

Entropy From Partition Fns

- For simplicity consider the two state system again, though the results easily generalize.

We counted the number of configurations for N independent systems, with N_0 systems in the ground state and N_1 systems in the excited state, we found (slide)

$$\ln \Omega = \ln \frac{N!}{N_0! N_1!} \approx - \sum_{i=0}^1 N_i \ln \frac{N_i}{N}$$

The probability is $P_i = N_i / N$ to be in the i -th state. The number of configurations is then

↖ grows linearly with N

$$\ln \Omega = -N \sum_i P_i \ln P_i$$

- Each independent subsystem that is added increases $\ln \Omega$ by a constant amount on average

$$S = k \ln \Omega = N S_1$$

Where

↖ S_1 is defined as the entropy per site. Also called S_{sys} .

$$\frac{S_1}{k} \equiv -\langle \ln P_i \rangle = -\sum_i P_i \ln P_i$$

Now the prob to be in state - i is

$$P_i = \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}}{Z}$$

$$-\ln P_i = \beta \epsilon_i + \ln Z$$

So

$$S_i = - \left\langle \ln P_i \right\rangle = \left\langle \beta \epsilon_i + \ln Z \right\rangle$$

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★ $S_i = \beta U_i + \ln Z$, where $U_i = \langle \epsilon \rangle$ is the average energy of the system

This gives a way to determine the entropy of a independent system: Find $\ln Z$ and find the mean energy $U_i = - \partial \ln Z / \partial \beta$.

• The fundamental result is written in a couple of other ways -- take your pick:

(1) $\ln Z = -\beta F$

(2) $F = -kT \ln Z$

(3) $Z = e^{-\beta F}$

$$F \equiv U - TS$$

Free Energy

Ex1 : Two State Again

- Pick a site (see slide), the remaining sites form a bath at temperature T . The sites partition function and energy are:

$$\varepsilon = \Delta \quad \text{---}$$

$$\varepsilon = 0 \quad \text{---} \bullet$$

$$Z = 1 + e^{-\beta\Delta}$$

$$\ln Z = \ln(1 + e^{-\beta\Delta})$$

$$U_1 = \langle \varepsilon \rangle = \frac{\Delta e^{-\beta\Delta}}{1 + e^{-\beta\Delta}}$$

- Then the entropy from a single site is

$$\frac{S_1}{k} = \frac{\beta\Delta e^{-\beta\Delta}}{1 + e^{-\beta\Delta}} + \ln(1 + e^{-\beta\Delta})$$

This is graphed below

- (1) This is shown in the following graph. In the low T limit all atoms are in the ground state

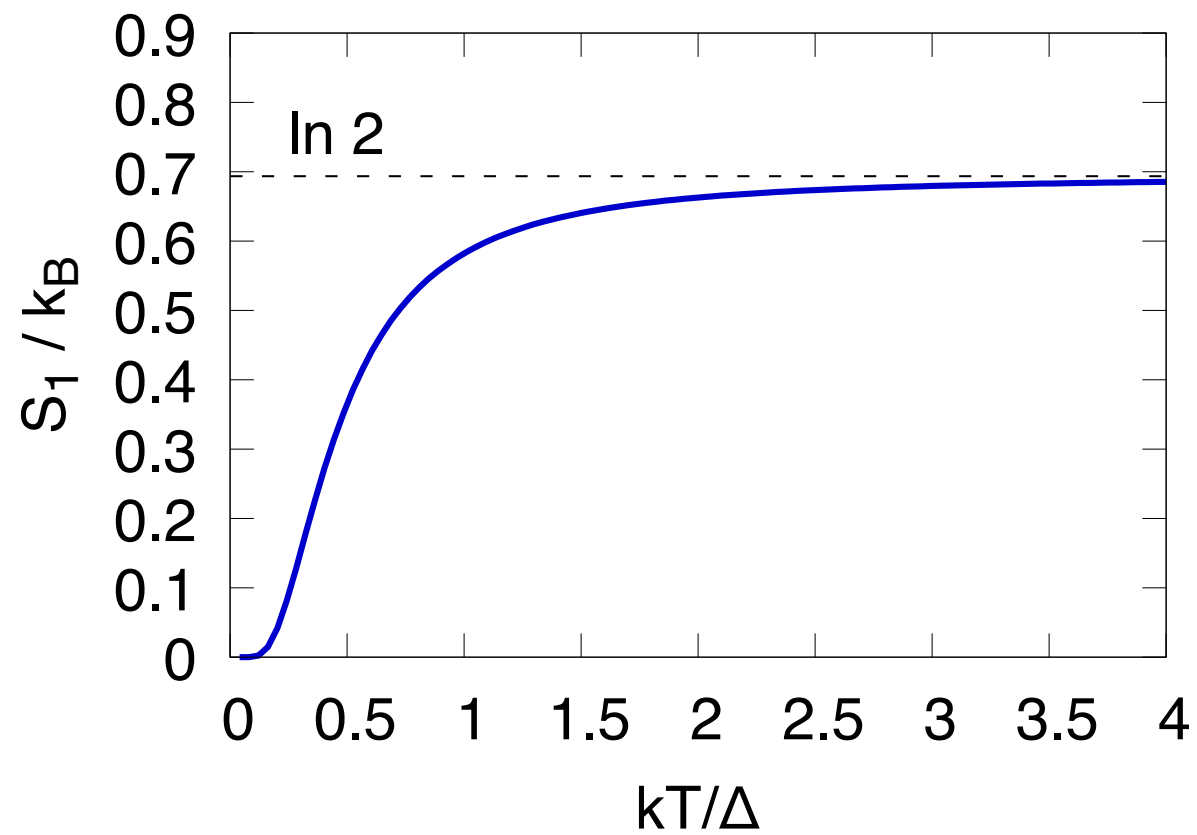


The additional system does not increase

$$\Omega = 1. \text{ And so } S_1 = 0$$

- (2) In the opposite limit each atom can be in either state, since $k_B T \gg \Delta$, without penalty

Entropy of Two State System



The number of states $2^N = \Omega$. Each additional atom gives on average a factor of 2 more states. So in this limit

$$\frac{S}{k} = \ln \Omega = N \ln 2 = N S_1$$

and we expect S_1 to approach $\ln 2$. This is what is seen in the graph.

- Mathematically at high Temperature $\beta \Delta \rightarrow 0$ and $e^{\beta \Delta} \rightarrow 1$ so

$$S_1 \rightarrow 0 + \ln(1+1) = \ln 2$$