

Quiz 18.1 – Entropy

Name: Key

Question 1

For each process, indicate whether the entropy change for the system is positive or negative:

- $\text{H}_2\text{O(g)} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$ —
- $\text{CO}_2\text{(s)} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2\text{(g)}$ +
- $\text{N}_2\text{(g)} + 3\text{H}_2\text{(g)} \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3\text{(g)}$ —
- $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3\text{(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4\text{(aq)} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4\text{(aq)} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O(l)} + \text{CO}_2\text{(g)}$ +
- $\text{NaC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2\text{(aq)} \rightarrow \text{NaC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2\text{(s)}$ —
- The valve on a pressurized gas tank is opened, and gas comes streaming out +
- A sample is taken out of the freezer and left on the counter for twenty minutes +

Question 2

Use the Boltzmann definition of entropy to find the entropy of each system:

- Tossing a single six-sided die

$$W = 6 \quad S = k_B \ln W = 2.77 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

- Tossing two six-sided dice (consider the dice to be distinguishable)

$$W = 6 \cdot 6 = 36 \quad S = 4.95 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

- A 0.0100 g diamond is cooled to near absolute zero. The only excited state accessible at this temperature is a nuclear spin state, which each carbon atom having an equal probability of being in the excited or ground state (consider the carbon atoms to be distinguishable)

$$W = 2^n \quad \frac{0.0100 \text{ g} / 12.01 \text{ g/mol}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 5.012 \cdot 10^{-20} \quad S = k_B \ln (2^{5.012 \cdot 10^{20}})$$

$$S = 5.012 \cdot 10^{20} k_B \ln(2) = 0.00780 \text{ J/K}$$

- 4 He atoms are placed in a chamber with two halves. Each atom has equal probability to be in either half of the chamber (consider the He atoms to be indistinguishable)

$$W = \frac{2^4}{4!} = 5 \quad S = 2.22 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

- 4 different gas particles are placed in a chamber with two halves. Each atom has equal probability to be in either half of the chamber (consider the particles to be distinguishable)

$$W = 2^4 = 16 \quad S = 3.83 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$