# **On Dunkl-Bose-Einstein condensation in harmonic traps**

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The use of the Dunkl derivative, defined by a combination of the difference-differential and reflection operators, allows the classification of the solutions according to even and odd solutions. Recently, we considered the Dunkl formalism to investigate the Bose-Einstein condensation of an ideal Bose gas confined in a gravitational field. In this work, we address another essential problem and examine an ideal Bose gas trapped by a three-dimensional harmonic oscillator within the Dunkl formalism. To this end, we derive an analytic expression for the critical temperature of the N particle system, discuss its value at large-N limit and finally derive and compare the ground state population with the usual case result. In addition, we explore two thermal quantities, namely the Dunkl-internal energy and the Dunkl-heat capacity functions.

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### **1. Introduction**

The influence of the external potential on the Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC) has been extensively discussed in the literature. For example, in Ref. [1], Bagnato *et al*. calculated a three-dimensional ideal Boson gas system's critical temperature and ground state population using a generic power-law potential energy. In Ref. [2], Gersch discussed how the gravitational field affects the Bose-Einstein gas system's thermodynamics. In Ref. [3], Widom provided theoretical evidence of the BEC for an ideal Bose liquid trapped by a gravitational field. Similarly, in Ref. [4], Baranov *et al* investigated the influence of the gravitational field on the two-dimensional BEC of atoms that are confined in a rectangular well. In Ref. [5], Rivas *et al.* determined the BEC temperature for two distinct trapping scenarios and discussed how the transition temperature is modified when considering a homogeneous gravitational field. In Ref. [6], Liu *et al.* examined a one-dimensional non-interacting Bose gas system in the presence of a uniform gravitational field, and they derived the BEC temperature and the condensate fraction using the semiclassical approach. Subsequently in Ref. [7], Du *et al.* handled the same problem in two and three dimensions, and they

obtained new features beyond the results of Liu *et al*. Harmonic potential traps were also subjected as an external potential. In Ref. [8], Kirsten *et al.* discussed the BEC of atomic gases in a spin-0 system with harmonic oscillator potential energy. In Ref. [9], Ketterle *et al.* examined the BEC for one and three-dimensional nonrelativistic systems under isotropic harmonic oscillator potential, while in Ref. [10] Mullin handled the same problem in two dimensions. Later, in Ref. [13] he discussed the problem in a more generalized form. In outstanding works [11, 12], Qi-Jun Zeng et al studied the BEC of a two and three-dimensional harmonically trapped system in the context of the q-deformed bosons theory.

A question that would historically be assumed to form the basis of Dunkl derivation and formalism was posed by Eugène Wigner in the middle of the last century: "Can the dynamics of a quantum mechanical system produce canonical commutation relations?" [14]. Although Wigner's conclusion was negative, because of an extra constant parameter that forbids a unique solution, one year later L. M. Yang managed to present a unique solution by considering the onedimensional quantum harmonic oscillator with several restrict conditions [15]. According to Yang, if one introduces a <span id="page-1-0"></span>reflection operator into the conventional Heisenberg algebra, in other words, if one deforms the conventional Heisenberg algebra by ´

$$
[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar \left( 1 + 2\theta \hat{R} \right), \tag{1}
$$

then, a unique solution is always achieved. Here,  $\theta$  is the Wigner parameter,  $\hat{p}$  is the usual quantum mechanical momentum operator, and  $\hat{R}$  is the reflection operator satisfying the following properties [16]

$$
\hat{R}_{i}f(x_{j}) = \delta_{ij}f(-x_{j}), \quad \hat{R}_{i}\frac{d}{dx_{j}} = -\delta_{ij}\hat{R}_{i}\frac{d}{dx_{j}},
$$

$$
\hat{R}_{i}\hat{R}_{j} = \hat{R}_{j}\hat{R}_{i}.
$$
 (2)

It is worthwhile mentioning that this representation is not unique in the position space. A particularly interesting representation can be found using the Dunkl operator,  $\hat{D}$ , [17]

$$
\hat{D}_j \equiv \frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{p} = \frac{d}{dx_j} + \frac{\theta_j}{x_j} (1 - \hat{R}_j), \quad j = 1, 2, 3. \tag{3}
$$

which is a combination of differential and difference operators [18]. Let us emphasize that the Wigner parameter does not have inherent bounds in the Dunkl formalism, and its range depends on the specific context and application within mathematics or physics. However, in certain contexts, constraints or specific ranges may arise naturally from the conditions under consideration. Indeed, we will see later that in our specific case, it will admit a *lower* bound. Therefore, this "free" parameter can be used to construct a better fit between theory and experiment.

