

Assignment 4

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1 Kadar Ch. 4 Problem 8

Curie Susceptibility: Calculate the Gibbs partition function of N non-interacting quantized spins in a magnetic field $\vec{B} = B\hat{z}$ at T . The work done is NM_z with $M_z = \mu \sum_{i=1}^N m_i$. For each spin m_i takes $2s+1$ values $(-s, -s+1, \dots, s-1, s)$.

1.1 Part a)

$$\mathcal{Z} = \text{tr} \left[\exp \left(\beta \vec{B} \cdot \vec{M} - \beta \mathcal{H} \right) \right]$$

When there are no interactions between spins $\mathcal{H} = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z} &= \sum_{\{\mu_s\}} e^{\beta \vec{B} \cdot \vec{M}} \\ &= \sum_{\{\mu_s\}} e^{\beta B M_z} \\ &= \sum_{\{\mu_s\}} e^{\beta B \mu \sum_{i=1}^N m_i} \\ &= \left(\sum_{\{2s+1\}} e^{\beta B \mu m_1} \right) \left(\sum_{\{2s+1\}} e^{\beta B \mu m_2} \right) \dots \left(\sum_{\{2s+1\}} e^{\beta B \mu m_N} \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{\{2s+1\}} e^{\beta B \mu m} \right)^N \\ &= \left(e^{\beta B \mu (-s)} + e^{\beta B \mu (-s+1)} + \dots + e^{\beta B \mu (s-1)} + e^{\beta B \mu s} \right)^N \\ &= e^{-\beta B \mu s} \left(e^{\beta B \mu \times 0} + e^{\beta B \mu (1)} + \dots + e^{\beta B \mu (2s-1)} + e^{\beta B \mu (2s)} \right)^N \\ &= \left(e^{-\beta B \mu s} \sum_{i=0}^{2s+1} e^{\beta B \mu i} \right)^N \end{aligned}$$

At this point we recognize a geometric series and say $\sum_{i=0}^{2s} a e^i = \frac{1 - a e^{2s+1}}{1 - a e}$ which

leads us to

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{Z} &= \left(e^{-\beta B \mu s} \frac{1 - e^{\beta B \mu (2s+1)}}{1 - e^{\beta B \mu}} \right)^N \\
&= \left(\frac{e^{-\beta B \mu s} - e^{\beta B \mu (s+1)}}{1 - e^{\beta B \mu}} \right)^N \\
&= \left(\frac{e^{-\beta B \mu / 2} e^{-\beta B \mu s} - e^{\beta B \mu (s+1)}}{e^{-\beta B \mu / 2} - e^{\beta B \mu}} \right)^N \\
&= \left(\frac{e^{-\beta B \mu (s+1/2)} - e^{\beta B \mu (s+1/2)}}{e^{-\beta B \mu / 2} - e^{\beta B \mu / 26}} \right)^N \\
&= \left(\frac{-2 \sinh(\beta B \mu [s + 1/2])}{-2 \sinh(\beta B \mu / 2)} \right)^N \\
&\boxed{\mathcal{Z} = \left(\frac{\sinh(\beta B \mu [s + 1/2])}{\sinh(\beta B \mu / 2)} \right)^N} \tag{1}
\end{aligned}$$

1.2 Part b)

The sinh is made up of exponents so we easily know the expansion is

$$\begin{aligned}
\sinh \theta &\approx \theta + \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \dots \\
\ln(1+x) &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots
\end{aligned}$$

So the plan is to expand the hyperbolic sine and then expand the logarithm. Let's call $b \equiv \beta B \mu$ for a while.

