

3. (An ideal Bose gas)

Consider an ideal Bose gas of particles with zero spin and the dispersion relation

$$E_{\vec{k}} = c |\vec{k}|.$$

- (a) Show that at high temperatures the mean energy per particle for this gas satisfies

$$U/N = \alpha T$$

with a constant α , and determine the value of that constant (in three dimensions).

Hint: a useful relation is $\int_0^\infty dx x^\nu \beta e^{-x\beta} = \nu \int_0^\infty dx x^{\nu-1} e^{-x\beta}$ (for $\beta, \nu > 0$).

- (b) The pressure of such a gas with N particles becomes independent of N below a critical temperature, T_c . Explain why and calculate this temperature.
- (c) Calculate the specific heat c_V of the gas for $T < T_c$.
- (d) Does the transition occur if such a gas is confined to two spacial dimensions?