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# A general theory of Bose–Einstein condensation

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*Abstract.* We give a unified treatment of Bose–Einstein condensation in non-interacting systems of bosons with a general single-particle Hamiltonian. We show that there are two critical densities:  $\rho_c$ , at which singularities in the thermodynamic functions occur, and  $\rho_m$  below which there can be no macroscopic occupation of the ground state. We identify the two asymptotic spectral distributions which determine the thermodynamic functions and the macroscopic occupation of the ground state respectively.

## 1. Introduction

The aim of this paper is two-fold: to summarize compactly the results of a large number of rigorous results on Bose–Einstein condensation in the free boson gas; to relate the mathematical structure of the phase-transition to its physical properties. We believe that this is a necessary preliminary to a successful assault on the problem of the existence of condensation in the interacting boson gas. There is also renewed interest among experimentalists in the free boson gas itself because of the prospect of attaining the Bose–Einstein critical density in magnetically trapped atomic hydrogen. The plan is this: in the introduction we establish some notation, give a brief account of the results and discuss their relation with earlier work; in Section 2 we recall some facts about the grand canonical ensemble and prove some preliminary lemmas; in Section 3 we establish the equation of state; in Section 4 we discuss generalized condensation, in Section 5 macroscopic occupation of the groundstate and in Section 6 the anomalous fluctuations.

The traditional description of Bose–Einstein condensation is this: in a system of non-interacting bosons in thermal equilibrium the excited states saturate at a critical value  $\rho_c$  of the density; when the density  $\rho$  is increased beyond this value the excess  $\rho - \rho_c$  goes into the zero-energy state. The phenomenon is sometimes described as ‘condensation in momentum space’. The condensate has zero entropy

as well as zero energy, and so makes no contribution to the pressure. Consequently, the pressure-density isotherm has a flat part; the pressure increases with increasing density for densities below  $\rho_c$  and thereafter remains constant. The occupation of the zero-energy state on a macroscopic scale has other consequences: there are changes in the coherence properties of the system and anomalous fluctuations in the particle number density. There is a basic difficulty which we have to face if we attempt a rigorous proof of these statements: a phase-transition manifests itself sharply in the mathematical behaviour of thermodynamic functions only in the thermodynamic limit in which the number of particles and the volume of the system both become infinite, but in this limit there is no unique precise formulation of the zero-energy state. For non-interacting particles in a box of finite volume the single-particle energy levels are well-defined and there is a unique ground state; as the volume increases, every energy-level tends to zero; for the infinite system the single-particle energy spectrum is a continuum filling the half-line but there are no eigen-states. There are two good candidates for the concept of macroscopic occupation of the zero-energy state: *macroscopic occupation of the ground state* is said to occur when the number of particles in the ground state becomes proportional to the volume; *generalized condensation* is said to occur when the number of particles whose energy levels lie in an arbitrary small band above zero becomes proportional to the volume. Obviously, the first implies the second. However, the second can occur without the first; we call this *non-extensive condensation*. In this paper we prove that there are two critical densities: there is  $\rho_c$  which is the density at which singularities in the thermodynamic functions occur; there is  $\rho_m$  which is the minimum density for macroscopic occupation of the ground state. In the common examples  $\rho_c$  and  $\rho_m$  are equal but this is not logically necessary. There are examples in which  $\rho_c$  and  $\rho_m$  are both finite and unequal and other examples where  $\rho_c$  is finite but  $\rho_m$  is infinite. We prove that generalised condensation occurs whenever  $\rho$  is greater than  $\rho_c$  and that anomalous fluctuations in the density occur if and only if there is macroscopic occupation of the ground state.

For non-interacting boson systems the thermodynamic limit is most conveniently studied in the grand canonical ensemble with the mean value of the particle number density held fixed. All we require for the description of the thermodynamic limit of such a system is a sequence  $\{(h_l, V_l): l = 1, 2, \dots\}$  of pairs, each pair consisting of a self-adjoint operator  $h_l$ , the single-particle hamiltonian of the system, and a real number  $V_l$ , the volume of the system. Our aim is to relate the asymptotic properties of this sequence to the phenomenon of Bose–Einstein condensation; it turns out that there is one function obtained from the sequence which describes completely the thermodynamic functions, and another which describes completely the anomalous fluctuations.

First we consider the sequence  $\{p_l(\mu): l = 1, 2, \dots\}$  of grand canonical pressures and define a sequence  $\{\mu_l(\rho): l = 1, 2, \dots\}$  of functions by taking  $\mu_l(\rho)$  to be the unique root in  $(-\infty, 0)$  of the equation

$$\frac{d}{d\mu} p_l(\mu) = \rho. \quad (1.1)$$

The pressure  $\pi_l(\rho)$  at mean density  $\rho$  is then given by

$$\pi_l(\rho) = (p_l \circ \mu_l)(\rho). \quad (1.2)$$

We note that  $\pi_l(\rho)$  does not depend directly on the eigen-values  $\varepsilon_l(1) \leq \varepsilon_l(2) \leq \dots$  of  $h_l$  but only on the differences  $\lambda_l(k) = \varepsilon_l(k) - \varepsilon_l(1)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . We define the single-particle partition function  $\phi_l(\beta)$  by

$$\phi_l(\beta) = V_l^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \exp(-\beta \lambda_l(k)), \quad (1.3)$$

and prove that whenever  $\phi(\beta) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \phi_l(\beta)$  exists for all  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$  and is non-zero for some  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$  then:

1. The limit  $p(\mu) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} p_l(\mu)$  exists for all  $\mu$  in  $(-\infty, 0)$  and is given by

$$\beta p(\mu) = \int_{[0, \infty)} \log(1 - e^{\beta(\mu - \lambda)})^{-1} dF(\lambda) \quad (1.4)$$

where the density of states  $dF(\lambda)$  is defined uniquely by  $\phi(\beta) = \int_{[0, \infty)} e^{-\beta \lambda} dF(\lambda)$ . We define  $p(0) = \lim_{\mu \uparrow 0} p(\mu)$ .

