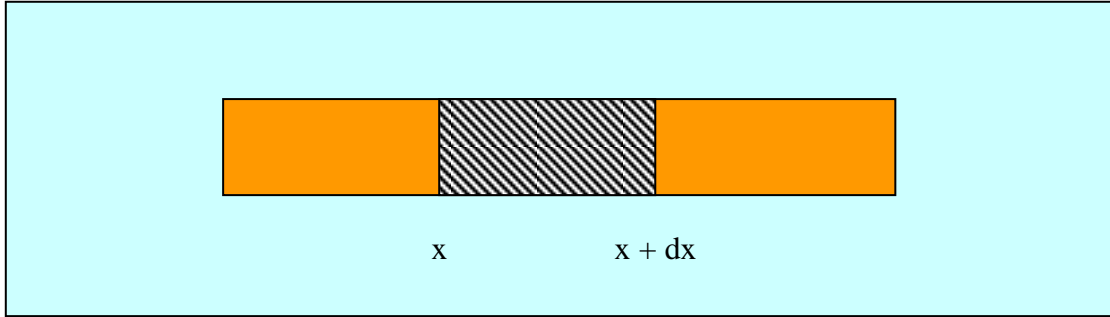


Q1. (a) Write a short note about the vibrational spectrum of crystals.

----- Solution -----

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



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

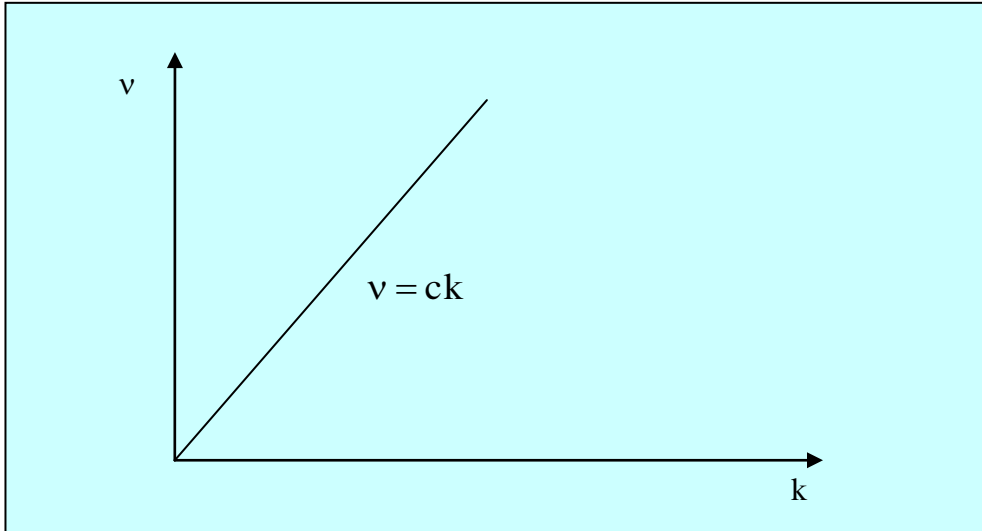
The solution of this equation is

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

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

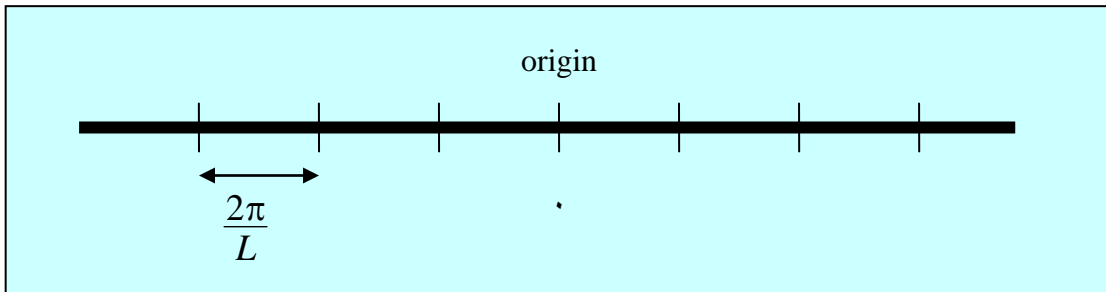


The boundary conditions require that

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

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

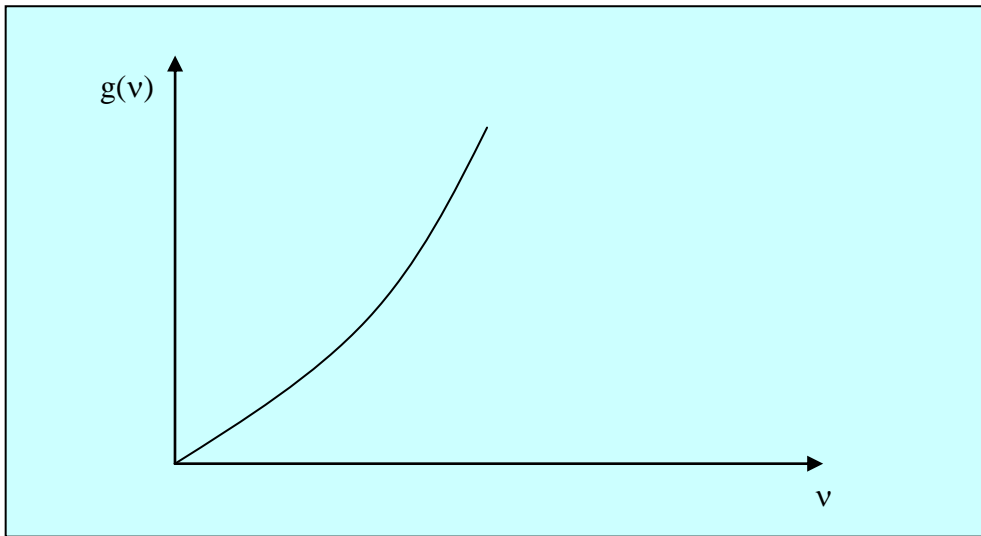
$$g(v)dv = \frac{L}{2\pi} dk \quad (6)$$

In one dimension

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

In three dimension

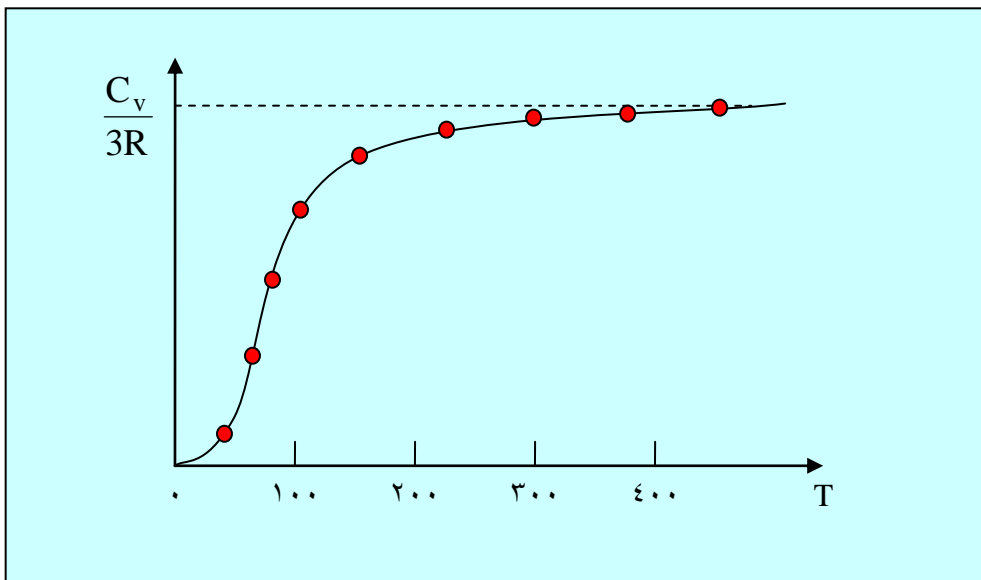
$$g(v) = \frac{3V}{2\pi^2} \frac{v^2}{c^3} \quad (7)$$



Q1. (b) Discuss the classical theory interpretation for Dulong-Petit law of specific heat.

----- 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 classical theory the average energy is

$$\bar{\epsilon} = KT \tag{1}$$

And the energy per mole is

$$U = 3N_A KT = 3RT \quad (2)$$

So the specific heat at constant volume is

$$C_V = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_V = 3R \quad (3)$$

This is in agreement with experiment at high temperature, but it fails completely at low temperatures.

Q2. (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

Q2 (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 are obey BE statistics

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

We can write

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

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

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

In gama space

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

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

So

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

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

$$gdv = \frac{4\pi V}{h^3} \frac{h^2 v^2}{c^2} \frac{h}{c} dv \quad (7)$$

The energy per unit volume, energy density, is

$$\rho dv = \frac{dn}{V} hv \quad (8)$$

So

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

Which represents Planck's radiation law

Q3. Find the thermodynamic function (C_V only) for the electron gas.

----- Solution -----

For the electron gas

$$U = \frac{3}{5} N\varepsilon_F \left[1 + \frac{5\pi^2}{12} \left(\frac{KT}{\varepsilon_F} \right)^2 - \dots \right] \quad (1)$$

The heat capacity at constant volume C_V is

$$C_V = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_V = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \frac{KT}{\epsilon_F} NK \quad (2)$$