

# HW #4 solutions

2) Canonical Partition Function:

$$Q_{N_A N_B} = \frac{N_0!}{(N_0 - N_A - N_B) N_A! N_B!} e^{-(\beta N_A \epsilon_A + \beta N_B \epsilon_B)}$$

Grand Canonical Partition function

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \sum_{N_A} \sum_{N_B} \frac{N_0! N_0 - N_A}{N_A! N_B!} e^{\beta \mu_A N_A} e^{\beta \mu_B N_B} Q_{N_A N_B} \\ &= \sum_{N_A} \frac{N_0!}{N_A!} e^{-\beta N_A (\epsilon_A - \mu_A)} \sum_{N_B} \frac{N_0 - N_A}{N_B!} e^{-\beta N_B (\epsilon_B - \mu_B)} \frac{1}{N_B! (N_0 - N_A - N_B)!} \frac{(N_0 - N_A)!}{(N_0 - N_A)!} \\ &= \sum_{N_A} \frac{N_0!}{N_A! (N_0 - N_A)!} e^{-\beta N_A (\epsilon_A - \mu_A)} \left( 1 + e^{-\beta (\epsilon_B - \mu_B)} \right)^{N_0 - N_A} = 1 \\ &= \left( 1 + e^{-\beta (\epsilon_B - \mu_B)} \right)^{N_0} \sum_{N_A} \left( \frac{e^{-\beta (\epsilon_A - \mu_A)}}{1 + e^{-\beta (\epsilon_B - \mu_B)}} \right)^{N_A} \frac{N_0!}{N_A! (N_0 - N_A)!} \\ &= \left( 1 + e^{-\beta (\epsilon_B - \mu_B)} \right)^{N_0} \left( 1 + \frac{e^{-\beta (\epsilon_A - \mu_A)}}{1 + e^{-\beta (\epsilon_B - \mu_B)}} \right)^{N_0} \\ &= \left( 1 + e^{-\beta (\epsilon_A - \mu_A)} + e^{-\beta (\epsilon_B - \mu_B)} \right)^{N_0} \end{aligned}$$

Each site has 3 states + the sites are independent

$$\langle N_A \rangle = N_0 \frac{e^{-\beta(\epsilon_A - \mu_A)}}{1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_A - \mu_A)} + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_B - \mu_B)}}$$

$$\langle N_B \rangle = N_0 \frac{e^{-\beta(\epsilon_B - \mu_B)}}{1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_A - \mu_A)} + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_B - \mu_B)}}$$

for an ideal gas

$$\mu = kT \ln P + f(T)$$

which we can generalize:

$$\mu_A = kT \ln P_A + f_A(T)$$

$$\mu_B = kT \ln P_B + f_B(T)$$

so the fractional coverages are

$$\theta_A = \frac{\langle N_A \rangle}{N_0} = \frac{P_A e^{-\beta(\epsilon_A - f_A(T))}}{1 + P_A e^{-\beta(\epsilon_A - f_A(T))} + P_B e^{-\beta(\epsilon_B - f_B(T))}}$$

$$\theta_B = \frac{\langle N_B \rangle}{N_0} = \frac{P_B e^{-\beta(\epsilon_B - f_B(T))}}{1 + P_A e^{-\beta(\epsilon_A - f_A(T))} + P_B e^{-\beta(\epsilon_B - f_B(T))}}$$

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we can bring  $\sigma_x$  into diagonal form using

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad U^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U \sigma_x U^\dagger = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Alternative: rename axes according to  $z \rightarrow x, y \rightarrow y, x \rightarrow z$   
then we have

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The density operator is given by

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{e^{-\beta H}}{Q} \quad \text{where } H = -\mu_B \sigma_z B = \begin{pmatrix} -\mu_B B & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_B B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-\beta H} &= 1 - \beta \begin{pmatrix} -\mu_B B & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_B B \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\beta^2}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_B^2 B^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_B^2 B^2 \end{pmatrix} + \dots \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{\beta \mu_B B} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\beta \mu_B B} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$Q = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H}) = 2 \cosh(\beta \mu_B B)$$

$$\text{in } z \text{ representation } \rho = \frac{1}{2 \cosh(\beta \mu_B B)} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\beta \mu_B B} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\beta \mu_B B} \end{pmatrix}$$

