

HW4 Solution

1.

a) # of way to choose n ortho- H_2 out of N molecules is $\frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!}$

each ortho- H_2 can have 3 possible spin states, so the # of microstates is

$$\Omega_N(E) = \frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!} \cdot 3^n$$

$$S = k_B \ln \Omega_N(E) = k_B \left[n \ln 3 + N \ln N - n \ln n - (N-n) \ln(N-n) \right]$$

~~$$T^{-1} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \Big|_N$$~~

$$= k_B \left[\frac{E}{\Sigma} \ln 3 + N \ln N - \frac{E}{\Sigma} \ln \frac{E}{\Sigma} - \left(N - \frac{E}{\Sigma} \right) \ln \left(N - \frac{E}{\Sigma} \right) \right]$$

$$T^{-1} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \Big|_N = k_B \left[\frac{\ln 3}{\Sigma} - \ln \frac{E}{\Sigma} - \frac{1}{\Sigma} + \ln \left(N - \frac{E}{\Sigma} \right) + \frac{1}{\Sigma} \right]$$

$$= \frac{k_B}{\Sigma} \left[\ln 3 + \ln \frac{N\Sigma - E}{E} \right]$$

$$T = \frac{\Sigma}{k_B} \left/ \left[\ln \frac{3(N\Sigma - E)}{E} \right] \right.$$

$$\exp\left(\frac{\epsilon}{k_B T}\right) = \frac{3(N\epsilon - E)}{E}$$

$$E = \frac{3N\epsilon}{3 + e^{\epsilon/k_B T}}$$

$$C_V = \left. \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \right|_{N,V} = -3N\epsilon \frac{1}{(3 + e^{\epsilon/k_B T})^2} e^{\epsilon/k_B T} \left(-\frac{\epsilon}{k_B T^2}\right)$$

$$C_V = Nk_B \cdot \left(\frac{\epsilon}{k_B T}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{3e^{\epsilon/k_B T}}{(3 + e^{\epsilon/k_B T})^2}$$

$T \rightarrow 0$ $C_V \sim e^{-\epsilon/k_B T}$ exponentially small
typical for system with energy g

c) The probability that a given molecule is in one specific ortho- H_2 is the # of ways ~~($N-1$)~~ $(N-1)$ molecules have energy $(n-1)\epsilon$ divided by N molecules have energy $n\epsilon$

$$P = \frac{\overset{\text{\# of ways}}{\Omega_{N-1}((n-1)\epsilon)}}{\Omega_N(n\epsilon)} = \frac{\cancel{\Omega_{N-1}((n-1)\epsilon)}}{(n-1)!(N-n)!} \frac{3^{n-1}}{\frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!} 3^n} = \frac{n}{3N}$$

$$P = \frac{E}{3N\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{3 + e^{+\varepsilon/k_B T}}$$

2 The # of microstates of the system is the # of ways to put n atoms on N interstitial positions

multiplies by

of ways to put $(N-n)$ atoms on N lattice points

$$\Omega(E) = \frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!} \cdot \frac{N!}{(N-n)!n!} = \left(\frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!} \right)^2$$

~~Note~~ Note to TA:

No penalty if students missed the power 2.

$$S = k_B \ln \Omega(E) = 2k_B \ln \frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!}$$

$$S = 2k_B \left[N \ln N - n \ln n - (N-n) \ln (N-n) \right]$$

in equilibrium, Helmholtz free energy is minimized

$$\mathcal{F} = E - TS = ~~TS~~$$

$$= n\varepsilon - 2k_B T \left[N \ln N - n \ln n - (N-n) \ln (N-n) \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial n} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

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$$e - 2k_B T \left[-\ln n - 1 + \ln(N-n) + 1 \right] = 0$$

$$e = 2k_B T \ln \frac{N-n}{n}$$

$$\frac{N-n}{n} = e^{-e/2k_B T}$$

$$n = \frac{N}{1 + e^{-e/2k_B T}}$$

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Suppose N_+ and N_- are # of links of 0° and 180° angles respectively.

$$\begin{cases} N_+ - N_- = 2m \\ N_+ + N_- = N \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_+ = \frac{N}{2} + m \quad ; \quad N_- = \frac{N}{2} - m$$

The # of ways to arrange N_+ 0° angle links is

~~$$\frac{N!}{N_+! N_-!}$$~~

$$\frac{N!}{N_+! N_-!}$$

~~Note $L = 2m$ and $L = -2m$ are both~~

Note that N_- links of 0° angle and N_+ links of 180° angle ALSO creates polymer with length $2md$.

