

PHY 770 -- Statistical Mechanics
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Lecture 9 -- Chapter 2
Boltzmann's Entropy

1. Microscopic analyses of entropy

- Spin system
- Einstein solid
- Ideal gas

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Course schedule for Spring 2014


(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.) Please note that makeup lectures (indicated in red) are scheduled for Tuesdays or Thursdays at 11 AM - 12:15 PM in Olin 107.

Lecture date	Text Reading	Topic	Assign.	Due date
1 Tue 01/14/2014	Chap. 3	Review of macroscopic thermodynamics	#1	02/04/2014
2 Thu 01/16/2014	Chap. 3	Review of macroscopic thermodynamics	#2	02/04/2014
3 Tue 01/21/2014	Chap. 3	Thermodynamic potentials	#3	02/04/2014
4 Tue 01/21/2014	Chap. 3	Thermodynamic stability	#4	02/04/2014
5 Thu 01/23/2014	Chap. 3	Thermodynamic stability	#5	02/04/2014
Tue 01/28/2014		NAWH out of town - no class.		
Thu 01/30/2014		NAWH out of town - no class.		
6 Tue 02/04/2014	Chap. 4	Phase transitions	#6	02/11/2014
7 Thu 02/06/2014	Chap. 2	Microscopic analysis of entropy	#7	02/11/2014
8 Thu 02/06/2014	Chap. 2	Microscopic analysis of entropy	#8	02/11/2014
9 Tue 02/11/2014	Chap. 2	Microscopic analysis of entropy	#9	02/18/2014
10 Thu 02/13/2014	Chap. 5	Equilibrium Statistical Mechanics	#10	02/18/2014


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News




Peter Diemer and Prof. Jurchescu receive Wake Forest Innovation Award



Article by Corey Hewitt and Prof. Carroll featured on the cover of Synthetic Metals



The Department Welcomes our new Administrative Assistant, Karen Logan



Congratulations to Judy Swicegood on her retirement

Events

Wed. Feb. 12, 2014
 101 Subbasement stairs
Prof. Barlow, NPU
 4:00 PM in Olin 101
 Reception
 3:30 PM in Olin Lobby

Wed. Feb. 13, 2014
 Sustainable pavement materials
Prof. Fini, NCA&T
 4:00 PM in Olin 101
 Reception
 3:30 PM in Olin Lobby

Wed. Feb. 26, 2014
 Graphene physics and devices
Prof. Solo, PSU
 4:00 PM in Olin 101
 Reception
 3:30 PM in Olin Lobby

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WFU Physics Colloquium

TITLE: The Coolest Little Hot Stars You've Never Heard Of
SPEAKER: Brad N. Barlow,
*Department of Physics
 High Point University*

TIME: Wednesday February 12, 2014 at 4:00 PM
PLACE: Room 101 Olin Physical Laboratory

Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in the Olin Lounge. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

ABSTRACT

The enigmatic hot subdwarf stars represent one of the least-understood stages of stellar evolution. Theory shows they likely formed from red giants that lost their outer hydrogen envelopes due to Roche lobe overflow and common envelope interactions with a nearby companion star. Observations support this idea as the large majority of hot subdwarfs are, in fact, in binaries. Although binary population synthesis models are generally successful at forming hot subdwarf systems, these models are relatively unconstrained and fail at predicting their orbital periods and companion masses. Here I will (i) give a brief introduction to hot subdwarf stars, (ii) describe three main techniques we use to detect binaries with varying companion masses, and (iii) discuss new systems we found that are

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Some comments on previous topics:
 Central limit theorem
 Consider N independent stochastic variables $X_i, i=1,2,..N$.
 What is the distribution of their sum
 $Y_N=(X_1+...X_N)/N$
 Characteristic function for Y_N :

$$\phi_Y(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_1 \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_N e^{ik(x_1+x_2+...x_N)/N} P_{X_1}(x_1) \dots P_{X_N}(x_N)$$

$$= (\phi_X(k/N))^N$$

$$\approx \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{k^2 \sigma_X^2}{N^2} + \dots\right)^N \underset{N \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} \exp\left(-\frac{k^2 \sigma_X^2}{2N}\right)$$

$$P_Y(y) \approx \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk e^{-iky} \exp\left(-\frac{k^2 \sigma_X^2}{2N}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{N}{2\pi \sigma_X^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{Ny^2}{2\sigma_X^2}\right)$$

