

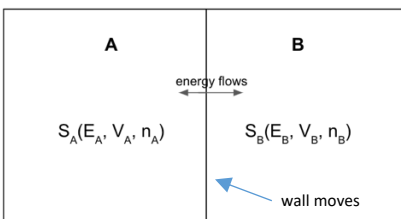
Hour Exam 2

Useful numbers and formulas you may need are given at the end.

You must turn in your answer by 10:55 to get full credit.

- (10 pts) Consider a bag containing three 1-dollar coins and six quarters. You are allowed to pull out exactly one coin in every draw.
 - (1+1) If randomly chosen, **what is** the probability of pulling a single quarter? **Of pulling a** single 1-dollar coin?
 - (2) **What is** the probability of pulling a quarter, a 1-dollar coin, and then another quarter in that order in three draws?
 - (2+1) **What is** the average value E of a single draw? **Is it possible** to pull out that amount in one draw?
 - (2+1) Let's say we add a half dollar to the bag. **What is** the new average value of a single draw? **Is it possible** to pull out that amount in a single draw?

- (10 pts) Consider an isolated system made up of two subsystems A and B divided by a moveable wall that also allows energy (i.e. heat), but not particles to pass through ($dn_A=dn_B=0$). We allow the subsystems to come to equilibrium:



- (1+1) **Can** work be exchanged between A and B? **Is** entropy extensive (additive)?
 - (1+1) Based on part a., **what is** the change in total entropy dS_{tot} in terms of dS_A and dS_B ? At equilibrium $dS_{tot}=0$, therefore **give** the simple relation between dS_A and dS_B when A and B are in equilibrium.
 - (1+1+1) **Write down** the general formula for dE when $dn=0$ [see 'Useful Information']. Solve for dS , and **write down** the **two** formulas for dS_A and dS_B , putting subscripts "A" or "B" on all variables to distinguish the two subsystems.
 - (1+1+1) **Insert** the two formulas from part c. into part b. at equilibrium. **Use** conservation of total energy $dE = dE_A + dE_B = 0$ and total volume $dV = dV_A + dV_B = 0$ to eliminate dE_B and dV_B from your formula. **Regroup** your formula to show that in equilibrium, since dE_A and dV_A are independent changes, therefore $T_A = T_B$ and $P_A = P_B$.
- (10 pts) E is a function of S , V , and n . Therefore $dE = TdS - PdV + \mu dn$. F is a function of T , V , and n . Let's figure out what dF is equal to.
 - (2+1) Based on the above, **what** thermodynamic variable is $\frac{\partial E}{\partial S}$ equal to? **Is it** intensive or extensive?

b. (2) If F is the intercept of E as a function of slope $\frac{\partial E}{\partial S}$, **write** F in terms of E and simple extensive and intensive variables using your result in a. [Hint: you could look at ‘Useful Information’.]

c. (2) **Write down** the total differential $dF = \dots$ of your expression for F in part b., keeping in mind that in general the total differential of a product of two variables, AB , equals $d(AB) = AdB + BdA$.

d. (2+1) Substitute dE by $TdS - PdV + \mu dn$ into your result from c. and cancel terms to **write down** the formula for dF . **What is** the derivative $\frac{\partial F}{\partial T}$ equal to in terms of a simple variable?

4. (10 pts) Let us calculate the partition function $Z(T)$ for folding of a peptide with $N=10$ amino acids. Each amino acid has $W_{AA}=3$ microstates.

a. (2+1) How many total microstates W_{tot} does the whole peptide with N amino acids have? [Hint: W is a multiplicative quantity, not extensive.] Give a **formula** in terms of N and W_{AA} , and **numerical** value.

b. (1) The folded state has $W_F=1$ microstate. All the other microstates make up the unfolded macrostate. Given your answer in a., **what is** W_U , the number of microstates in the unfolded state?

c. (2) Assume the folded state has energy $E_F=0$, and the unfolded state has energy $E_U=25$ kJ/mole. **Write down** the canonical partition function $Z(T)$ for the peptide in terms of W_F , W_U , E_U , and T .

d. (1+1+1+1) **Calculate** the partition function at $T=298$ K. **Is** the peptide mostly folded or mostly unfolded? **Calculate** the partition function at $T=350$ K. **Is** the peptide mostly folded or mostly unfolded? [Hint: the partition function Z is the number of microstates accessible to the system at temperature T , and the folded state accounts for 1 microstate.]