$$\begin{aligned}
G &= -k_B T \ln \mathcal{Z} \\
&= -k_B T \ln \left[\left(\frac{\sinh(\beta B \mu [s + 1/2])}{\sinh(\beta B \mu / 2)} \right)^N \right] \\
&= -N k_B T [\ln \sinh(b[s + 1/2]) - \ln \sinh(b/2)] \\
&= -N k_B T \left[\ln \left\{ b \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{b^3}{6} \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right)^3 + \dots \right\} - \ln \left\{ \frac{b}{2} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{b^3}{2^3} + \dots \right\} \right] \\
&= -N k_B T \left[\ln \left\{ b \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left[1 + \frac{b^2}{6} \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \right\} - \ln \left\{ \frac{b}{2} \left[1 + \frac{1}{6} \frac{b^2}{2^2} + \dots \right] \right\} \right] \\
&\approx -N k_B T \left[\ln \left\{ b \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left[1 + \frac{b^2}{6} \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} - \ln \left\{ \frac{b}{2} \left[1 + \frac{1}{6} \frac{b^2}{2^2} \right] \right\} \right] \\
&= -N k_B T \left[\ln \left\{ b \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\} + \ln \left\{ \left[1 + \frac{b^2}{6} \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} - \ln \left\{ \frac{b}{2} \right\} - \ln \left\{ \left[1 + \frac{1}{6} \frac{b^2}{2^2} \right] \right\} \right] \\
&= -N k_B T \left[\ln \{b(s+1)\} + \ln \left\{ \left[1 + \frac{b^2}{6} \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} - \ln \left\{ \left[1 + \frac{1}{6} \frac{b^2}{2^2} \right] \right\} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Now the logarithms

$$\begin{aligned}
G &= -Nk_B T \left[\ln \{b(s+1)\} + \ln \left\{ \left[1 + \frac{b^2}{6} \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} - \ln \left\{ \left[1 + \frac{1}{6} \frac{b^2}{2^2} \right] \right\} \right] \\
&= -Nk_B T \left[\ln \{b(s+1)\} + \left\{ \frac{b^2}{6} \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{b^4}{26^2} \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right)^4 + \dots \right\} - \left\{ \frac{1}{6} \frac{b^2}{2^2} - \frac{1}{6} \frac{b^4}{2 \times 2^2} + \dots \right\} \right] \\
&\approx -Nk_B T \left[\ln \{b(s+1)\} + \left\{ \frac{b^2}{6} \left(s + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right\} - \left\{ \frac{1}{6} \frac{b^2}{2^2} \right\} \right] \\
&= -Nk_B T \left[\ln \{b(s+1)\} + \frac{b^2}{6} \left\{ s^2 + s + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right\} \right] \\
&= -Nk_B T \left[\ln \{b(s+1)\} + \frac{b^2}{6} s(s+1) \right] \\
&= -Nk_B T \ln \{\beta B \mu (s+1)\} - Nk_B T \frac{(\beta B \mu)^2}{6} s(s+1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$G = G_0 - N \frac{B^2 \mu^2}{6k_B T} s(s+1)$$

(2)

1.3 Part c)

The average magnetization is

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle M_z \rangle &= -\frac{\partial G}{\partial B} \\
&= -\frac{\partial}{\partial B} \left(G(0) - \frac{N\mu^2 s(s+1)}{6k_B T} B^2 + \mathcal{O}(B^4) \right) \\
&= 0 + \frac{2N\mu^2 s(s+1)}{6k_B T} B + \mathcal{O}(B^3)
\end{aligned}$$

So then the zero field susceptibility is

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi &= \left. \frac{\partial M_z}{\partial B} \right|_{B=0} \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial B} \left[\frac{N\mu^2 s(s+1)}{3k_B T} B + \mathcal{O}(B^3) \right]_{B=0} \\
&= \left. \frac{N\mu^2 s(s+1)}{3k_B T} + \mathcal{O}(B^2) \right|_{B=0} \\
&= c/T
\end{aligned}$$
(3)

where $c = \frac{N\mu^2 s(s+1)}{3k_B}$

1.4 Part d)

To find the heat capacity we think about the enthalpy in a different way:

