

Answers to problem set 5

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5.12

- a) $\frac{S}{k_B} = \ln(N!) - \ln\left(\frac{N}{2} + \frac{L}{2d}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{N}{2} - \frac{L}{2d}\right)$
- b) $F = -T \frac{\partial S_{\text{bath}}}{\partial L} = T \frac{\partial S_{\text{band}}}{\partial L}$
- c) $K = \frac{k_B T}{Nd^2}$
- d) The stiffness increases and the band contracts. One can argue this in detail from $\left. \frac{\partial L}{\partial T} \right|_F$.
- e) FFTFTT

5.13

- a) $S_{\text{sorted}} = 0$, $S_{\text{random}} = \frac{\ln(52!)}{\ln 2} \approx 226$
- b) $S_{\text{shuffle}} = 52$
- c) 52 shuffles leave the ordering unchanged, namely the 52 ways to cut the deck in “halves” (53 if you allow one of the “halves” to be empty).
- d) 5. The discrepancy with the exercise introduction arises as ignoring overlaps between riffles becomes a crude approximation.

5.14

- a) $S_{\text{max}} = 8000$
- b) $\Delta S_{\text{Shannon}} = -4$ bits. You need 6 characters to encode the 12 messages.

5.15

- a) $S_{\text{letter}} = \frac{3}{2}$
- b) –
- c) The maximum entropy per bit is 1, so you need at least S_{Shannon} bits to send entropy S_{Shannon} . On average you need $\frac{3}{2}$ bits per letter in the A'bç! channel.
- d) $A \rightarrow 10$, $B \rightarrow 11$, $C \rightarrow 0$.

6.2

a)

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \begin{cases} e^{-(E_2-E_1)\beta} & T \rightarrow 0 \\ 0 & T \rightarrow \infty \\ 1 & T \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} Z(\beta) &= e^{-E_1\beta} + e^{-E_2\beta} \\ \rho_i &= \frac{e^{-E_i\beta}}{Z} \\ \langle E \rangle &= E_1\rho_1 + E_2\rho_2 \end{aligned}$$

6.3

a) $S_{\text{micro}}(E) = k_B [N \ln N - m \ln m - (N - m) \ln(N - m)]$

b)

$$T = \frac{\varepsilon}{k_B} \frac{1}{\ln(N/m - 1)} = \frac{\varepsilon}{k_B} \left[\ln \left(\frac{N/2 - E/\varepsilon}{N/2 + E/\varepsilon} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

For $E > 0$, $T < 0$.

c) (i)

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{canon}} &= 2 \cosh \left(\frac{\beta\varepsilon}{2} \right) \\ E_{\text{canon}} &= -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \tanh \left(\frac{\beta\varepsilon}{2} \right) \\ S_{\text{canon}} &= -k_B \left[\frac{e^{\beta\varepsilon/2}}{Z} \ln \frac{e^{\beta\varepsilon/2}}{Z} + \frac{e^{-\beta\varepsilon/2}}{Z} \ln \frac{e^{-\beta\varepsilon/2}}{Z} \right] \end{aligned}$$

(ii) –

d) As $T \rightarrow \infty$, $E \rightarrow 0^-$. You cannot get into the regime where $E > 0$.

e)

$$S_N = \begin{cases} NS_1 & T \rightarrow 0 \\ 0 & T \rightarrow 0 \\ Nk_B \ln 2 & T \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

In general the canonical entropy is greater than the microcanonical entropy of the information we have about the state of the system. The micro-canonical ensemble has all states on an energy surface, whereas in the canonical we average over all energy surfaces. For large N the fluctuations away from the mean energy become negligible, and the two ensembles agree.

f)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_E &= \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{N}} [m(N - m)]^{1/2} \\ \frac{\sigma_E}{E} &\rightarrow \frac{2\sqrt{m}}{N} \end{aligned}$$