

F. Ideal Bose Gas ain't classical ideal gas even at high temperature

[This section is Optional]

Question: What is the behavior of Ideal Bose Gas at high temperature?

What for? All gases approach classical ideal gas at high temperatures, but any signature of bosons in high-T behavior?

Classical ideal gas $pV = NkT$ or $\frac{p}{kT} = \frac{N}{V}$

Bose Gas at high temperature $\frac{pV}{NkT} = 1 + (\text{something})?$

$$\text{or } \frac{p}{kT} = \frac{N}{V} + \underbrace{\left(\text{some factor} \right) \left(\frac{N}{V} \right)^2}_{\text{What is this?}} \quad (15)$$

Approach

▪ We have Eqs. (1), (2), (3), (4)

▪ Eq. (4) says
$$pV = \frac{2}{3} E = \frac{2}{3} \underbrace{\frac{V}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2}}_A \int_0^\infty \frac{\epsilon^{3/2}}{e^{(\epsilon-\mu)/kT} - 1} d\epsilon$$

[Call $x = \epsilon/kT$, $\epsilon^{3/2} = (kT)^{3/2} x^{3/2}$, $d\epsilon = (kT) dx$, $\epsilon^{1/2} = (kT)^{1/2} x^{1/2}$]

$$pV = \frac{2}{3} A (kT)^{5/2} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{3/2}}{e^{-\mu/kT} e^x - 1} dx}_{\text{after integrating over } x, \text{ it is a function of } e^{-\mu/kT}} \quad (16) \quad (\text{Exact})$$

Similarly, Eq. (1) says

$$N = \frac{V}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\epsilon^{1/2}}{e^{(\epsilon-\mu)/kT} - 1} d\epsilon = A (kT)^{3/2} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/2}}{e^{-\mu/kT} e^x - 1} dx}_{\text{after integrating over } x, \text{ it is a function of } e^{-\mu/kT}} \quad (17) \quad (T > T_c, \text{ exact})$$

↓
No term irrelevant for $T > T_c$

after integrating over x , it is a function of $e^{-\mu/kT}$

Let's call $e^{+\mu/kT} \equiv \xi$, so $e^{-\mu/kT} = \xi^{-1}$ this follows standard notation (not to confuse with ω)

Define $\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{n-1}}{\xi^{-1} e^x - 1} dx = \underbrace{\Gamma(n)}_{\text{Gamma Function}^+} \cdot g_n(\xi)$ (18)

Note⁺:

$$\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\text{as } \Gamma(n) = \int_0^\infty x^{n-1} e^{-x} dx$$

$$\Gamma(3/2) = 1/2 \Gamma(1/2) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

$$\Gamma(5/2) = 3/2 \Gamma(3/2) = \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\frac{pV}{N} = \frac{2}{3} kT \frac{\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{3/2}}{\xi^{-1} e^x - 1} dx}{\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/2}}{\xi^{-1} e^x - 1} dx}$$

$$\frac{pV}{NkT} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\Gamma(5/2) g_{5/2}(\xi)}{\Gamma(3/2) g_{3/2}(\xi)} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\pi}}{\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\pi}} \frac{g_{5/2}(\xi)}{g_{3/2}(\xi)} = \frac{g_{5/2}(\xi)}{g_{3/2}(\xi)}$$

this is "1"

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{pV}{NkT} = \frac{g_{5/2}(\xi)}{g_{3/2}(\xi)}} \quad (19) \quad (\text{Exact}) \quad (T > T_c)$$

⁺ See Notes on the Gamma Functions under "Essential Math Skills"

So far, all equations are exact, just rewriting Eqs. (1)-(4).

If we know ξ ($\xi \equiv e^{\mu/kT}$ (but μ itself can be negative as in classical gas)),
then Eq. (19) gives $\frac{pV}{NkT}$ (more than just "1").

Recall $\mu(T)$ (thus $\xi = e^{\mu/kT}$) is fixed by the "N-equation" (Eq. (1)),

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } N &= \frac{V}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} (kT)^{3/2} \underbrace{\Gamma(3/2)}_{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}} g_{3/2}(\xi) & (T > T_c) \\ &= \frac{V}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2mkT}}{\hbar} \right)^3 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} g_{3/2}(\xi) \\ &= V \left(\frac{\sqrt{2\pi mkT}}{\hbar} \right)^3 g_{3/2}(\xi) = \frac{V}{\lambda_{th}(T)^3} g_{3/2}(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{N = \frac{V}{\lambda_{th}^3} g_{3/2}(\xi)} \quad (20)$$

can be used to fix ξ for $T > T_c$

Back to our goal, what is behavior in approach the classical gas limit?

Recall: Obtained for classical ideal gas $\mu = -kT \ln \left[\frac{V}{N} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2\pi m kT}}{h} \right)^3 \right]$
 [See Application CE-(7)]

