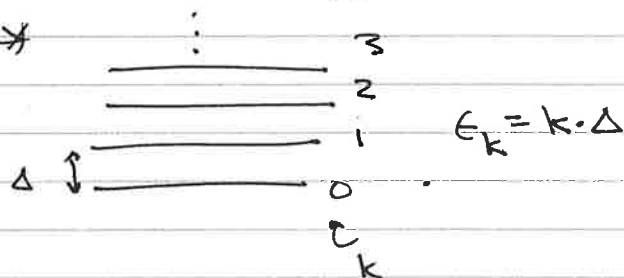


Seminar 10 Warmups

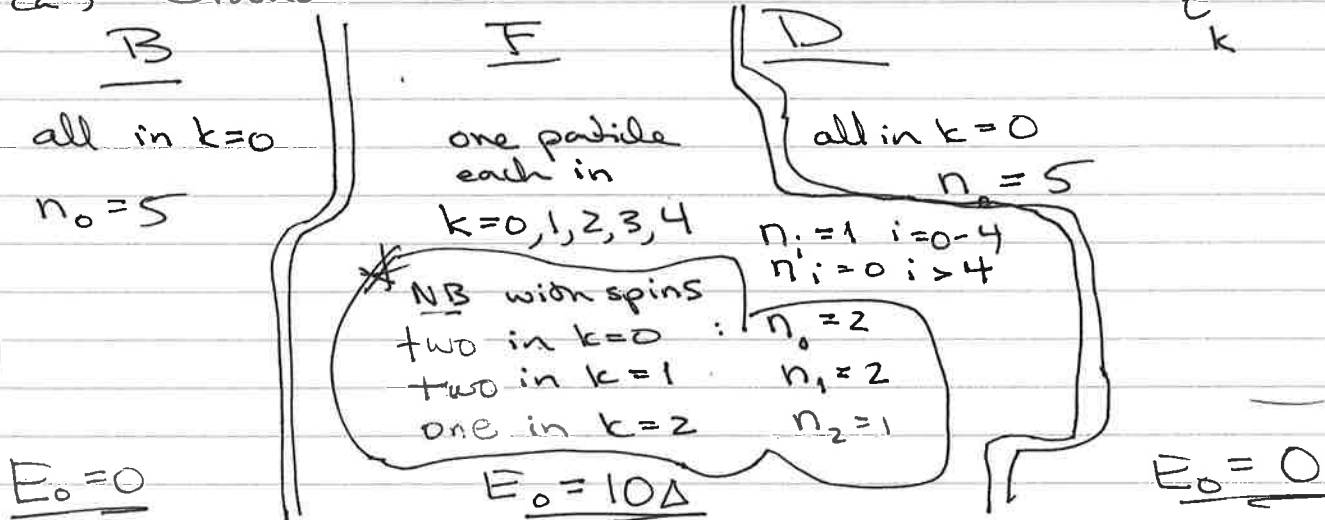
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Problem 1 - Schroeder 7.10 Counting states

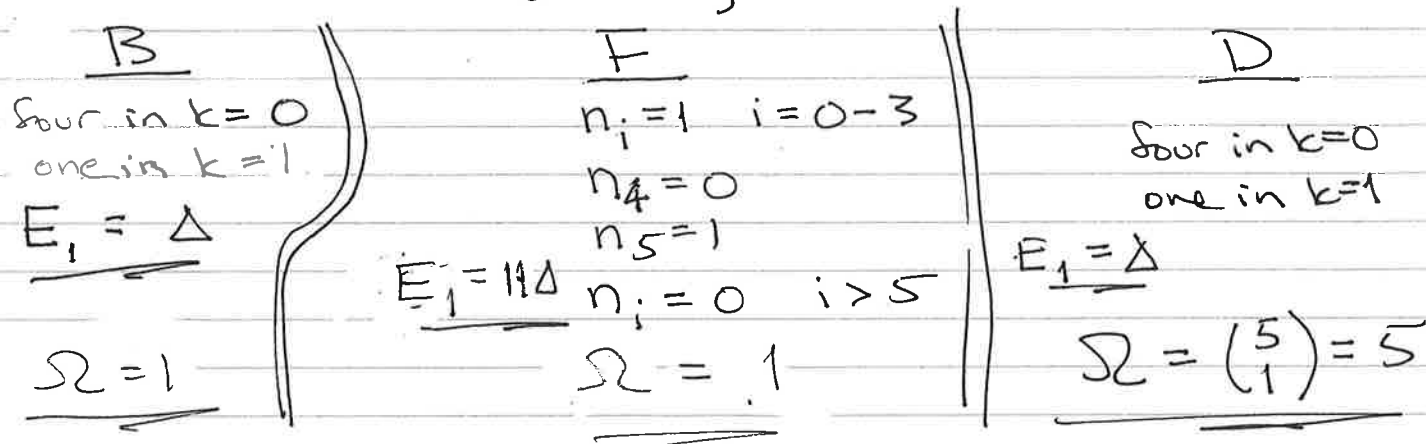
We have 5 particles among nondegen
erally spaced energy levels. Particles could
be Bosons - identical
Fermions - identical (spinless) *
Distinguishable



(a) Ground state?



(b) if $E = E_0 + \Delta$, allowed states are



(c) There are two ways
to add one more unit of energy for
B or D

$n_0=3$ or $n_0=4$
 $n_1=2$ or $n_1=0$
 $n_2=1$

0

These have different multiplicities.