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Central limit theorem
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$$P_Y(y) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi \sigma_X^2 / N}} \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma_X^2 / N}\right)$$

→ Distribution function for Y is a Gaussian distribution centered at $\langle x \rangle$ and with variance σ_X / \sqrt{N}

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Microscopic definition of entropy – due to Boltzmann

Consider a system with N particles having a total energy E and a macroscopic parameter n .

$\mathcal{N}_N(E, n)$ denotes the multiplicity of microscopic states having the same parameters. Each of these states are assumed to equally likely to occur.

$$\Rightarrow S(N, E, n) = k_B \ln(\mathcal{N}_N(E, n))$$

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Example:

Suppose you have N spin-1/2 particles. How many microscopic states does the system have?

For $N=10$: $\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow$ total = $2^{10}=1024$
 For $N=100$ total = $2^{100}=10^{30}$

Now, consider N spin-1/2 particles with $n \uparrow$ (all with the same energy).

$$\mathcal{N}_N(n) = \frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!}$$

Stirling approximation: $N! \approx \sqrt{2\pi N} N^N e^{-N}$

$$\ln(N!) \approx N \ln(N) - N$$

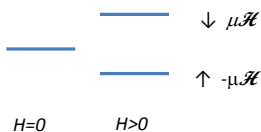
$$\begin{aligned} S(N, n) &= k_B \ln(\mathcal{N}_N(n)) \approx k_B N (\ln N - 1) \\ &\quad - k_B n (\ln n - 1) - k_B (N - n) (\ln(N - n) - 1) \\ &= k_B (N \ln N - n \ln n - (N - n) \ln(N - n)) \end{aligned}$$

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Spin-1/2 system continued – effects of Magnetic field



$$\langle E \rangle = -\mu \langle n \rangle \mathcal{H} + \mu (N - \langle n \rangle) \mathcal{H} = \mu N \mathcal{H} - 2\mu \langle n \rangle \mathcal{H}$$

Note that: $\langle n \rangle = \frac{N}{2} - \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu \mathcal{H}}$

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Spin-1/2 system – effects of Magnetic field -- continued

Previous result :

$$S(N, \langle n \rangle) \approx k_B (N \ln N - \langle n \rangle \ln \langle n \rangle - (N - \langle n \rangle) \ln (N - \langle n \rangle))$$

Expression in terms of $\langle E \rangle, \mathcal{H}$:

$$S(N, \langle E \rangle, \mathcal{H}) \approx k_B N \ln N - k_B \left(\frac{N - \langle E \rangle}{2} - \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu\mathcal{H}} \right) \ln \left(\frac{N - \langle E \rangle}{2} - \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu\mathcal{H}} \right) - k_B \left(\frac{N + \langle E \rangle}{2} + \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu\mathcal{H}} \right) \ln \left(\frac{N + \langle E \rangle}{2} + \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu\mathcal{H}} \right)$$

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Spin-1/2 system – effects of Magnetic field -- continued

Big leap:

Assume the microscopic entropy function **IS** the same as the macroscopic entropy found in classical thermodynamics

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right)_{H,N} = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$S(N, \langle E \rangle, \mathcal{H}) \approx k_B N \ln N - k_B \left(\frac{N - \langle E \rangle}{2} - \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu\mathcal{H}} \right) \ln \left(\frac{N - \langle E \rangle}{2} - \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu\mathcal{H}} \right) - k_B \left(\frac{N + \langle E \rangle}{2} + \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu\mathcal{H}} \right) \ln \left(\frac{N + \langle E \rangle}{2} + \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu\mathcal{H}} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right)_{H,N} = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{k_B}{2\mu\mathcal{H}} \ln \left(\frac{N - \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu\mathcal{H}}}{N + \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu\mathcal{H}}} \right)$$

