Formula of Canonical ensemble Masatsugu Sei Suzuki Department of Physics, SUNY at Binghamton

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Here we present the formula for the canonical ensemble for the convenience.

The internal energy U:

$$U = -\frac{\partial \ln Z_C}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{1}{\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial T}} \frac{\partial \ln Z_C}{\partial T} = k_B T^2 \frac{\partial \ln Z_C}{\partial T} \cdot$$

since

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial T} = \frac{1}{\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial T}} \frac{\partial}{\partial T} = -k_B T^2$$

The pressure *P*:

$$P = \sum_{i} P_{i} \frac{1}{Z_{C}} e^{-\beta E_{i}} = \frac{1}{Z_{C}} \sum_{i} (-\frac{\partial E_{i}}{\partial V}) e^{-\beta E_{i}} = \frac{1}{Z_{C}} \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial Z_{C}}{\partial V} = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial \ln Z_{C}}{\partial V}$$

The Helmholtz free energy F as

$$F = E - ST.$$

$$dF = dE - SdT - TdS$$

$$= TdS - PdV - SdT - TdS$$

$$= -PdV - SdT$$

F is a function of T and V; F = F(T, V). From the equation of dF, we have

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

Helmholtz free energy *F*:

$$F = -k_{\rm B}T \ln Z_{\rm C}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T}(\frac{F}{T}) = \frac{T\frac{\partial F}{\partial T} - F}{T^2} = \frac{-ST - F}{T^2} = -\frac{U}{T^2} = -k_B \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln Z_C,$$

which leads to

$$F = -k_B T \ln Z_C$$

The entropy S in a canonical ensemble

$$S = \frac{U - F}{T}$$

where U is the average energy of the system,

$$U = -\frac{\partial \ln Z_C}{\partial \beta}$$

Then entropy S is written as

$$S = -k_B \beta \frac{\partial \ln Z_C}{\partial \beta} + k_B \ln Z_C$$

or

$$S = -\frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial \ln Z_C}{\partial \beta} + k_B \ln Z_C$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \frac{1}{Z_C} \sum_i E_i e^{-\beta E_i} + k_B \ln Z_C$$

$$= k_B \beta \sum_i E_i \frac{e^{-\beta E_i}}{Z_C} + k_B \ln Z_C$$

$$= k_B \sum_i \beta E_i p_i + k_B \ln Z_C$$

$$= k_B \sum_i (-\ln p_i - \ln Z_C) p_i + k_B \ln Z_C$$

$$= -k_B \sum_i p_i \ln p_i$$

or

$$S = -k_B \sum_i p_i \ln p_i ,$$

where p_i is that the probability of the $|i\rangle$ state and is given by

$$p_i = \frac{1}{Z_C} e^{-\beta E_i}$$

The logarithm of p_i is described by

$$\ln p_i = -\beta E_i - \ln Z_C$$

Here we have

$$S = -k_B \sum_{i} p_1 \ln p_i = -k_B \sum_{i} p_1 (-\beta E_i - \ln Z_C)$$

$$= -k_B (-\beta U - \ln Z_C)$$

$$= \frac{U}{T} + k_B \ln Z_C$$

or

$$TS = U + k_B T \ln Z_C$$

or

$$F = U - ST = -k_B T \ln Z_C$$

We start with the expression (Fermi)

$$dU = TdS - PdV = d(TS) - SdT - PdV$$

or

$$d(U-TS) = dF = -SdT - PdV$$

with

$$F = U - ST$$
 or $S = \frac{U}{T} - \frac{F}{T}$

Note that

$$dS = \frac{1}{T}dU + \frac{P}{T}dV$$

At constant V, we get

$$dS = \frac{1}{T}dU = k_B \beta dU = k_B [d(\beta U) - Ud\beta]$$

Using the relation

$$U = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Z$$

we have

$$S = \int \frac{1}{T} dU$$
$$= \int k_B \beta dU$$
$$= \int k_B [d(\beta U) - U d\beta]$$

or

$$S = k_B \beta U + k_B \int \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\ln Z) d\beta$$
$$= k_B \beta U + k_B \ln Z$$
$$= \frac{U}{T} + k_B \ln Z$$

or

$$\frac{F}{T} = \frac{U}{T} - S = -k_B \ln Z$$

The Helmholtz free energy is

$$F = -k_B T \ln Z = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z$$

The entropy S is

$$S = k_B [\ln Z - \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Z] = -k_B \beta^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z)$$

This expression of S can be also derived as

$$S = -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial T}\right)_{V}$$

$$= -\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial T} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \beta}\right)_{V}$$

$$= k_{B} \beta^{2} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \beta}\right)_{V}$$

$$= -k_{B} \beta^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z\right)$$

or

$$PV = \frac{2}{3}U$$
 for ideal gas

$$PV = \frac{1}{3}U$$
 for ideal photon gas

Energy fluctuation:

$$Z_C = \sum_i e^{-\beta E_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial Z_C}{\partial \beta} = -\sum_i E_i e^{-\beta E_i} , \qquad \frac{\partial^2 Z_C}{\partial \beta^2} = \sum_i (-E_i)^2 e^{-\beta E_i} = \sum_i E_i^2 e^{-\beta E_i}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = U = \frac{1}{Z_C} \sum_i E_i e^{-\beta E_i} = -\frac{1}{Z_C} \frac{\partial Z_C}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{\partial \ln Z_C}{\partial \beta},$$

$$\langle E^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{Z_C} \sum_i E_i^2 e^{-\beta E_i} = \frac{1}{Z_C} \frac{\partial^2 Z_C}{\partial \beta^2}$$

$$(\Delta E)^{2} = \langle (E - \langle E \rangle)^{2} \rangle$$

$$= \langle E^{2} \rangle - \langle E \rangle^{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial^{2} Z_{C}}{\partial \beta^{2}} - \frac{1}{Z_{C}^{2}} \left(\frac{\partial Z_{C}}{\partial \beta} \right)^{2}$$

$$= \frac{\partial^{2} \ln Z_{C}}{\partial \beta^{2}}$$

or

$$(\Delta E)^{2} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}U = k_{B}T^{2}\frac{\partial}{\partial T}U = k_{B}T^{2}C$$

where *C* is the heat capacity.

Similarly we have

$$(\Delta E)^n = (-1)^n \frac{\partial^n \ln Z_C}{\partial \beta^n}$$

Since $(\Delta E)^2$ can never be negative, it follows that $\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \langle E \rangle \leq 0$ (or equivalently, that $\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \langle E \rangle \geq 0$).

$$(\Delta E)^2 = k_B T^2 C \propto N, \qquad \langle E \rangle \propto N$$

$$\frac{\Delta E}{\langle E \rangle} \propto \frac{\sqrt{N}}{N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

In the limit of $N \to \infty$ (thermodynamic limit), the energy fluctuation becomes zero.