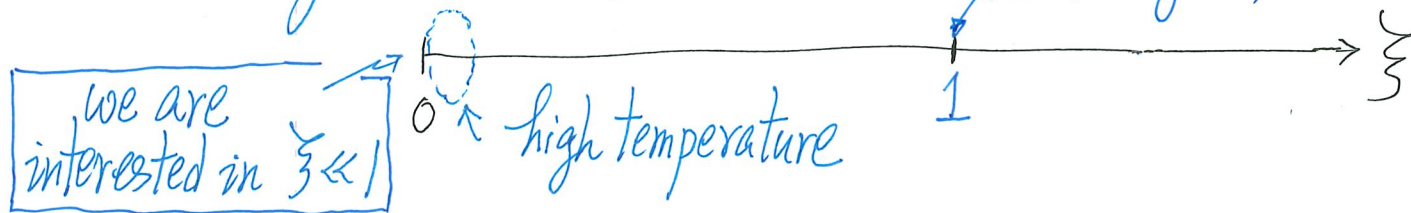
$$\therefore \xi_{\text{classical}} = e^{\mu/kT} = e^{-\ln \left[\frac{V}{N} \frac{1}{\lambda_{th}^3} \right]} = \frac{\lambda_{th}^3}{\left(\frac{V}{N} \right)} \ll 1$$

negative $\nearrow$ large $\left(\frac{V}{N} \right)^{1/3} \gg \lambda_{th}$ (ideal gas)

As we want to study ideal Bose Gas as it approaches the classical gas limit, we expect $\xi \approx \xi_{\text{classical}} \ll 1$ bounded by 1

Formally, $\mu(T < T_c) = 0$, $\xi_{T < T_c} = e^{0/kT} \rightarrow 1$

i.e. for ideal Bose Gas $0 < \xi < 1$ ($T < T_c$ regime)



Strategy Update : Study $g_{5/2}(\xi)$ and $g_{3/2}(\xi)$ for $\xi \ll 1$

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{n-1}}{\xi^{-1} e^x - 1} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{\xi x^{n-1} e^{-x}}{1 - \xi e^{-x}} dx \quad (\text{Exact})$$

$$\approx \int_0^\infty \xi x^{n-1} e^{-x} [1 + \xi e^{-x} + (\xi^2 \text{ and higher terms})] dx$$

$$= \xi \int_0^\infty x^{n-1} e^{-x} dx + \xi^2 \int_0^\infty x^{n-1} e^{-2x} dx$$

$$= \xi I^1(n) + \xi^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{y^{n-1}}{2^{n-1}} e^{-y} \frac{dy}{2}$$

($y=2x$
in 2nd term)

$$= \xi I^1(n) + \frac{\xi^2}{2^n} I^1(n) = I^1(n) \left[\xi + \frac{\xi^2}{2^n} \right] = I^1(n) \overline{g_n(\xi)}$$

for $\xi \ll 1$

$$\therefore g_n(\xi) = \xi + \frac{\xi^2}{2^n}$$

for $\xi \ll 1$ (21)

this is $g_n(\xi)$ for $\xi \ll 1$

*c.f. Fermi Gas, $f_n(\xi) = \xi - \frac{\xi^2}{2^n}$

Recall: μ (or ξ now) is fixed by Eq. (1).

$$N = \frac{V}{\lambda_{th}^3(T)} g_{3/2}(\xi) \approx \frac{V}{\lambda_{th}^3} \left(\xi + \frac{\xi^2}{2^{3/2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi \approx \underbrace{\left(\frac{N}{V} \frac{\lambda_{th}^3}{2} \right)}_{\text{this is } (\frac{1}{2} \xi_{\text{classical}}) \ll 1} - \frac{\xi^2}{2^{3/2}}$$

this is $(\frac{1}{2} \xi_{\text{classical}}) \ll 1$, this is the leading term

$$\approx \left(\frac{N}{V} \frac{\lambda_{th}^3}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{N}{V} \frac{\lambda_{th}^3}{2} \right)^2}_{\text{Even smaller!}}$$

$$\approx \underbrace{\left(\frac{N}{V} \frac{\lambda_{th}^3}{2} \right)}_{\text{just the classical ideal gas value}}$$

(22) sufficient for our purpose

(temperature T inside $\lambda_{th} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2\pi m k T}}$)

$$\frac{pV}{NkT} = \frac{g_{5/2}(\xi)}{g_{3/2}(\xi)} \quad (\text{exact}) \approx \frac{\xi + \frac{\xi^2}{2^{5/2}}}{\xi + \frac{\xi^2}{2^{3/2}}} \quad (\xi \ll 1, \text{ approaching classical gas limit})$$

$$\approx \left(1 + \frac{\xi}{2^{5/2}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\xi}{2^{3/2}}\right) \approx 1 - \xi \left(\frac{1}{2^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{2^{5/2}}\right) + \text{ignored } (\xi^2, \xi^3 \dots)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \xi$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \frac{\lambda_{th}^3}{2} \left(\frac{N}{V}\right) \quad (23)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{p}{kT} = \frac{N}{V} - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \frac{\lambda_{th}^3}{2} \left(\frac{N}{V}\right)^2 = \frac{N}{V} + B_2(T) \left(\frac{N}{V}\right)^2} \quad (24)$$

something!

Ideal (Non-interacting) Bose Gas behaves as $\frac{p}{kT} = n + B_2(T)n^2$ with a Negative Second Virial Coefficient $B_2(T) = -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \frac{\lambda_{th}^3}{2}$

Negative $B_2(T)$ implies some effective attraction between bosons, even though they don't interact!

Aside: We saw in Van der Waals Gas $(P + \frac{n^2 a}{V^2})(V - nb) = nRT$

attractive
 ↗
 repulsive ↘
 # moles

then $\frac{p}{kT} = n + \underbrace{B_2(T)}_{\text{attractive part contributes negative term to } B_2} n^2$

$\left[+\frac{b}{N_A} - \frac{a}{N_A^2 kT} \right]$

repulsive part of particle-particle interaction contributes positive term to B_2

Summary-

- Even when ideal Bose Gas approaches the classical ideal gas limit, the first correction term indicates the quantum nature of the bosons with a negative B_2 , as if they have an effective attractive interaction.

References

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