So the total # of polymer configurations with total length $2md$ is

$$\Omega_N(L) = \frac{2N!}{N_+! N_-!}$$

$$S = k_B \ln \Omega_N(L) = k_B \ln 2 + k_B \left[N \ln N - \left(\frac{N}{2} + m\right) \ln \left(\frac{N}{2} + m\right) - \left(\frac{N}{2} - m\right) \ln \left(\frac{N}{2} - m\right) \right]$$

Force on ~~spring~~ polymer

$$F = \left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial L} \right|_T = \frac{\partial}{\partial L} (-TS) = \frac{T}{2d} \frac{\partial S}{\partial m}$$

$$= \frac{T}{2d} \cdot k_B \left[-\ln \left(\frac{N}{2} + m\right) - 1 + \ln \left(\frac{N}{2} - m\right) + 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{k_B T}{2d} \cdot \ln \frac{\frac{N}{2} - m}{\frac{N}{2} + m}$$

$$= \frac{k_B T}{2d} \ln \left(1 - \frac{2m}{\frac{N}{2} + m} \right) \stackrel{m \ll N}{\approx} - \frac{k_B T}{2d} \frac{4m}{N}$$

~~Force~~

$$F = - \frac{k_B T}{d} \frac{L}{Nd}$$

(the minus sign means this is restoration force which opposes expansion).

the spring constant

$$k_s = \frac{|F|}{L} = \frac{k_B T}{Nd^2}$$

④

$$Z(T, V, N) = [Z(T, V, 1)]^N$$

$$Z(T, V, 1) = 3 e^{-\beta \epsilon} + 1$$

$$E = - \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \beta} = -N \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln(1 + 3e^{-\beta \epsilon})$$

$$= -N \frac{1}{1 + 3e^{-\beta \epsilon}} 3e^{-\beta \epsilon} (-\epsilon) = N\epsilon \frac{3e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{1 + 3e^{-\beta \epsilon}}$$

~~$$E = N\epsilon \frac{3e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{1 + 3e^{-\beta \epsilon}}$$~~

$$= N\epsilon \frac{3}{e^{\beta \epsilon} + 3}$$

$$C_V = \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \Big|_N = N k_B \left(\frac{\epsilon}{k_B T} \right)^2 \frac{3e^{\epsilon/k_B T}}{(3 + e^{\epsilon/k_B T})^2}$$

⑥

a microstate is a state where n left links are open, energy of such state is $\epsilon_n = n\epsilon$.

$$a) \quad Z = \sum_{n=0}^N e^{-\beta \epsilon_n} = \sum_{n=0}^N e^{-\beta n \epsilon} = \frac{1 - e^{-\beta \epsilon (N+1)}}{1 - e^{-\beta \epsilon}}$$

$$b) \quad \langle n \rangle = \frac{\langle E \rangle}{\epsilon} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Z$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left(\ln \left[1 - e^{-\beta \epsilon (N+1)} \right] - \ln \left[1 - e^{-\beta \epsilon} \right] \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left\{ \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta \epsilon (N+1)}} \left(-e^{-\beta \epsilon (N+1)} \right) \left[-\epsilon (N+1) \right] - \frac{-e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{1 - e^{-\beta \epsilon}} (-\epsilon) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{1 - e^{-\beta \epsilon}} - \frac{(N+1) e^{-\beta \epsilon (N+1)}}{1 - e^{-\beta \epsilon (N+1)}}$$

$$k_B T \ll \epsilon, \quad \beta \epsilon \gg 1$$

$$\langle n \rangle \approx \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{1 - e^{-\beta \epsilon}} = \frac{1}{e^{\beta \epsilon} - 1}$$

independent of N