Useful information:

Constants: 1 atomic mass unit $\approx 1.66 \times 10^{-27}$ kg; mass of electron $m_e \approx 9.109 \times 10^{-31}$ kg; Planck’s constant $h \approx 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$ J·s; $\hbar = h/2\pi$; Avogadro’s number $N_A = 6.02214076 \cdot 10^{23}$; $k_B \approx 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23}$ J/K; gas constant $R \approx 8.31$ J/mole/K, or $R \approx -0.08205$ L · atm · mol⁻¹ · K⁻¹; Faraday’s number ≈ 96485 Coulombs/mole. $c \approx 3 \cdot 10^8$ m/s; $e \approx 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19}$ Coulombs; Avogadro’s number $N_A = 6.02214076 \cdot 10^{23}$; gas constant $R \approx 8.31$ J/mole/K = $k_B N_A$;

Partition functions and thermodynamic potentials: $\rho_j = 1/W_j$ (constant energy);

$\rho_j = W_j \exp(-E_j/RT)/Z$; $Z = \exp(-F/RT) = \sum W_j \exp(-E_j/RT)$ (constant temperature); average $A = \sum \rho_j A_j$;

$dE = TdS - PdV + \mu dn$, and this can be solved for dS , dV or dn .

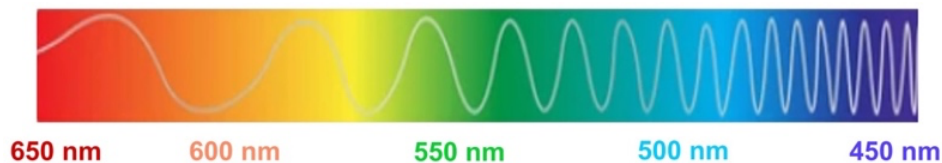
$E(S,V,\dots)$; $F(T,V,\dots)=E-TS$; $H(S,P,\dots)=E+PV$; $G(T,P,\dots)=H-TS$ all contain the same information.

Conversions: $1 \text{ \AA} = 0.1 \text{ nm} = 100 \text{ pm} = 10^{-10} \text{ m}$; wavenumber (cm^{-1}) = $\frac{10^7}{\lambda \text{ (nm)}}$

Math: $N! = N(N-1)(N-2) \dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \approx N^N \cdot N \ln N$; $0! = 1$

Energy levels: $E(n) = -Ry/n^2$, where $Ry = 2.1798741 \cdot 10^{-18}$ J (H atom); $E_n = h\nu(n+1/2)$ (spring)

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Solutions:

1. (10 pts) Consider a bag containing three 1-dollar coins and six quarters. You are allowed to pull exactly one coin in every draw.

a. (1+1) If randomly chosen, **what is** the probability of pulling a quarter? **Of pulling a** 1-dollar coin?

Solution: There are $3+6=9$ total coins. $P(\text{one quarter}) = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$; and $P(\text{one 1-dollar}) = \frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3}$.

b. (2) **What is** the probability of pulling a quarter, a 1-dollar coin, and then another quarter in that order in three draws?

$P(\text{quarter, 1-dollar, then quarter}) = \frac{6}{9} * \frac{3}{8} * \frac{5}{7} = 0.18 = 18\%$. Note that the denominator decreases by one in every successive draw because there is one less coin in the bag.

c. (2+1) What is the average value E of a single draw? Is it possible to pull out that amount in one draw?

Solution: $E(X) = \sum X_i P_i = \left(1 * \frac{3}{9}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} * \frac{6}{9}\right) = 0.50$

It is not possible to draw 50 cents from the bag in a single attempt. This goes to show that the average value does not necessarily correlate to any single value within a sample.

d. (2+1) Let's say we add a half dollar to the bag. **What is** the new average value of a single draw? Is it possible to pull out that amount in a single draw?

Solution: $E(X) = \sum X_i P_i = \left(1 * \frac{3}{10}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} * \frac{6}{10}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{10}\right) = 0.3 + 0.15 + 0.05 = 0.50$

Yes, in this case you can pull the half-dollar to get 50 cents, the average value of the sample.

2. (10 pts) Consider an isolated system made up of two subsystems A and B divided by a moveable wall that also allows energy (i.e. heat), but not particles to pass through ($dn_A=dn_B=0$). We allow the sub-systems to come to equilibrium.

a. (1+1) Can work be exchanged between **A** and **B**? Is entropy extensive (additive)?

Solution: Yes, work can also be exchanged between the subsystems because the wall is moveable wall. (The same is true for heat, as stated in the problem.) Yes, entropy is extensive = additive.

b. (1+1) Based on part a., **what is** the change in total entropy dS_{tot} in terms of dS_A and dS_B ? At equilibrium $dS_{tot}=0$, therefore **give** the simple relation between dS_A and dS_B when A and B are in equilibrium.

Solution: $dS_{tot} = dS_A + dS_B = 0$
 $dS_A = -dS_B$

c. (1+1+1) **Write down** the general formula for dE when $dn=0$. Solve for dS , and **write down** the two formulas for dS_A and dS_B , putting subscripts "A" or "B" on all variables to distinguish the two sub subsystems.

Solution: In general $dE = TdS - PdV + \mu dn$, so $dE = TdS - PdV$ when $dn=0$.

