

## CHAPTER 2

### 2.1) ENTROPY AND TEMPERATURE

(a)  $\sigma = \log g = \log C + (3N/2)\log U$ .  
 $(\partial\sigma/\partial U)_N = 1/\tau = (3N/2)(1/U)$ , hence  $U = 3N\tau/2$ .

(b)  $(\partial^2\sigma/\partial U^2)_N = (3N/2)(-1/U^2) < 0$ .

### 2.2) PARAMAGNETISM

States with spin excess  $2s$  have the energy  $U = -2smB$ , hence  $s = -U/2mB$ . Insertion into (40) yields (41). From (41) obtain  $(\partial\sigma/\partial U)_{N,B} = 1/\tau = -U/m^2B^2N$ . Solve for  $U$ :  $U = \langle U \rangle = -m^2B^2N/\tau = -MB$ . Hence  $M/Nm = mB/\tau$ .

### 2.3) QUANTUM HARMONIC OSCILLATOR

(a) From (1.55):

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \log g = \log(N+n-1)! - \log n! - \log(N-1)! \\ &\cong \log(N+n)! - \log n! - \log N!\end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $N-1$  by  $N$  is equivalent to neglecting a term  $-\log[(N+n)/N]$ , which for large  $N$  is small compared to the factorial terms. With the Stirling approximation:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &\cong (N+n) \log(N+n) - n \log n - N \log N \\ &= (N+n) \log[(N+n)/N] - n \log(n/N) \\ &= N[(1+n/N) \log(1+n/N) - (n/N) \log(n/N)].\end{aligned}$$

(b) Set  $n = U/\hbar\omega$  and  $N\hbar\omega = U_0(N)$ :

$$\sigma(U, N) = N[(1+U/U_0) \log(1+U/U_0) - (U/U_0) \log(U/U_0)].$$

With the abbreviation  $x = U/U_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 1/\tau &= (\partial\sigma/\partial U)_N = (1/U_0)(\partial\sigma/\partial x)_N = (N/U_0)[\log(1+x) - \log x] \\ &= (1/k\omega) \log(1+U_0/U). \end{aligned}$$

Solving for  $U/N$  yields  $U/N = k\omega/[\exp(k\omega/\tau) - 1]$ .

Alternate method: For large  $n$ :

$$d(\log n!)/dn \cong \log n! - \log(n-1)! = \log n.$$

With this,

$$\begin{aligned} 1/\tau &= (1/k\omega)(\partial\sigma/\partial n)_N = (1/k\omega)[\log(N+n) - \log n] \\ &= (1/k\omega) \log(1+N/n), \end{aligned}$$

which is the equivalent to the result above.

#### 2.4) THE MEANING OF NEVER

(a) The probability a correct key will be struck is  $1/44$ . The probability a sequence of  $10^5$  keys will be correct is

$$(1/44)^{100,000} = 10^{-164,345}.$$

(b) On a single typewriter the number of keys that can be struck in  $10^{18}$ s at 10 keys/s is  $10^{19}$ . The Hamlet sequence may start with any of these except the last  $10^5 - 1$ . Thus there are  $10^{19} - 10^5 + 1 \cong 10^{19}$  possible starts. The probability of a correct Hamlet sequence on one typewriter is

$$10^{19} \times 10^{-164,345} = 10^{-164,326}.$$

For  $10^{10}$  monkeys:

$$10^{10} \times 10^{-164,326} = 10^{-164,316}.$$

Comment. One UCSB student suggested that the monkeys be permitted at least as many typographical errors as in the lecture notes from which the main text was prepared. It is not difficult to show that even 1000 errors would have increased the probability by less than a factor

$$(43 \times 10^5)^{1000} \cong 10^{6633}$$

to a value that is still negligible.

## 2.5) ADDITIVITY OF ENTROPY FOR TWO SPIN SYSTEMS

(a) From (17), with  $N_1 = N_2 = 10^{22}$ ,  $\delta = 10^{11}$ :

$$g_1 g_2 = (g_1 g_2)_{\max} \exp(-4\delta^2/N_1) = (g_1 g_2)_{\max} \times \exp(-4),$$

$$(g_1 g_2)/(g_1 g_2)_{\max} \cong 0.0183.$$

Compare this with  $10^{-174}$  for  $\delta = 10^{12}$ .

(b) From (1.35):

$$g(N, s) = (2/\pi N)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 2^N \times \exp(-2s^2/N).$$

This may be applied both to the two individual systems ( $N = N_1 = N_2$ ), and to the combined system ( $N = N_1 + N_2$ ). For the two individual systems in their most probable configuration we have from (14),  $\hat{s}_1 = \hat{s}_2$ . Hence

$$(g_1 g_2)_{\max} = [g(N_1, \hat{s}_1)]^2 = (2/\pi N_1) \times 2^{2N_1} \times \exp(-4\hat{s}_1^2/N_1).$$

For the combined system,  $s = 2\hat{s}_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s_1} g_1(N_1, s_1) g_2(N_2, s-s_1) &= g(2N_1, 2\hat{s}_1) \\ &= (1/\pi N_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 2^{2N_1} \times \exp(-4\hat{s}_1^2/N_1) \end{aligned}$$

The two results differ by the factor

$$g(2N_1, 2\hat{s}_1) / [g(N_1, \hat{s}_1)]^2 = (N_1/2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cong 4 \times 10^{10} .$$

(c) The true entropy of the interacting combined system is

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= \log g(2N_1, 2\hat{s}_1) = 2N_1 \log 2 - 4\hat{s}_1^2/N_1 - \frac{1}{2} \log(\pi N_1) \\ &\cong 1.3863 \times 10^{22} - 10^{18} - 25.9 \cong 1.3862 \times 10^{22} . \end{aligned}$$

The error made in the entropy by estimating the entropy as  $\log(g_1 g_2)_{\max} = \sigma_1 + \sigma_2$  is  $\log(4 \times 10^{10}) \cong 24.4$ . This is a fractional error of  $1.76 \times 10^{-21}$ .

## 2.6) INTEGRATED DEVIATION

For  $N_1 = N_2$ , (17) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 g_2 &= (g_1 g_2)_{\max} \exp(-4\delta^2/N_1) . \\ \sum_{\delta > \delta_1} g_1 g_2 &\cong (g_1 g_2)_{\max} \int_{\delta_1}^{\infty} \exp(-4\delta^2/N_1) d\delta \\ &= (g_1 g_2)_{\max} (N_1/4)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_x^{\infty} \exp(-t^2) dt , \end{aligned}$$

where  $x = 2\delta/N_1^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . We count both positive and negative  $\delta$  with  $|\delta| > \delta_1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} P(|\delta| > \delta_1) &= \int_x^{\infty} \exp(-t^2) dt / \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-t^2) dt \\ &= (2/\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}) \operatorname{erfc}(x) \cong \frac{1}{2\delta_1} \left( \frac{N_1}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-4\delta_1^2/N_1) \\ &= 0.28 \times \exp(-400) = \exp(-403.6) = 10^{-175.3} . \end{aligned}$$