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Spin-1/2 system – effects of Magnetic field -- continued

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right)_{H,N} = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{k_B}{2\mu\mathcal{H}} \ln \left(\frac{N - \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu\mathcal{H}}}{N + \frac{\langle E \rangle}{2\mu\mathcal{H}}} \right)$$

Solving for $\langle E \rangle$ versus T relationship

$$\langle E \rangle \Rightarrow U(T, N, \mathcal{H}) = N\mu\mathcal{H} \tanh \left(\frac{\mu\mathcal{H}}{k_B T} \right)$$

Heat capacity :

$$C_{N,\mathcal{H}} = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_{N,\mathcal{H}} = Nk_B \left(\frac{\mu\mathcal{H}}{k_B T} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\cosh^2 \left(\frac{\mu\mathcal{H}}{k_B T} \right)}$$

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Example: Einstein solid – simple model of vibrational modes



Energy for each oscillator : $\epsilon_i = \hbar\omega \left(n_i + \frac{1}{2} \right)$ $n_i = 0, 1, \dots, \infty$

Energy for N oscillators : $E(N, q) = \hbar\omega \left(\frac{N}{2} + q \right)$ $q = 0, 1, \dots, \infty$

here q comes from combinations of $\{n_i\}$ for N oscillators

Note : N is a multiple of 3 for a 3 - dimensional system

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Einstein solid – continued

Energy for N oscillators : $E(N, q) = \hbar\omega \left(\frac{N}{2} + q \right)$ $q = 0, 1, \dots, \infty$

Multiplicity of $E(N, q)$:

Count ways of distributing q quanta over N oscillators :

Example for $q=3$ and $N=2$

$N(1)$	$N(2)$	
q=3	q=0	(xxx)
q=2	q=1	(xx x)
q=1	q=2	(x xx)
q=0	q=3	(xxx)

$$\mathcal{N}_N(q) = \frac{(N-1+q)!}{q!(N-1)!}$$

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Einstein solid – continued

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$$\mathcal{N}_N(q) = \frac{(N-1+q)!}{q!(N-1)!}$$

$$S(N, q) = k_B \ln(\mathcal{N}_N(q)) = k_B \ln \left(\frac{(N-1+q)!}{q!(N-1)!} \right)$$

$$\approx k_B ((N-1+q) \ln(N-1+q) - q \ln q - (N-1) \ln(N-1))$$

$$q = \frac{E}{\hbar\omega} - \frac{N}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right)_N = \frac{1}{\hbar\omega} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial q} \right)_N = \frac{k_B}{\hbar\omega} \left(\ln \left(\frac{N-1+q}{q} \right) \right)$$

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Einstein solid – continued
 Energy for N oscillators : $E(N, q) = \hbar\omega \left(\frac{N}{2} + q \right)$ $q = 0, 1, \dots, \infty$

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{k_B}{\hbar\omega} \left(\ln \left(\frac{N-1+q}{q} \right) \right) = \frac{k_B}{\hbar\omega} \left(\ln \left(\frac{\frac{E}{\hbar\omega} + \frac{N}{2} - 1}{\frac{E}{\hbar\omega} - \frac{N}{2}} \right) \right)$$

$$\approx \frac{k_B}{\hbar\omega} \left(\ln \left(\frac{\frac{E}{\hbar\omega} + \frac{N}{2}}{\frac{E}{\hbar\omega} - \frac{N}{2}} \right) \right)$$

Solving for $E \Rightarrow U(T, N) = N\hbar\omega \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1} \right)$


Heat capacity: $C_N = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_N = \frac{N(\hbar\omega)^2 e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T}}{k_B T^2 (e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1)^2}$

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Example: Ideal gas in d dimensions:
 Relationship between classical and quantum microstate analyses:

Classical	Quantum
$\frac{1}{N! h^{dN}} \int d^{dN} r d^{dN} p$	\sum_n

Example for quantum particle in 1-dimensional box:

Classical	Quantum	
$\frac{p_x^2}{2m} \leq E$	$\epsilon_n = \frac{\hbar^2 n^2}{8mL^2} \leq E$	

