

Virial Expansion for an ε -Deformed System

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ABSTRACT

We compute the virial expansion of an ideal quantum q -gas equation of state for small values of the deformation parameter.

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The interest in q -oscillators comes specially from their connection with quantum algebras[1] and superalgebras [2]. Quantum groups [3-5] are non-trivial generalizations of Lie algebras and groups and have left their trace in several areas of physics[6]. Also, simple physical systems present quantum group symmetry [7, 8].

It has recently been-shown [9] that ideal quantum q -gases [10, 11] present interesting features: Bose-Einstein condensation, λ -point discontinuity for the specific heat and a general trend to favour criticality. These results were found for real $|q| > 1$ deformed systems and due to the method employed they are not extensible to $0 \leq |q| < 1$.

In this short note, we explore an ideal quantum q -gas for values of q smaller than one. We find the virial expansion for its equation of state in the high-temperature (or low density) regime.

A bosonic q -oscillator is the associative algebra generated by the elements A, A^+ and N satisfying the relations [1, 2, 12]:

$$\begin{aligned} [N, A^+] &= A^+ & [N, A] &= -A \\ AA^+ - q^2 A^+ A &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where we are taking q a real parameter.

It is possible to construct representations of the relations (2.2) in the Fock space \mathcal{F} spanned by the normalized eigenstates $|n\rangle$ of the number operator N as

$$\begin{aligned} A|0\rangle &= 0, & N|n\rangle &= n|n\rangle \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ |n\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{[n]!}} (A^+)^n |0\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $[n] = (q^{2n} - 1)/(q^2 - 1)$ and $[n]! = [n] \cdots [1]$.

In the Fock space \mathcal{F} it is possible to express the deformed oscillators in terms of the standard bosonic ones b, b^+ as [12]

$$A = \left(\frac{[N+1]}{N+1} \right)^{1/2} b, \quad A^+ = b^+ \left(\frac{[N+1]}{N+1} \right)^{1/2}; \quad (3)$$

it can easily be shown in \mathcal{F} that

$$AA^+ = [N+1], \quad A^+A = [N], \quad (4)$$

and as expected the standard bosonic algebra is obtained in the $q \rightarrow 1$ limit.

We have previously investigated highly deformed q -bosons [9] and we observed that in the limit $q = \infty$ the statistical properties are those of fermions while for $q = 1$ the usual bosonic behaviour is recovered [13].

Our ideal deformed system is described by the Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_i \omega_i A_i^+ A_i = \sum_i \omega_i [N_i], \quad (5)$$

where A_i, A_i^\dagger and N_i obey algebra (1) and are the annihilation, creation and occupation number operators of particles in level i with energy ω_i . The total number operator is then $N = \sum_i N_i$. We note that different modes of bosonic q -oscillators commute among themselves being thus different from the alternative deformed commutation relations called quon algebra [14, 15]. With μ the chemical potential and Ω the grand canonical potential, our grand canonical partition function is given by

$$Z = \text{Tr} \exp[-\beta(H - \mu N)] = \exp(-\beta\Omega), \quad (6)$$

where $\beta = 1/kT$, with k the Boltzman constant.

As Z factorizes for the above system, the grand canonical potential is given by a sum over single level partition functions [11]

$$\Omega = -\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_i \ln Z_i^0(\omega_i, \beta, \mu), \quad (7)$$

where

$$Z_i^0(\omega_i, \beta, \mu) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta(\omega_i n - \mu n)}. \quad (8)$$

For a non-relativistic q -boson, the energy is $\omega_i = \bar{p}^2/2m$ and following the usual procedure we enclose our system in a large volume V , allowing for the sum over levels to be replaced by an integral over the p -space:

$$\sum_i \rightarrow \frac{V}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int d^3p. \quad (9)$$

We shall now consider a small q ($q = \varepsilon$) for which the partition function (8) is

$$Z_i^0 = 1 + ze^{-\beta\omega} + \frac{z^2}{1-z} e^{-\beta\omega} (1 - \beta\omega\varepsilon^2) + O(\varepsilon^4) \quad (10)$$

where z is the fugacity, $z = e^{\beta\mu}$ and we have kept terms up to ε^2 order.

Assuming the fugacity z small compared to one and integrating by parts, we obtain the pressure $P = -\Omega/V$:

$$P = \beta^{-1} \Lambda^{-3} z \left[1 + z(-2^{-5/2} + 1 - \frac{3}{2}\varepsilon^2) + z^2 \left(3^{-5/2} + 1 - 2^{-3/2} + \varepsilon^2 \left(-\frac{3}{2} + 3 \times 2^{-7/2} \right) \right) + O(z^3) \right], \quad (11)$$

where $\Lambda = (\hbar^2\beta/2\pi m)^{1/2}$ is the thermal wavelength.

The q -boson density $n = \frac{\partial P}{\partial \mu}|_{T,V}$ is then

$$n = \Lambda^{-3} z \left\{ 1 + 2z(-2^{-5/2} + 1 - \frac{3}{2}\varepsilon^2) + 3z^2 \left[3^{-5/2} + 1 - 2^{-3/2} + \varepsilon^2 \left(-\frac{3}{2} + 3 \times 2^{-7/2} \right) \right] + \dots \right\}. \quad (12)$$

Inverting the power series above and expanding z in powers of $n\Lambda^3$ in (11), we obtain the virial expansion of the equation of state

$$P = \frac{n}{\beta} \left\{ 1 + (2^{-5/2} - 1 + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon^2)n\Lambda^3 + 2 \left[2^{-4} - 3^{-5/2} - 2^{-1/2} + 1 + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon^2 (3 + 2^{-5/2}) \right] n^2\Lambda^6 + \dots \right\}. \quad (13)$$

We note that the approximations made here are valid for large V , $z \ll 1$ and $n\Lambda^3 \ll 1$, implying large-temperature (or low density) regime.

From expression (13) we see immediately that a small deformation increases the pressure relative to $q = 0$. Besides, a comparison of (13) with the virial expansion for a highly deformed system, namely [9]

$$P = \frac{n}{(2\pi)^3\beta} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{2^{5/2}} - \frac{1}{(q^2 + 1)^{3/2}} \right) n\Lambda^3 + \left(\frac{1}{2^3} - \frac{2}{3^{5/2}} - \frac{4}{(q^2 + 1)^3} - \frac{4}{(2q^2 + 2)^{3/2}} + \frac{2}{(q^2 + 2)^{3/2}} \right) n^2\Lambda^6 + \dots \right], \quad (14)$$

shows that: 1) P attains its minimum for $q = 0$; 2) P attains its maximum for $q = \infty$, which is the fermionic gas; 3) P has an intermediate value for $q = 1$. As a matter of fact, the pressure grows with q for the whole range $0 \leq |q| < \infty$.

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