

Statistical Physics B

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1. **Exercise 1:** (Ex 3.5 Pathria) Helmholtz free energy is defined as:

$$A = U - TS$$

Show that:

$$A + pV = \mu N$$

2. **Exercise 2:** (Ex 3.6 Pathria)

- (a) The number of microstates accessible to a given statistical system is Ω . Calculate the probability of being in given macrostate p_r for which entropy $S = -k \sum_r p_r \log p_r$ is maximised
- (b) If, on the other hand, we have an ensemble of systems sharing the energy (with mean energy \bar{E}), then find the probability p_s that given system has energy E_s .
- (c) **Homework:** Now the system not only energy but also particles (with mean value \bar{N}). Show that the entropy will be maximised for $p_{s,r} = \exp(-\alpha N_r - \beta E_s)$.

Hint 1: Use Lagrange multipliers

3. **Exercise 3:** (Ex 3.8 Pathria) Show that for classical ideal gas we have:

$$\frac{S}{Nk} = T \left(\frac{\partial \log(Q_1)}{\partial T} \right)_{V,N} + \log \left(\frac{Q_1}{N} \right) + 1$$

Hint 1: In a classical ensemble Helmholtz free energy equals $A = -kT \log(Q_N)$. Establish the relation $Q_N = f(Q_1)$.