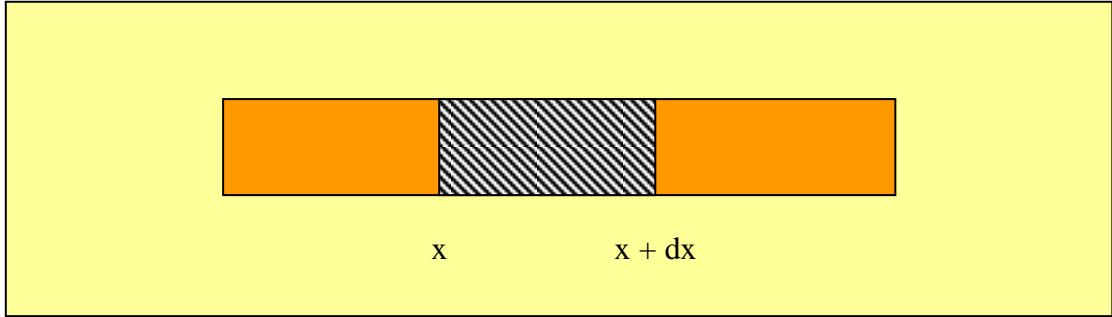


1. Write a short note about the vibrational spectrum of crystals.

----- Solution -----

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



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

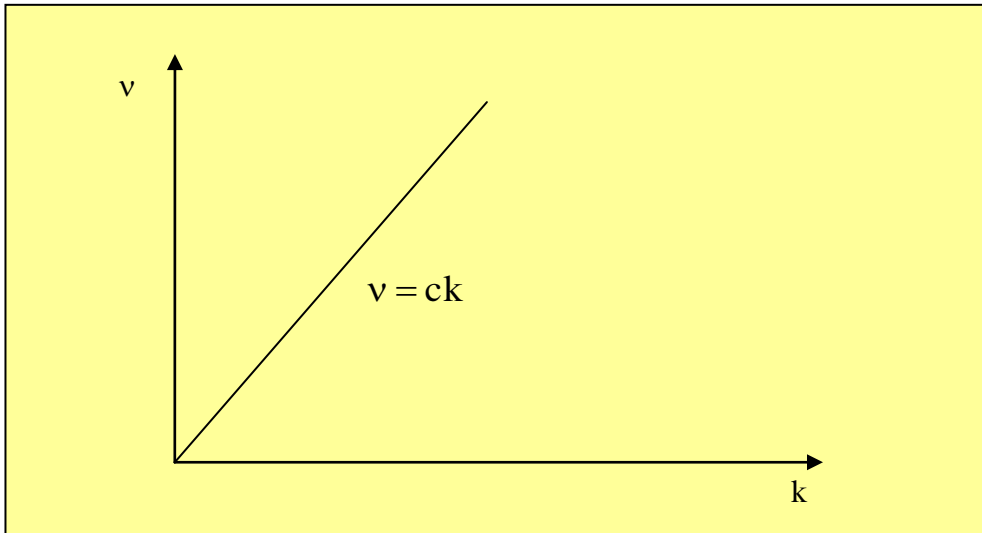
The solution of this equation is

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

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

