

**Problem 1 (20 marks)**

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

$$\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial V}\right)_{S,N} = S \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial S}\right)_{V,N} - P.$$

How is this statement modified for the photon gas? Find the free energy of the photon gas, and then verify explicitly that the statement is true.

**Problem 2 (20 marks)**

Consider an ideal gas composed of a single kind of molecules that rotate, vibrate, and have electronic excitations, such that the single-molecule energies are a sum  $\varepsilon_k = \varepsilon_{a_k}^{(\text{rot})} + \varepsilon_{b_k}^{(\text{vib})} + \varepsilon_{c_k}^{(\text{el})}$  of the respective contributions, where  $a_k, b_k, c_k$  jointly label the  $k$ th microstate. Show that the heat capacity  $C_V$  is a corresponding sum:  $C_V = C_V^{(\text{rot})} + C_V^{(\text{vib})} + C_V^{(\text{el})}$ .

Hint: There is no need to distinguish between bosons and fermions, just consider Maxwell–Boltzmann statistics.

**Problem 3 (20 marks)**

In lecture, we discussed the Debye model (Section 3.5 in the lecture notes). There is also the Einstein model, in which one assumes that a single frequency  $\omega_0$  is dominating,

$$g(\omega) = 3N\delta(\omega - \omega_0).$$

In the Einstein model, then, what is the constant-volume specific heat at low temperatures? What is it at high temperatures?

**Problem 4 (40=10+10+10+10 marks)**

Consider a model system of  $N$  constituents distributed over  $M$  sites with  $M \gg N$ . Each constituent has two internal states with energies  $\pm \frac{1}{2}E_0$ , and there is no interaction between the constituents.

- (a) Find the canonical partition function  $Q^{(M)}(\beta, N)$ .
- (b) In the canonical ensemble, what is the expected value of the energy, and what is the energy spread?
- (c) Now consider the grand-canonical ensemble and find the partition function  $Z^{(M)}(\beta, z)$ .
- (d) In the grand-canonical ensemble, what is the expected number of constituents, and what is its spread?  
[Remember that  $\langle N \rangle \ll M$ . You may want to use this for simplifying some expressions although this is not really necessary here and not required.]