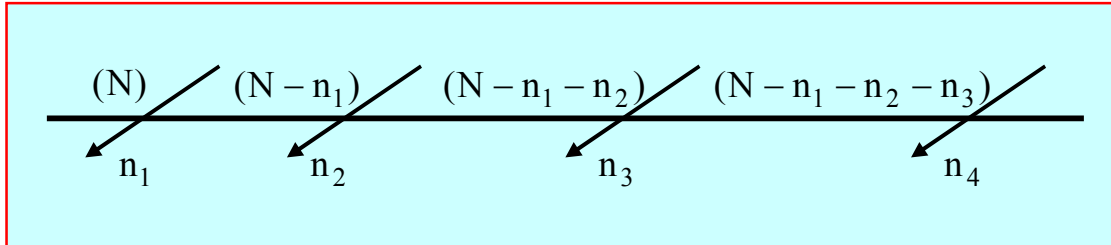


1. Prove the following relation for the occupation number n_i due to Boltzmann distribution $n_i = \sum_i \frac{N}{Z} e^{-\beta \epsilon}$

Solution

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&= \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_i!} \\
W &= N! \prod_i \frac{g_i^{n_i}}{n_i} \tag{3}
\end{aligned}$$

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\end{aligned}$$

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multiply Eq. (4) by $\alpha + 1$ and Eq. (5) by $-\beta$ and add the resulting equations to each other:

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Since n_i is vary independent,

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or

$$\ln \frac{g_i}{n_i} + \alpha - \beta \varepsilon_i = 0 \tag{7}$$

Solving Eq. (7) for n_i gives

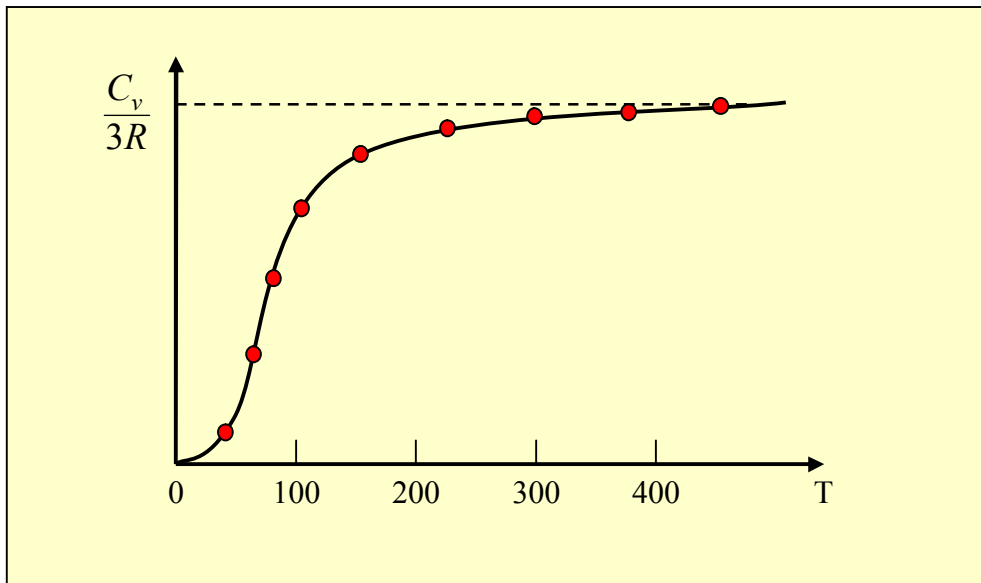
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2. Debye treated with crystal as a continuous elastic medium and his expression of C_v is a good approximation to the Dulong-Petit law.

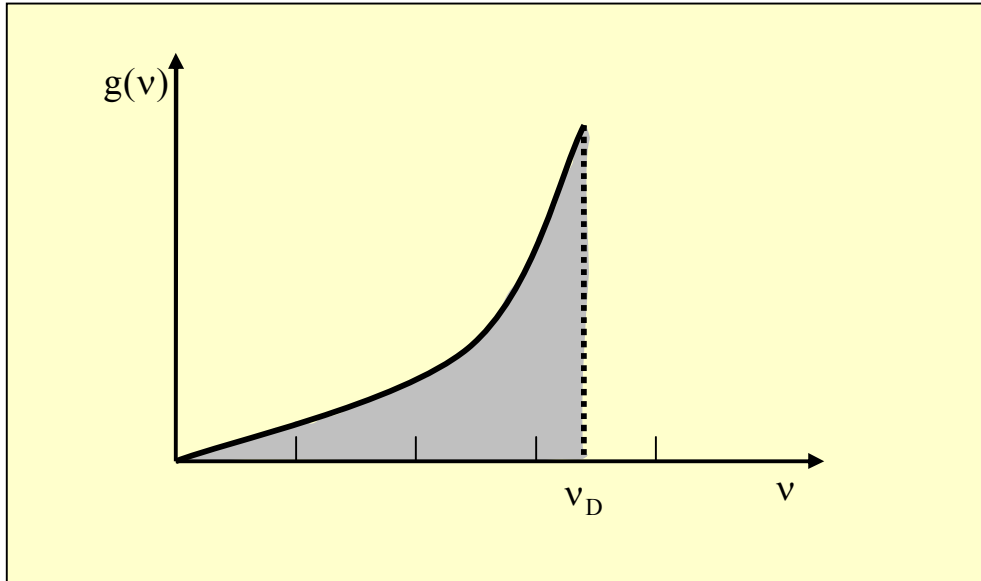
Discuss the previous paragraph.

----- **Solution** -----

The specific heat depends on the temperature as in the figure. At high temperature the value of C_v is close to $3R$



In the Debye model, the frequency of the lattice vibration covers a wide range of values. The lowest frequency in the Debye model is $\nu = 0$ and the highest allowed is ν_D such that the integral of $g(\nu)d\nu$ from 0 to ν_D equals $3N$, see Fig. (2)



Thus

$$\int_0^{v_D} g(v) dv = 3N$$

By using the equation

$$g(v) = \frac{3V}{2\pi^2 c^3} v^2$$

We get

$$\frac{3V}{2\pi^2 c^3} \int_0^{v_D} v^2 dv = 3N$$

$$\frac{3V}{2\pi^2 c^3} \frac{v_d^3}{3} = 3N$$

$$v_d^3 = \frac{6\pi^2 N c^3}{V}$$

Where v_D is called Debye frequency. In terms of v_D the function $g(v)$ is obtained as

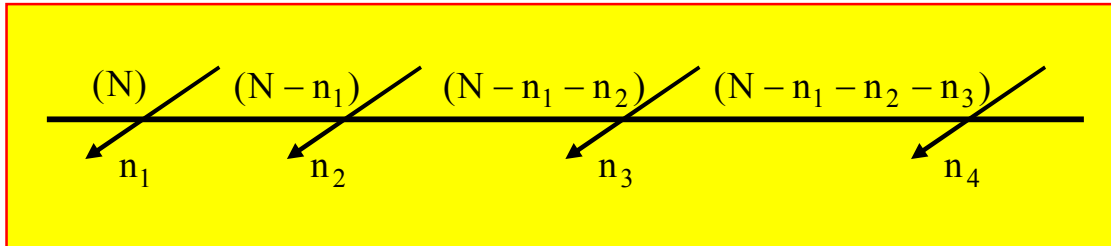
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This summarizes the Debye theory of crystals.

3. Prove the following relation for the occupation number n_i due to Bose-Einstein Statistics $n_i = \frac{g_i}{e^{(\alpha+\varepsilon_i)/KT} - 1}$.

