

Problem 1 (15 marks)

For a system that can be characterized by entropy S , volume V , and particle number N , show that

$$N \left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial V} \right)_{T,N} = V \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right)_{T,N}.$$

Problem 2 (20=10+10 marks)

The so-called Dieterici model of a real gas is specified by the equation of state

$$P(T, v) = \frac{RT}{v-b} \exp\left(-\frac{a}{vRT}\right)$$

with positive material constants a and b . Just like the van der Waals gas and the Berthelot gas, the Dieterici gas has a gas-to-liquid phase transition for temperatures below the critical temperature T_{cr} .

- (a) Express the critical temperature T_{cr} and also the critical values of the molar volume (v_{cr}) and the pressure (P_{cr}) in terms of a , b , and the gas constant R . What is the value of $P_{\text{cr}}v_{\text{cr}}/T_{\text{cr}}$?
- (b) Find the coexistence pressure $P(T)$ for temperatures just below the critical temperature, $0 \lesssim T_{\text{cr}} - T \ll T_{\text{cr}}$.

Problem 3 (25=10+15 marks)

We denote the energy and the particle number in the k th microstate by $E_k(V)$ and N_k , respectively. Then the partition functions for the canonical and grand canonical ensembles are

$$Q(\beta, V, N) = \sum_k e^{-\beta E_k} \delta_{N, N_k} \quad \text{and} \quad Z(\beta, V, z) = \sum_k e^{-\beta(E_k - \mu N_k)}$$

with the fugacity $z = e^{\beta\mu}$,

- (a) Show that these partition functions are related to each other by

$$Z(\beta, V, z) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} z^N Q(\beta, V, N).$$

- (b) For the single-component classical ideal gas, we have $\log Z(\beta, V, z) = Vz/\lambda^3$ with the thermal de Broglie wavelength $\lambda = \hbar\sqrt{2\pi\beta/m}$. What is $Q(\beta, V, N)$?

Problem 4 (40=5+15+10+10 marks)

Consider an ideal classical gas of N particles with the energy

$$H(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{p}_1; \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{p}_2; \dots; \mathbf{r}_N, \mathbf{p}_N) = \sum_{j=1}^N \left[\frac{\mathbf{p}_j^2}{2m} + F r_j \right],$$

where $r_j = |\mathbf{r}_j|$ is the length of the position vector of the j th particle and $F > 0$ is a force constant.

- (a) Is F an extensive or an intensive variable? Why?
- (b) Find the canonical partition function $Q(\beta, F, N)$.
- (c) Then determine the average energy per particle in units of $k_B T$.
- (d) Determine also the average kinetic energy and the average potential energy and verify that their sum equals the average energy.

Here are some mathematical identities that could be useful:

$$\int_0^{\infty} dx x^{\nu} e^{-ax} = 2 \int_0^{\infty} dx x^{2\nu+1} e^{-ax^2} = \frac{\nu!}{a^{\nu+1}} \quad \text{for } a > 0 \text{ and } \nu > -1;$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^j x^k \Big|_{x=0} = \delta_{j,k} k! \quad \text{for } j, k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots;$$

$$0! = 1, \quad \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right)! = \sqrt{\pi}, \quad (\nu + 1)! = \nu! (\nu + 1).$$