

Advanced Statistical Physics II – Problem Sheet 4

Problem 1 – Einstein relations

Consider a system where the energy U and the volume V can fluctuate at a constant particle number N . In the following we determine the matrix

$$\mathbf{g} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{UU} & g_{UV} \\ g_{UV} & g_{VV} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

a) (1P) Determine the differential $dS(U, V)$ and show that $g_{UU} = 1/(T^2 C_V)$.

b) (2P) Give an expression for g_{UV} that depends on $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_U$. Show that

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_U = \frac{1}{C_V} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\kappa_T} T - p\right). \quad (2)$$

In order to do this, first determine the differential $dU(T, V)$ using the response functions α , κ_T and C_V .

Hint: You can use the Maxwell relation $\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_T = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial T}\right)_V$.

c) (2P) Give an expression for g_{VV} that depends on $\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial V}\right)_U$. Show that

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial V}\right)_U = -\frac{1}{\kappa_T V} + \frac{\alpha}{\kappa_T C_V} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\kappa_T} T - p\right). \quad (3)$$

In order to do this, first determine the differential $dV(T, p)$ and use your result for $dU(T, V)$ from b).

d) (1P) Calculate the inverse matrix \mathbf{g}^{-1} .

e) (1P) Consider 1 liter of liquid water at $T = 300$ K, $C_V = 4097.5$ J/K, $\kappa_T = 4.6 \times 10^{-10}$ 1/Pa, $\alpha = 0.2 \times 10^{-3}$ 1/K, and $p = 10^5$ Pa. Estimate the energy fluctuation $\langle \Delta U^2 \rangle = \langle (U - U^*)^2 \rangle$ and compare with the canonical energy fluctuation $\langle (U - U^*)^2 \rangle_V = k_B T^2 C_V$. Also estimate $\langle (U - U^*)(V - V^*) \rangle$ and $\langle \Delta V^2 \rangle = \langle (V - V^*)^2 \rangle$.

f) (1P) Compute the same quantities for a system of 100 water molecules assuming that the heat capacity of water is proportional to the number of molecules $C_V \sim N$. What are the relative fluctuations in the volume $\sqrt{\langle \Delta V^2 \rangle}/V$ for both systems?

Problem 2 – Mass Conservation

Consider a system of k components described by the continuous mass densities $\rho^i(\vec{r}, t)$. Recall that by definition of the ρ^i , the mass of component i within any volume V is given by

$$m^i(V) = \int_V \rho^i dV. \quad (4)$$

We assume that no chemical reactions can take place, so that there is no interconversion between the different components.

a) (2P) Conservation of mass for the i -th component can be formulated as the statement that for every volume V , the change of mass within V is equal to the net flow through the volume's surface S , i.e.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} m^i(V) = - \int_S \rho^i v_j^i dS_j. \quad (5)$$

Here, v_j^i denotes the j -component of the velocity vector \vec{v}^i (which describes the flow of the i -th component of the system). Note that there is (obviously) no sum over i but a sum over j in the above expression.

Use Gauss law and the fact that eq. ?? holds for arbitrary volumes to formulate the conservation of mass equation in the differential form, i.e. without integrals.

b) (1P) Now sum over i and write the resulting conservation law for the total mass in terms of the total density ρ and the center-of-mass velocity

$$v_j = \frac{\sum_i \rho^i v_j^i}{\rho}. \quad (6)$$

c) (2P) Reformulate the conservation law for the total mass using

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_j \nabla_j, \quad (7)$$

i.e. show that

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \nabla_j v_j = 0. \quad (8)$$

Problem 3 – Momentum balance and energy balance

Assume the balance of momentum is given by

$$\frac{\partial(\rho v_i)}{\partial t} + \nabla_j (v_j \rho v_i) = \rho F_i \quad (9)$$

when no stresses are considered.

a) (2P) Derive *Newton's 2nd law*

$$\rho \frac{Dv_i}{Dt} = \rho F_i \quad (10)$$

from equation (9). Note: The derivative is given in terms of Eq. (9)!

b) (4P) We want to derive the balance of energy

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v_i^2 + \rho \psi \right) + \nabla_j \left[v_j \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v_i^2 + \rho \psi \right) \right] = \rho \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}, \quad (11)$$

where $F_i = -\nabla_i \psi(\vec{x}, t)$ is given by its potential function.

Hint: Multiply equation (9) by v_i and derive expressions for $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v_i^2 \right)$ and $\nabla_j \left(\frac{1}{2} v_j \rho v_i^2 \right)$ and remember the conservation of mass.

c) (1P) Interpret the terms in Eq. (11). Is the energy conserved?