

[tex154] Ultrarelativistic classical ideal gas in two dimensions

Consider a classical ideal gas of N particles confined to a two-dimensional box of area V in thermal equilibrium at extremely high temperature T . Most particles are moving at speeds close to the speed of light c . We describe this system by a Hamiltonian of the form,

$$H = \sum_{l=1}^N \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2} c.$$

(a) Show that the canonical partition function is

$$Z_N = \frac{1}{N!} \left[2\pi V \left(\frac{k_B T}{hc} \right)^2 \right]^N.$$

(b) Find the Helmholtz free energy $A(T, V, N)$, the entropy $S(T, V, N)$, the pressure $p(T, V, N)$, and the internal energy $U(T, N)$.

(c) Find the adiabat (for constant N) and express it in the form $p^\nu V = \text{const}$.

(d) Infer from the given canonical partition function $Z_N(T, V)$ an explicit expression for the grand partition function $Z(T, V, \mu)$, where $\mu = k_B T \ln z$ is the chemical potential and z is the fugacity.

Use $\int_0^\infty dx x^n e^{-ax} = n! a^{-n-1}$, $\ln n! \simeq n \ln n - n$, $\sum_{n=0}^\infty x^n / n! = e^x$.

Solution: