

Phys 4125 - 2020

HW #4 Solutions

#2.8

a) Macrostate : distribution of energy.

fix q_A , that fixes $q - q_A = q_B$ too. So

$$q_A = 0, 1, \dots, 20 \Rightarrow \boxed{21} \text{ states}$$

b) We have formula

$$\Omega(20, 20) = \frac{39!}{20! 19!} \approx 7 \cdot 10^{10}$$

c) $q_A = 20$ $q_B = 0 \Rightarrow \Omega_D = 1$

$$\Omega_A = \Omega(10, 20) = \frac{29!}{20! 9!} \approx 10^7, \text{ so}$$

$$P(q_A = 20) = \frac{\Omega_A \Omega_B}{\Omega} = \frac{10^7}{7 \cdot 10^{10}} \approx 1.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

$$d) \Omega_A = \Omega_B = \left[\Omega(10, 10) \right]^2 = \left[\frac{19!}{10! 9!} \right]^2 =$$

$$= \left[\frac{19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9} \right]^2 =$$

$$= \left[\frac{19 \cdot 17 \cdot 13 \cdot 11 \cdot 2}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 9} \right]^2 =$$

$$= \left[19 \cdot 17 \cdot 13 \cdot 11 \cdot 2 \right]^2 = 8.5 \cdot 10^9$$

so

$$P = \frac{8.5 \cdot 10^9}{7 \cdot 10^{10}} \approx 1.2 \cdot 10^{-1} \approx 12\%$$

(c)

(e) Strictly speaking \rightarrow never.
However, if we start with max
multiplicity = max probability = state in (d)
we would not be able to go back without
decreasing entropy.

#2.13

$$a) e^{a \ln b} = [e^{\ln b}]^a = b^a$$

$$b) \ln(a+b) = \ln\left[a\left(1+\frac{b}{a}\right)\right] = \\ = \ln a + \ln\left(1+\frac{b}{a}\right) \approx \ln a + \frac{b}{a}$$

#2.15

$$N = 50$$

$$N! \approx 3.04141 \cdot 10^{64}$$

according to my calculator

$$\ln N! = 148.47777$$

$$\text{Stirling: } \ln N! = N \ln N - N = \\ = N(\ln N - 1) = 145.6012$$

If we include next

$$\ln N! \approx N \ln N - N + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi N) \\ \approx N \ln N - N + 2.87 \approx 148.47$$

so this becomes almost exact.

2.17

Consider $\Omega(N, q) \approx \frac{(q+N)!}{q! N!}$ (only requires $q, N \gg 1$) ⁽³⁾

Then $\Omega(N, q) \approx (N+q) \ln(N+q) - N \ln N - q \ln q$,

but now expand in $\frac{q}{N}$, not $\frac{N}{q} \Rightarrow$

$$(N+q) \ln(N+q) \approx (N+q) \left[\ln N + \frac{q}{N} \right] =$$

$$= (N+q) \ln N + q + \frac{q^2}{N}, \text{ so}$$

$$\ln \Omega \approx q \ln \frac{N}{q} + q \Rightarrow \boxed{\Omega \approx \left(\frac{eN}{q} \right)^q}$$

2.23

$N = 10^{23}$ (a) $2^{10^{23}}$ total, but our states

$$\text{are } \Omega_{1/2} = \binom{N}{N/2} = \frac{N!}{\left(\frac{N}{2}!\right)^2} \approx \frac{N^N e^{-N} \sqrt{2\pi N}}{N^N 2^{-N} e^{-N} \sqrt{\pi N}} =$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega \approx 2^N \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi N}}$$

so it is smaller than total # of states only by a factor of $\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$.

(b) 10^9 times/sec 10^{10} years $\approx 3 \cdot 10^{17}$ seconds (see class notes)

Then we explore $3 \cdot 10^{26}$ states

In contrast $2^{10^{23}} \approx 2^{10 \cdot 10^{22}} \approx 10^{3 \cdot 10^{22}}$

so we explore a fraction of

$$10^{-3 \cdot 10^{22} + 26} \approx 10^{-3 \cdot 10^{22}} \text{ etc}$$

(4)

(c) Therefore accessible means that we can explore one of equivalent states, and don't know a priori which one.

#2.25

Random walk

(a) Obviously you are most likely to return to the same place: equal number of steps forward & back. This somewhat depends on whether N is even or odd, but for large N , when you traveled N steps, and find yourself 0 or ± 1 steps from where you started, this is not too relevant.

b) We saw that this is another version of coin toss that near maximum we have $e^{-x^2/2N}$ steps

To compute distance we ~~would~~ don't care in which direction we go, so only how large typical $|x|$ is. We expect $x \sim \sqrt{2N}$
Technically we would write

$$P(x) \approx A e^{-x^2/2N}$$

$$\langle x \rangle \approx \int_0^{\infty} A x e^{-x^2/2N} dx = A \int_0^{\infty} dy e^{-y^2/N} = AN$$

and $A \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2N} dx = 1$ which gives

$$A \sqrt{\frac{2N}{\pi}} = 1 \quad A = \sqrt{\frac{2N}{\pi}} \quad \langle x \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2N}{\pi}}$$

not required but bonus points

(c) We saw (p.42) $l \approx 150 \text{ nm}$ (above Eq. 1.63) (5)

Number of steps $\approx \frac{1}{\Delta t}$ where Δt is time

between collisions $N \approx \frac{1}{3 \cdot 10^{-10}} \approx 3 \cdot 10^9$, so

we expect $\langle x \rangle \sim \sqrt{2N} \cdot l \approx \sqrt{30} \cdot 10^4 \cdot 1.5 \cdot 10^{-7} \sqrt{2}$
 $\approx \cancel{3.5} \cdot 1.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \approx 12 \text{ mm}$