This representation found many applications in various mathematical [19–21] as well as physical [22–30] problems. Recently, there has been a growing interest in using the Dunkl operator in the investigation of quantum mechanical problems in both relativistic and non-relativistic regimes [31–48]. The reflection operator embodied in the Dunkl operator allows authors to classify the solutions of the Dunkl-Schrödinger [31–33], the Dunkl-Dirac [39–42], the Dunkl-Klein-Gordon [43–46], and the Dunkl-Duffin-Kemmer-Petiau [44] equations by parity.

This year we studied the ideal Bose gas condensation using the Dunkl formalism in two stages, taking into account the presence and absence of a gravitational field [47,48]. Let us mention in this context that, to the best of our knowledge, in a deformed formalism, two approaches may be used for the derivation of the partition function and the total number of particles in the grand canonical ensemble [49]:

- 1. One may employ deformed commutation relations, involving the Dunkl derivative, with the standard Hamiltonian. In this case, deformed measures of integrals, which lead to a modification of the density of states, should be taken into account [50].
- 2. One may also use standard commutation relations with a modified Hamiltonian. In this case, the deformed occupation number operator should be considered [35, 48, 51].

In this paper, we use the second approach. The present manuscript intends to extend these works by examining a three-dimensional harmonically trapped ideal Bose gas. We construct the manuscript as follows: In Sec. 2, we derive the BEC temperature and ground state population number in the Dunkl formalism. In Sec. 3, we obtain the Dunkl-internal energy and Dunkl heat capacity functions of the system. In the last section, we conclude the manuscript.

## **2. Ideal Bose gas trapped in harmonic oscillator potential and Dunkl formalism**

Let us consider a Bose gas composed of  $N$  neutral atoms which are trapped by a three-dimensional harmonic potential of the form

$$
V(x, y, z) = \frac{m\omega_1^2}{2}x^2 + \frac{m\omega_2^2}{2}y^2 + \frac{m\omega_3^2}{2}z^2,
$$
 (4)

where m and  $\omega_i$  correspond to the mass of the atoms and their trap frequencies. In this case, the total energy can be given by the sum of the single-particle energies [52]

$$
E_{n_1,n_2,n_3} = \hbar \left( \omega_1 n_1 + \omega_2 n_2 + \omega_3 n_3 \right) + E_0, \quad (5)
$$

where  $n_i = 0, 1, 2, ..., i = 0, 1, 2...$  Here, the zero-point energy is

$$
E_0 = \frac{\hbar}{2} \left( \omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3 \right). \tag{6}
$$

In the Dunkl formalism, the number of condensed (ground state) and thermal (excited states) particles are given the grand canonical ensemble as follows [35, 48]:

$$
N_0^D = \frac{2}{z^{-2} - 1} + \frac{(1 + 2\theta)}{z^{-(1 + 2\theta)} + 1},
$$
\n(7)

$$
N_e^D = \sum_{i \neq 0} \left( \frac{2}{e^{2\beta E_i} z^{-2} - 1} + \frac{(1+2\theta)}{e^{\beta(1+2\theta)E_i} z^{-(1+2\theta)} + 1} \right). \tag{8}
$$

