

1 Distribution function for double occupancy statistics

Let us imagine a new mechanics in which the allowed occupancies of an orbital are 0, 1, and 2. The values of the energy associated with these occupancies are assumed to be 0, ε , and 2ε , respectively.

- (a) Derive an expression for the ensemble average occupancy $\langle N \rangle$, when the system composed of this orbital is in thermal and diffusive contact with a reservoir at temperature T and chemical potential μ .
- (b) Return now to the usual quantum mechanics, and derive an expression for the ensemble average occupancy of an energy level which is doubly degenerate; that is, two orbitals have the identical energy ε . If both orbitals are occupied the total energy is 2ε . How does this differ from part (a)?