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Exercise Sheet 2

- 1. Convert kilogram (kg), second (s), meter (m) and kelvin (K) to giga-electron volt (GeV), assuming natural units $c = \hbar = k_B = 1$. Use your findings to express your weight, age, height and body temperature in GeV.
- Derive expressions for the number density, energy density and pressure of a gas of ultra-relativistic particles in thermal equilibrium with vanishing chemical potential.
- 3. Show that the energy density and pressure of non-relativistic particles with vanishing chemical potential is given by $\rho = (m + \frac{3}{2}T)n$ and P = nT, respectively. Explain why in these conditions one has $P \ll \rho$.
- 4. Consider a thermal equilibrium distribution of relativistic particles with nonvanishing chemical potential μ . Compute the number density, energy and pressure for:

4.1. Degenerate fermions with $\mu \gg T$;

4.2. $\mu < 0$ and $|\mu| < T$

[Hint: in 4.1 assume that for degenerate fermions all energy states are occupied up to a maximum energy equal to μ .]

5. Consider now the case of the non-relativistic limit, with a non-vanishing chemical potential. Prove the expressions below. The overbar denotes densities for anti-particles. Assume that particles and anti-particles are in chemical equilibrium. (regarding 5.2: note that in general there can be excess of particles over antiparticles):

5.1.
$$n = g \left(\frac{mT}{2\pi}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{m-\mu}{T}\right)$$

5.2.
$$n - \bar{n} = 2g \left(\frac{mT}{2\pi}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{m}{T}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right)$$

5.3.
$$\rho + \bar{\rho} = 2gm \left(\frac{mT}{2\pi}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{m}{T}\right) \cosh\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right)$$