Here,  $\beta = (k_B T)^{-1}$ ;  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann's constant, and  $z = e^{\beta(\mu - E_0)}$  is the fugacity of the system. It is worth noting in three dimensions, the most general form of the Dunkl formalism should be given with three different Wigner parameters, however, for simplicity we assume that they are the same and we denote them by  $\theta$ . Also, we shift the ground state energy to zero, with the replacement  $\mu - E_0 \rightarrow \mu$ , for simplifying the formulae. The analytical evaluation of the given sum in Eq. (8) is quite difficult. To circumvent this issue, one may substitute the discrete sum with a weighted integral,  $\sum \rightarrow \int \rho(E) dE$ . Here,  $\rho(E)$  is the density of states given by

$$
\rho(E) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{E^2}{\left(\hbar \Omega\right)^3} + \gamma \frac{E}{\left(\hbar \Omega\right)^2},\tag{9}
$$

<span id="page-2-0"></span>where  $\Omega = (\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3)^{1/3}$  is the average frequency value of the harmonic trap, and  $\gamma$  is a coefficient that depends on the values of the individual frequencies of the harmonic trap  $(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3)$  to be determined numerically. In Ref. [52], authors calculated the  $\gamma$  factor for an isotropic oscillator and they found it to be equal to  $3/2$ . It should be emphasized that the above substitution is valid as long as the number of particles is large and the spacing between energy levels is small enough. Following some simple algebra, we obtain the total number of particles

$$
N = N_0^D + 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho(E) dE}{e^{2\beta E} z^{-2} - 1} + (1 + 2\theta) \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho(E) dE}{e^{\beta(1 + 2\theta)E} z^{-(1 + 2\theta)} + 1},
$$
(10)

which, after integration, becomes

$$
N = N_0^D + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{k_B T}{\hbar \Omega} \right)^3 \left\{ g_3(z^2) - \frac{4}{(1+2\theta)^2} g_3\left(-z^{1+2\theta}\right) \right\} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \left( \frac{k_B T}{\hbar \Omega} \right)^2 \left\{ g_2(z^2) - \frac{2}{(1+2\theta)} g_2\left(-z^{1+2\theta}\right) \right\}.
$$
 (11)

Here, the function  $g_s(z)$  is the Bose (Polylogarithmic) function defined by

$$
g_s(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{s-1}}{e^x z^{-1} - 1} dx.
$$
 (12)

By employing the property,

$$
g_s(z) + g_s(-z) = 2^{1-s} g_s(z^2), \tag{13}
$$

we restate Eq. (11)

$$
N = N_0^D + \left(\frac{k_B T}{\hbar \Omega}\right)^3 g_3(z,\theta)
$$

$$
+ \gamma \left(\frac{k_B T}{\hbar \Omega}\right)^2 g_2(z,\theta), \qquad (14)
$$

with a new function

$$
g_s(z,\theta) = g_s(z) + g_s(-z)
$$
  
- 
$$
\frac{1}{(1+2\theta)^{s-1}} g_s(-z^{1+2\theta}),
$$
 (15)

which may be called the Dunkl-Bose function. In the limit of  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ , the Dunkl-Bose function reduces to the usual Bose function, so that Eq. (14) becomes the same as the Eq. (4) of Ref. [52]. Before the investigation of the Dunkl-BEC temperature, we would like to demonstrate the properties of the Dunkl-Bose function. To this end, we plot the Dunkl-Bose function for  $s = 2$  and  $s = 3$  versus the Wigner parameter in Fig. 1.

We observe that the Dunkl-Bose function decreases as the Wigner parameter increases. Then, we depict the Dunkl-Bose



FIGURE 1. The Dunkl-Bose function versus the Wigner parameter.



FIGURE 2. The Dunkl-Bose function,  $g_3(z, \theta)$ , versus z for different Wigner parameters.

function of  $s = 3$  for three different Wigner parameters versus  $z$  in Fig. 2.

We observe that the Dunkl-Bose function is a monotonically increasing function. We see that for a positive value of the Wigner parameter, the Dunkl-Bose function takes smaller values compared to the standard Bose function. For  $\theta < 0$ , this behavior changes oppositely, and the Bose-Dunkl function becomes greater than the usual Bose function. These properties are the characteristic behavior of the functions, and thus, independent of the order s.

