6.730 Physics for Solid State Applications

Lecture 10, 11: Specific Heat of Discrete Lattice

Outline

- 2-D Lattice Waves Solutions
- Review Continuum Specific Heat Calculation
- Density of Modes
- Quantum Theory of Lattice Vibrations
- Specific Heat for Lattice
- Approximate Models

Lattice Waves in 3-D Crystals

Second order Taylor series expansion for total potential energy:

$$V(\{u[R_s,t]\}) = V_o + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \sum_{R_p} \sum_{R_m} u_i[R_p,t] \widetilde{D}_{i,j}(R_p,R_m) u_j[R_m,t]$$

Harmonic Matrix:

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{D}}_{i,j}(\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{p}},\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{m}}) = \left(rac{\partial^2 \mathbf{V}}{\partial \mathbf{u_i}[\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{p}},\mathbf{t}] \, \partial \mathbf{u_j}[\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{m}},\mathbf{t}]}
ight)_{\mathsf{eq}}$$

Equation of motion for lattice atoms assuming 'plane wave' solutions:

$$\left(\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{k})\right)\vec{\epsilon} = \omega^2\vec{\epsilon}$$

Dynamical Matrix:

$$D_{i,j}(k) = \sum_{R_p} \left(\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial u_i[R_s + R_p, t] \, \partial u_j[R_s, t]} \right)_{\text{eq}} e^{-ik \cdot R_p}$$

Lattice Waves in 3-D Crystals

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Dimension of system is given by

(number of basis atoms) x (dimension of lattice)

Bond Stretching and Bending



$$E_s = \frac{1}{2}\alpha_s (\Delta L)^2$$

$$E_\phi = \frac{1}{2}\alpha_\phi L^2(\Delta\phi)^2$$

$$E_{s} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{s} \left(\hat{\mathbf{b}}_{i,j} \cdot \left(\mathbf{u}_{j} - \mathbf{u}_{i} \right) \right)^{2} \qquad E_{\phi} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{\phi} \left(\left| \mathbf{u}_{i} - \mathbf{u}_{j} \right|^{2} - \left[\hat{\mathbf{b}}_{i,j} \cdot \left(\mathbf{u}_{i} - \mathbf{u}_{j} \right) \right]^{2} \right)$$

Example: 1-D Diatomic Lattice with Bond Stretching and Bending **Potential Energy**

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & M_2 \\ \alpha_{sA} & \alpha_{sB} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$E_s = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{sA} \left(\mathbf{u_{1x}[R]} - \mathbf{u_{2x}[R]} \right)^2$$

$$E_{\phi} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{\phi} \left| \mathbf{u}_{1y} - \mathbf{u}_{2y} \right|^{2}$$

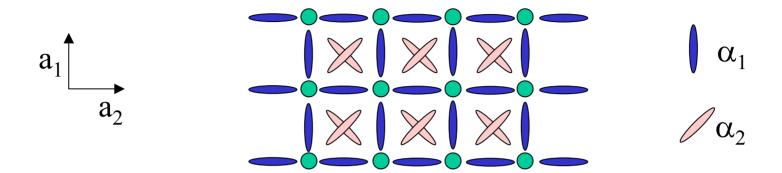
Example: '1-D' Diatomic Lattice with Bond Stretching and Bending Potential Energy