2. The limit  $\mu(\rho) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mu_l(\rho)$  exists for all  $\rho$  in  $(0, \infty)$  and is given by:  $\mu(\rho)$  is the unique root in  $(-\infty, 0)$  of the equation  $dp/d\mu(\mu) = \rho$  for  $\rho < \rho_c = \int_{[0, \infty)} (e^{\beta \lambda} - 1)^{-1} dF(\lambda)$  and  $\mu(\rho) = 0$  for  $\rho \geq \rho_c$ .
3. The limit  $\pi(\rho) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \pi_l(\rho)$  exists and is given by  $\pi(\rho) = (p \circ \mu)(\rho)$ . This is the equation of state;

it follows from these results that the pressure-density isotherm is flat when  $\rho$  is greater than  $\rho_c$ . The grand canonical pressure  $\rho(\mu)$  is the generating function for the thermodynamic functions; it follows that these are completely determined by the integrated density of states  $F(\lambda)$  or, equivalently, by the limiting single-particle partition function  $\phi(\beta)$ .

To discuss condensation it is necessary to introduce the occupation number  $n_l(k)$  of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  energy level of  $h_l$ . It turns out that we can regard then  $n_l(k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , as independent random variables each having a geometric thermal distribution. It is convenient to introduce the family  $\{N_l(\lambda) : \lambda \in (0, \infty)\}$  of random variables defined by

$$N_l(\lambda) = \sum_{\{k : \lambda_l(k) < \lambda\}} n_l(k). \quad (1.5)$$

We interpret  $N_l(\lambda)$  as the number of particles with energy less than  $\lambda$  in volume  $V_l$ . Let  $\mathbb{E}_\rho[X]$  denote the expectation value in the grand canonical ensemble at mean density  $\rho$  of the random variable  $X$ . We say that macroscopic occupation of the ground state occurs if the limit

$$v(1; \rho) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_\rho[V_l^{-1} n_l(1)] \quad (1.6)$$

exists and is strictly positive. We say that generalized condensation occurs if the limit

$$v_0(\rho) = \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0} \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_\rho[V_l^{-1} N_l(\lambda)] \quad (1.7)$$

exists and is strictly positive. We prove that whenever  $\phi(\beta)$  exists and is non-zero for some  $\beta$  then  $\nu_0(\rho)$  exists and is given by

$$\nu_0(\rho) = (\rho - \rho_c)^+, \quad (1.8)$$

where  $(x)^+$  stands for the positive part of  $x$ . Thus generalized condensation occurs whenever  $\rho$  is greater than  $\rho_c$ . Macroscopic occupation of the ground state depends on finer properties of the sequence  $\{(h_l, V_l): l = 1, 2, \dots\}$ . We show that for the limit

$$\nu(k; \rho) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_\rho[V_l^{-1} n_l(k)] \quad (1.9)$$

to exist and be strictly positive it is necessary that  $\lambda_l(k)$  go to zero like  $V_l^{-1}x$  for some  $x$ . If the limit

$$\rho_m(x) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[V_l^{-1}x, \infty)} (e^{\beta\lambda} - 1)^{-1} dF_l(\lambda) \quad (1.10)$$

exists, where  $F_l(\lambda)$  is defined by  $\phi_l(\beta) = \int_{[0, \infty)} e^{-\beta\lambda} dF_l(\lambda)$ , then we define  $\rho_m$  by  $\rho_m = \lim_{x \uparrow \infty} \rho_m(x)$ ; thus  $\rho_m$  is the maximum density in the levels which go to zero more slowly than  $V_l^{-1}x$  for every  $x$ . To describe macroscopic occupation of the ground state we introduce the re-scaled single-particle partition function  $\gamma_l(\beta)$  by

$$\gamma_l(\beta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-\beta V_l \lambda_l(k)} = \int_{[0, \infty)} e^{-\beta\lambda} dG_l(\lambda). \quad (1.11)$$

We prove that whenever  $\rho_m$  exists and the limit  $\gamma(\beta) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \gamma_l(\beta)$  exists and is finite for some  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$  then:

1.  $\nu(1; \rho)$  exists and is given by  $\nu(1; \rho) = 1/b(\rho)$  where  $b(\rho) = \infty$  for  $\rho \leq \rho_m$  and  $b(\rho)$  is the unique root in  $(0, \infty)$  of the equation

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-b\beta} \gamma(\beta) d\beta = \rho - \rho_m \quad \text{for } \rho > \rho_m. \quad (1.12)$$

2. The limit

$$e^{-\psi(s; \rho)} = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_\rho[e^{-sV_l^{-1}N_l}] \quad (1.13)$$

exists and is given by  $\psi(s; \rho) = s\rho$  for  $\rho \leq \rho_m$  and by

$$\psi(s; \rho) = s\rho_m + \int_0^\infty \frac{1 - e^{-su}}{u} e^{-bu} \gamma(u) du \quad (1.14)$$

for  $\rho > \rho_m$ . Thus macroscopic occupation of the ground state and the fluctuations in the number density are described completely by the function  $\gamma(\beta) = \int_{[0, \infty)} e^{-\beta\lambda} dG(\lambda)$ .

The phenomenon of Bose–Einstein condensation was described first by Einstein [1] in 1925. He based his prediction on a combination of Bose–Einstein statistics and the classical expression for the density of states in phase-space. In



1927 Uhlenbeck [2] objected that Einstein's results holds only 'when the quantization of translational motion is neglected'. The matter was not resolved until Kramers in 1937 pointed out the importance of the thermodynamic limit for the sharp manifestation of phase-transitions, whereupon Uhlenbeck [3] withdrew his objection and pointed out that Einstein's expression for the particle number-density is correct in the thermodynamic limit. In the same year London [4] introduced the concept of macroscopic occupation of the ground state and related it to coherence properties of the condensate. The concept of generalized condensation was introduced by Girardeau [5] in 1960. He claimed that in a model of impenetrable bosons in one-dimension there is generalized condensation but no macroscopic occupation of the ground state. Schultz [6] showed that this is not the case. The theoretical importance of the concept may nevertheless have been known well but not widely. Casimir [8] in 1967 pointed out the importance of distinguishing between the thermodynamic and the coherence properties of Bose–Einstein condensation. He sketched some examples to show that the coherence properties can be changed without changing the thermodynamic properties of the model; he includes an example in which there is condensation into 'a narrow band' of levels. In [9] van den Berg and Lewis showed that in two-dimensions in the presence of an external field there is macroscopic occupation of an infinite number of levels. In [10] they discussed in detail one of Casimir's examples: consider a prism of volume  $V$  with sides  $V^{\alpha_1}$ ,  $V^{\alpha_2}$ ,  $V^{\alpha_3}$ ,  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \alpha_3 > 0$ , and take the single-particle hamiltonian to be the Laplacian with Dirichlet boundary conditions; then we have the following results:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 < \tfrac{1}{2}; \quad \rho_c = \rho_m, \quad \gamma(\beta) < \infty; \quad \nu(1; \rho) = (\rho - \rho_c)^+. \\ \alpha_1 = \tfrac{1}{2}; \quad \rho_c = \rho_m, \quad \gamma(\beta) < \infty; \quad \nu(k; \rho) > 0 \quad \text{for } \rho > \rho_c \end{aligned}$$

