Problem set 14

Due June 18, 2025

1. Given the equation of state of the grand canonical system

$$pV = k_B T \ln \Xi$$

and the expansion of the grand partition function Ξ in terms of Z_N 's

$$\Xi = 1 + \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \frac{Z_N(V,T)}{N!} z^N$$

with

$$z = \lambda Q_1 / V$$
$$Z_N = N! \left(\frac{V}{Q_1}\right)^N Q_N = \int \cdots \int \exp\left(-U_N / k_B T\right) d\mathbf{r}_1 \dots d\mathbf{r}_N$$

where λ is the fugacity, Q_N is the partition function of a canonical system with N particles, U_N is the interaction energy for an N-particle system, derive the expressions for the first 2 coefficients, b_1 and b_2 , in the expansion of pressure in terms of z.

$$p = k_B T \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j z^j$$

2. Sketch the cluster diagrams corresponding to the following products of the f-functions in the expansion of pressure in terms of density.

$$\begin{array}{c} f_{12}f_{23}f_{34}f_{45}f_{51}f_{14}f_{25} \\ f_{12}f_{23}f_{13}f_{34}f_{45}f_{46}f_{56} \end{array}$$