Lecture 8

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Consider two isolated systems, A and B. Total microscopic states of the entire system C = A + B is

$$\Omega_C(q) = \sum_{q_A'=0}^q \Omega_A(q_A') \Omega_B(q - q_B')$$

Now consider two systems 1 and 2 with the same energy $\frac{E}{2}$. Then if energy Δ is transferred from 1 to 2,

$$P(\Delta) = \frac{\Omega_1 \left(\frac{E}{2} - \Delta\right) \Omega_2 \left(\frac{E}{2} + \Delta\right)}{\Omega_{1+2}(E)}$$

The most likely value of Δ is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Delta} \left(\Omega_1 \left(\frac{E}{2} - \Delta \right) \Omega_2 \left(\frac{E}{2} + \Delta \right) \right) = 0$$

$$-\frac{\partial \Omega_1 \left(\frac{E}{2} - \Delta \right)}{\partial \left(\frac{E}{2} - \Delta \right)} \Omega_2 \left(\frac{E}{2} + \Delta \right) + \Omega_1 \left(\frac{E}{2} - \Delta \right) \frac{\partial \Omega_2 \left(\frac{E}{2} + \Delta \right)}{\partial \left(\frac{E}{2} + \Delta \right)} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\Omega_1 \left(\frac{E}{2} - \Delta \right)} \frac{\partial \Omega_1 \left(\frac{E}{2} - \Delta \right)}{\partial \left(\frac{E}{2} - \Delta \right)} = \frac{1}{\Omega_2 \left(\frac{E}{2} + \Delta \right)} \frac{\partial \Omega_2 \left(\frac{E}{2} + \Delta \right)}{\partial \left(\frac{E}{2} + \Delta \right)}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \left(\frac{E}{2} - \Delta \right)} \left(k \ln \Omega_1 \left(\frac{E}{2} - \Delta \right) \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \left(\frac{E}{2} + \Delta \right)} \left(k \ln \Omega_2 \left(\frac{E}{2} + \Delta \right) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial E_1'} k \ln \Omega_1 (E_1') = \frac{\partial}{\partial E_2'} k \ln \Omega_2 (E_2')$$

Where E_1' and E_2' are defined as shown. Now we define tempterature as

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{\partial}{\partial E} (k \ln \Omega(E))_{N,V}$$

Definition 1.1. Entropy is defined as

$$S(E, N, V) = k \ln \Omega(E, N, V)$$

Now $S \ge 0$ since $\Omega \ge 1$.

Definition 1.2. Temperature is defined as

$$\frac{1}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial S(E, N, V)}{\partial E}\right)_{N, V}$$

2 Einstein Solids

Recall

$$\Omega(N,q) = \frac{(N-1+q)!}{(N-1)q!} \approx \frac{(N+q)!}{N!q!}$$

Taking the log,

$$\ln \Omega(N, q) = \ln(N + q)! - \ln N! - \ln q!$$

We use Stirling's approximation, with $N >> 1, \frac{q}{N} >> 1$.