$$\begin{aligned}
H &= \langle \mathcal{H} - BM \rangle \\
&= -BM
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
C_B &= \left. \frac{\partial H}{\partial T} \right|_B \\
&= -B \left. \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \right|_B \\
C_M &= \left. \frac{\partial H}{\partial T} \right|_M \\
&= -M \left. \frac{\partial B}{\partial T} \right|_M
\end{aligned}$$

but B is an external field and doesn't have temperature dependence. Therefore,

$$\boxed{C_M = 0}. \quad (4)$$

and to find C_B we use the $\langle M \rangle$ as found previously to give

$$\begin{aligned}
C_B &= \left. \frac{\partial H}{\partial T} \right|_B \\
&= -B \left. \frac{\partial \langle M_z \rangle}{\partial T} \right|_B \\
&\approx -B \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \frac{2N\mu^2 s(s+1)}{6k_B T} B \\
&= -\frac{2N\mu^2 s(s+1)}{6k_B T} B^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \frac{1}{T} \\
&= \frac{2N\mu^2 s(s+1)}{6k_B T} \frac{B^2}{T^2} \\
\boxed{C_B = c \frac{B^2}{T^2}} \quad (5)
\end{aligned}$$

2 Kadar Ch. 4 Problem 12

We have a Hamiltonian for the polar rods:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2I} \left(p_\theta^2 + \frac{p_\phi^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) - \mu E \cos \theta \quad (6)$$

where I is the moment of inertia of the rod, μ is it's dipole moment, E is the external field and \vec{p} is the momentum.

2.1 Part a)

For a single rod, we find the partition function by assuming that the rod does not translate ($\int dr = 1$ and $\int dp_r = 1$) and remember when we integrate \vec{q} we are **not** integrating over volume space but rather we are integrating over

coordinate space. These are often the same but in this case they are not: There is no $\sin \theta$ term which is needed when we integrate over volume space.

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_1 &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi d\theta \int_{-\infty}^\infty dp_\theta \int_{-\infty}^\infty dp_\phi \exp[-\beta \mathcal{H}_{\text{rot}}] \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi d\theta \int_{-\infty}^\infty dp_\theta \int_{-\infty}^\infty dp_\phi \exp \left[-\frac{\beta}{2I} \left(p_\theta^2 + \frac{p_\phi^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) + \beta \mu E \cos \theta \right] \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi d\theta \int_{-\infty}^\infty dp_\theta \int_{-\infty}^\infty dp_\phi \exp \left[-\frac{\beta p_\theta^2}{2I} \right] \exp \left[-\frac{\beta p_\phi^2}{2I \sin^2 \theta} \right] \exp [\beta \mu E \cos \theta] \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi d\theta \exp [\beta \mu E \cos \theta] \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^\infty dp_\theta \exp \left[-\frac{\beta p_\theta^2}{2I} \right]}_{\text{Gaussian}} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^\infty dp_\phi \exp \left[-\frac{\beta p_\phi^2}{2I \sin^2 \theta} \right]}_{\text{Gaussian}} \\
&= 2\pi \int_0^\pi d\theta \exp [\beta \mu E \cos \theta] \left(\sqrt{\frac{2\pi I}{\beta}} \right) \left(\sqrt{\frac{2\pi I \sin^2 \theta}{\beta}} \right) \\
&= 2\pi \frac{2\pi I}{\beta} \int_0^\pi d\theta \exp (\beta \mu E \cos \theta) \sin \theta \\
&= 2\pi \frac{2\pi I}{\beta} \int_1^{-1} dx \exp (\beta \mu E x) (-1) \\
&= (2\pi)^2 \frac{I}{\beta} \int_{-1}^1 dx \exp (\beta \mu E x) \\
&= \left(\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \right)^2 \frac{I}{\mu E} (e^{-\beta \mu E} - e^{\beta \mu E}) \\
&= 2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \right)^2 \frac{I}{\mu E} \sinh (\beta \mu E).
\end{aligned}$$

So if that's the partition function for one polarizable rod, the partition function for N rods is

$$Z_N = \left(2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \right)^2 \frac{I}{\mu E} \sinh (\beta \mu E) \right)^N \quad (7)$$