Now, let us focus on the condensation phenomenon. We know that when the temperature decreases to the condensation temperature,  $T_c$ , the particles will condense in the ground state of the trap. However, for this (BEC) transition to occur,  $N - N_0^D$ , as given by Eq. (11) should be bounded which will happen provided  $\theta > -1/2$ . This is the same lower bound as imposed in Ref. [31] for consistency reasons. In such a case of the condensation onset, the system has the state of  $N_0^D \simeq 0$  and  $z \simeq 1$ . Therefore, we can express the Dunkl-BEC temperature,  $T_c^D$ , as

$$
T_c^D \simeq \frac{\hbar\Omega}{k_B} \left[ \frac{N}{g_3(1,\theta)} \right]^{1/3} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\gamma}{3} \left[ \frac{g_2(1,\theta)}{g_3(1,\theta)^{2/3}} \right] \frac{1}{N^{1/3}} \right\}.
$$
 (16)

For  $\theta = 0$ , the Dunkl-BEC temperature converts to the traditional critical temperature form,  $T_c^B$ , given in Ref. [52].

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$$
T_c^B \simeq \frac{\hbar\Omega}{k_B} \left[ \frac{N}{g_3(1)} \right]^{1/3} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\gamma}{3} \left[ \frac{g_2(1)}{g_3(1)^{2/3}} \right] \frac{1}{N^{1/3}} \right\}.
$$
 (17)

Then, we match Eqs. [\(16\)](#page-2-0) and (17) to construct a relationship between the latter and the conventional temperatures. We find the ratio

$$
\frac{T_c^D}{T_c^B} = \left[\frac{\zeta(3)}{g_3(1,\theta)}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{1 - \frac{\gamma}{3N^{1/3}} \frac{g_2(1,\theta)}{g_3(1,\theta)^{2/3}}}{1 - \frac{\gamma}{18N^{1/3}} \frac{\pi^2}{\zeta(3)^{2/3}}},\tag{18}
$$

where  $\zeta(n)$  is the Riemann-Zeta function. We note that the second term in Eq. [\(16\)](#page-2-0) can be neglected if the particle number of the ensemble is sufficiently large,  $N \to \infty$ . In this case, the Dunkl-BEC temperature can be approximated by  $T^D_0$ 

$$
T_0^D = \frac{\hbar\Omega}{k_B} \left[ \frac{N}{g_3(1,\theta)} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}},\tag{19}
$$

which reduces to the ordinary case for  $\theta = 0$  [52]

$$
T_0^B = \frac{\hbar\Omega}{k_B} \left[ \frac{N}{\zeta(3)} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}}.
$$
 (20)

By comparing Eq. (19) with Eq. (20), we get the condensation temperature ratio

$$
\frac{T_0^D}{T_0^B} = \left[\frac{\zeta(3)}{g_3(1,\theta)}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}}.
$$
\n(21)

We display the change in the condensation temperature ratio versus the Wigner parameter in Fig. 3.

We see that this ratio increases with the increasing Wigner parameter value. For the negative Wigner parameter values, this ratio is smaller than one. We see that the ratio saturates at 1.794 at large Wigner values.

Then, by using Eq. (20) in Eq. [\(14\)](#page-2-0), we obtain the rate of Dunkl ground state population in terms of normalized temperature as follows:

$$
\frac{N_0^D}{N} = 1 - \frac{g_3(1,\theta)}{\zeta(3)} \left(\frac{T}{T_0^B}\right)^3
$$

$$
-\gamma \frac{g_2(1,\theta)}{\zeta^{2/3}(3)} \frac{1}{N^{1/3}} \left(\frac{T}{T_0^B}\right)^2.
$$
(22)

In Fig. 4, we plot this ratio versus the condensation temperature ratio for an ensemble with two thousand particles.

We see that for positive Wigner parameters, the ground state population of the standard formalism is always smaller than the Dunkl formalism. In other words, for  $\theta > 0$  the Dunkl-Bosonic system is more apt to undergo a condensation than the standard-Bosonic system. In contrast, for negative values of Wigner parameters, the ground state population in the Dunkl formalism is smaller than the standard formalism.



FIGURE 3. The variation of  $(T_0^D/T_0^B)$  versus  $\theta$ .



