

Other worlds

The volume in position space is V^N .

The volume in momentum space (of dimension dN) is

$$\frac{\pi^{dN/2}}{(dN/2)!} \left[(2m(E + \Delta E))^{dN/2} - (2mE)^{dN/2} \right].$$

So the volume in phase space is

$$\frac{\pi^{dN/2}}{(dN/2)!} (2mE)^{dN/2} V^N \left[\left(1 + \frac{\Delta E}{E} \right)^{dN/2} - 1 \right].$$

and

$$\frac{S}{k_B} = \ln \frac{\text{volume}}{N! h_0^{dN}} = \ln \left\{ \left(\frac{2\pi m E V^{2/d}}{h_0^2} \right)^{dN/2} \frac{1}{N! (dN/2)!} \left[\left(1 + \frac{\Delta E}{E} \right)^{dN/2} - 1 \right] \right\}$$

To prepare for the thermodynamic limit, define

$$e \equiv \frac{E}{N}, v \equiv \frac{V}{N}, \text{ and } \delta \equiv \frac{\Delta E}{N},$$

and use

$$\ln N! \approx N \ln N - N.$$

Together these give

$$\frac{S}{k_B} = \frac{dN}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2\pi e v^{2/d} N^{(1+(2/d))}}{h_0^2} \right) - N \ln N + N - \frac{dN}{2} \ln \frac{dN}{2} + \frac{dN}{2} + \ln \left[\left(1 + \frac{\delta}{e} \right)^{dN/2} - 1 \right].$$

For large values of N , the rightmost expression becomes

$$\ln \left[\left(1 + \frac{\delta}{e} \right)^{dN/2} - 1 \right] \rightarrow \frac{dN}{2} \ln \left(1 + \frac{\delta}{e} \right),$$

and the entropy per number approaches

$$\frac{S}{k_B N} = \frac{d}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2\pi e v^{2/d}}{h_0^2} \right) + \frac{d}{2} \left(1 + \frac{2}{d} \right) \ln N - \ln N + 1 - \frac{d}{2} \ln \left(\frac{dN}{2} \right) + \frac{d}{2} + \frac{d}{2} \ln \left(1 + \frac{\delta}{e} \right).$$

The right hand side contains only three N -dependent expressions. . . and they sum to an expression independent of N ! The rightmost term vanishes in the limit $\delta \rightarrow 0$, and we produce

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{S}{k_B N} &= \frac{d}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2\pi e v^{2/d}}{h_0^2} \right) + 1 - \frac{d}{2} \ln \left(\frac{d}{2} \right) + \frac{d}{2} \\ &= \frac{d}{2} \ln \left(\frac{4\pi e v^{2/d}}{d h_0^2} \right) + \frac{d+2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$S(E, V, N) = k_B N \left[\frac{d}{2} \ln \left(\frac{4\pi m E V^{2/d}}{d h_0^2 N^{(d+2)/d}} \right) + \frac{d+2}{2} \right].$$