

PHYSICS 210A : STATISTICAL PHYSICS
HW ASSIGNMENT #6

(1) In our derivation of the low temperature phase of an ideal Bose condensate, we split off the lowest energy state ε_0 but treated the remainder as a continuum, taking $\mu = 0$ in all expressions relating to the overcondensate. Under what conditions is this justified? *I.e.* why are we not obligated to separately consider the contributions from the first excited state, *etc.*?

(2) Consider a three-dimensional Bose gas of particles which have two internal polarization states, labeled by $\sigma = \pm 1$. The single particle energies are given by

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{p}, \sigma) = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} + \sigma\Delta,$$

where $\Delta > 0$.

- (a) Find the density of states per unit volume $g(\varepsilon)$.
- (b) Find an implicit expression for the condensation temperature $T_c(n, \Delta)$. When $\Delta \rightarrow \infty$, your expression should reduce to the familiar one derived in class.
- (c) When $\Delta = \infty$, the condensation temperature should agree with the familiar result for three-dimensional Bose condensation. Assuming $\Delta \ll k_B T_c(n, \Delta = \infty)$, find analytically the leading order difference $T_c(n, \Delta) - T_c(n, \Delta = \infty)$.

(3) For an ideal Fermi gas in three dimensions,

- (a) Find an expression for the isothermal compressibility $\kappa_{T,N}$ as a function of the temperature T and fugacity z .
- (b) Find an expression for the adiabatic compressibility $\kappa_{S,N}$ as a function of the temperature T and fugacity z .
- (c) Find an expression for the ratio $C_{p,N}/C_{V,N}$ as a function of the temperature T and fugacity z .

(4) At low energies, the conduction electron states in graphene can be described as fourfold degenerate fermions with dispersion $\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}) = \hbar v_F |\mathbf{k}|$. Using the Sommerfeld expansion,

- (a) Find the density of single particle states $g(\varepsilon)$.
- (b) Find the chemical potential $\mu(T, n)$ up to terms of order T^4 .
- (c) Find the energy density $\mathcal{E}(T, n) = E/V$ up to terms of order T^4 .