2.2 Part b)

It is good to remember the general formula

$$\langle x \rangle = k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial J} \ln Z. \quad (8)$$

For instance, if we want to find the mean polarization $\langle P \rangle$ due to a field E

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle P \rangle &= k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \ln Z \\
&= N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \ln \left(2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \right)^2 \frac{I}{\mu E} \sinh(\beta \mu E) \right) \\
&= N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \left[\ln \left(2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \right)^2 \right) + \ln \left(\frac{I}{\mu E} \right) + \ln(\sinh(\beta \mu E)) \right] \\
&= N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \left[-\ln \left(\frac{\mu E}{I} \right) + \ln(\sinh(\beta \mu E)) \right] \\
&= N k_B T \left[-\frac{1}{E} + \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \ln \sinh(\beta \mu E) \right] \\
&= N k_B T \left[-\frac{1}{E} + \frac{1}{\sinh(\beta \mu E)} \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \sinh(\beta \mu E) \right] \\
&= N k_B T \left[-\frac{1}{E} + \frac{1}{\sinh(\beta \mu E)} \cosh(\beta \mu E) \beta \mu \right] \\
&\boxed{\langle P \rangle = N k_B T \left[\beta \mu \coth(\beta \mu E) - \frac{1}{E} \right]} \tag{9}
\end{aligned}$$

2.3 Part c)

If we want to look for an analytic solution

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi_T &= \frac{\partial P}{\partial E} \\
&= N k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \left[\beta \mu \coth(\beta \mu E) - \frac{1}{E} \right] \\
&= N k_B T \frac{1}{E^2} + N \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \coth(\beta \mu E) \\
&= N k_B T \frac{1}{E^2} - N k_B T \operatorname{csch}^2(\beta \mu E) \\
&= N k_B T \frac{1}{E^2} - \frac{N k_B T}{\sinh^2(\beta \mu E)}
\end{aligned}$$

But since we are look for the *zero-field* limit, we can assume that E is small enough that expanding $\coth()$ is acceptable. So we find

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi_T &= \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial E} \right|_{E=0} \\
&= Nk_B T \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \left[\beta \mu \coth(\beta \mu E) - \frac{1}{E} \right] \right|_{E=0} \\
&= Nk_B T \left[\frac{1}{E^2} + \mu \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \coth(\beta \mu E) \right]_{E=0} \\
&= Nk_B T \left[\frac{1}{E^2} + \mu \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \left(\frac{1}{\beta \mu E} + \frac{\beta \mu E}{3} - \frac{(\beta \mu E)^3}{45} + \dots \right) \right]_{E=0} \\
&= Nk_B T \left[\frac{1}{E^2} + \mu \beta \left(-\frac{1}{\beta \mu E^2} + \frac{\beta \mu}{3} - \frac{(\beta \mu)^3 E^2}{15} + \dots \right) \right]_{E=0} \\
&= Nk_B T \left[\frac{(\beta \mu)^2}{3} - \frac{(\beta \mu)^4}{15} E^2 \right]_{E=0} \\
&\quad \boxed{\chi_T = N\beta \frac{\mu^2}{3}} \tag{10}
\end{aligned}$$

2.4 Part d)

The average energy is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle &= -\frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \beta} \\
&= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left[\ln \left(-2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \right)^2 \right) + \ln \left(\frac{I}{\mu E} \right) + \ln (\sinh(\beta \mu E)) \right] \\
&= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left[\ln \left(\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \right)^2 + 0 + \ln (\sinh(\beta \mu E)) \right] \\
&= 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln \beta + \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln (\sinh(\beta \mu E)) \\
&= \frac{2}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\sinh(\beta \mu E)} \cosh(\beta \mu E) \mu E \\
&\quad \boxed{\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle = \frac{2}{\beta} + \mu E \coth(\beta \mu E)} \tag{11}
\end{aligned}$$