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & M_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_{sA} & \alpha_{sB} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V = \dots \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{sA} (\mathbf{u_{1x}}[\mathbf{R}] - \mathbf{u_{2x}}[\mathbf{R}])^2 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{\phi A} (\mathbf{u_{1y}}[\mathbf{R}] - \mathbf{u_{2y}}[\mathbf{R}])^2$$
$$+ \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{sB} (\mathbf{u_{1x}}[\mathbf{R}] - \mathbf{u_{2x}}[\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{a}])^2 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{\phi B} (\mathbf{u_{1y}}[\mathbf{R}] - \mathbf{u_{2y}}[\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{a}])^2 + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{array}{cccc} \mathbf{u_{1x}} & \mathbf{u_{2x}} & \mathbf{u_{1y}} & \mathbf{u_{2y}} \\ \mathbf{u_{1x}} & \alpha_{sA} + \alpha_{sB} & -\alpha_{sA} - \alpha_{sB}e^{-ika} & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbf{u_{2x}} & \alpha_{sA} - \alpha_{sB}e^{ika} & \alpha_{sA} + \alpha_{sB} & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbf{u_{1y}} & 0 & 0 & \alpha_{\phi A} + \alpha_{\phi B} & -\alpha_{\phi A} - \alpha_{\phi B}e^{-ika} \\ \mathbf{u_{2x}} & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_{\phi A} - \alpha_{\phi B}e^{ika} & \alpha_{\phi A} + \alpha_{\phi B} \end{array} \right)$$

Example: 2-D Lattice with Bond Stretching Potential Energy



$$\begin{split} V &= \dots + \frac{\alpha_1}{2} |\hat{\mathbf{a}}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{a}_1] - \mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R}])|^2 + \frac{\alpha_1}{2} |\hat{\mathbf{a}}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{a}_1] - \mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R}])|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_1}{2} |\hat{\mathbf{a}}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{a}_2] - \mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R}])|^2 + \frac{\alpha_1}{2} |\hat{\mathbf{a}}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{a}_2] - \mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R}])|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_2}{2} \left| \frac{\hat{\mathbf{a}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (\mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2] - \mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R}]) \right|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_2}{2} \left| \frac{-\hat{\mathbf{a}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (\mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2] - \mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R}]) \right|^2 \end{split}$$

Example: 2-D Lattice with Bond Stretching Elements of the Dynamical Matrix

$$D_{xx}(k) = \alpha_1 \left(1 - e^{-ik \cdot a_1}\right) + \alpha_1 \left(1 - e^{ik \cdot a_1}\right) + 0 + 0$$

$$+\frac{\alpha_2}{2}\left(1-e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{a_1}+\mathbf{a_2})}\right)+\frac{\alpha_2}{2}\left(1-e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot(-\mathbf{a_1}-\mathbf{a_2})}\right)$$

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Example: 2-D Lattice with Bond Stretching Dynamical Matrix

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha_1(1 - \cos k_x a) + 2\alpha_2(1 - \cos k_x a \cos k_y a) & 2\alpha_2 \sin k_x a \sin k_y a \\ 2\alpha_2 \sin k_x a \sin k_y a & 2\alpha_1(1 - \cos k_y a) + 2\alpha_2(1 - \cos k_x a \cos k_y a) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathsf{M} \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{M}\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{k})\tilde{\epsilon} = \omega^2 \tilde{\epsilon}$$

Example: 2-D Lattice with Bond Stretching Dispersion Relation

$$\mathbf{D}(k_x, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)(1 - \cos k_x a) & 0 \\ 0 & 2\alpha_2(1 - \cos k_x a) \end{pmatrix}$$

Longitudinal Waves:

$$\omega_1(k_x, 0) = \sqrt{\frac{4(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)}{M}} \sin \frac{k_x a}{2}$$
 $\vec{\epsilon}_1(k_x, 0) = \frac{1}{0}$

Transverse Waves:

$$\omega_2(k_x,0) = \sqrt{\frac{4\alpha_2}{M}} \sin \frac{k_x a}{2}$$

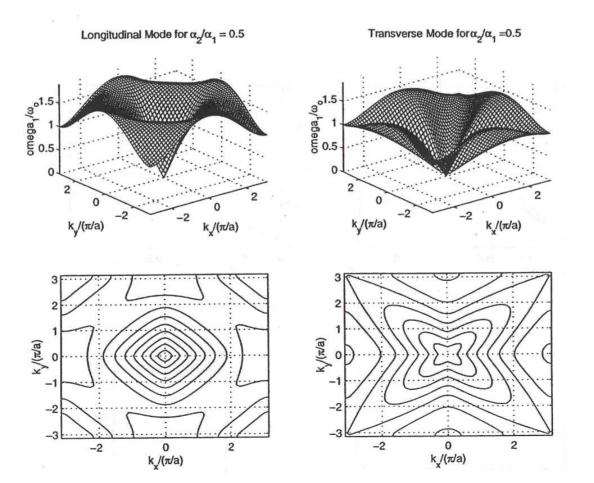
$$\vec{\epsilon}_2(k_x,0) = 0$$

$$\tilde{u}_i[\mathbf{R}_n, \mathbf{t}] = e^{\mathbf{i}(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}_n - \omega_i(\mathbf{k})\mathbf{t})} \tilde{\epsilon}_i(\mathbf{k})$$

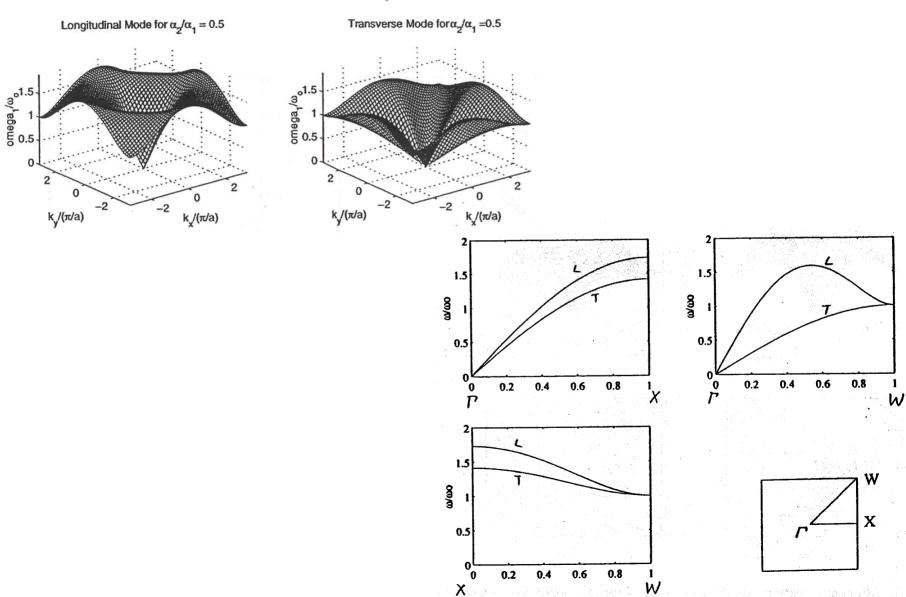
Example: 2-D Lattice with Bond Stretching Dispersion Relations

$$D(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha_1(1 - \cos k_x a) + 2\alpha_2(1 - \cos k_x a \cos k_y a) \\ 2\alpha_2 \sin k_x a \sin k_y a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{2\alpha_2\sin k_x a \sin k_y a}{2\alpha_1(1-\cos k_y a) + 2\alpha_2(1-\cos k_x a \cos k_y a)}$$



Example: 2-D Lattice with Bond Stretching Dispersion Relations



Specific Heat of Solid How much energy is in each mode?

Approach:

- Quantize the amplitude of vibration for each mode
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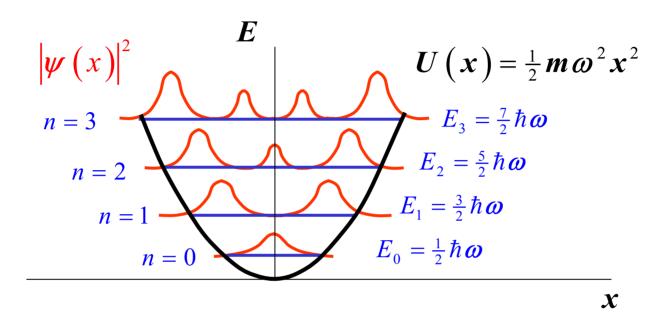
$$E = \sum_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} \hbar \omega_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} \left[\langle n_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

