsilon_r - \mu)}) = -\sum_r \ln(1 - ze^{-\beta\epsilon_r})$$

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

$$\ln Z_r = -\ln(1 - ze^{-\beta\epsilon_r})$$

Fermions

Z_r

$$\ln Z_F = \sum_r \ln(1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_r - \mu)}) = \sum_r \ln(1 + ze^{-\beta\epsilon_r})$$

$$\ln Z_r = \ln(1 + ze^{-\beta\epsilon_r})$$

Analogous $z \rightarrow -z$

$$\ln Z_B(z) = -\ln Z_F(z)$$

expansion $\ln(1+\delta) \approx \delta$

$$\ln Z_{\text{classical}} = \sum_r ze^{-\beta\epsilon_r} = z Z_1$$