Now switch to basis where  $\sigma_x$  is diagonal

$$\begin{aligned}
U \rho U^\dagger &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2 \cosh(\beta \mu_B B)} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\beta \mu_B B} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\beta \mu_B B} \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{4 \cosh(\beta \mu_B B)} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\beta \mu_B B} & e^{-\beta \mu_B B} \\ -e^{\beta \mu_B B} & e^{-\beta \mu_B B} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{4 \cosh(\beta \mu_B B)} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cosh(\beta \mu_B B) & -2 \sinh(\beta \mu_B B) \\ -2 \sinh(\beta \mu_B B) & 2 \cosh(\beta \mu_B B) \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\tanh(\beta \mu_B B) \\ -\tanh(\beta \mu_B B) & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \rho' \quad \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \sigma_z \rangle = \text{Tr}(\rho' \sigma_z')$$

$$= \text{Tr}(U \rho U^\dagger U \sigma_z U^\dagger)$$

$$= \text{Tr}(U \rho \sigma_z U^\dagger) \quad U^\dagger U = I$$

$$= \text{Tr}(\rho \sigma_z) \quad \text{cyclic property of trace}$$

same as original representation

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free particles

$$\hat{H} = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{e^{-\beta \hat{H}}}{\text{Tr} e^{-\beta \hat{H}}}$$

introduce complete set of momentum states

$$I = \sum_p |p\rangle \langle p| \quad \leftarrow \text{Identity}$$

$$e^{-\beta \hat{H}} = e^{-\beta \frac{p^2}{2m}} = \sum_p |p\rangle e^{-\beta \frac{p^2}{2m}} \langle p|$$

$$\text{Tr} e^{-\beta \hat{H}} = \sum_{p'} \langle p' | e^{-\beta \hat{H}} | p' \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{p, p'} \langle p' | p \rangle e^{-\beta \frac{p^2}{2m}} \langle p | p' \rangle = \sum_p e^{-\beta \frac{p^2}{2m}} \delta_{pp'}$$

to approximate this sum as integral we need density of  $p$  states

$$p_x = \hbar k_x = \hbar \frac{2\pi \hbar^{-1} n_x}{L} = \frac{\hbar n_x}{L} \quad \leftarrow \text{integer}$$

$$dn_x = \frac{L}{\hbar} dp_x \quad \text{same for } p_y + p_z$$

$$\sum_p e^{-\beta \frac{p^2}{2m}} = \frac{V}{h^3} \int e^{-\beta \frac{p^2}{2m}} d^3 p$$

$$= \frac{V}{h^3} (2m\pi kT)^{3/2}$$

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{\sum_p e^{-\beta \frac{p^2}{2m}} |p\rangle \langle p|}{\frac{V}{h^3} (2m\pi kT)^{3/2}} = \frac{\sum_p e^{-\beta \frac{p^2}{2m}} |p\rangle \langle p|}{\frac{V}{\lambda^3}}$$

$$\langle H \rangle = \text{Tr} \langle \hat{H} \hat{\rho} \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{p, p', p''} \langle p | p' \rangle \frac{p'^2}{2m} \langle p' | p'' \rangle e^{-\beta \frac{p''^2}{2m}} \langle p'' | p \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{V} \int d^3 p \left( \frac{V}{h^3} \right) \frac{p^2}{2m} e^{-\beta \frac{p^2}{2m}} = \frac{1}{V} \frac{V}{h^3} \frac{4\pi}{2m} \int_0^\infty p^4 e^{-\beta \frac{p^2}{2m}} dp$$

$$= \frac{1}{h^3} \frac{4\pi}{2m} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\pi} \frac{3}{4} (2m kT)^{5/2} = \frac{\pi^{3/2}}{(2m kT)^{3/2}} \frac{3}{4m} (2m kT)^{5/2} = \frac{3}{2} kT$$