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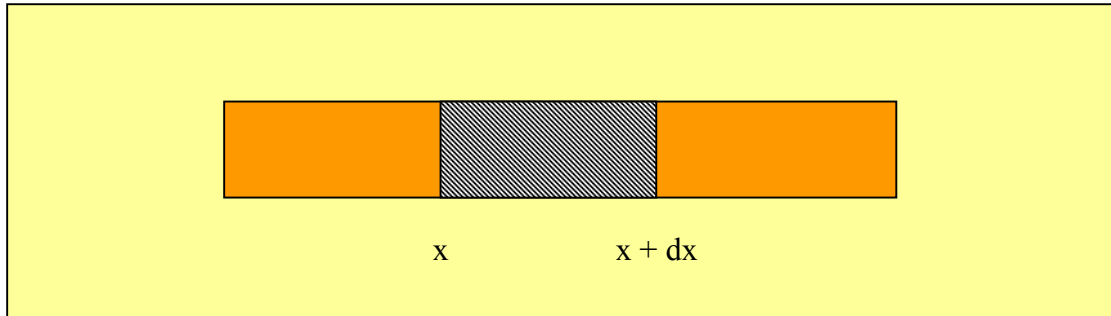
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4. Write a short note about the vibrational spectrum of crystals.

----- Solution -----

Let us examine the propagation of an elastic wave in a long bar. The wave equation in one dimension is



$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad (1)$$

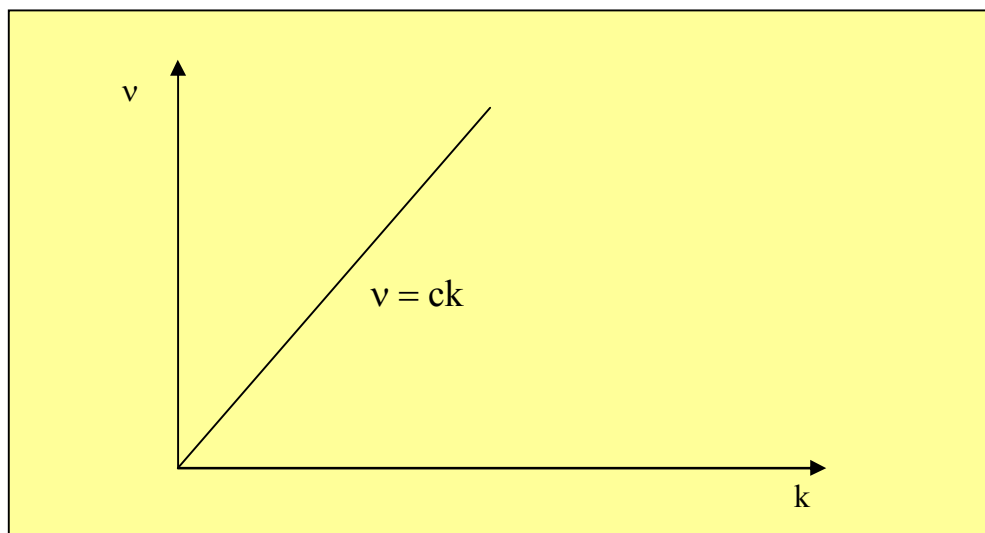
The solution of this equation is

$$\varphi = Ae^{i(kx - vt)} \quad (2)$$

Substituting Eq. (2) in (1) leads to

$$v = ck \quad (3)$$

The last equation is known as the dispersion relation which represents a straight line as in the figure

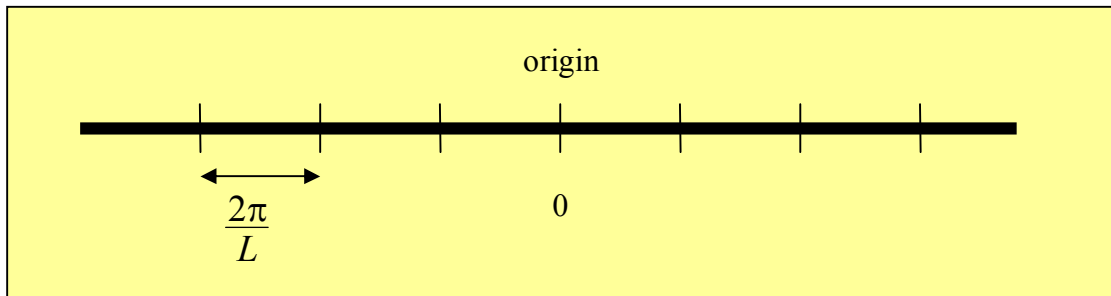


The boundary conditions require that

$$\varphi(0) = \varphi(L) \quad (4)$$

Substituting by Eq. (2) in (4) gives

$$k = n \frac{2\pi}{L}, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \quad (5)$$



