

Notes for today:

❖ Homework 2 to present 2 problems: #1 and 4

I need 2 volunteers!

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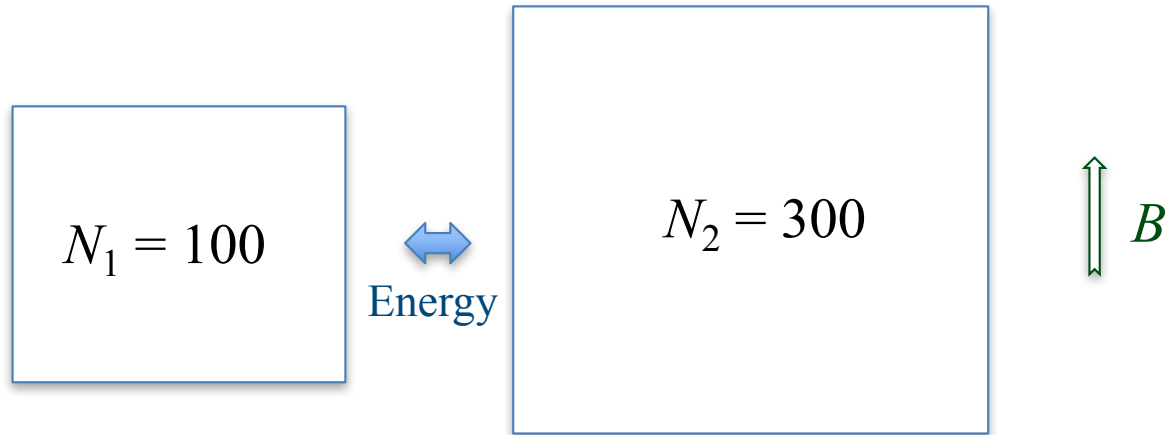
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Vibrational energy flows as heat between connected systems until this condition achieved
(irreversible spontaneous process)

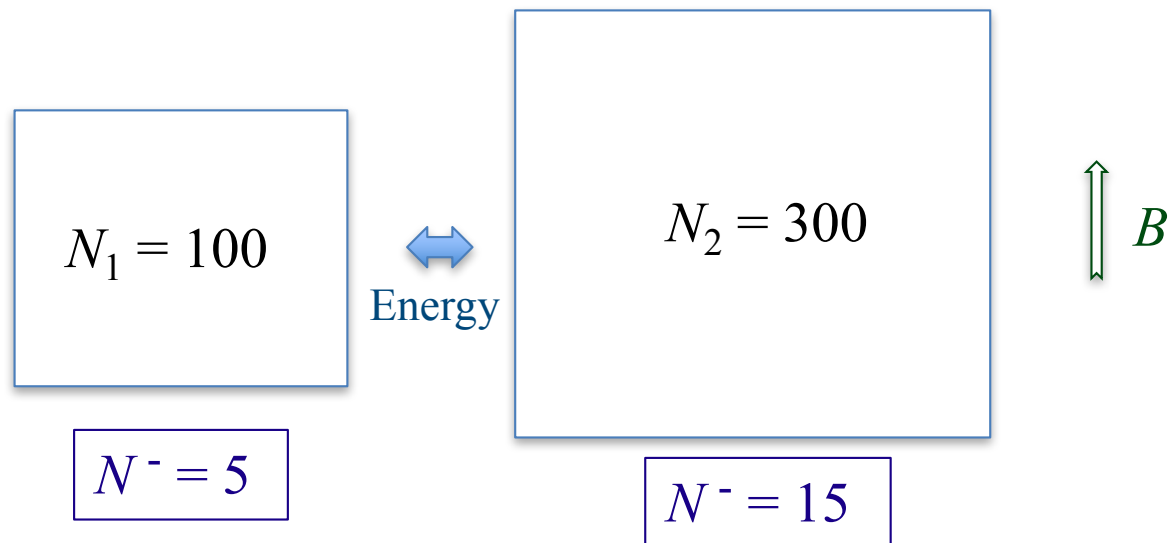


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peak value based on maximum multiplicity (e.g. not same amount of energy each side)

$$\text{In[1]:= } N \left[\frac{100! \times 300!}{5! \times 95! \times 15! \times 285!} \right] \quad \leftarrow$$

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$$\text{In[2]:= } N \left[\frac{100! \times 300!}{4! \times 96! \times 16! \times 284!} \right]$$

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$$\text{In[3]:= } N \left[\frac{100! \times 300!}{6! \times 94! \times 14! \times 286!} \right]$$

Out[3]:= 4.80648×10^{32}

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Probabilities important when considering distribution of possible energies (Boltzmann distribution, see later)

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RMS width $\propto \sqrt{N}$

4th moment can treat in similar way: find ratio of 2nd and 4th moments identical for binomial, Gaussian distribution.

Entropy define:

$$S \equiv k_B \ln(\Omega)$$

- ❖ Quantity maximized in spontaneous processes
- ❖ State function for system in equilibrium
- ❖ Rough measure of “disorder”
e.g. paramagnet case
- ❖ Extensive property: can see from definition.

Recall:

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Or, Spontaneous processes have $\Delta S \geq 0$ (total for all interacting systems)

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- & can define,

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial U}$$

$T_1 = T_2$
Equilibrium condition

