

statemech: liouville-von Neumann proof that entropy is constant in time

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$$\mathbf{1} \quad i\hbar \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = [H, \rho]$$

using this to show that $\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = 0$

$$S = -k \operatorname{tr}(\rho \ln(\rho))$$
$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = -k \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \ln(\rho)\right) + \rho \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

for a system to have a constant energy H commutes with ρ which means $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = 0 \tag{1}$$