for an infinite number of levels and  $\sum_k \nu(k; \rho) = (\rho - \rho_c)^+$ .

$$\alpha_1 > \tfrac{1}{2}; \quad \rho_c = \rho_m, \quad \gamma(\beta) \equiv \infty; \quad \nu(1; \rho) = 0 \quad \text{for all } \rho.$$

A more refined example was given by van den Berg [11] to show that it is possible to have  $\rho_c < \rho_m < \infty$ .

As far as we know the first rigorous proof of the macroscopic occupation of the ground state of the Laplacian when the thermodynamic limit is taken by dilating an arbitrary star-shaped region was given in lectures by Kac in 1971; he obtained also the limiting distribution of the density in this case by computing  $\lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_\rho[e^{-sV^{-1}N_l}]$ . The mathematical details were supplied in 1972 in the thesis of Pule [12] (see also Lewis [13], Cannon [14], Lewis and Pule [15]). Kac's lectures remained unpublished until 1977 when they were incorporated in the review by Ziff, Uhlenbeck and Kac [16]. In many of these papers a substantial part is devoted to obtaining results about the asymptotic spectral properties of the sequence  $\{(h_l, V_l): l = 1, 2, \dots\}$ . We hope that we have succeeded in showing in this paper that if this rather technical part is hived-off the mathematical structure of the phase-transition becomes clear. Moves in this direction were made by Davies [17] and by Landau and Wilde [18].

## 2. The grand canonical ensemble

First we recall some facts about the grand canonical ensemble. For  $l = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $\beta > 0$ , let  $Z_l^\beta(n)$  be the canonical partition function for  $n$  particles in volume  $V_l$  at inverse temperature  $\beta$ ; put  $Z_l^\beta(0) = 1$ . The grand canonical pressure  $p_l(\mu)$  is defined by

$$e^{\beta V_l p_l(\mu)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{n\beta\mu} Z_l^\beta(n) \quad (2.1)$$

for all values of  $\mu$  for which the infinite series converges. Denote by  $N_l$  the total number of particles in volume  $V_l$ ; we regard  $N_l$  as a random variable taking values in the non-negative integers. The probability  $\mathbb{P}^\mu[N_l = n]$  that  $N_l$  takes the value  $n$  is given by

$$\mathbb{P}^\mu[N_l = n] = e^{\beta(n\mu - V_l p_l(\mu))} Z_l^\beta(n). \quad (2.2)$$

The probability distribution function  $K_l^\mu$  of the particle number density is defined by

$$K_l^\mu(x) = \mathbb{P}^\mu\left[\frac{N_l}{V_l} \leq x\right] \quad (2.3)$$

and it is determined uniquely by its Laplace transform

$$\int_{[0, \infty)} e^{-sx} dK_l^\mu(x) = \mathbb{E}^\mu[e^{-sN_l/V_l}]. \quad (2.4)$$

Thus we have

$$\int_{[0, \infty)} e^{-sx} dK_l^\mu(x) = \exp \beta V_l \left\{ p_l\left(\mu - \frac{s}{\beta V_l}\right) - p_l(\mu) \right\} \quad (2.5)$$

so that the mean  $\mathbb{E}^\mu[N_l/V_l]$  and the variance  $\mathbb{D}^\mu[N_l/V_l]$  are given by

$$\mathbb{E}^\mu\left[\frac{N_l}{V_l}\right] = p_l^{(1)}(\mu), \quad \mathbb{D}^\mu\left[\frac{N_l}{V_l}\right] = \frac{\beta}{V_l} p_l^{(2)}(\mu). \quad (2.6)$$

(Throughout this paper  $p^{(k)}$  will denote the  $k$ th partial derivative of  $p$  with respect to  $\mu$ .) The mean value of the particle density changes as  $\mu$  is varied. In finite volume the variance is always strictly positive so that  $\mu \rightarrow p_l^{(1)}(\mu) = \mathbb{E}^\mu[N_l/V_l]$  is strictly increasing; hence the equation

$$\mathbb{E}^\mu\left[\frac{N_l}{V_l}\right] = \rho \quad (2.7)$$

has a unique solution  $\mu_l(\rho)$  on  $(0, \infty)$ . The grand canonical pressure  $\pi_l(\rho)$  at mean density  $\rho$  is given by

$$\pi_l(\rho) = (p_l \circ \mu_l)(\rho). \quad (2.8)$$

Thus the function  $\mu \rightarrow p_l(\mu)$  determines the equation of state. We shall be

interested in the equation of state in the thermodynamic limit in which  $l$  tends to infinity while  $\rho$  is held fixed; this will require an investigation of the existence of the limits

$$p(\mu) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} p_l(\mu), \quad (2.9)$$

$$\mu(\rho) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mu_l(\rho). \quad (2.10)$$

The function  $\mu \rightarrow p(\mu)$  determines also the distribution function  $K_l^\mu$ , as can be seen from (1.5) and the uniqueness theorem for the Laplace transform (see [19], ch. 13). We shall be interested in the weak convergence of the sequence of random variables  $N_l/V_l$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ , again at fixed mean density  $\rho$ ; that is, in the convergence of the sequence of distribution functions

$$K_l(x; \rho) = K_l^{\mu_l(\rho)}(x), \quad l = 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.11)$$

It is important to notice that if we change the definition of  $p_l(\mu)$  by substituting  $e^{-n\beta\alpha_l} Z_l^\beta(n)$  for  $Z_l^\beta(n)$  in (1.1) the function  $\rho \rightarrow \pi_l(\rho)$  is unchanged. If we make the same substitution in (1.2) the function  $\rho \rightarrow K_l(x; \rho)$  is unchanged.

