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### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1. The SI and the defining constants

The Boltzmann constant k is a proportionality constant between the quantities temperature (with unit kelvin) and energy (with unit joule), whereby the numerical value is obtained from historical specifications of the temperature scale. The temperature of a system scales with the thermal energy, but not necessarily with the internal energy of a system. In statistical physics the Boltzmann constant connects the entropy *S* with the number  $\Omega$  of quantum-mechanically accessible states,

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