2.5 Part e)

The heat capacity is just

$$\begin{aligned}
 C &= \frac{\partial \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle}{\partial T} \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left(2k_B T + \mu E \coth \left(\frac{\mu E}{k_B T} \right) \right) \\
 &= 2k_B + \mu E \left(1 - \coth^2 \left(\frac{\mu E}{k_B T} \right) \right) \left(\frac{\mu E}{k_B} \right) \left(-\frac{1}{T^2} \right) \\
 &= 2k_B - k_B \left(\frac{\mu E}{k_B T} \right)^2 \sinh^{-2} \left(\frac{\mu E}{k_B T} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

3 Harden Problem 3

Consider M binding sites each of which **may** trap up to one electron. The binding energy is $-\epsilon_0$ but in the presence of a magnetic field $\vec{B} = B\hat{z}$, the energy levels split to $\epsilon_{\pm} = -\epsilon_0 \mp \sigma B$.

I made an error when talking to you. I told you all that part a) was a three state problem because it says each site MAY trap up to one electron. But in part a), he wanted you to assume that all N electrons were trapped. This is the only way to get the energies to equal. Sorry for the confusion. I present both the solutions for if it were a three state and if it were a two state for part a) so that you can check your answer no matter how you interpreted the question.

3.1 Part a) Three states

Consider the canonical case: temperature fixed at T and the number of electrons available to be trapped is fixed at $N < M$.

3.1.1 Question i)

Calculate the partition function $Z_N(T, M)$.

The particle can either

1. not be trapped
2. be bound with ϵ_+
3. be bound with ϵ_- .

So then, the partition function for a single electron is

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_1 &= \sum_{\{\mu_s\}} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}} \\
 &= e^0 + e^{-\beta \epsilon_+} + e^{-\beta \epsilon_-} \\
 &= 1 + e^{\beta(\epsilon_0 + \sigma B)} + e^{\beta(\epsilon_0 - \sigma B)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we can find the partition function of the system **but** we need to consider one extra fact: if the electrons are not trapped they are indistinguishable. Therefore,

we need to scale by the number of ways that we can place the N electrons into M sites.

$$\begin{aligned}
Z &= \binom{M}{N} Z_1^N \\
&= \frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!} \left(1 + e^{\beta(\epsilon_0 + \sigma B)} + e^{\beta(\epsilon_0 - \sigma B)}\right)^N \\
&= \frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!} \left(1 + e^{\beta\epsilon_0} (e^{\sigma B\beta} + e^{-\sigma B\beta})\right)^N \\
\boxed{Z &= \frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!} \left(1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)\right)^N} \tag{12}
\end{aligned}$$

3.1.2 Question ii)

Find the Helmholtz free energy.

From the partition function

$$\begin{aligned}
F(T, M) &= -k_B T \ln Z \\
&= -k_B T \ln \left(\frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!} \left(1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)\right)^N \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{F(T, M) = -k_B T \left(\ln M! - \ln N! - \ln(M-N)! + N \ln \left(1 + 2e^{\frac{\epsilon_0}{k_B T}} \cosh \left(\frac{\sigma B}{k_B T} \right) \right) \right)} \tag{13}$$

3.1.3 Question iii)

What is the internal energy of the system?

Just like in the last two questions, we can find the average energy by

$$\begin{aligned}
E = \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle &= -\frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \beta} \\
&= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\ln M! - \ln N! - \ln(M-N)! + N \ln (1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))) \\
&= 0 + 0 + 0 - N \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln (1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)) \\
&= -N \frac{1}{1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)} [2\epsilon_0 e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta) + 2\sigma B e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \sinh(\sigma B\beta)] \\
&= -2N \frac{\epsilon_0 \cosh(\sigma B\beta) + \sigma B \sinh(\sigma B\beta)}{e^{-\beta\epsilon_0} + 2 \cosh(\sigma B\beta)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{E = -2N \frac{\epsilon_0 + \sigma B \tanh(\sigma B\beta)}{2 + e^{-\beta\epsilon_0} \operatorname{sech}(\sigma B\beta)}} \tag{14}$$

3.1.4 Question iv)

What's the chemical potential of the trapped electrons?