The density of states is

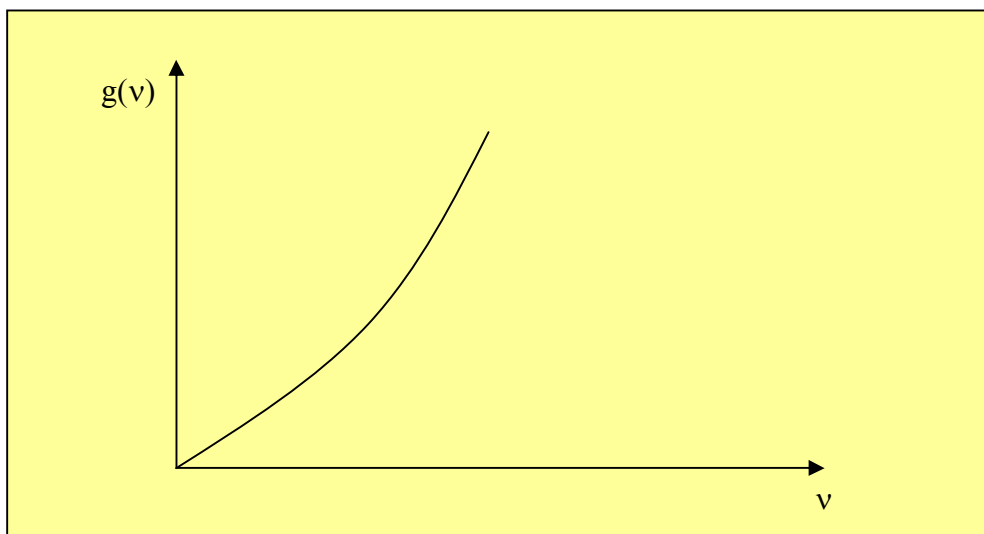
$$g(\nu) d\nu = \frac{L}{2\pi} dk \quad (6)$$

In one dimension

$$g(\nu) = \frac{L}{2\pi} \frac{1}{c}$$

In three dimension

$$g(\nu) = \frac{3V}{2\pi^2} \frac{\nu^2}{c^3} \quad (7)$$



Q5. (a) Differentiate between bosons and fermions.

----- **Solution** -----

fermions	Boson
Anti-Symmetric wave function	Symmetric wave function
Odd atoms - Protons - electrons	Even atoms - photons
Fermi Dirac statistics	Bose-Einstein statistics

Q5 (b) Discuss in details the black body radiation phenomena

----- **Solution** -----

The Black body radiations can be considered as the photon gas. Photons are taken as bosons and they obey BE statistics

$$n_i = \frac{g_i}{e^{\epsilon_i/kT} - 1} \quad (1)$$

We can write

$$dn = \frac{g(v)dv}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1} \quad (2)$$

The translational kinetic energy for a particle in a cubical box is

$$\epsilon = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2) \quad (3)$$

In gamma space

$$r^2 = n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 \quad (4)$$

$$r^2 = \frac{8mL^2}{h^2} \epsilon \quad (5)$$

So

$$gd\epsilon = \frac{2\pi V}{h^3} (2m)^{3/2} \epsilon^{1/2} d\epsilon \quad (6)$$

Since the photon has no rest mass, so we can write

$$g d\nu = \frac{4\pi V}{h^3} \frac{h^2 \nu^2}{c^2} \frac{h}{c} d\nu \quad (7)$$

The energy per unit volume, energy density, is

$$\rho d\nu = \frac{dn}{V} h\nu \quad (8)$$

So

$$\rho d\nu = \frac{8\pi h}{c^3} \frac{\nu^3}{e^{h\nu/KT} - 1} d\nu \quad (9)$$

Which represents Planck's radiation law