

Spring term 2015/16

| week | Statistical Physics/L | Statistical Physics/T |
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| 1. | 26. 2. Thermodynamics: System in thermostat, ideal gas, Gibbs paradox. Ensemble theory: Phase space, Liouville theorem, microcanonical ensemble. | 22. 2. Molecular dynamics and Monte Carlo simulations: Lennard-Jones fluid. |
| 2. | 4. 3. Canonical ensemble: Ideal gas. Equipartition and virial theorems. Paramagnetism. Grand canonical ensemble. | 29. 2. Macroscopic quantities: probability distribution width. Hard spheres: equation of state. Ultrarelativistic gas: adiabatic expansion. Physical pendulum: Liouville equation and trajectories. |
| 3. | 11. 3. Quantum statistical physics: Density matrix. Microcanonical and canonical ensemble. Particle in a box. Systems of indistinguishable particles. | 7. 3. Isobaric canonical ensemble. Tonks gas: equation of state. Classical rotor: phase space and partition function. |
| 4. | 18. 3. Noninteracting systems I: Ideal Bose gas. Bose-Einstein condensation. Blackbody radiation. | 14. 3. Equipartition theorem: ultrarelativistic gas. Density matrix; different representations: electron in magnetic field. <i>Orto- and para-hydrogen</i> . |
| 5. | 25. 3. Noninteracting systems II: Ideal Fermi gas, white dwarfs. | 21. 3. <i>Density matrix: system of free particles</i> . Superfluid helium: roton specific heat. Bose-Einstein condensation in 2D? |
| 6. | 1. 4. Interacting systems I: Cluster expansion, virial equation of state. | 28. 3. <i>(holiday)</i> |
| 7. | 8. 4. Interacting systems II: Second virial coefficient of hard-core bosons. Interating systems. | 4. 4. <i>Superfluid helium: two-fluid model. Mie-Grüneisen equation of state for a solid. Thomas-Fermi model of the atom.</i> |
| 8. | 15. 4. Density-functional theory: grand potential as a functional, intrinsic free energy, Ornstein-Zernike equation. | 11. 4. Virial theorem. <i>Thermionic emission from metals</i> . <i>N</i> -particle correlation functions. Tonks gas: pair correlation function. |
| 9. | 22. 4. Phase transitions I: Critical exponents, Landau theory, thermodynamic inequalities, Ginzburg criterion. | 18. 4. Structure factor and pair correlation function. Total and direct correlation function. Ornstein-Zernike equation. Potential of mean force. Percus-Yevick approximation. Tonks gas: direct correlation function. |
| 10. | 29. 4. <i>(holiday)</i> | 25. 4. <i>(no class)</i> |
| 11. | 6. 5. Phase transitions II: Exactly solvable models: Tonks gas, 1D Ising model, 2D ising model. Kosterlitz-Thouless transition. | 2. 5. <i>(holiday)</i> |
| 12. | 13. 5. Phase transitions III: Renormalization group: 1D Ising model, flow in parameter space, fixed points. | 9. 5. <i>Density functional theory: melting of colloidal crystals, Binary mixtures and Ising model, Liquid crystals: Maier-Saupe theory.</i> |
| 13. | 20. 5. Fluctuations I: Brownian motion: Einstein theory, Smoluchowski theory, Langevin theory. | 16. 5. XY-model: pair correlation function in 3D, <i>Free energy concavity and Griffiths inequality, Ising model (1D): transfer matrix approach.</i> |
| 14. | 27. 5. Fluctuations II: Fokker-Planck equation, fluctuation-dissipation theorem, Onsager relations. | 23. 5. <i>Landau model: tricritical point, Ising model: Bethe approximation, Thermodynamic stability of matter.</i> |
| 15. | 3. 6. Fluctuations III: Nematodynamics, Kubo formula, time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau theory. | 30. 5. <i>Ising model (2D): renormalization group, Brownian motion of free particles: Langevin approach, Brownian harmonic oscillator: linear response and fluctuation-dissipation theorem.</i> |
| 16. | 10. 6. Stochastic thermodynamics. | 6. 6., <i>Master equations: Spruce budworm model,</i> 10. 6. <i>Curvature fluctuations of long molecules, Boltzmann equation: DC and thermal conductivity, thermoelectric effects.</i> |