

## Problem 1:

- ② a) first law: energy is conserved  
second law: heat flows only from hot to cold reservoir  
third law: the entropy difference between reversibly connected states vanishes as  $T \rightarrow 0$ .
- ② b) The entropy is maximized in thermodynamic equilibrium.
- c) A thermodynamic phase transition is a non-analyticity in the Gibbs free energy of a system. At a first order phase transition the first derivative of  $G$  is not continuous. At a continuous phase transition all first derivatives of  $G$  are continuous.
- ② d) If  $N(E)$  is the number of microscopic states  $S = k_B \ln N(E)$  is the entropy of the corresponding macroscopic state
- e) If  $N(E)$  is the number of states with energy  $E$ , the probability for state  $i$  with energy  $E_i$  in the microcanonical ensemble at energy  $E$  is

$$\gamma_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{N(E)} & E_i = E \\ 0 & E_i \neq E \end{cases} \quad \text{①}$$

It corresponds to a closed and adiabatically isolated system. ①

## Problem 2

$$a) H(\vec{r}^N) \leq E \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i^2}{2mE} + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{0,i})^2}{2E/m\omega^2} \leq 1$$

$\Rightarrow H(\vec{r}^N) \leq E$  describes a  $6N$  dimensional ellipsoid with  $3N$  axis  $\sqrt{2mE}$  and  $3N$  axis of length  $\sqrt{2E/m\omega^2}$  (2)

$$b) \Omega(E, N) = \Omega_{CN} (2mE)^{\frac{3N}{2}} \left(\frac{2E}{m\omega^2}\right)^{\frac{3N}{2}} = \frac{\pi^{3N}}{3N! \Gamma(3N)} (2mE)^{\frac{3N}{2}} \left(\frac{2E}{m\omega^2}\right)^{\frac{3N}{2}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2\pi E}{\omega}\right)^{3N} \frac{1}{(3N)!} \quad (1)$$

$$S = k_B \ln \frac{\Omega(E, N)}{C_N} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{oscillators} \\ \text{distinguishable}}}{=} k_B \ln \left[ \left(\frac{2\pi E}{\omega}\right)^{3N} \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \frac{1}{(3N)!} \right]$$

$$\approx 3N k_B \ln \frac{2\pi E}{h\omega} - k_B 3N \ln(3N) + 3N k_B$$

$$= 3N k_B \left[ 1 + \ln \frac{E}{3N h \omega} \right] \quad (2)$$

c) QM result from lecture:  $E = h\omega M + \frac{3}{2} N h\omega$

$$S = k_B (3N + M) \ln(3N + M) - k_B M \ln M - k_B 3N \ln(3N)$$

$$= k_B \left( 3N + \frac{E - \frac{3}{2} N h\omega}{h\omega} \right) \ln \left( 3N + \frac{E - \frac{3}{2} N h\omega}{h\omega} \right) - k_B \frac{E - \frac{3}{2} N h\omega}{h\omega} \ln \frac{E - \frac{3}{2} N h\omega}{h\omega} - k_B 3N \ln(3N)$$

$$= 3N k_B \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{E - \frac{3}{2} N h\omega}{3N h\omega} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( 3N + \frac{E - \frac{3}{2} N h\omega}{h\omega} \right) + \left( 1 + \frac{E - \frac{3}{2} N h\omega}{3N h\omega} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{E}{3N h\omega} \right) - \left( \frac{E}{3N h\omega} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln 3N - \left( \frac{E}{3N h\omega} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( \frac{E}{3N h\omega} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \ln(3N) \right]$$

$$= 3N k_B \left[ \left( \frac{E}{3N h\omega} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{E}{3N h\omega} \right) - \left( \frac{E}{3N h\omega} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( \frac{E}{3N h\omega} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$$