B

$$n_0 = 3$$

$$n_1 = 2$$

$$E_2 = 2\Delta$$

$$\Omega = 1$$

$$n_0 = 4$$

$$n_1 = 0$$

$$n_2 = 1$$

$$E_2 = 2\Delta$$

$$\Omega = 1$$

Total

$$\underline{\Omega = 2 \text{ for } E_2 = 2\Delta}$$

D

$$n_0 = 3$$

$$n_1 = 2$$

$$\Omega = \binom{5}{2}$$

$$= 10$$

$$n_0 = 4$$

$$n_1 = 0$$

$$n_2 = 1$$

$$\Omega = \binom{5}{1}$$

$$= 5$$

Total

$$\underline{\Omega = 15 \text{ for } E_2 = 2\Delta}$$

F

two ways
also

$$n_0 = 1$$

$$n_1 = 1$$

$$n_2 = 1$$

$$n_3 = 1$$

$$n_4 = 0$$

$$n_5 = 0$$

$$n_6 = 1$$

$$n_0 = 1$$

$$n_1 = 1$$

$$n_2 = 1$$

$$n_3 = 0$$

$$n_4 = 1$$

$$n_5 = 1$$

$$\text{for } E_2 = 12\Delta$$

$$\underline{\Omega = 2}$$

Yet another unit of energy? Three ways for each

B

or

or

F

D

$$n_0$$

$$2$$

$$3$$

$$4$$

$$n_1$$

$$3$$

$$1$$

$$0$$

$$n_2$$

$$0$$

$$1$$

$$0$$

$$n_3$$

$$0$$

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$$1$$

$$n_4$$

$$0$$

$$0$$

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$$n_5$$

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$$n_6$$

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$$n_7$$

$$0$$

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$$0$$

$$\underline{\Omega = 3}$$

$$\text{for } E = 3\Delta$$

$$\underline{\Omega = 3}$$

$$E = 13\Delta$$

$$2$$

$$3$$

$$4$$

$$3$$

$$1$$

$$0$$

$$0$$

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$$\Omega = \binom{5}{2} + \binom{5}{3} \cdot 2 + \binom{5}{4}$$

$$= 10 + 20 + 5 = 35$$

$$E = 3\Delta$$

(d) Probability of seeing E goes like
 $g(E) e^{-\beta E}$

So consider B + D . It is relatively more likely to see a higher E for D than B , b/c there are so many more ways, Σ for D particles

$$\text{eg. } \frac{\Sigma_{E=3}}{\Sigma_{E=0}} = \frac{\frac{3}{1}}{\frac{35}{1}}$$

Now, though not asked, issue with fermions is just that g_s has higher energy as levels must fill up with 1 particle each.

Multiplicity of $E_0 + \Delta$ for F is same as multiplicity of Δ for B

$$\text{where } E_0 = \sum_{i=1}^N i \cdot \Delta$$

Schroeder 7.37

Problem 2

We are asked to show

That the Planck function giving spectrum in terms of energy:

$$u(\epsilon) = \frac{8\pi}{(hc)^3} \frac{\epsilon^3}{e^{\beta\epsilon} - 1} \quad \text{peaks at } \beta\epsilon = 2.82$$

We could write ϵ in terms of $x = \beta\epsilon$

$\Rightarrow$ find peak of $\frac{8\pi}{(\beta hc)^3} \frac{x^3}{e^x - 1} \equiv f(x)$

Differentiate: $f'(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{3x^2}{e^x - 1} - \frac{x^3 e^x}{(e^x - 1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2(e^x - 1) = x^3 e^x$$

if $x \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 3(e^x - 1) = x e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow 3e^{-x} = 3 - x$$

$$e^{-x} = 1 - \frac{x}{3}$$

Solve: $x = 2.82 \dots$

or
Guess &
check

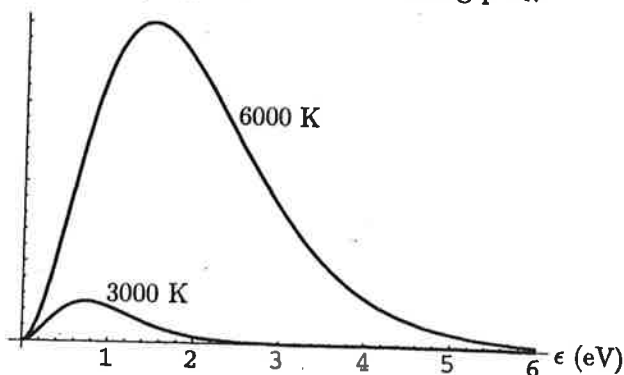
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Problem 7.38. At $T = 3000$ K, $kT = 0.26$ eV, while at $T = 6000$ K, $kT = 0.52$ eV. To plot the Planck spectrum vs. photon energy at each of these temperatures, I used the *Mathematica* instruction

`Plot[{e^3/(Exp[e/.26]-1),e^3/(Exp[e/.52]-1)},{e,0,6}]`

in which I've ignored the overall constant in equation 7.84 since the vertical axis of the graph is so tricky to interpret anyway. Here's the resulting plot:



Note that doubling the temperature shifts the peak in the spectrum to the right, to a photon energy exactly twice as large. Much more dramatic, though, is the height of the spectrum: Doubling the temperature increases the total area under the graph by a factor of $2^4 = 16$, as predicted by equation 7.85 or 7.86.