The chemical potential is the difference between being trapped and not being trapped and the free electrons don't have a chemical potential so the chemical potential of the trapped electrons is the chemical potential of the system. And we can find chemical potential by

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu &= \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial N} \right|_{T,B} \\
&= -k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial N} \ln \left(\frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!} (1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N \right) \\
&= -k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial N} \left(\ln M! - \ln N! - \ln(M-N)! + \ln (1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N \right) \\
&= -k_B T \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial N} \ln N! - \frac{\partial}{\partial N} \ln(M-N)! + \frac{\partial}{\partial N} N \ln (1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)) \right) \\
&= -k_B T \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial N} N \ln N + 1 - \frac{\partial}{\partial N} (M-N) \ln(M-N) - 1 + \ln (1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)) \right) \\
&= -k_B T \left(-\ln N - \frac{N}{N} + \ln(M-N) + \frac{M-N}{M-N} + \ln (1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)) \right) \\
&= -k_B T \left(\ln \left(\frac{M-N}{N} \right) + \ln (1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mu = -k_B T \ln \left(\frac{M-N}{N} (1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)) \right) \quad (15)$$

3.1.5 Question v)

The very definition of the partition function is

$$p_\mu = \frac{e^{-\beta\mathcal{H}_\mu}}{Z} \quad (16)$$

$$Z(T, \vec{x}) = \sum_{\{\mu\}} e^{-\beta\mathcal{H}_\mu} \quad (17)$$

So then the probability of being in the either the \pm -states is

$$\begin{aligned}
p_\pm &= \frac{e^{-\beta\mathcal{H}}}{Z} \\
&= \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon_\pm}}{Z} \\
&= \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon_\pm}}{\frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!} (1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N} \\
&= \frac{N!(M-N)!}{M!} \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon_\pm}}{(1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N}
\end{aligned}$$

And the average number of particles in each state is

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle N_{\pm} \rangle &= N p_{\pm} \\
&= N \frac{N!(M-N)!}{M!} \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon_{\pm}}}{(1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N} \\
\boxed{\langle N_{\pm} \rangle &= \frac{(N+1)!(M-N)!}{M!} \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon_{\pm}}}{(1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N}} \quad (18)
\end{aligned}$$

3.2 Part a) Two states

Consider the canonical case: temperature fixed at T and the number of electrons trapped is fixed at $N < M$.

3.2.1 Question i)

Calculate the partition function $Z_N(T, M)$.

The particle can either

1. be bound with ϵ_+
2. be bound with ϵ_- .

So then, the partition function for a single electron is

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_1 &= \sum_{\{\mu_s\}} e^{-\beta\mathcal{H}} \\
&= e^{-\beta\epsilon_+} + e^{-\beta\epsilon_-} \\
&= e^{\beta(\epsilon_0 + \sigma B)} + e^{\beta(\epsilon_0 - \sigma B)}
\end{aligned}$$

Now we can find the partition function of the system but we still need to consider we need to scale by the number of ways that we can place the N electrons into M sites.

$$\begin{aligned}
Z &= \binom{M}{N} Z_1^N \\
&= \frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!} \left(e^{\beta(\epsilon_0 + \sigma B)} + e^{\beta(\epsilon_0 - \sigma B)} \right)^N \\
&= \frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!} \left(e^{\beta\epsilon_0} (e^{\sigma B\beta} + e^{-\sigma B\beta}) \right)^N \\
\boxed{Z &= \frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!} 2^N e^{\beta N \epsilon_0} \cosh^N(\sigma B\beta)} \quad (19)
\end{aligned}$$

3.2.2 Question ii)

Find the Helmholtz free energy.