FIGURE 4. The population of the Dunkl ground state ratio versus normalized temperature for different Wigner parameters.

#### **3. Thermodynamics of the system**

At this point, we can employ the internal energy,  $U$  to derive the heat capacity function. To obtain the internal energy we substitute the sum with the weighted integral. In this case, the Dunkl internal energy

$$
U^{D} = 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{E\rho(E) dE}{e^{2\beta E} z^{-2} - 1} + (1 + 2\theta) \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{E\rho(E) dE}{e^{\beta(1 + 2\theta)E} z^{-(1 + 2\theta)} + 1},
$$
(23)

yields the following result after the substituting Eq. [\(9\)](#page-1-0) into Eq. (23):

$$
\frac{U^D}{\hbar\Omega} = 3\left(\frac{k_BT}{\hbar\Omega}\right)^4 g_4(z,\theta) + 2\gamma \left(\frac{k_BT}{\hbar\Omega}\right)^3 g_3(z,\theta).
$$
 (24)

To compute the heat capacity, we have to make a distinction between the two regimes. Below  $T_c^D$ , we may safely set  $z = 1$ , however, for  $T > T_c^D$ , we cannot since z is a complicated function of  $T$ . By using the well-known relation,

 $C = \partial U / \partial T$ , we derive a general expression for the reduced Dunkl heat capacity for  $T < T_c^D$ 

$$
\frac{C_{\le}^{D}}{Nk_{B}} = 12 \frac{g_{4}(1,\theta)}{\zeta(3)} \left(\frac{T}{T_{0}^{B}}\right)^{3} + \frac{6\gamma}{N^{1/3}} \frac{g_{3}(1,\theta)}{\zeta^{2/3}(3)} \left(\frac{T}{T_{0}^{B}}\right)^{2}.
$$
\n(25)

For  $N$  sufficiently large, it simplifies to

$$
\frac{C_{\le}^D}{Nk_B} = 12 \frac{g_4(1,\theta)}{g_3(1,\theta)} \left(\frac{T}{T_c^D}\right)^3.
$$
\n(26)

where  $T_c^D$  is given by Eq. [\(19\)](#page-3-0). Furthermore, for  $T > T_c^D$ , we get the general expression

$$
\frac{C_{>}^{D}}{Nk_{B}} = 12\left(\frac{T}{T_{0}^{B}}\right)^{3}\frac{g_{4}(z,\theta)}{\zeta(3)} + 6\gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_{0}^{B}}\right)^{2}\frac{1}{N^{1/3}}\frac{g_{3}(z,\theta)}{\zeta^{2/3}(3)} + \left[3\left(\frac{T}{T_{0}^{B}}\right)^{4}\frac{g_{3}(z,\theta)}{\zeta(3)} + \frac{2\gamma}{N^{1/3}}\left(\frac{T}{T_{0}^{B}}\right)^{3}\frac{g_{2}(z,\theta)}{\zeta^{2/3}(3)}\right]\frac{T_{0}^{B}}{z}\frac{dz}{dT}.
$$
\n(27)

Here, the quantity  $(1/z)(dz/dT)$  can be calculated by using the fact that the total particle number is a constant. Considering  $(dN/dT) = 0$ , we find

$$
\frac{T_0^B}{z}\frac{dz}{dT} = -3\frac{T_0^B}{T} \cdot \frac{g_3(z,\theta)}{g_2(z,\theta)} \frac{1 + \frac{2\gamma}{3} \frac{\zeta^{1/3}(3)}{N^{1/3}} \frac{g_2(z,\theta)}{g_3(z,\theta)} \frac{T_0^B}{T}}{1 + \gamma \frac{\zeta^{1/3}(3)}{N^{1/3}} \frac{g_1(z,\theta)}{g_2(z,\theta)} \frac{T_0^B}{T}},
$$
\n(28)