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Example: single particle of mass m confined within a 1 dimensional box of length L ; $d=1, N=1$:
 Classical treatment :

$0 \leq x \leq L$
 $-\sqrt{2mE} \leq p_x \leq \sqrt{2mE}$

$$\mathcal{N}_{Cl}(E) = \int_0^L dx \int_{-\sqrt{2mE}}^{\sqrt{2mE}} dp_x = 2L\sqrt{2mE}$$

Quantum treatment :

Discrete energies : $\epsilon_n = \frac{\hbar^2 n^2}{8mL^2}$ $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\mathcal{N}_Q(E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\epsilon_n \leq E} = \frac{2L}{h} \sqrt{2mE}$$

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Classical analysis for $\mathcal{N}(E)$ for $d=1, N=2$

Classical treatment :

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq L \quad 0 \leq x_2 \leq L$$

$$0 \leq p_{x,1}^2 + p_{x,2}^2 \leq 2mE$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{Cl}(E) = \int_0^L dx_1 \int_0^L dx_2 \int_{0 \leq p_{x,1}^2 + p_{x,2}^2 \leq 2mE} dp_{x,1} dp_{x,2}$$

Trick: Map problem into general problem of finding volume of v dimensional hypersphere of radius R

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$$V_v(R) \equiv \iiint_{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_v^2 \leq R^2} dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 \dots dx_v = C_v R^v = v C_v \int_0^R r^{v-1} dr \quad \text{where } R = \sqrt{2mE}$$

Note that :

$$V_1(R) = \int_{-R}^R dx_1 = 2R$$

$$V_2(R) = 2\pi \int_0^R r dr = \pi R^2$$

$$V_3(R) = 4\pi \int_0^R r^2 dr = \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3$$

Clever trick to find C_v :

Note that : $I_v \equiv \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-x^2} \right)^v = \pi^{\frac{v}{2}}$

This can be written in the form :

$$I_v = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_2 \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_v e^{-x_1^2 - x_2^2 - \dots - x_v^2} = v C_v \int_0^{\infty} r^{v-1} e^{-r^2} dr$$

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$$I_v = \pi^{\frac{v}{2}} = v C_v \int_0^{\infty} r^{v-1} e^{-r^2} dr$$

Gamma function : $\Gamma(\alpha) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} dt t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t}$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} r^{v-1} e^{-r^2} dr = \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{v}{2}\right)$$

$$v C_v \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{v}{2}\right) = \pi^{\frac{v}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_v = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{v}{2}}}{v \Gamma\left(\frac{v}{2}\right)} = \frac{\pi^{\frac{v}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{v}{2} + 1\right)}$$

Note: $a\Gamma(\alpha) = \Gamma(\alpha + 1)$

v	$\Gamma(v/2)$	C_v
1	$\sqrt{\pi}$	2
2	1	π
3	$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi}$	$\frac{4\pi}{3}$

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Result for $\mathcal{N}(E)$ for $d=1, N=2$

$$\mathcal{N}_{Cl}(E) = \int_0^L dx_1 \int_0^L dx_2 \iint_{0 \leq p_{x,1}^2 + p_{x,2}^2 \leq 2mE} dp_{x,1} dp_{x,2}$$

$$= L^2 \pi (2mE) \quad (\text{same as result for } d=2, N=1)$$

Check :

$$\text{Let } E \equiv \frac{\hbar^2 \kappa^2}{8mL^2} \text{ so that } \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \mathcal{N}_{Cl}(\kappa^2) = \frac{\pi}{4} \kappa^2$$

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$$\frac{1}{\hbar^2} \mathcal{N}_{Cl}(\kappa^2) = \frac{\pi}{4} \kappa^2 \quad \mathcal{N}_Q(\kappa^2) = \sum_{n_1^2 + n_2^2 \leq \kappa^2}$$

κ^2	\mathcal{N}_{Cl}	\mathcal{N}_Q
2	1.571	1.000
5	3.927	3.000
8	6.283	4.000
10	7.854	6.000
13	10.210	8.000
17	13.352	10.000
18	14.137	11.000
20	15.708	13.000
25	19.635	16.000