Now we turn to the special case of a system of non-interacting bosons each having as its single-particle hamiltonian  $h_l$  acting on a hilbert space  $h_l$  and such that

$$\text{trace}[e^{-\beta h_l}] < \infty \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$ . Let  $\varepsilon_l(1) < \varepsilon_l(2) \leq \dots$  be the eigen-values of  $h_l$  in ascending order. The canonical partition function for  $n$  bosons each having as its single-particle hamiltonian the self-adjoint operator  $h_l$  is

$$Z_l^\beta(n) = \sum_{\{n(k) \geq 0: \sum n(k) = n\}} e^{-\beta \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n(k) \varepsilon_l(k)}. \quad (2.13)$$

It follows from a combinatorial identity (see [7]) that the grand canonical pressure  $p_l(\mu)$  is given by

$$e^{\beta V_l p_l(\mu)} = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - e^{\beta(\mu - \varepsilon_l(k))})^{-1}. \quad (2.14)$$

It follows from the remark following equation (2.11) that the functions  $\rho \rightarrow \pi_l(\rho)$  and  $\rho \rightarrow K_l(x; \rho)$  depend only on the energy differences

$$\lambda_l(k) = \varepsilon_l(k) - \varepsilon_l(1). \quad (2.15)$$

It is convenient therefore to redefine  $p_l(\mu)$  by substituting  $e^{\beta n \varepsilon_l(1)} Z_l^\beta(n)$  for  $Z_l^\beta(n)$  so that  $p_l(\mu)$  is now given by

$$e^{\beta V_l p_l(\mu)} = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - e^{\beta(\mu - \lambda_l(k))})^{-1}. \quad (2.16)$$

The domain of definition of each function  $\mu \rightarrow p_l(\mu)$  is now the interval  $(-\infty, 0)$ .



It is convenient to introduce the functions  $\phi_l(\beta)$  defined for all  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$  by

$$\phi_l(\beta) = V_l^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \lambda_l(k)} \quad (2.17)$$

and the distribution function  $F_l(\lambda)$  defined by

$$V_l F_l(\lambda) = \max \{k : \lambda_l(k) \leq \lambda\}. \quad (2.18)$$

We shall exploit the fact that  $\phi_l(\beta)$  is the Laplace transform of  $F_l(\lambda)$ :

$$\phi_l(\beta) = \int_{[0, \infty)} e^{-\beta \lambda} dF_l(\lambda). \quad (2.19)$$

Then  $p_l(\mu)$  is given in terms of  $F_l(\lambda)$  by

$$p_l(\mu) = \int_{[0, \infty)} p(\mu | \lambda) dF_l(\mu), \quad (2.20)$$

where the conditional pressure  $p(\mu | \lambda)$  is defined by

$$\beta p(\mu | \lambda) = \log (1 - e^{\beta(\mu - \lambda)})^{-1}. \quad (2.21)$$

It follows from (2.16) that we can regard the random variable  $N_l$  as a sum

$$N_l = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n_l(k) \quad (2.22)$$

of independent random variables  $\{n_l(k) : l = 1, 2, \dots\}$ . We interpret  $n_l(k)$  as the occupation number of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level. Each  $n_l(k)$  has an exponential distribution

$$\mathbb{P}^\mu[n_l(k) \geq n] = e^{+n\beta(\mu - \lambda_l(k))}. \quad (2.23)$$

For  $|z| < 1$  and  $\sigma$  real define  $g_\sigma(z)$  by the convergent power series

$$g_\sigma(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n^\sigma}. \quad (2.24)$$

It follows directly from the definitions that for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and for  $\mu < s \leq \lambda$  we have

$$0 < p^{(k)}(\mu | \lambda) \leq \beta^{k-1} e^{\beta(s-\lambda)} g_{1-k}(e^{\beta(\mu-s)}), \quad (2.25)$$

$$0 < p_l^{(k)}(\mu) \leq \beta^{k-1} \phi_l(\beta) g_{1-k}(e^{\beta\mu}). \quad (2.27)$$

**Lemma 1.** *Suppose that*

$$\phi(\beta) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \phi_l(\beta) \quad (2.28)$$

*exists for all  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$  and is non-zero for some  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$ . Let  $F(\lambda)$  be the unique distribution function such that*

$$\phi(\beta) = \int_{[0, \infty)} e^{-\beta \lambda} dF(\lambda). \quad (2.29)$$

Then for each  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and each  $\mu < s$  the sequence

$$p_l^{(k)}(\mu; s) = \int_{[s, \infty)} p^{(k)}(\mu | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) \quad (2.30)$$

converges to

$$p^{(k)}(\mu; s) = \int_{[s, \infty)} p^{(k)}(\mu | \lambda) dF(\lambda). \quad (2.31)$$

Moreover, the convergence is uniform in  $\mu$  on compacts in  $(-\infty, s)$ .

*Proof.* First we note that it follows from the inversion formula for Laplace transforms [19; ch. 13] that if  $\phi(\beta) \neq 0$  for some  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$  then  $\phi(\beta) \neq 0$  for all  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$ . Following Feller [19; ch. 13] we introduce the probability distribution functions  $F_l^\beta$  defined by

$$dF_l^\beta(\lambda) = \phi_l(\beta)^{-1} e^{-\beta\lambda} dF_l(\lambda). \quad (2.32)$$

The Laplace transform of  $F_l^\beta$  is  $\phi_l(\beta + t)/\phi_l(\beta)$  which by hypothesis converges to  $\phi(\beta + t)/\phi(\beta)$  satisfying  $0 < \phi(\beta + t)/\phi(\beta) \leq 1$  for all  $t$  in  $(0, \infty)$ . It follows that  $\{F_l^\beta: l = 1, 2, \dots\}$  converges to a distribution function  $F^\beta$  which is a (non-defective) probability distribution since  $\lim_{t \downarrow 0} \phi(\beta + t)/\phi(\beta) = 1$ . But  $p_l^{(k)}(\mu; s)$  is given by

$$p_l^{(k)}(\mu; s) = \int_{[s, \infty)} p^{(k)}(\mu | \lambda) e^{\beta\lambda} dF_l^\beta(\lambda) \phi_l(\beta). \quad (2.33)$$