so that, the Dunkl-specific heat capacity reads

$$
\frac{C_{>}^{D}}{Nk_{B}} = 12\left(\frac{T}{T_{0}^{B}}\right)^{3}\frac{g_{4}(z,\theta)}{\zeta(3)} + 6\gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_{0}^{B}}\right)^{2}\frac{1}{N^{1/3}}\frac{g_{3}(z,\theta)}{\zeta^{2/3}(3)} - \frac{3T_{0}^{B}}{T}\frac{g_{3}(z,\theta)}{g_{2}(z,\theta)}
$$
\n
$$
\times \left[3\left(\frac{T}{T_{0}^{B}}\right)^{4}\frac{g_{3}(z,\theta)}{\zeta(3)} + \frac{2\gamma}{N^{1/3}}\left(\frac{T}{T_{0}^{B}}\right)^{3}\frac{g_{2}(z,\theta)}{\zeta^{2/3}(3)}\right] \frac{1 + \frac{2\gamma}{3}\frac{\zeta^{1/3}(3)}{N^{1/3}}\frac{g_{2}(z,\theta)}{g_{3}(z,\theta)}\frac{T_{0}^{B}}{T}}{1 + \gamma\frac{\zeta^{1/3}(3)}{N^{1/3}}\frac{g_{1}(z,\theta)}{g_{2}(z,\theta)}\frac{T_{0}^{B}}{T}},
$$
\n(29)

and it drastically simplifies in the large  $N$  limit, yielding

$$
\frac{C_{>}^{D}}{Nk_{B}} = 12 \frac{g_{4}(z,\theta)}{g_{3}(z,\theta)} - 9 \frac{g_{3}(z,\theta)}{g_{2}(z,\theta)}.
$$
\n(30)

We can easily notice that our expressions for  $C^D_<$  and  $C^D_>$  nicely generalize the results of [52] to the case  $\theta \neq 0$ . Finally, in Fig. 5 we plot the Dunkl heat capacity versus the reduced temperature  $T/T_c^D$  for different values of the Wigner parameters.

We observe that for different values of the Wigner parameter, the Dunkl heat capacity exhibits the typical  $\lambda$  – profile for the transition point. The jump at the transition, given by

$$
\frac{C_{>}^{D} - C_{<}^{D}}{Nk_{B}} = 9\frac{g_{3}(1,\theta)}{g_{2}(1,\theta)}
$$
(31)

reduces to the known value  $9\zeta(3)/\zeta(2) \simeq 6.577$  for  $\theta = 0$ , but differs significantly for a nonzero Wigner parameter. Moreover, the classical (high temperature) limit reads

$$
\left. \frac{C_{>}^{D}}{N k_{B}} \right|_{T>>T_{c}} \simeq \frac{3}{1+2\theta} \tag{32}
$$

and we see, as can also be observed in the figure, that for  $\theta < 0$  (resp.  $\theta > 0$ ), the heat capacity is greater (resp. lower) than the standard  $\theta = 0$  limit.



FIGURE 5. Heat capacity versus  $T/T_c^D$  in the large N limit. The dashed horizontal line is the classical limit for  $\theta = 0$ .

The key point here is that one may use these behaviors to get an estimate for an upper bound (or a range) for  $\theta$  when the experimental results do not completely fit with the theory. In particular, one can examine the data giving the slopes near the critical temperature and at high temperatures to obtain a better fit with experiments.

## **4. Conclusions**

We consider an ideal Bose gas trapped by a three-dimensional anisotropic harmonic oscillator potential in the Dunkl formalism. We derive analytic expressions for the Dunkl-BEC temperature and the Dunkl ground state population to examine the impact of the reflection symmetry. We obtain Wigner parameter-dependent internal energy and heat capacity. With the use of graphical methods, we demonstrate how the reflection symmetry affects the conventional BEC. We verify the validity of our results by examining the limiting expressions in the non-deformed case.

In the end, it is important to notice that specific ranges for  $\theta$  may be obtained from the problem under consideration. In high energy physics, for instance, some upper bounds have been derived for deformed problems, see for example [53]. However, in our low energy problem, although we provided a lower bound for consistency as well as physical reasons, we did not find in the literature any experimental or theoretical evidence for an upper bound. Nonetheless, one can use it as a (free) parameter to better fit the experiments where discrepancies with the theory are observed. This could be an interesting avenue for future research investigations to explore in more depth.

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