 Use Bose-Einstein statistics to determine the number of phonons in each mode

$$\langle n_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\hbar \omega_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}/k_B T} - 1}$$

$$\frac{E}{V} = \sum_{\sigma} \int \frac{\hbar \omega}{e^{\hbar \omega/k_B T} - 1} g_{\sigma}(\omega) d\omega$$

Simple Harmonic Oscillator



$$\hat{a} = \sqrt{\frac{M\omega^2}{2\hbar}}\hat{x} + i\sqrt{\frac{1}{2M\hbar\omega}}\hat{p} \qquad \qquad \hat{a}^{\dagger} = \sqrt{\frac{M\omega^2}{2\hbar}}\hat{x} - i\sqrt{\frac{1}{2M\hbar\omega}}\hat{p}$$

$$[\hat{x},\hat{p}]=i\hbar$$
 \longrightarrow $\left[\hat{a},\hat{a}^{\dagger}\right]=1$

$$H = \hbar\omega \left[a^{\dagger}a + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

Hamiltonian for Discrete Lattice

Potential energy of bonds in 3-D lattice with basis:

$$V(\{u[R_s,t]\}) = V_o + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \sum_{R_p} \sum_{R_m} u_i[R_p,t] \widetilde{D}_{i,j}(R_p,R_m) u_j[R_m,t]$$

For single atom basis in 3-D, $\mu \& \nu$ denote x,y, or z direction:

$$H = \frac{M}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{R_j}} \sum_{\mu} \dot{\mathbf{u}}_{\mu}[\mathbf{R_j}, \mathbf{t}] \dot{\mathbf{u}}_{\mu}[\mathbf{R_j}, \mathbf{t}] + \sum_{\mathbf{R_j}} \sum_{\mathbf{R_k}} \sum_{\mu} \sum_{\nu} \mathbf{u}_{\mu}[\mathbf{R_j}, \mathbf{t}] \widetilde{\mathbf{D}}_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{R_j} - \mathbf{R_k}) \mathbf{u}_{\nu}[\mathbf{R_k}, \mathbf{t}]$$

$$[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar$$
 \longrightarrow $M\left[\mathbf{u}_{\mu}[\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{j}}, \mathbf{t}], \dot{\mathbf{u}}_{\nu}[\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{k}}, \mathbf{t}]\right] = i\hbar \delta_{\mu,\nu} \, \delta_{R_{j}, R_{k}}$

Hamiltonian for Discrete Lattice Plane Wave Expansion

$$H = \frac{M}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{R_j}} \sum_{\mu} \dot{\mathbf{u}}_{\mu}[\mathbf{R_j}, \mathbf{t}] \, \dot{\mathbf{u}}_{\mu}[\mathbf{R_j}, \mathbf{t}] + \sum_{\mathbf{R_j}} \sum_{\mathbf{R_k}} \sum_{\mu} \sum_{\nu} \mathbf{u}_{\mu}[\mathbf{R_j}, \mathbf{t}] \, \widetilde{\mathbf{D}}_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{R_j} - \mathbf{R_k}) \, \mathbf{u}_{\nu}[\mathbf{R_k}, \mathbf{t}]$$

The lattice wave can be represented as a superposition of plane waves (eigenmodes) with a known dispersion relation (eigenvalues)....

