

Consider using this to find out what the average energy is of a bunch of oscillators at temperature  $T$

We know  $N_{i+1} = N_i e^{-(\epsilon_{i+1} - \epsilon_i)/k_B T}$  For each energy level let  $\epsilon_0 = 0$

This is still a sum of quanta, with one frequency  $\omega$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{E_{\text{tot}}}{N_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{\hbar\omega(0 + N_0 e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T} + 2(N_0 e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T}) e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T} + 3 \dots)}{N_0 + (N_0 e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T}) + (N_0 e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T}) e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T} + \dots}$$

note  $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 0 + 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots$$

substitute  $\frac{e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T}}{(1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T})^2} = (0 + e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T} + 2(e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T}) e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T} + \dots)$

$$\frac{1}{(1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T})} = 1 + e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T} + (e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T}) e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle E \rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega N_0 \left( \frac{e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T}}{(1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T})^2} \right)}{N_0 \left( \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T}} \right)}$$

$$= \hbar\omega \frac{e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T}}{1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/k_B T}} = \hbar\omega \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1}$$

For a collection of  $3N$  oscillators

$$E_{\text{tot}} = 3N \frac{\hbar\omega}{e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1}$$

$$\frac{dE}{dT} = C_v = 3N \hbar\omega \left( \frac{-1}{e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T^2} \right) e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T}$$

$$= 3N k_B e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} \frac{1}{(e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1)^2} \left( \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right)^2$$

when  $T$  gets large

$$\sim 3N k_B \left( 1 + \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right) \frac{1}{\left( \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right)^2} \left( \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right)^2$$

$$\sim 3N k_B \underline{\cos!}$$

(See page 323 of your book)

Actually, the way Einstein 1st did this problem was to assume the solid had one quantized mode of vibration (called a phonon) and that the energy in a solid was stored by phonons of a particular frequency.

$$\langle E \rangle = \underbrace{\left( \frac{h\nu}{k_B T} \right)}_{\text{average energy of a phonon}} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}} - 1} \right)}_{\text{(\# of phonons)}} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}} - 1} \right)}_{\text{(\# of phonons)}}$$

We can turn this around and say what kind of a contribution to the total energy does one particular frequency of vibration make.

In a cavity at temperature  $T$  with a small hole, we know that there is a particular distribution of frequencies. We should be able to figure out what that is. We'll treat each frequency as a collection of oscillators. Really, the conundrum, according to classical theory you should be flooded with x rays from a black body.

Em waves in a box must vanish at walls

$$\lambda_x = \frac{2L}{n_x} \quad \text{or} \quad \omega_x = \frac{\pi c n_x}{L}$$

getting multiplicities

Wave will be described by  $n_x, n_y, n_z$  & 2 polarizations  
to count up states, treat  $n$  as r  
polarizations

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} n^2 = n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 \\ \# \text{ of states at } n, dn \\ (2 \cdot \frac{1}{8}) 4\pi n^2 dn \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \\ \text{Volume of shell at } r, dr \\ 4\pi r^2 dr \end{array}$$

positive integers → so # of frequencies at  $\omega, d\omega$

$$\# \text{ photons at a particular frequency} = \pi \left( \frac{L}{\pi c} \right)^3 \omega^2 \left( e^{\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}} - 1 \right)^{-1}$$

So now we can calculate the energy contribution at each frequency

$$E(\omega) d\omega = \underbrace{\pi \left(\frac{L}{\pi c}\right)^3}_{\substack{\text{energy} \\ \text{unit volume (frequency range)}}} \omega^2 (\hbar\omega) \left( \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1} \right) d\omega$$

The distribution of  $\frac{E(\omega)}{V}$  becomes  $\frac{\hbar}{\pi^2 c^3} \frac{\omega^3}{e^{\hbar\omega/k_B T} - 1}$

which is Planck's Black body formula  
 the total  $\frac{E}{V}$  coming from the hole is  $\propto T^4$   
 which you can get from integrating the above over all frequencies.

(Incidentally, this is also how our solid behaves at low temperatures. Einstein was almost right, but at lower temperature, the solid acts more like a black body, having modes involving the whole solid. The idea is that the solid has a limited number of modes with which it can oscillate though. Eventually being limited by the number of atoms present.

→ There are 3 polarizations for elastic waves in a solid

$$\text{so } 3 \cdot \frac{1}{8} 4\pi \int_0^{n_0} n^2 dn = 3N$$

$$\sum_{\text{states}} \left( \frac{\text{density of states}}{\text{states}} \right) (\# \text{ quanta in state}) (\text{Energy}) \Rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2} \int_0^{n_0} \left( e^{\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} - 1} \right) n^2 dn$$

$$x = \frac{\hbar \pi c n}{L k_B T} \quad \text{at low temperature } \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \text{ can be large} \\ dx = \frac{\hbar \pi c}{L k_B T} dn \quad \& \text{ change } \int_0^{n_0} \text{ to } \int_0^{x_0} \sim \int_0^{\infty} \text{ at low } T$$

& we get back the blackbody result