The function  $\lambda \rightarrow p^{(k)}(\mu | \lambda) e^{\beta\lambda}$  is continuous and by (2.26) it is bounded on  $[s, \infty)$  for all  $\mu < s$ . It follows from [19; ch. 8] that  $\{p_l^{(k)}(\mu; s): l = 1, 2, \dots\}$  converges to  $p^{(k)}(\mu; s)$ . But  $p^{(k)}(\mu; s)$  is strictly positive by (2.26) so that  $\mu \rightarrow p^{(k)}(\mu; s)$  is convex; hence the convergence is uniform in  $\mu$  on compacts in  $(-\infty, s)$ .

Next we define the critical density  $\rho_c$ : if  $\lambda \rightarrow p^{(1)}(0 | \lambda)$  is integrable on  $[0, \infty)$  with respect to  $F$ , put

$$\rho_c = \int_{[0, \infty)} p^{(1)}(0 | \lambda) dF(\lambda); \quad (2.34)$$

put  $\rho_c = \infty$  otherwise. It follows from the dominated convergence principle [19; ch. 4] that if  $\rho_c$  is finite then

$$p_c = \lim_{\mu \uparrow 0} \int_{[0, \infty)} p^{(1)}(\mu | \lambda) dF(\lambda) = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{[\varepsilon, \infty)} p^{(1)}(0 | \lambda) dF(\lambda). \quad (2.35)$$

It is clear that if  $F(\lambda) \sim C\lambda^\alpha$  as  $\lambda \downarrow 0$  with  $\alpha > 1$  then  $\rho_c$  is finite, and if  $\rho_c$  is finite then  $F(\lambda) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\lambda \downarrow 0$ . We shall need the following more precise estimate:

**Lemma 2.** For  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have

$$F(\varepsilon) < \beta \varepsilon e^{\beta \varepsilon} \rho_c \quad (2.36)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_c &= \int_{[0, \infty)} p^{(1)}(0 | \lambda) dF(\lambda) > \int_{[0, \varepsilon)} p^{(1)}(0 | \lambda) dF(\lambda) \\ &> (e^{\beta\varepsilon} - 1)^{-1} \int_{[0, \varepsilon)} dF(\lambda) = (e^{\beta\varepsilon} - 1)^{-1} F(\varepsilon).\end{aligned}\quad (2.37)$$

Next we consider the equation of state for fixed  $l$ . Since  $p_l^{(2)}(\mu)$  is strictly positive, the function  $\mu \rightarrow p_l^{(1)}(\mu)$  is strictly increasing; since  $\lambda_l(1)$  is zero,  $p_l^{(1)}(\mu)$  tends to  $+\infty$  as  $\mu$  increases to zero and  $p_l^{(1)}$  tends to zero as  $\mu$  decreases to  $-\infty$ . It follows that the equation

$$p_l^{(1)}(\mu) = \rho \quad (2.38)$$

has a unique solution  $\mu_l(\rho)$  in  $(-\infty, 0)$  for each  $\rho$  in  $(0, \infty)$ . We can regard the grand canonical pressure as a function  $\rho \rightarrow \pi_l(\rho)$  of the density given by

$$\pi_l(\rho) = (p_l \circ \mu_l)(\rho). \quad (2.39)$$

We are interested in the existence of the limit

$$\pi(\rho) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \pi_l(\rho). \quad (2.40)$$

First we prove

**Lemma 3.** *For each  $\rho$  in  $(-\infty, 0)$ , let  $\mu_l(\rho)$  denote the unique root in  $(-\infty, 0)$  of the equation  $p_l^{(1)}(\mu) = \rho$ . Then  $\lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mu_l(\rho)$  exists and is equal to  $\mu(\rho)$  where  $\mu(\rho)$  is zero for  $\rho \geq \rho_c$  and is the unique root in  $(-\infty, 0)$  of the equation  $p^{(1)}(\mu) = \rho$  for  $\rho < \rho_c$ .*

*Proof.* Putting  $k = 1$  in (2.27) we have

$$\rho = (p_l^{(1)} \circ \mu_l)(\rho) \leq \phi_l(\beta) e^{\beta \mu_l(\rho)} (1 - e^{\beta \mu_l(\rho)})^{-1} \quad (2.41)$$

so that

$$0 \geq \limsup_{l \uparrow \infty} \mu_l(\rho) \geq \liminf_{l \uparrow \infty} \mu_l(\rho) \geq \beta^{-1} \log \frac{\rho}{\rho + \phi(\beta)}. \quad (2.42)$$

It follows that the sequence  $\{\mu_l(\rho) : l = 1, 2, \dots\}$  has at least one limit point,  $\mu^*$  say. Let  $\{\mu_{l(k)} : k = 1, 2, \dots\}$  be a subsequence converging to  $\mu^*$ . Suppose  $\mu^* < 0$  and  $\rho \geq \rho_c$  then the  $\mu_{l(k)}$  lie eventually in a closed subinterval of  $(-\infty, 0)$  on which, by Lemma 1,  $\{p_l^{(1)} : l = 1, 2, \dots\}$  converges uniformly. Thus we have

$$\lim_{k \uparrow \infty} p_{l(k)}^{(1)}(\mu_{l(k)}) = p^{(1)}(\mu^*). \quad (2.43)$$

Each  $\mu_l$  satisfies  $p_l^{(1)}(\mu_l) = \rho$ ; hence  $\mu^*$  satisfies  $p^{(1)}(\mu^*) = \rho$ . But  $p^{(1)}(\mu^*) < \rho_c$  for  $\mu^* \in (-\infty, 0)$ . By contradiction we conclude  $\mu^* = 0$  for  $\rho \geq \rho_c$ .