Solving for dS for each subsystem, $dS_A = \frac{1}{T_A} dE_A + \frac{P_A}{T_A} dV_A$ and $dS_B = \frac{1}{T_B} dE_B + \frac{P_B}{T_B} dV_B$

d. (1+1+1) **Insert** the two formulas from c. into b. at equilibrium. **Use** conservation of total energy $dE = dE_A + dE_B = 0$ and total volume $dV = dV_A + dV_B = 0$ to eliminate dE_B and dV_B from your formula. **Regroup**

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your formula to show that in equilibrium, since dE_A and dV_A are independent changes, therefore $T_A = T_B$ and $P_A = P_B$.

$$\text{Solution: } dS_A = -dS_B \Rightarrow \frac{1}{T_A} dE_A + \frac{P_A}{T_A} dV_A = -\frac{1}{T_B} dE_B - \frac{P_B}{T_B} dV_B.$$

$$\text{Since } dE_A = -dE_B = 0 \text{ and } dV_A = -dV_B \Rightarrow \frac{1}{T_A} dE_A + \frac{P_A}{T_A} dV_A = \frac{1}{T_B} dE_A - \frac{P_B}{T_B} dV_A.$$

Collecting terms, $= \left(\frac{1}{T_A} - \frac{1}{T_B}\right) dE_A = -\left(\frac{P_A}{T_A} - \frac{P_B}{T_B}\right) dV_A$. Since dE_A and dV_A are independent changes, this can only be true if $\left(\frac{1}{T_A} - \frac{1}{T_B}\right) = 0$ and thus $T_A = T_B$, and also $-\left(\frac{P_A}{T_A} - \frac{P_B}{T_B}\right) = 0$ and thus $P_A = P_B$.

3. (10 pts) E is a function of S , V , and n . Therefore $dE = TdS - PdV + \mu dn$. F is a function of T , V , and n . Let's figure out what dF is equal to.

a. (1+1) Based on the above, **what** thermodynamic variable is $\frac{\partial E}{\partial S}$ equal to? **Is it** intensive or extensive?

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{\partial E}{\partial S} = T. \text{ Intensive}$$

b. (2) If F is the intercept of E as a function of slope $\frac{\partial E}{\partial S}$, **write** F in terms of E and simple extensive and intensive variables using your result in a. [Hint: you could look at 'Useful Information'.]

$$\text{Solution: } F = E - TS$$

c. (2) **Write down** the total differential $dF = \dots$ of your expression for F in b., keeping in mind that in general the total differential of a product of two variables, AB , equals $d(AB) = AdB + BdA$.

$$\text{Solution: } dF = dE - TdS - SdT$$

d. (2+1) Substitute dE by $TdS - PdV + \mu dn$ into your result from c. and cancel terms to **write down** the formula for dF . **What is** the derivative $\frac{\partial F}{\partial T}$ equal to in terms of a simple variable?

$$\text{Solution: } dF = (TdS - PdV + \mu dn) - TdS - SdT = -SdT - PdV + \mu dn.$$

$$\text{Since } dF \sim -SdT, \partial F / \partial T = -S$$

4. (10 pts) Let us calculate the partition function $Z(T)$ for folding for a peptide with $N=10$ amino acids. Each amino acid has $W_{AA}=3$ microstates.

a. (2+1) How many total microstates W_{tot} does the whole peptide with N amino acids have? [Hint: W is a multiplicative quantity, not extensive.] Give a **formula** in terms of N and W_{AA} , and **numerical** value.

$$\text{Solution: } W_{\text{tot}} = W_{AA}^N = 3^{10} = 59049.$$

b. (1) The folded state has $W_F=1$ microstate. All the other microstates make up the unfolded macrostate. Given your answer in a., **what is** W_U , the number of microstates in the unfolded state?

$$\text{Solution: } W_U = W_{\text{tot}} - 1 = 59048$$

c. (2) Assume the folded state has energy $E_F=0$, and the unfolded state has energy $E_U=25$ kJ/mole. **Write down** the canonical partition function $Z(T)$ for the peptide in terms of W_F , W_U , E_U , and T .

$$\text{Solution: } Z(T) = W_F + W_U e^{-\frac{E_U}{RT}} = 1 + 59048 e^{-\frac{25 \text{ kJ/mole}}{0.00831 * T(K)}}$$

d. (1+1+1+1) **Calculate** the partition function at $T=298$ K. **Is** the peptide mostly folded or mostly unfolded? **Calculate** the partition function at $T=350$ K. **Is** the peptide mostly folded or mostly unfolded? [Hint: the

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partition function Z is the number of microstates accessible to the system at temperature T , and the folded state has 1 microstate.]

Solution:

$Z(298) = 1 + 59048e^{-\frac{25 \text{ kJ/mole}}{0.00831 \cdot 298}} = 3.437$. Mostly unfolded because 2.437 (on average) of the unfolded microstates are populated, so there is almost 3 times as much unfolded peptide as there is folded peptide.

$Z(350) = 1 + 59048e^{-\frac{25 \text{ kJ/mole}}{0.00831 \cdot 350}} = 11.92$. Even more unfolded because now 10.92 (on average) of the unfolded microstates are populated, so there is almost 11 times as much unfolded peptide as there is folded peptide.