• Grows with time as $\sqrt{t} \Rightarrow N \sim t, x \sim \sqrt{N}$

• l depends on T as $l \sim \frac{v}{N} \sim \frac{kT}{p}$

but $\bar{v} \sim \sqrt{T}$, so $N \sim \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sim \frac{\bar{v}}{l} \sim \frac{\sqrt{T}}{T} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$

so we have

$$\left[\langle x \rangle \sim \sqrt{N} l \sim T \cdot T^{-1/4} \sim T^{3/4} \right]$$

consistency with diffusion

$D \sim l \bar{v}$ and blob exp $(-x^2/Dt)$

so we need now $\Delta t = \frac{l}{v}$, so

$$x^2 \sim Dt \sim lvt \sim l^2 \frac{t}{\Delta t}$$

which is sensible result for us

#2.26 Need $\Omega_1 \sim A \cdot A_p / h^2$ $A_p \sim T_{ip} \text{max}^2 \sim$
 $\sim \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2mU$

Then we have

$$\Omega \approx \frac{A^N (2mU)^N}{h^{2N} [N!]^2}$$

#2.27 We need

$$P_1 \sim (0.99) \text{ for each, so}$$

$$P_N \sim (0.99)^N = (0.99)^{10^{23}}$$

$$\ln P_N \sim 10^{23} \ln 0.99 \sim -10^{21}$$

$$\left[P_N \sim e^{-10^{21}} \approx 10^{-4 \cdot 10^{20}} \right]$$

#2.30

ⓐ we solved this in class, (problem 2.22) instructions to the grader are to be harsh on that problem.

$$\textcircled{a} \Omega(N, g) \approx \Omega(2N, 2N) = \frac{(2N)!}{g^N} = \frac{2^{2N}}{\sqrt{8\pi N}}$$

because

$$\Omega(N, g) \approx \frac{(g+N)^{g+N} e^{-(g+N)}}{g^g e^{-g} N^N e^{-N}} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi(g+N)}{2\pi N 2\pi g}} \frac{N}{g+N}$$

$$\approx \left(\frac{g+N}{g}\right)^g \left(\frac{g+N}{N}\right)^N \sqrt{\frac{N}{2\pi g(g+N)}}$$

⑦

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \frac{S}{k} &= 4N \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} \ln(8\pi N) = \\ &= 4 \cdot 10^{23} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} \ln(4\pi) - \frac{1}{2} 23 \ln 10 \\ &\approx 2.7 \cdot 10^{23} - 28 \end{aligned}$$

⑥ $\Omega(N, N) = \frac{2^{2N}}{\sqrt{4\pi N}} \Rightarrow \Omega_0 = \frac{2^{4N}}{4\pi N}$,

③ $\text{so } \frac{S}{k} - \frac{S_0}{k} = 4 \ln N - \frac{1}{2} \ln N$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \ln N = \boxed{28}$

fractional difference $\left[\frac{\Delta S}{S} \approx \frac{28}{2.7 \cdot 10^{23}} = 10^{-22} \right]$

④ violation of 10^{-22} is not measurable.

2.31

Take Eq. (2.40) $\Omega = \frac{1}{N!} \frac{v^N}{h^{3N}} \frac{\pi^{3N/2}}{(3N/2)!} (\sqrt{2mU})^{3N}$

and log

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \Omega &= \underline{N \ln v} + \frac{3N}{2} \ln(2mU) + \frac{3N}{2} \ln \pi - 3N \ln h \\ &\quad - \underline{N \ln N} + N - \frac{3N}{2} \ln \frac{3N}{2} + \frac{3N}{2} = \end{aligned}$$

$$= N \left\{ \ln \left[\frac{v}{N} \left(\frac{2mU\pi}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{2}{3N} \right)^{3/2} \right] + \frac{5}{2} \right\}$$

$$= N \left\{ \ln \left[\frac{v}{N} \left(\frac{4\pi mU}{3h^2 N} \right)^{3/2} \right] + \frac{5}{2} \right\}$$

#2.32

We use result of 2.26

$$\begin{aligned} \ln R &= N \ln A + N \ln(25 \text{ mO}/h^2) \\ &\quad - 2(N \ln N - N) = \\ &= N \left\{ \ln \left[\frac{A}{N} \frac{25 \text{ mO}}{N h^2} \right] + 2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

#2.33

$$\begin{aligned} S &= kN \left\{ \ln \left[\frac{kT}{P} \left(\frac{4\pi m}{3h^2} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{3}{2} kT \right)^{3/2} \right] + \frac{5}{2} \right\} \\ &= R \left[\ln \left[\frac{kT}{P} \left(\frac{2\pi m kT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \right] + \frac{5}{2} \right] \approx 160 \text{ J/K} \end{aligned}$$

#2.39

Distinguishable atoms: no $N!$

for permutations. See eq. (2.57)

 $\Delta S =$

$$S_{\text{dist}} = Nk \left[\ln \left(V \left(\frac{4\pi m U}{3N h^2} \right)^{3/2} \right) + \frac{5}{2} \right]$$

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$$\Delta S = Nk \{ \ln N - 1 \} = R \cdot \{ 23 \ln 6 - 13 \}$$

$$\approx R \cdot 41.2 \approx 360 \text{ J/K}$$

Recall $S \approx 126 \text{ J/K}$, (see (2.50))

So

$$S_{\text{dist}} \approx 4S$$