Let  $\rho < \rho_c$  and let  $\mu(\rho)$  be the unique solution of  $p^{(1)}(\mu) = \rho$ . Suppose  $\mu^* = 0$

for  $\rho < \rho_c$ . Then eventually  $p_l^{(1)}(\mu(\rho)/2) < p_l^{(1)}(\mu_{l(k)}) = \rho$ . But  $\{p_l^{(1)}(\mu(\rho)/2) : l = 1, 2, \dots\}$  converges by Lemma 1 uniformly to  $p^{(1)}(\mu(\rho)/2)$  which is greater than  $\rho$ . By contradiction we conclude  $\mu^* < 0$  for  $\rho < \rho_c$ . The limit point  $\mu^*$  is unique since  $p^{(1)}(\mu)$  is strictly increasing on  $(-\infty, 0)$ .

### 3. The equation of state

We are now ready to prove our first main result, the equation of state in the thermodynamic limit:

**Theorem 1.** *If  $\phi(\beta) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \phi_l(\beta)$  exists for all  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$  and is non-zero for some  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$  then  $\pi(\rho) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \pi_l(\rho)$  is given by*

$$\pi(\rho) = (\rho \circ \mu)(\rho), \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$p(\mu) = \int_{[0, \infty)} p(\mu | \lambda) dF(\lambda), \quad (3.2)$$

and  $F(\lambda)$  is uniquely determined by

$$\phi(\beta) = \int_{[0, \infty)} e^{-\beta\lambda} dF(\lambda). \quad (3.3)$$

*Proof.* For  $\rho < \rho_c$  the result follows directly from Lemma 1 and 3. For  $\rho \geq \rho_c$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have

$$\pi_l(\rho) = p_l(\mu_l) = \int_{[0, \varepsilon)} p(\mu_l | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) + p_l(\mu_l; \varepsilon). \quad (3.4)$$

But for  $0 < x < 1$  we have

$$0 < x^{1/2} \log x^{-1} < 2e^{-1} \quad (3.5)$$

so that

$$0 < \beta p(\mu | \lambda) < [p^{(1)}(\mu | \lambda)]^{1/2}; \quad (3.6)$$

using this and the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \int_{[0, \varepsilon)} \beta p(\mu_l | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) < \int_{[0, \varepsilon)} [p^{(1)}(\mu_l | \lambda)]^{1/2} dF_l(\lambda) \\ &\leq \left[ \int_{[0, \varepsilon)} p^{(1)}(\mu_l | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) \right]^{1/2} F_l(\varepsilon)^{1/2} \leq \rho^{1/2} F_l(\varepsilon)^{1/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

It now follows from Lemma 2 for  $\rho_c < \infty$  that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \limsup_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[0, \varepsilon)} p(\mu_l | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \liminf_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[0, \varepsilon)} p(\mu | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) = 0, \quad (3.8)$$

so that for  $\rho \geq \rho_c$ , using Lemmas 1 and 3, we have

$$\lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \pi_l(\rho) = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} p(0; \varepsilon). \quad (3.9)$$

But for  $\rho_c < \infty$  the function  $\lambda \rightarrow p(0 | \lambda)$  is integrable on  $(0, \infty)$  with respect to  $F$  so that by the dominated convergence principle  $\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} p(0; \varepsilon) = p(0)$ , and the result follows.

#### 4. Generalized condensation

In the course of the proof of Theorem 1 we showed that the low-lying levels make no contribution to the pressure in the thermodynamic limit at fixed mean number density:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \limsup_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[0, \varepsilon)} p(\mu_l | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \liminf_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[0, \varepsilon)} p(\mu_l | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) = 0. \quad (4.1)$$

The same is not true of the particle density: for  $\rho \leq \rho_c$  they make no contribution, but for  $\rho > \rho_c$  they always account for the excess  $\rho - \rho_c$ . This is made precise in our second main result, the existence of generalized condensation (we write  $\mathbb{E}_\rho$  for  $\mathbb{E}^{\mu_l(\rho)}$ ):

**Theorem 2.** *If  $\phi(\beta) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \phi_l(\beta)$  exists for all  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$  and is non-zero for some  $\beta$  in  $(0, \infty)$  and  $\rho_c$  is finite then the limit*

$$\nu_0(\rho) = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_\rho[V_l^{-1} N_l(\varepsilon)] \quad (4.2)$$

*exists and is given by*

$$\nu_0(\rho) = (\rho - \rho_c)^+. \quad (4.3)$$

*Proof.* From the definition (1.5) of  $N_l(\lambda)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_\rho[V_l^{-1} N_l(\varepsilon)] &= \int_{[0, \varepsilon)} p^{(1)}(\mu_l | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) \\ &= \rho - p_l^{(1)}(\mu_l; \varepsilon). \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

By Lemma 1 and 3,

$$\lim_{l \uparrow \infty} p_l^{(1)}(\mu_l(\rho; \varepsilon)) = p^{(1)}(\mu(\rho); \varepsilon). \quad (4.5)$$

But, by the dominated convergence principle,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} (\rho - p^{(1)}(\mu(\rho); \varepsilon)) = (\rho - \rho_c)^+. \quad (4.6)$$

## 5. Macroscopic occupation of the ground state

As we have seen, the limit  $\lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_\rho[V_l^{-1}N_l(\lambda)]$  exists under very weak conditions. The existence of the limit  $\nu(k; \rho) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \nu_l(k; \rho)$ , where

$$\nu_l(k; \rho) = \mathbb{E}_\rho[V_l^{-1}n_l(k)] \quad (5.1)$$

requires stronger hypotheses. We see from the expression

$$\nu_l(k; \rho) = V_l^{-1}p^{(1)}(\mu_l(\rho) \mid \lambda_l(k)) \quad (5.2)$$

that

1. the individual occupation densities decrease with increasing  $k$ :

$$\nu_l(1; \rho) \geq \nu_l(2; \rho) \geq \dots \quad (5.3)$$

2. for  $\rho < \rho_c$  we have  $\lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \nu_l(k; \rho) = 0$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

3. let  $b_l(\rho) = \beta V_l \mu_l(\rho)$ ; if  $\nu(1; \rho)$  exists and is strictly positive then  $b(\rho) = \lim b_l(\rho)$  exists and is given by

$$b(\rho) = -\nu(1; \rho); \quad (5.4)$$

if in addition  $\nu(k; \rho)$  exists and is strictly positive then

$$\lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \beta V_l \lambda_l(k) = [\nu(k; \rho)^{-1} - \nu(1; \rho)^{-1}]^{-1}. \quad (5.5)$$