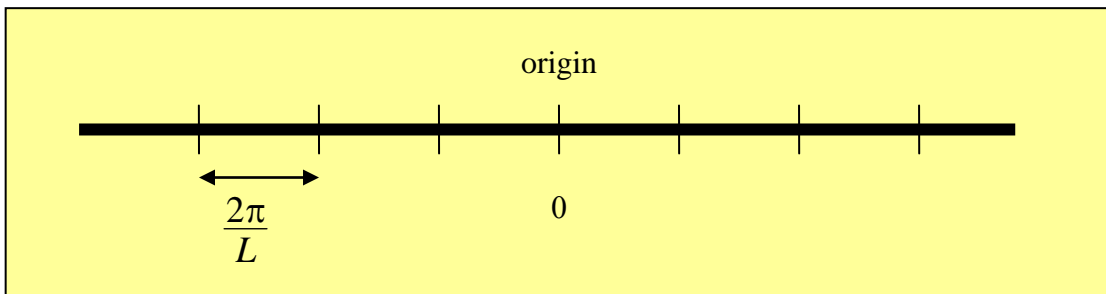


The boundary conditions require that

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

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

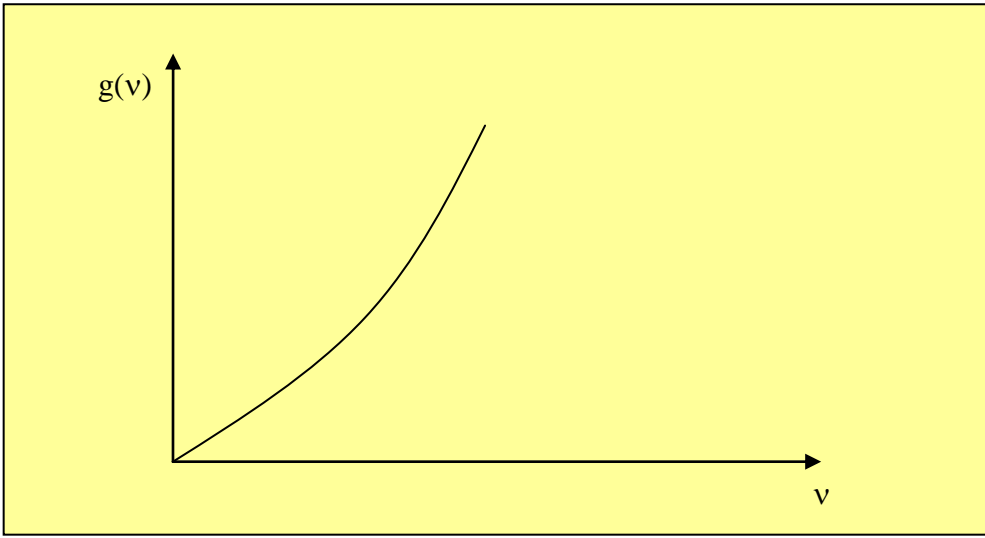
$$g(v)dv = \frac{L}{2\pi} dk \quad (6)$$

In one dimension

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

In three dimension

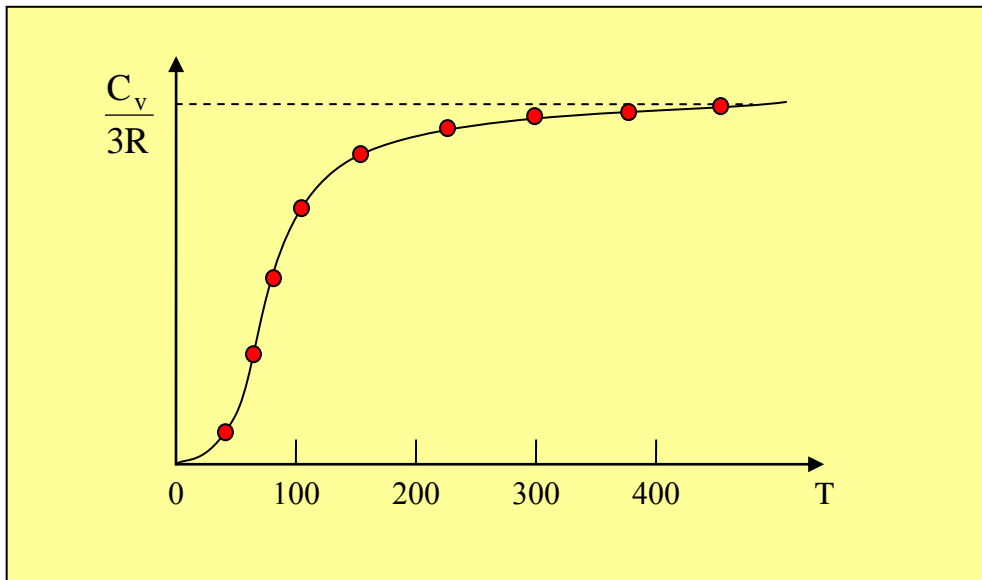
$$g(v) = \frac{3V}{2\pi^2} \frac{v^2}{c^3} \quad (7)$$



