

Quantum Theory of the Monatomic Ideal Gas - Part I

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I present the results of what will become two seminal papers on the theory of identical particles in quantum mechanics. I show that the derivation of Planck's law of black-body radiation from a modification of coarse-grained counting of phase space by S. N. Bose is equivalent to assuming that photons are rigorously identical.¹ I also extend Bose's formalism to material particles "bosons" and predict that these bosons will condense to a new quantum state at sufficiently low temperatures. Hopefully this report will motivate experimental searches for this new state of matter.

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