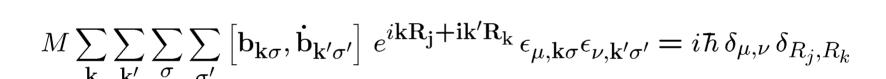
$$\begin{split} \mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R_j},\mathbf{t}] &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{b_{k\sigma}} \, \mathbf{e^{ikR_j}} \, \tilde{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} & \sum_{\nu} \widetilde{\mathbf{D}}_{\mu\nu} \vec{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma\nu} = M \omega_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^2 \vec{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma\mu} \\ & \sigma \, \text{denotes polarization} \end{split}$$

$$H = \frac{MN}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\sigma} \dot{\mathbf{b}}_{-\mathbf{k}\sigma} \dot{\mathbf{b}}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} + \frac{MN}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\sigma} \omega_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^2 \mathbf{b}_{-\mathbf{k}\sigma} \mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}$$

Commutation Relation for Plane Wave Displacement

$$M\left[\mathbf{u}_{\mu}[\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{j}},\mathbf{t}],\dot{\mathbf{u}}_{\nu}[\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{k}},\mathbf{t}]\right] = i\hbar\delta_{\mu,\nu}\,\delta_{R_{j},R_{k}}$$

$$u[R_j,t] = \sum_k \sum_{\sigma} b_{k\sigma} e^{ikR_j} \, \tilde{\epsilon}_{k\sigma}$$



$$\sum_{\mu} \epsilon_{\mu, \mathbf{k}\sigma} \epsilon_{\mu, \mathbf{k}\sigma'} = \delta_{\sigma, \sigma'} \qquad \sum_{\sigma} \epsilon_{\mu, \mathbf{k}\sigma} \epsilon_{\nu, \mathbf{k}\sigma} = \delta_{\mu, \nu}$$

$$M \left[\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}, \dot{\mathbf{b}}_{\mathbf{k}'\sigma'} \right] = i\hbar \, \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \, \delta_{\mathbf{k}, -\mathbf{k}'}$$

...commute unless we have same polarization and k-vector

Creation and Annhilation Operators for Lattice Waves

$$\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} = \sqrt{\frac{MN\omega_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}}{2\hbar}} \, \mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} + \mathbf{i} \sqrt{\frac{MN}{2\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}}} \, \dot{\mathbf{b}}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}$$

$$\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger} = \sqrt{\frac{MN\omega_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}}{2\hbar}} \, \mathbf{b}_{-\mathbf{k}\sigma} - \mathbf{i} \sqrt{\frac{MN}{2\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}}} \, \dot{\mathbf{b}}_{-\mathbf{k}\sigma}$$

$$\left[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k},\sigma},\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}',\sigma'}^{\dagger}\right]=\delta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}\delta_{\sigma,\sigma'}$$

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\sigma} \frac{\hbar \omega_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}}{2} \left[a_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} + a_{-\mathbf{k}\sigma} a_{-\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger} \right]$$
$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\sigma} \hbar \omega_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \left[a_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

Operators for the Lattice Displacement

$$\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} = \sum_{\mathbf{R_{j}}} \frac{e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R_{j}}}}{\sqrt{N}} \vec{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \left(\sqrt{\frac{M\omega_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}}{2\hbar}} \mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R_{j}}, \mathbf{t}] + i\sqrt{\frac{1}{2M\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}}} \mathbf{M\dot{u}}[\mathbf{R_{j}}, \mathbf{t}] \right)$$

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$$u[R_j,t] = \sum_k \sum_{\mu} b_{k\mu} e^{ikR_j} \, \tilde{\epsilon}_{k\mu}$$

$$\mathbf{u}[\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{j}}, \mathbf{t}] = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2MN\omega_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}}} \left(\hat{\mathbf{a}}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{i}\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{j}}} + \hat{\mathbf{a}}_{\mathbf{k}^{\dagger}\sigma} \mathbf{e}^{-\mathbf{i}\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{j}}} \right) \tilde{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}$$

We will use this for electron-phonon scattering...