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Microstate count for N particles in d-dimensions

Classical microstate distribution

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(E) &= \frac{1}{N! h^{dN}} \int_{\sum_r \frac{p_r^2}{2m} \leq E} d^{dN} r \, d^{dN} p \\ &= \frac{L^{dN}}{N! h^{dN}} \frac{\pi^{dN/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{dN}{2} + 1)} (2mE)^{dN/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{N!} \left(\frac{L}{h}\right)^{dN} \frac{(2\pi mE)^{dN/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{dN}{2} + 1)} \end{aligned}$$

For $d = 3, L^3 \equiv V$

$$\mathcal{N}(E, V, N) = \frac{1}{N!} \left(\frac{V}{h^3}\right)^N \frac{(2\pi mE)^{3N/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{3N}{2} + 1)}$$

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Boltzmann entropy function

$$S(E, V, N) = k_B \ln \mathcal{N}(E, V, N)$$

For 3-dimension system of N independent particles

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(E, V, N) &= \frac{1}{N!} \left(\frac{V}{h^3} \right)^N \frac{(2\pi m E)^{3N/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{3N}{2} + 1)} \\ &= \frac{V^N}{N! \Gamma(\frac{3N}{2} + 1)} \left(\frac{2\pi m E}{h^2} \right)^{3N/2} \end{aligned}$$

Stirling approximation for $x \rightarrow \infty$:

$$x! \equiv \Gamma(x+1) \quad \ln(\Gamma(x+1)) \approx x \ln x - x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi x)$$

To leading order in N :

$$S(E, V, N) = Nk_B \left(\ln \left(\frac{V}{N} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \ln \left(\frac{4\pi m E}{3Nh^2} \right) + \frac{5}{2} \right)$$

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Note: more correct analysis would use:

$$S(E, V, N) = k_B \ln \Omega(E, V, N)$$

$$\text{where } \Omega(E, V, N) = \frac{d\mathcal{N}(E, V, N)}{dE}$$

$$\mathcal{N}(E, V, N) = \frac{V^N}{N! \Gamma(\frac{3N}{2} + 1)} \left(\frac{2\pi m E}{h^2} \right)^{3N/2}$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{N}(E, V, N)}{dE} = \mathcal{N}(E, V, N) \frac{3N}{2E}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{d\mathcal{N}(E, V, N)}{dE} &= \ln \mathcal{N}(E, V, N) - \ln \frac{2E}{3N} \\ &\underset{N \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} \ln \mathcal{N}(E, V, N) \end{aligned}$$

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$$S(E, V, N) = Nk_B \left(\ln \left(\frac{V}{N} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \ln \left(\frac{4\pi m E}{3Nh^2} \right) + \frac{5}{2} \right)$$

Relation to temperature and other thermodynamic variables

$$\frac{1}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right)_{V, N} = \frac{3}{2} Nk_B \frac{1}{E}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{3}{2} Nk_B T \quad \text{Recall: } U = \frac{Nk_B T}{\gamma - 1}$$

$$\frac{P}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right)_{E, N} = Nk_B \frac{1}{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow PV = Nk_B T$$

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Comparison of Boltzmann and macroscopic results
Boltzmann results :

$$S(E, V, N) = Nk \left(\ln \left(\frac{V}{N} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \ln \left(\frac{4\pi m E}{3N h^2} \right) + \frac{5}{2} \right)$$

Macroscopic ideal gas : $U = \frac{NkT}{\gamma - 1}$

with $\gamma = \frac{5}{3}$ for mono atomic case

$$S_{\text{macroscopic}}(T, V, N) = \frac{Nk_B}{\gamma - 1} \ln \left(\frac{TV^{\gamma-1}}{T_0 V_0^{\gamma-1}} \right) + S_0$$

$$S_{\text{macroscopic}}(U, V, N) = Nk_B \left(\ln V + \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \ln \left(\frac{U}{N} \right) \right) + (\text{constants})$$

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