

**PROBLEM SET 6    Due Friday March 1**  
Physics 140A– WINTER 2013

Analytic:

[1.] Compute and plot the entropy  $S$  of a two level system with  $E_1/k_B = 2.3^\circ K$  and  $E_2/k_B = 4.0^\circ K$ . Use the formula  $F = \langle E \rangle - TS$  where the free energy  $F = -T \ln Z$ . Interpret the high and low  $T$  limits. What will  $S$  be for a nineteen level system at  $T = \infty$ ?

[2.] Sidebottom 11-1.

[3.] Sidebottom 11-3.

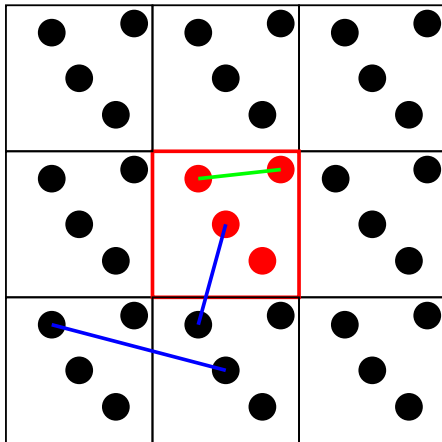
Numeric:

[4.] Finish your disk program by measuring the correlation function  $g(r)$ . What I did was to go through all the pairs of disks and bin the separation between their centers  $|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|$ . There are a couple of things which help get better data:

You have a loop where you jiggle the disk positions many times. Don't just measure  $g(r)$  once at the end, but rather quite a few times during the update process.

Use periodic boundary conditions (as discussed in class): Make eight copies of your box of disks (see Figure) and include distances between disks in the copies as well as your 'real' disks.

Don't forget to divide  $g(r)$  by  $2\pi r$  to account for the trivial 'phase space' fact that there is more room for atoms at larger  $r$ .



Using eight pbc boxes will help give you better data for  $g(r)$ . Include separations shown by the interbox (blue) lines as well as the intrabox (green) lines.

**Red = real simulation box**  
**Black = eight pbc boxes**