Specific Heat with Continuum Model for Solid

$$\frac{E}{V} = \sum_{\sigma} \int \frac{\hbar \omega}{e^{\hbar \omega / k_B T} - 1} g_{\sigma}(\omega) d\omega$$

3-D continuum density of modes in $d\omega$: $g_{\sigma}(\omega) = \frac{\omega^2}{2\pi^2 c_{\sigma}^3}$

$$\frac{E}{V} = \sum_{\sigma} \int \frac{\hbar \omega^3}{2\pi^2 c_{\sigma}^3 (e^{\hbar \omega/k_B T} - 1)} d\omega$$
$$= \sum_{\sigma} \frac{\pi^2 k_B^4 T^4}{30c_{\sigma}^3 \hbar^3}$$

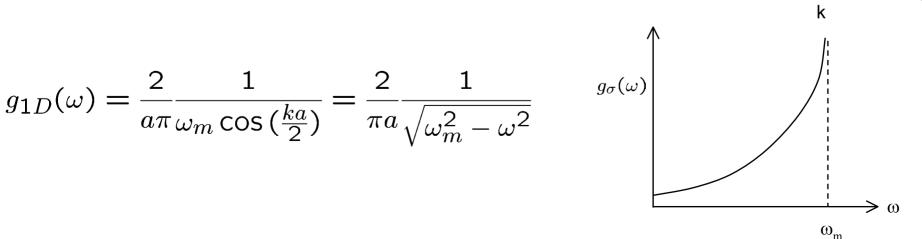
$$C_V = \frac{\partial (E/V)}{\partial T} = AT^3$$

Specific Heat with Discrete Lattice Density of Modes from Dispersion

1-D continuum density of modes in $d\omega$: $g_{\sigma}(\omega)$

$$\frac{dk}{2\pi} = g(\omega) d\omega \qquad \qquad g_{1D}(\omega) = 2\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{|\partial \omega / \partial k|}$$

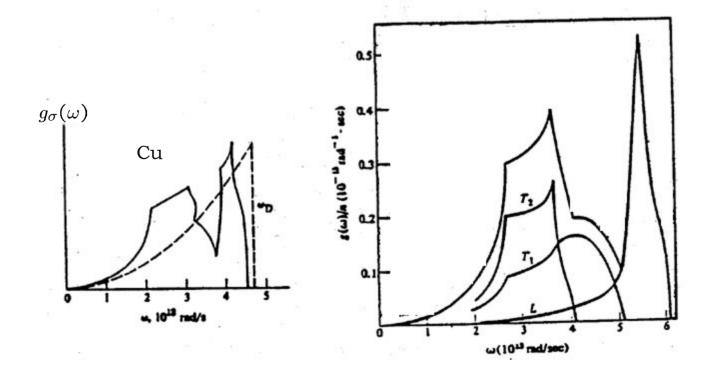
$$\omega = \omega_m \left| \sin \left(\frac{ka}{2} \right) \right|$$
 for $\omega_m = 2 \sqrt{\alpha/M}$



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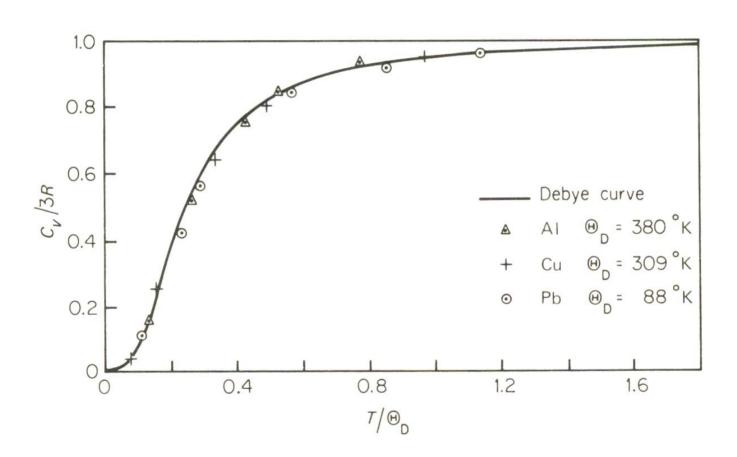
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And we are done...