$$5.3 \text{ (cont)} \quad \langle p | e^{-\beta H} | p' \rangle = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{AA'}} e^{\beta^2/4A} e^{\beta'^2/4A'} \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\pi\hbar \sinh(\beta\hbar\omega)}}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi\hbar}{m\omega} \underbrace{(\tanh(\beta\hbar\omega) \coth(\beta\hbar\omega))}_{=1}^{-1/2} \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\pi\hbar \sinh(\beta\hbar\omega)}} e^{\beta^2/4A + \beta'^2/4A'}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2\pi\hbar}{m\omega \sinh(\beta\hbar\omega)}} \text{Exp} \left[ -\frac{(p'-p)^2}{\hbar^2 2 (2m\omega)} \coth\left(\frac{\beta\hbar\omega}{2}\right) - \frac{(p'+p)^2}{4\hbar m\omega} \tanh\left(\frac{\beta\hbar\omega}{2}\right) \right]$$

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$$K(T) = \frac{N_{O_2}^2}{N_{O_2} N_{N_2}} = \frac{q_{O_2}^2}{q_{O_2} q_{N_2}}$$

where  $q_i$  = single particle partition function

$$q_i = q_{\text{pos}} q_{\text{mom}} q_{\text{elec}} q_{\text{vib}} q_{\text{rot}} q_{\text{nuc}}$$

or  $q_{\text{trans-rot}}$

$$q_{\text{pos}} = V$$

$$q_{\text{mom}} = \frac{1}{\lambda_i^3}$$

$$\lambda_i = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2\pi m_i kT}}$$

$$q_{\text{elec}} = \sum_s e^{-\beta \epsilon_s}$$

=  $e^{-\beta \epsilon_0}$  + excited states  $\rightarrow$  drop  
ground state

$$q_{\text{vib}} = e^{-\beta \hbar \omega_i / 2} \sum_n e^{-\beta \hbar \omega_i n}$$

$$= e^{-\beta \hbar \omega_i / 2}$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta \hbar \omega_i}} = \frac{1}{2 \sinh[\beta \hbar \omega_i / 2]}$$

Hetero-Nuclear molecules

$$q_{\text{rot}} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{(2l+1)}_{\text{m states}} e^{-\beta l(l+1) \hbar^2 / 2I}$$

$I$  = moment of Inertia

classical limit  $kT \gg \frac{\hbar^2}{2I}$

$$q_{\text{rot}} \approx \int (2l+1) e^{-l(l+1) \Theta_i / T} dl$$

$$\Theta_i = \frac{\hbar^2}{2I_i k}$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{T}{\Theta_i} e^{-x} dx = \frac{T}{\Theta_i}$$

$$x = l(l+1) \frac{\Theta_i}{T}$$

$$dx = (2l+1) \frac{\Theta_i}{T} dl$$

For Homonuclear molecules we need to distinguish between even + odd states. But in classical limit

$$q_{\text{even}} = q_{\text{odd}} = \frac{T}{2\Theta_i} \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{ classical result}$$



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Now consider nuclear states. The atomic spins are

$$^{16}\text{O} \quad s=0$$

$$^{14}\text{N} \quad s=1$$

so for  $\text{NO}$ :

$$q_{\text{rot-nuc}} = q_{\text{nuc}} q_{\text{rot}} = 3 \frac{T}{\Theta_{\text{NO}}} \quad \text{no spin degeneracy}$$

$$\text{O}_2: q_{\text{rot-nuc}} = \frac{T}{2\Theta_{\text{O}_2}} \quad \text{only even states}$$

$$\text{N}_2: q_{\text{rot-nuc}} = \frac{6-T}{2\Theta_{\text{N}_2}} + 3 \frac{T}{2\Theta_{\text{N}_2}}$$

symmetric spin state  $\uparrow$  even rotation  $\uparrow$  anti-symmetric spins  $\rightarrow$  odd rotation states  
 $(s_n+1)(2s_n+1) = 2 \times 3$

