

Phy 410

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Starting from the thermodynamic identity

$$\tau d\sigma = dU + p dV - \mu dN$$

Calculate the chemical potential μ at constant entropy and constant volume.

For constant entropy and constant volume the above thermodynamic relation is correct because entropy σ and volume V are natural variables along with N . So

$$0 = dU + 0 - \mu dN$$

$$\mu = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial N} \right)_{\sigma, V}$$

Now for constant entropy and constant pressure show that the chemical potential μ is given by an appropriate derivative of the enthalpy

$$H = U + pV$$

For constant pressure we have change the free energy such that pressure instead of volume is the natural variable.

$$dH = dU + p dV + V dp = \tau d\sigma + \mu dN + V dp$$

For constant σ and constant p

$$dH = \mu dN$$

$$\mu = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial N} \right)_{\sigma, p}$$