4. if  $\nu(1; \rho) = 0$  then

$$\lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mathbb{D}_\rho \left[ \frac{N_l}{V_l} \right] = 0, \quad (5.6)$$

since for each  $l$  we have

$$\beta \nu_l(1; \rho)^2 \leq \mathbb{D}_\rho \left[ \frac{N_l}{V_l} \right] \leq \beta \rho \nu_l(1; \rho). \quad (5.7)$$

This follows directly from the expression

$$\mathbb{D}_\rho \left[ \frac{N_l}{V_l} \right] = (\beta V_l)^{-1} p_l^{(2)}(\mu_l) = \frac{\beta}{V_l} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\beta(\mu_l - \lambda_l(k))}}{(1 - e^{\beta(\mu_l - \lambda_l(k))})^2}. \quad (5.8)$$

We see from (3) that if  $\nu(k; \rho)$  is strictly positive then  $\lambda_l(k)$  goes to zero like  $V_l^{-1}x$  for some  $x > 0$ , so we have to collect up the contribution to the density from such levels. The next theorem gives a sufficient condition for the existence of  $\nu(1; \rho)$  and an equation to determine its value, since  $-\nu(1; \rho) = 1/b(\rho)$ . First we must make a more general definition of  $\rho_m$  than the one we given in Section 1, where  $\gamma(\beta)$  was also defined.

We introduce a second critical density  $\rho_m$  as follows:

$$\rho_m^+(x) = \limsup_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[V_l^{-1}x, \infty)} p^{(1)}(0 \mid \lambda) dF_l(\lambda), \quad (5.9)$$



and

$$\rho_m^-(x) = \liminf_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[V_l^{-1}x, \infty)} p^{(1)}(0 | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda). \quad (5.10)$$

If the limits as  $x \uparrow \infty$  of  $\rho_m^+(x)$  and  $\rho_m^-(x)$  exist and are equal then we define  $\rho_m$  to be their common value:

$$\rho_m = \lim_{x \uparrow \infty} \rho_m^+(x) = \lim_{x \uparrow \infty} \rho_m^-(x). \quad (5.11)$$

Recall that  $\rho_c$  can be expressed as

$$\rho_c = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[\varepsilon, \infty)} p^{(1)}(0 | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda). \quad (5.12)$$

It is clear that  $\rho_m \geq \rho_c$  since  $x/V_l$  is eventually less than  $\varepsilon$  for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We interpret  $\rho_m$  as the contribution to the density of those levels which go to zero more slowly than  $x/V_l$  for every  $x$ .

**Theorem 3.** Suppose that

C1:  $\rho_m$  exists,

C2:  $\gamma(\beta) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \gamma_l(\beta)$  exists,

C3:  $\int_0^\infty e^{-b\beta} \gamma(\beta) d\beta < \infty$  for some  $b$  in  $(0, \infty)$ .

Then  $b(\rho) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} b_l(\rho)$  exists. For  $\rho_c \leq \rho \leq \rho_m$  we have  $b(\rho) = \infty$ , while  $b(\rho)$  is the unique root in  $(0, \infty)$  of  $\int_0^\infty e^{-b\beta} \gamma(\beta) d\beta = \rho - \rho_m$  for  $\rho > \rho_m$ .

*Proof.* For  $b \geq 0$  and  $\lambda \geq V_l^{-1}x$  we have

$$\left[ 1 - \frac{e^{\beta b V_l^{-1}} - 1}{1 - e^{\beta x V_l^{-1}}} \right] p^{(1)}(0 | \lambda) \leq p^{(1)}(b V_l^{-1} | \lambda) \leq p^{(1)}(0 | \lambda), \quad (5.13)$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - b/x) \rho_m^-(x) &\leq \liminf_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[x V_l^{-1}, \infty)} p^{(1)}(b V_l^{-1} | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) \\ &\leq \limsup_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[x V_l^{-1}, \infty)} p^{(1)}(b V_l^{-1} | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) \leq \rho_m^+(x). \end{aligned} \quad (5.14)$$

From the inequality  $0 < x^{-1} - (e^x - 1)^{-1} < 1$  we have for  $b$  in  $(0, \infty)$

$$\left| \int_{[0, x V_l^{-1})} p^{(1)}(b V_l^{-1} | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) - \int_{[0, x)} \frac{dG(\lambda)}{\lambda + b} \right| \leq F_l\left(\frac{x}{V_l}\right). \quad (5.15)$$

But  $\lim_{l \uparrow \infty} F_l(V_l^{-1}x) = 0$  since  $\rho_c$  is finite. Hence

$$\lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[0, x V_l^{-1})} p^{(1)}(b V_l^{-1} | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) = \int_{[0, x)} \frac{dG(\lambda)}{\lambda + b}. \quad (5.16)$$

It follows, putting (5.14) and (5.16) together, that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{[0,x)} \frac{dG(\lambda)}{\lambda+b} + (1-b/x)\rho_m^-(x) &\leq \liminf_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[0,\infty)} p^{(1)}(bV_l^{-1} | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) \\ &\leq \limsup_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[0,\infty)} p^{(1)}(bV_l^{-1} | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) \leq \int_{[0,x)} \frac{dG(\lambda)}{\lambda+b} + \rho_m^+(x). \end{aligned} \quad (5.17)$$

Invoking C1 we have

$$\lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[0,\infty)} p^{(1)}(bV_l^{-1} | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) = \int_0^\infty e^{-b\beta} \gamma(\beta) d\beta + \rho_m. \quad (5.18)$$

It follows from the convexity of  $b \rightarrow p^{(1)}(V_l^{-1}b | \lambda)$  that convergence is uniform in  $b$  on compact subsets of  $(0, \infty)$ . Suppose that the sequence  $\{b_l = V_l^{-1}\mu_l(\rho) : l = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is unbounded; given  $b$  in  $(0, \infty)$  we have, for  $b$  sufficiently large,

$$\rho = \int_{[0,\infty)} p^{(1)}(b_l V_l^{-1} | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda) < \int_{[0,\infty)} p^{(1)}(b V_l^{-1} | \lambda) dF_l(\lambda). \quad (5.19)$$