put it all together

$$q_{\text{NO}} = \frac{V}{\lambda_{\text{NO}}^3} e^{-\beta \epsilon_{\text{NO}}} \frac{1}{2 \sinh[\beta \hbar \omega_{\text{NO}}/2]} \frac{3T}{\Theta_{\text{NO}}}$$

$$q_{\text{O}_2} = \frac{V}{\lambda_{\text{O}_2}^3} e^{-\beta \epsilon_{\text{O}_2}} \frac{1}{2 \sinh[\beta \hbar \omega_{\text{O}_2}/2]} \frac{T}{2\Theta_{\text{O}_2}}$$

$$q_{\text{N}_2} = \frac{V}{\lambda_{\text{N}_2}^3} e^{-\beta \epsilon_{\text{N}_2}} \frac{1}{2 \sinh[\beta \hbar \omega_{\text{N}_2}/2]} \frac{T}{\Theta_{\text{N}_2}} \left[ 3 + \frac{3}{2} \right]$$

$$K = \frac{q_{\text{NO}}^2}{q_{\text{O}_2} q_{\text{N}_2}} = \frac{V^2}{\lambda_{\text{NO}}^6} \left( \frac{3T}{\Theta_{\text{NO}}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{4 \sinh^2[\beta \hbar \omega_{\text{O}_2}/2]} \frac{1}{4 \sinh^2[\beta \hbar \omega_{\text{N}_2}/2]} e^{-\beta \Delta \epsilon_0} \frac{V}{\lambda_{\text{O}_2}^3} \left( \frac{T}{2\Theta_{\text{O}_2}} \right) \frac{V}{\lambda_{\text{N}_2}^3} \left( \frac{T}{\Theta_{\text{N}_2}} \right) \left[ 3 + \frac{3}{2} \right]^2$$

$$\Delta \epsilon_0 = 2\epsilon_{\text{NO}} - \epsilon_{\text{N}_2} - \epsilon_{\text{O}_2}$$

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$$K = \frac{\lambda_{O_2}^3 \lambda_{N_2}^3}{\lambda_{NO}^6} \cdot 4 \frac{\theta_{O_2} \theta_{N_2}}{\theta_{NO}^2} \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\beta \hbar \omega_{O_2}}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{\beta \hbar \omega_{N_2}}{2}\right) e^{-\beta \Delta \epsilon_0}}{\sinh^2\left[\frac{\beta \hbar \omega_{NO}}{2}\right]}$$

$$\frac{m_{NO}^3}{(m_{O_2} m_{N_2})^{3/2}} \frac{I_{NO}^2}{I_{O_2} I_{N_2}}$$

$$K = 4 \frac{m_{NO}^3}{(m_{O_2} m_{N_2})^{3/2}} \frac{I_{NO}^2}{I_{O_2} I_{N_2}} \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\beta \hbar \omega_{O_2}}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{\beta \hbar \omega_{N_2}}{2}\right) e^{-\beta \Delta \epsilon_0}}{\sinh^2\left[\frac{\beta \hbar \omega_{NO}}{2}\right]}$$

low temps  $\beta \hbar \omega \rightarrow \infty$  (but rotation still excited)

$$K = 4 \frac{m_{NO}^3}{(m_{O_2} m_{N_2})^{3/2}} \frac{I_{NO}^2}{I_{O_2} I_{N_2}} e^{\beta \hbar (\omega_{O_2} + \omega_{N_2} - 2\omega_{NO})} e^{-\beta \Delta \epsilon_0}$$

high temps  $\beta \hbar \omega \rightarrow 0$  (but still electronic ground state)

$$K = 4 \frac{m_{NO}^3}{(m_{O_2} m_{N_2})^{3/2}} \frac{I_{NO}^2}{I_{O_2} I_{N_2}} \frac{\omega_{O_2} \omega_{N_2}}{\omega_{NO}^2} e^{-\beta \Delta \epsilon_0}$$