If the number of quanta is large compared to the number of oscillators, i.e.,  $\frac{E}{3Nk_B} \gg \frac{1}{2}$

also accept  $k_B T \gg h\nu$

$$S \approx 3Nk_B \left[ \left( \frac{E}{3Nk_B} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \frac{E}{3Nk_B} + \left( \frac{E}{3Nk_B} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( 1 + \frac{3Nk_B}{2E} \right) \right. \\ \left. - \left( \frac{E}{3Nk_B} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \frac{E}{3Nk_B} - \left( \frac{E}{3Nk_B} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( 1 - \frac{3Nk_B}{2E} \right) \right]$$

$$\approx 3Nk_B \left[ \ln \frac{E}{3Nk_B} + \left( \frac{E}{3Nk_B} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{3Nk_B}{2E} + \left( \frac{E}{3Nk_B} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{3Nk_B}{2E} \right]$$

$$= 3Nk_B \left[ 1 + \ln \frac{E}{3Nk_B} \right] \quad (3)$$

d) If the oscillators were indistinguishable we have to use  $C_N = N! h^N$

$$\text{Then } S \approx 3Nk_B \left[ 1 + \ln \frac{E}{3Nk_B} \right] - Nk_B \ln N + k_B N$$

$$= Nk_B \left[ 4 + \ln \left( \frac{E}{3Nk_B} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right] \quad (1)$$

This is not an extensive quantity. (1)

### Problem 3:

a)  $E = m \epsilon \Rightarrow m$  right angle turns and  $N - m$  straight

① There are  $\binom{N}{m}$  ways to arrange the  $m$  turns.

Each right angle turn can go in two directions

$$\Rightarrow N(E) = \binom{N}{E/\epsilon} 2^{E/\epsilon} \quad \text{①}$$

$$b) S \text{ ① } k_B \ln N(E) = k_B \ln \binom{N}{E/\epsilon} 2^{E/\epsilon} \approx k_B \frac{E}{\epsilon} \ln 2 + N k_B \ln N - (N - \frac{E}{\epsilon}) k_B \ln (N - \frac{E}{\epsilon}) - \frac{E}{\epsilon} k_B \ln \frac{E}{\epsilon}$$

$$= k_B N \left[ \frac{E}{N\epsilon} \ln 2 + \ln N - (1 - \frac{E}{N\epsilon}) \ln (1 - \frac{E}{N\epsilon}) - (1 - \frac{E}{N\epsilon}) \ln N - \frac{E}{N\epsilon} \ln \frac{E}{N\epsilon} - \frac{E}{N\epsilon} k_B \ln N \right]$$

$$= k_B N \left[ \frac{E}{N\epsilon} \ln 2 - \frac{E}{N\epsilon} \ln \frac{E}{N\epsilon} - (1 - \frac{E}{N\epsilon}) \ln (1 - \frac{E}{N\epsilon}) \right] \quad \text{①}$$

$$c) \frac{1}{T} \text{ ① } \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right)_N = \frac{k_B}{\epsilon} \left[ \ln 2 - \ln \frac{E}{N\epsilon} + \ln (1 - \frac{E}{N\epsilon}) + 1 \right] \quad \text{①}$$

$$d) \frac{\epsilon}{k_B T} = \beta \epsilon = \ln \frac{2 - 2 \frac{E}{N\epsilon}}{E/N\epsilon}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\beta \epsilon} = \frac{2 - 2 \frac{E}{N\epsilon}}{E/N\epsilon} \Rightarrow \frac{E}{N\epsilon} (e^{\beta \epsilon} + 2) = 2 \Rightarrow E = \frac{2N\epsilon}{2 + e^{\beta \epsilon}} \quad \text{②}$$

$$e) C_N \text{ ① } \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \right)_N = \left( \frac{\partial \frac{1}{\beta}}{\partial \beta} \right)_N \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial \beta} \right)_N = + \frac{1}{k_B T^2} \frac{2N\epsilon}{(2 + e^{\beta \epsilon})^2} e^{\beta \epsilon}$$

$$= N k_B (\beta \epsilon)^2 \frac{2 e^{\beta \epsilon}}{(2 + e^{\beta \epsilon})^2} \quad \text{①}$$