From the partition function

$$\begin{aligned} F(T, M) &= -k_B T \ln Z \\ &= -k_B T \ln \left(\frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!} (2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{F(T, M) = -k_B T \left[\ln M! - \ln N! - \ln(M-N)! + N \ln \left(2e^{\frac{\epsilon_0}{k_B T}} \cosh \left(\frac{\sigma B}{k_B T} \right) \right) \right]} \quad (20)$$

3.2.3 Question iii)

What is the internal energy of the system?

Just like in the last two questions, we can find the average energy by

$$\begin{aligned} E = \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle &= -\frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \beta} \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\ln M! - \ln N! - \ln(M-N)! + N \ln (2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))) \\ &= 0 + 0 + 0 - N \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln (2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)) \\ &= -N \frac{1}{2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)} [2\epsilon_0 e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta) + 2\sigma B e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \sinh(\sigma B\beta)] \\ &= -N \frac{1}{\cosh(\sigma B\beta)} [\epsilon_0 \cosh(\sigma B\beta) + \sigma B \sinh(\sigma B\beta)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{E = -N [\epsilon_0 + \sigma B \tanh(\sigma B\beta)]} \quad (21)$$

3.2.4 Question iv)

What's the chemical potential of the trapped electrons?

The chemical potential is the difference between being trapped and not being trapped and the free electrons don't have a chemical potential so the chemical potential of the trapped electrons is the chemical potential of the system. And

we can find chemical potential by

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu &= \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial N} \right|_{T,B} \\
&= -k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial N} \ln \left(\frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!} (2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N \right) \\
&= -k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial N} \left(\ln M! - \ln N! - \ln(M-N)! + \ln (2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N \right) \\
&= -k_B T \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial N} \ln N! - \frac{\partial}{\partial N} \ln(M-N)! + \frac{\partial}{\partial N} N \ln (2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)) \right) \\
&= -k_B T \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial N} N \ln N + 1 - \frac{\partial}{\partial N} (M-N) \ln(M-N) - 1 + \ln (2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)) \right) \\
&= -k_B T \left(-\ln N - \frac{N}{N} + \ln(M-N) + \frac{M-N}{M-N} + \ln (1 + 2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)) \right) \\
&= -k_B T \left(\ln \left(\frac{M-N}{N} \right) + \ln (2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)) \right) \\
&\quad \boxed{\mu = -k_B T \ln \left(\frac{M-N}{N} (2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta)) \right)} \tag{22}
\end{aligned}$$

3.2.5 Question v)

The very definition of the partition function is

$$p_\mu = \frac{e^{-\beta\mathcal{H}_\mu}}{Z} \tag{23}$$

$$Z(T, \vec{x}) = \sum_{\{\mu\}} e^{-\beta\mathcal{H}_\mu} \tag{24}$$

So then the probability of being in the either the \pm -states is

$$\begin{aligned}
p_\pm &= \frac{e^{-\beta\mathcal{H}}}{Z} \\
&= \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon_\pm}}{Z} \\
&= \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon_\pm}}{\frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!} (2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N} \\
&= \frac{N!(M-N)!}{M!} \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon_\pm}}{(2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N}
\end{aligned}$$

And the average number of particles in each state is

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle N_\pm \rangle &= N p_\pm \\
&= N \frac{N!(M-N)!}{M!} \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon_\pm}}{(2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\langle N_{\pm} \rangle = \frac{(N+1)!(M-N)!}{M!} \frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon_{\pm}}}{(2e^{\beta\epsilon_0} \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N}} \quad (25)$$

3.3 Part b)

Next consider the grand canonical case where the temperature is fixed but the number of electrons are in equilibrium with a reservoir.

3.3.1 Question i)

Calculate the grand partition function.

