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FUN FACTS TO KNOW AND TELL

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$$\zeta(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \quad \zeta(3) = 1.20205 \quad \zeta(4) = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-x^2} = \sqrt{\pi} \quad \int_0^{\infty} dx x^n e^{-x} = n!$$

LONG ANSWER SECTION

1. (10 pts) Consider two single-particle energy levels, 0 and ϵ . Spin-1 bosons ($m = -1, 0, 1$) are allowed to populate the levels and equilibrate with a heat and particle bath defined by a temperature T and chemical potential $\mu < 0$. The bosons are indistinguishable aside from their spin. What is the average number of bosons in each level?

2. (10 pts) Assume that the free energy in a two-dimensional system obeys the following form,

$$F = \int d^2r \left\{ \frac{A}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{C}{2} \phi^6 \right\}$$

Assuming that near T_c , $A \sim at$, find the critical exponent in mean field theory β where,

$$\langle \phi \rangle \sim t^\beta$$

below T_c .

3. N ink molecules are placed in a liquid at a time $t = 0$ and diffuse according to a diffusion constant D , i.e., the density of molecules satisfies the diffusion equation,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x^2}$$

For example, if the N molecules are initially positioned at $x = 0$ in a translationally-invariant medium, the density evolves as,

$$\rho(x, t) = \frac{N}{\sqrt{4\pi Dt}} e^{-x^2/4Dt}$$

- (a) (10 pts) Now, add an absorptive boundary at $x = 0$, and place the drop at a small distance a from the boundary. By *small* we will only consider times such that $2Dt \gg a^2$. Solve for the density $\rho(x, t)$. You should include only the lowest order in a .
- (b) (5 pts) What fraction of molecules survive to time t ? Again assume $2Dt \gg a^2$.

4. Suppose the average energy E and the average number of particles N in a one-dimensional system of extent L are given as a function of T , L and $\alpha \equiv -\mu/T$. Further assume that L is much larger than any microscopic scale or correlation length of the system.

- (a) (10 pts) Derive an expression for the specific heat per unit length,

$$C \equiv \frac{1}{L} \left. \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \right|_N$$

in terms of T , L , E , N , $\partial_T E$, $\partial_\alpha E$, $\partial_T N$ and $\partial_\alpha N$.

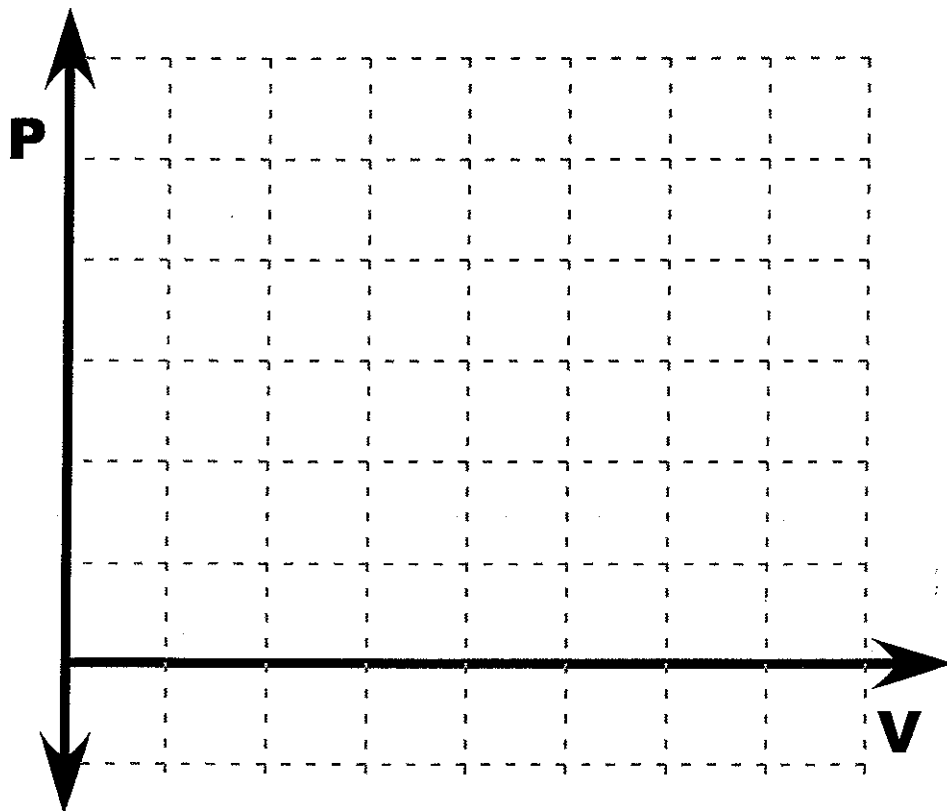
- (b) (10 pts) Assume the correlations in the system are sufficiently local they can be expressed in terms of delta functions,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta\rho(0)\Delta\rho(x) \rangle_{\alpha T} &= A\delta(x) \\ \langle \Delta\epsilon(0)\Delta\epsilon(x) \rangle_{\alpha T} &= B\delta(x) \\ \langle \Delta\epsilon(0)\Delta\rho(x) \rangle_{\alpha T} &= D\delta(x) \end{aligned}$$

where ϵ and ρ are the energy density and number density respectively. Express C in terms of T , α , A , B and D .

SHORT ANSWER SECTION

5. (1 pt each) Graph several isotherms on a P vs. V graph illustrating the characteristics of a liquid gas phase transition. The graph should include:
- An isotherm with $T > T_c$.
 - An isotherm with $T = T_c$.
 - An isotherm with $T < T_c$.
 - Label the critical point.
 - For the isotherm with $T < T_c$, label the coexistence points.



6. (2 pts each) Consider a one-dimensional Ising model. Label each of the following statements as true or false.
- In the exact solution there is no phase transition. _____
 - In the mean-eld solution there is no phase transition. _____
 - In the mean-eld solution, the critical exponents are the same for the one-dimensional and two-dimensional solutions. _____

9. (3 pts) One might expect a Goldstone boson from a phase transition with: (circle one)
- spontaneous breaking of a continuous symmetry
 - spontaneous breaking of a discrete symmetry
 - explicit breaking of a continuous symmetry
 - explicit breaking of a discrete symmetry
10. (2 pts) For a system of massless bosons, $E = cp$, what dimensionality, D , is required for Bose condensation?
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