

2. The partition function is, for one oscillator:

$$Z_1 = \sum_i e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} = 1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}$$

Assuming that the oscillators are distinguishable and non-interacting,

$$Z_N = (Z_1)^N = (1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})^N$$

So

$$F = -kT \ln Z_N$$

$$F = -NkT \ln (1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}) = -NkT \ln (1 + e^{-\epsilon/kT})$$

$$S = - \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial T} \right|_{N,V} = +Nk \left[ \frac{T \left( \frac{-\epsilon}{k} \right) e^{-\epsilon/kT} \left( \frac{-1}{T^2} \right)}{1 + e^{-\epsilon/kT}} + \ln (1 + e^{-\epsilon/kT}) \right]$$

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

$$\rightarrow P = - \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial V} \right|_{N,T} = 0.$$

$$\rightarrow \mu = \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial N} \right|_{T,V} = -kT \ln (1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})$$

$$\rightarrow C_V = T \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{N,V}$$

$$\text{note: } \frac{\partial}{\partial T} = \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial T} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{\beta}{T} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}. \quad \text{so } C_V = -\beta \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial \beta} \right)_{N,V}$$

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

$$C_v = -NK\beta \left[ \frac{(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}) \epsilon [\beta (-\epsilon) e^{-\beta \epsilon} + e^{-\beta \epsilon}] - \beta \epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon} [-\epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon}]}{(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})^2} \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{-\epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}} \right]$$

$$C_v = -NK\beta \left[ \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})^2} \left( (1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}) \epsilon (1 - \beta \epsilon) + \beta \epsilon^2 e^{-\beta \epsilon} \right) - \frac{\epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon}} \right]$$

$$C_v = -NK\beta \left[ \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})^2} \left( \epsilon - \beta \epsilon^2 + \epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon} - \beta \epsilon^2 e^{-\beta \epsilon} + \beta \epsilon^2 e^{-\beta \epsilon} \right) - \frac{\epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon} (1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})}{(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})^2} \right]$$

$$C_v = -NK\beta \left[ \frac{\epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon} (1 - \beta \epsilon + e^{-\beta \epsilon}) - \epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon} (1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})}{(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})^2} \right]$$

$$C_v = \frac{-NK\beta \epsilon e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})^2} \left[ 1 - \beta \epsilon + e^{-\beta \epsilon} - 1 - e^{-\beta \epsilon} \right]$$

$$C_v = \frac{NK (\beta \epsilon)^2 e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{(1 + e^{-\beta \epsilon})^2}$$

3. a) • Note carefully that there are a total of  $(g_1 + g_2)$  states available to the system.

• By definition,  $w_i$  is the probability of being in a state belonging to group  $i$ .

• Since the  $g_i$  states of group  $i$  are all equally likely, then the probability of being in any particular group  $i$  state is  $\left(\frac{w_i}{g_i}\right)$ .

• To confirm that all the probabilities are properly normalized,

we write:  $g_1 \left(\frac{w_1}{g_1}\right) + g_2 \left(\frac{w_2}{g_2}\right) = w_1 + w_2 = 1$ .

So,  $S = -k \sum_i p_i \ln p_i$  where the sum is over all states.

$$S = -k \left[ \underbrace{\left(\frac{w_1}{g_1}\right) \ln\left(\frac{w_1}{g_1}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{w_1}{g_1}\right) \ln\left(\frac{w_1}{g_1}\right)}_{g_1 \text{ times}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{w_2}{g_2}\right) \ln\left(\frac{w_2}{g_2}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{w_2}{g_2}\right) \ln\left(\frac{w_2}{g_2}\right)}_{g_2 \text{ times}} \right]$$

$$S = -k \left[ g_1 \left(\frac{w_1}{g_1}\right) \ln\left(\frac{w_1}{g_1}\right) + g_2 \left(\frac{w_2}{g_2}\right) \ln\left(\frac{w_2}{g_2}\right) \right]$$

$$S = -k \left[ w_1 \ln\left(\frac{w_1}{g_1}\right) + w_2 \ln\left(\frac{w_2}{g_2}\right) \right]$$

Confirmed!

3 b. • plug in  $w_i = \frac{g_i}{z} e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$ . This follows because the probability of being in a particular state which has energy  $\epsilon_i$  is  $\frac{1}{z} e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$ , and there are  $g_i$  such states.