Thus  $\rho < \int_0^\infty e^{-b\beta} \gamma(\beta) d\beta + \rho_m$ , and letting  $b \uparrow \infty$  we have  $\rho \leq \rho_m$ , contradicting the hypothesis; hence  $\{b_l\}$  is bounded above. On the other hand, we have

$$\liminf_{l \uparrow \infty} b_l > \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} V_l \log(1 + (\rho V_l)^{-1}) = \rho^{-1}.$$

Let  $b^*$  be a limit point of  $\{b_l\}$ ; then there is a subsequence lying in a compact subset of  $(0, \infty)$  and converging to  $b^*$ . Using this subsequence we have

$$\rho = \int_0^\infty e^{-b^*\beta} \gamma(\beta) d\beta + \rho_m. \quad (5.20)$$

Thus  $b^* = b(\rho)$  the unique root in  $(0, \infty)$  of  $\int_0^\infty e^{-b\beta} \gamma(\beta) d\beta = \rho - \rho_m$ ; hence  $\{b_l\}$  converges to  $b(\rho)$ .

## 6. The anomalous fluctuations

We saw in Section 5 that the fluctuations in the number density satisfy the inequality

$$\beta v_l(1; \rho)^2 \leq \mathbb{D}_\rho[V_l^{-1}N_l] \leq \beta \rho v_l(1; \rho), \quad (6.1)$$

so that if  $v_l(1; \rho)$  does not converge to zero then neither does  $\mathbb{D}_\rho[V_l^{-1}N_l]$ . Thus the anomalous fluctuations occur whenever the ground state is macroscopically occupied. We shall investigate them, following Kac [16], by determining the distribution function

$$K(x; \rho) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_\rho[V_l^{-1}N_l \leq x], \quad (6.2)$$

which is known as the Kac distribution function. We determine  $K(x; \rho)$  by

computing its Laplace transform

$$e^{-\psi(s; \rho)} = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_\rho[e^{-sV_l^{-1}N_l}]. \quad (6.3)$$

Here  $\psi(s; \rho) = \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \psi_l(s; \rho)$  where

$$\psi_l(s; \rho) = \beta V_l \int_{[0, \infty)} \left\{ p(\mu_l | \lambda) - p\left(\mu_l - \frac{s}{\beta V_l} | \lambda\right) \right\} dF_l(\lambda). \quad (6.4)$$

We state our results as

**Theorem 4.** Suppose that hypotheses C1, C2 and C3 of Theorem 3 holds; then the Kac distribution  $K(x; \rho)$  is infinitely divisible and is given by

$$\int_{[0, \infty)} e^{-sx} dK(x; \rho) = e^{-\psi(s; \rho)}, \quad (6.5)$$

where  $\psi(s; \rho)$  is given by

$$\psi(s; \rho) = \begin{cases} s\rho, & \rho \leq \rho_m, \\ s\rho_m + \int_0^\infty \frac{1 - e^{-su}}{u} dP(u), & \rho > \rho_m, \end{cases} \quad (6.6)$$

with

$$dP(u) = e^{-b(\rho)u} V(u) du. \quad (6.7)$$

*Proof.* the infinite divisibility of  $K$  is evident from the form of  $\psi(s; \rho)$ ; see [19; ch. 13]. To prove that  $\psi(s; \rho)$  has the stated form, we break  $\psi_l(s; \rho)$  up into two parts and prove:

$$(1) \quad \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \beta V_l \int_{[0, xV_l^{-1})} \left\{ p\left(\mu_l - \frac{s}{\beta V_l} | \lambda\right) - p(\mu_l | \lambda) \right\} dF_l(\lambda) \\ = \int_0^\infty \frac{1 - e^{-su}}{u} e^{-bu} V(u; x) du, \quad (6.8)$$

where

$$V(u; x) = \int_{[0, x)} e^{-u\lambda} dG(\lambda). \quad (6.9)$$

$$(2) \quad (1 - b/x) \frac{s}{1 + s(x + b)^{-1}} \rho_m^-(x) \leq \liminf_{l \uparrow \infty} \beta V_l \int_{[xV_l^{-1}, \infty)} \left\{ p\left(\mu_l - \frac{s}{\beta V_l} | \lambda\right) - p(\mu_l | \lambda) \right\} \\ \leq \limsup_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[xV_l^{-1}, \infty)} \left\{ p\left(\mu_l - \frac{s}{\beta V_l} | \lambda\right) - p(\mu_l | \lambda) \right\} dF_l(\lambda) \leq s\rho_m^+(x). \quad (6.10)$$

Putting the two inequalities together and letting  $x \rightarrow \infty$  we get the stated result. The proofs of (1) and (2) follow a by now familiar pattern and we sketch them here:

A straightforward manipulation yields

$$\beta V_l \int_{[0, xV^{-1})} \left\{ p\left(\mu_l - \frac{s}{\beta V_l} \mid \lambda\right) - p(\mu_l \mid \lambda) \right\} dF_l(\lambda) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1 - e^{-su}}{u} dP_l(u; x), \quad (6.11)$$

where

$$P_l(u; x) = \int_{[0, x)} \frac{1 - e^{-u(\lambda + b_l)}}{\lambda + b_l} dG_l(\lambda). \quad (6.12)$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_{[0, \infty)} e^{-tu} dP_l(u; x) &= \lim_{l \uparrow \infty} \int_0^\infty e^{-tu} e^{-b_l u} \gamma_l(u; x) du \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-tu} e^{-bu} \gamma_l(u; x) du, \end{aligned} \quad (6.13)$$

so that  $P_l(u)$  converges to the distribution  $P(u)$  with density  $e^{-bu}\gamma(u)$ , and (1) follows.

Next we use the inequality  $y(1+y)^{-1} < \log(1+y) < y$  for  $y$  in  $(0, \infty)$ ; proceeding along the lines of the proof of Theorem 3, (2) follows.

Finally we note that if C1 holds then for  $\rho \leq \rho_m$  we have  $\psi(s, \rho) = s\rho$ , independently of whether C2 and C3 hold. Similarly  $\psi(s; \rho) = s\rho$  for all  $\rho > 0$  if C2 holds with  $\gamma(\beta) = \infty$ .

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