The grand canonical ensemble is a two level system: there is a reservoir of as many particles that we need (no longer limited to N but there's still only M sites) and the particles in the system are in one of two states.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q} &= \sum_{\mu_s} e^{\beta\mu N - \beta\mathcal{H}} \\ &= \sum_{N=0}^M e^{\beta\mu N} \sum_{\mu_s|N} e^{-\beta\mathcal{H}} \\ &= \sum_{N=0}^M e^{\beta\mu N} (e^{-\beta\epsilon_+} + e^{-\beta\epsilon_-})^N \\ &= \sum_{N=0}^M e^{\beta\mu N} (e^{-\beta\epsilon_0 + \sigma B\beta} + e^{-\beta\epsilon_0 - \sigma B\beta})^N \\ &= \sum_{N=0}^M e^{\beta\mu N} e^{-\beta\epsilon_0 N} (e^{\sigma B\beta} + e^{-\sigma B\beta})^N \\ &= \sum_{N=0}^M e^{\beta N(\mu - \epsilon_0)} (2 \cosh(\sigma B\beta))^N \\ &= \sum_{N=0}^M \left(2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B\beta) \right)^N \\ \mathcal{Q} &= \left(1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B\beta) \right)^M \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

3.3.2 Question ii)

Find the grand potential.

The grand potential is just the “free energy” associated with the grand canonical ensemble so

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G} &= -k_B T \ln \mathcal{Q} \\ &= -M k_B T \ln \left(1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B\beta) \right) \end{aligned}$$

which is just waiting to be expanded.

3.3.3 Question iii)

What is the internal energy of the system?

Just as in the canonical ensemble, we use

$$\begin{aligned}
E = \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle &= -\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{Q}}{\partial \beta} \\
&= -M \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln \left(1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta) \right) \\
&= -M \frac{1}{1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left(1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta) \right) \\
&= -2M \frac{1}{1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left(e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta) \right) \\
&= -\frac{2M}{1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)} \left((\mu - \epsilon_0) e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta) + e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \sinh(\sigma B \beta) \sigma B \right) \\
&= -M \frac{2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)}{1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)} ((\mu - \epsilon_0) + \tanh(\sigma B \beta) \sigma B) \\
\boxed{E = -M \frac{2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)}{1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)} (\mu - \epsilon_0 + \sigma B \tanh(\sigma B \beta))} & \quad (27)
\end{aligned}$$

We'll answer whether this is the same as Part a) from the two level system as soon as we know the average number of trapped electrons $\langle N \rangle$.

3.3.4 Question iv)

What is the average number of trapped electrons?

We use

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle N \rangle &= -\frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \mu} \Big|_{T, B} \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} M k_B T \ln \left(1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta) \right) \\
&= M k_B T \frac{1}{1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left(1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta) \right) \\
&= M k_B T \frac{2 \cosh(\sigma B \beta)}{1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} e^{\beta \mu} e^{-\beta \epsilon_0} \\
&= M k_B T \frac{2 \cosh(\sigma B \beta)}{1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)} \beta e^{\beta \mu} e^{-\beta \epsilon_0} \\
&= M \frac{2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)}{1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)} \\
\boxed{\langle N \rangle = \frac{2M}{2 + e^{\beta(\epsilon_0 - \mu)} \operatorname{sech}(\sigma B \beta)}} & \quad (28)
\end{aligned}$$

Now we can answer whether or not the energy from Part a) is equal to the energy in Part b) when $N = \langle N \rangle$. We notice in the equation for E the average

number of electrons is just sitting there:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E &= -M \frac{2e^{\beta(\mu-\epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)}{1 + 2e^{\beta(\mu-\epsilon_0)} \cosh(\sigma B \beta)} ((\mu - \epsilon_0) + \tanh(\sigma B \beta) \sigma B) \\
 &= - \langle N \rangle (\mu - \epsilon_0 + \sigma B \tanh(\sigma B \beta))
 \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

So the energies are the same when the number of electrons is the average and the binding energy is replaced by $\mu - \epsilon_0$.

3.3.5 Question v)

Now we are asked to find the average number of electrons in each energy level. Again, we find the probability in the exact same way and then state

$$\langle N_{\pm} \rangle = M p_{\pm}. \tag{30}$$

So once the probability is found the difference is that we use M not N .