• note also that  $z = g_1 e^{-\beta \epsilon_1} + g_2 e^{-\beta \epsilon_2}$

• write  $z$  as

$$z = g_1 e^{-\beta \epsilon_1} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-\beta \epsilon_2 + \beta \epsilon_1} \right]$$

$$z = g_1 e^{-\beta \epsilon_1} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \right]$$

with  $x \equiv \beta(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)$ .

$$-\frac{S}{K} = \frac{g_1}{z} e^{-\beta \epsilon_1} \ln \left[ \frac{g_1}{z g_1} e^{-\beta \epsilon_1} \right] + \frac{g_2}{z} e^{-\beta \epsilon_2} \ln \left[ \frac{g_2}{z g_2} e^{-\beta \epsilon_2} \right]$$

$$-\frac{S}{K} = g_1 e^{-\beta \epsilon_1} \left[ -\beta \epsilon_1 - \ln z \right] + g_2 e^{-\beta \epsilon_2} \left[ -\beta \epsilon_2 - \ln z \right]$$

$$-\frac{S}{K} = g_1 e^{-\beta \epsilon_1} \left\{ -\beta \epsilon_1 - \ln z + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \left[ -\beta \epsilon_2 - \ln z \right] \right\}$$

$$g_1 e^{-\beta \epsilon_1} \left( 1 + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \right)$$

$$-\frac{S}{K} = -\beta \epsilon_1 - \ln z + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \beta \epsilon_2 - \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \ln z$$

$$+\frac{S}{K} = +\beta \epsilon_1 + \ln \left[ g_1 e^{-\beta \epsilon_1} \right] + \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \right] + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \beta \epsilon_2 + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \ln z$$

$$\left( 1 + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \right)$$

$$\frac{S}{K} = \beta \epsilon_1 + \ln g_1 - \beta \epsilon_1 + \ln \left( 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \right) + \beta \epsilon_2 \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \ln z$$

$$\left( 1 + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \right)$$

$$\frac{S}{k} = \ln g_1 + \ln \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \right] + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \left[ \beta \epsilon_2 + \ln z \right]$$

$$\left( 1 + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \right)$$

$$\frac{S}{k} = \ln g_1 + \ln \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \right] + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \left[ \beta \epsilon_2 + \ln g_1 - \beta \epsilon_1 + \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \right] \right]$$

$$\left( 1 + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \right)$$

$$\frac{S}{k} = \left( 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \right) \ln g_1 + \left( 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \right) \ln \left( 1 + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \right) + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \beta (\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)$$

$$\left( 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \right)$$

$$\frac{S}{k} = \ln g_1 + \ln \left( 1 + \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-x} \right) + \frac{\left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} x}{1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x}} \left( \frac{g_1}{g_2} \right) \left( \frac{g_1}{g_2} \right)$$

= 1

$$\frac{S}{k} = \ln g_1 + \ln \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \right] + \frac{x}{\left( \frac{g_1}{g_2} \right) e^x + 1}$$

$$S = k \left[ \ln g_1 + \ln \left\{ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \right\} + \frac{x}{1 + \left( \frac{g_1}{g_2} \right) e^x} \right]$$

check

3c)

$$Z = g_1 e^{-\epsilon_1/kT} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)}{kT}} \right]$$

$$F = -kT \ln Z = -kT \left[ \ln g_1 - \frac{\epsilon_1}{kT} + \ln \left\{ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)}{kT}} \right\} \right]$$

$$F = -kT \ln g_1 + \epsilon_1 - kT \ln \left\{ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)}{kT}} \right\}$$

$$S = -\frac{\partial F}{\partial T} = - \left[ -k \ln g_1 - \left\{ \frac{T k \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) \left( -\frac{(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)}{kT} \right) e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)}{kT}} \left( -\frac{1}{T^2} \right)}{1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)}{kT}}} \right\} \right]$$

$$+ k \ln \left\{ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)}{kT}} \right\}$$

$$S = k \ln g_1 + \left[ \frac{k \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) \left( \frac{\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1}{kT} \right) e^{-x}}{1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)}{kT}}} \right] + k \ln \left\{ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)}{kT}} \right\}$$

$$S = k \ln g_1 + \left[ \frac{k \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) x e^{-x}}{1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x}} \left( \frac{g_1}{g_2} \right) \right] + k \ln \left\{ 1 + \left( \frac{g_1}{g_2} \right) e^{-x} \right\}$$

$$S = k \ln g_1 + k \ln \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \right] + \frac{k x e^{-x}}{\left( \frac{g_1}{g_2} \right) + e^{-x}} \left( \frac{e^x}{e^x} \right)$$

$$S = k \ln g_1 + k \ln \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \right] + \left[ \frac{k x}{\left( \frac{g_1}{g_2} \right) e^x + 1} \right]$$

Confirmed!

d) as  $T \rightarrow 0$ ,  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , so

$$k \ln \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{g_2}{g_1} \right) e^{-x} \right] \rightarrow k \ln(1) = 0.$$

and

$$\frac{x}{1 + \left( \frac{g_1}{g_2} \right) e^x} \rightarrow \left( \frac{\infty}{\infty} \right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\left( \frac{g_1}{g_2} \right) e^x} \text{ by L'Hôpital's rule}$$

$$\rightarrow 0.$$

So yes,

$$S \rightarrow k \ln g_1.$$

The Third law doesn't apply to systems with degenerate ground states!