

Exercise #2

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b) Consider the BBGKY evolution equation for the reduced ensemble density of a classical system in the case of non interacting particles but in the presence of an external potential $\Phi(\vec{q})$.

Make the hypothesis that velocities are thermalised such that the one particle distribution can be written as

$$\rho^{(1)}(\vec{p}, \vec{q}, t) = f(\vec{p}) u^{(1)}(\vec{q}, t)$$

Demonstrate that the equilibrium distribution for the positional part is

$$u^{(1)}(\vec{q}) \propto \exp[-\beta \Phi(\vec{q})]$$

Now remove the external potential and add a pairwise interaction between particles and assume that again velocities are thermalised such that the two particle distribution can be written as

$$\rho^{(2)}(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, t) = f(\vec{p}_1) f(\vec{p}_2) u^{(2)}(\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, t)$$

Derive the equation of motion for $u^{(2)}(\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, t)$

c) Consider a system of classical non-interacting particles enclosed in a 2d circle of radius R . They are at equilibrium at temperature T . They are subject to a potential

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 r^2 \quad r < r_0$$

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$$V(r) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 r_0^2 = \text{const} \quad r > r_0$$

and $r_0 < R$

- Determine **and plot** the density of the particle as a function of r/ℓ where ℓ is a suitably defined temperature dependent unit length.
- Determine **and plot** the fraction of particle which are inside the smallest circle as a function of temperature.
- For the two previous quantities discuss the limit $\ell^2 < r_0$ and $\ell^2 > r_0$