2. 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

$$U = 3N_A KT = 3RT \tag{2}$$

So the specific heat at constant volume is

$$C_v = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_v = 3R \tag{3}$$

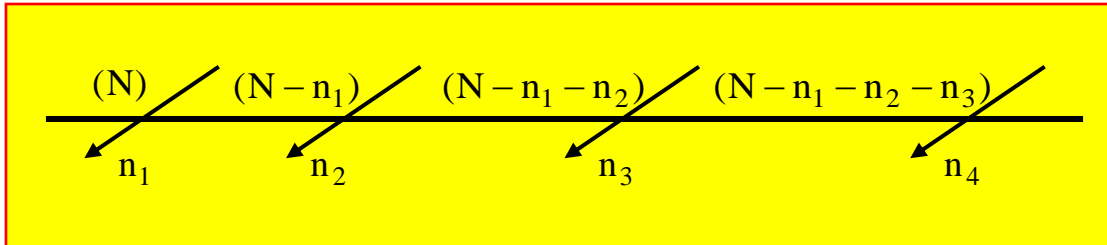
This is in agreement with experiment at high temperature, but it fails completely at low temperatures.

3. Prove the following relation for the occupation number n_i due

to Bose - Einstein distribution $n_i = \frac{g_i}{e^{\alpha+\beta\varepsilon_i} - 1}$

----- Solution -----

Let the number of allowed states associated with the energy ε_i be g_i . Let us first calculate the number of ways of putting n_1 particles of N particles in one box, then n_2 out of $N - n_1$ in second, and so on until we have exhausted all of the particles. The number of ways of choosing n_1 particles out of N particles is given by



$$W_1 = \frac{N!}{(N - n_1)! n_1!} \tag{1}$$

and the number of choosing n_2 out of $N - n_1$ is:

$$W_2 = \frac{(N - n_1)!}{(N - n_1 - n_2)! n_2!} \tag{2}$$

and the number of ways of achieving this arrangement is

$$\begin{aligned} W &= W_1 \cdot W_2 \cdots \\ &= \frac{N!}{(N - n_1)! n_1!} \cdot \frac{(N - n_1)!}{(N - n_1 - n_2)! n_2!} \cdots \\ &= \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_i!} \\ W &= N! \prod_i \frac{g_i^{n_i}}{n_i!} \tag{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\ln W &= \ln N! + \sum_i (n \ln g_i - n \ln n_i!) \\ &= N \ln N + \sum_i (n \ln g_i - n \ln n_i)\end{aligned}$$

To obtain the most probable distribution, we maximize Eq. (3) with $dN = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta \ln W &= \sum_i (\ln g_i - n \ln n_i - \frac{n_i}{n_i}) \delta n_i = 0 \\ \delta \ln W &= \sum_i (\ln g_i - n \ln n_i - 1) \delta n_i = 0\end{aligned}$$

but

$$\delta N = \sum_i \delta n_i = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\delta U = \sum_i \epsilon_i \delta n_i = 0 \quad (5)$$

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

$$\sum_i (\ln g_i - n \ln n_i + \alpha - \beta \epsilon_i) \delta n_i = 0 \quad (6)$$

Since n_i is vary independent,

$$\ln g_i - n \ln n_i + \alpha - \beta \epsilon_i = 0$$

or

$$\ln \frac{g_i}{n_i} + \alpha - \beta \epsilon_i = 0 \quad (7)$$

Solving Eq. (7) for n_i gives

$$n_i = \frac{N}{Z} g_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$$