

Chemistry 271, Section 23xx

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Exam II (100 points total)

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You have 53 minutes for this exam.

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Explanations should be concise and clear. I have given you more space than you should need. There is extra space on the last page if you need it.

You will need a calculator for this exam. No other study aids or materials are permitted.

Partial credit will be given, *i.e.*, if you don't know, guess.

Useful Equations:

$$K_a = [\text{H}^+][\text{A}^-]/[\text{HA}]$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log([\text{H}^+])$$

$$K_b = [\text{HA}][\text{HO}^-]/[\text{A}^-]$$

$$K_w = [\text{H}^+][\text{HO}^-]$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log [\text{A}^-]/[\text{HA}]$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{eq}$$

$$R = 0.08206 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}/\text{mole K}$$

$$0^\circ \text{C} = 273.15 \text{ K}$$

$$\ln K_{eq} = -\Delta H^\circ/(RT) + \Delta S^\circ/R$$

$$\Delta S - q/T \geq 0$$

$$R = 8.314 \text{ J}/\text{mole K} = 1.987 \text{ cal}/\text{mole K}$$

$$S = k_B \ln W$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

$$E = \sum n_i \varepsilon_i$$

$$W = N!/(\prod n_i!)$$

$$n_i/n_0 = \exp[-(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_0)/kT]$$

$$N = \sum n_i$$

$$R = N_A k_B$$

$$k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J}/\text{K}$$

$$t' = t - vx/c^2$$

Chemical standard state: 1 M solutes, pure liquids, 1 atm gases

$$K_p = K_c(RT)^{\Delta n}$$

$$P^2/a^3 = 4\pi^2/MG$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Biochemical standard state: pH 7, all species in the ionic form found at pH 7

nano:  $10^{-9}$

pico:  $10^{-12}$

zepto:  $10^{-21}$

Honor Pledge: At the end of the examination time, please write out the following sentence and sign it, or talk to me about it:

“I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this examination.”

+1 point extra credit for filling in this box

**1. (15 pts) Short Answer**

(2 pts each)

Fill in the blanks:

The Boltzmann distribution describes the distribution of \_\_\_\_\_ among \_\_\_\_\_ that is observed in each of the \_\_\_\_\_ that comprise the predominant \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, which is all of the microstates available at a given total \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 pt each)

What is the sign of  $\Delta G$  for any process that occurs spontaneously at constant P, T? \_\_\_\_\_

This a special case of the (circle one) First Law, Second Law, or Third Law of thermodynamics.

The free energy has reached a \_\_\_\_\_ when a system has reached equilibrium.

**2. (15 pts) van't Hoff**

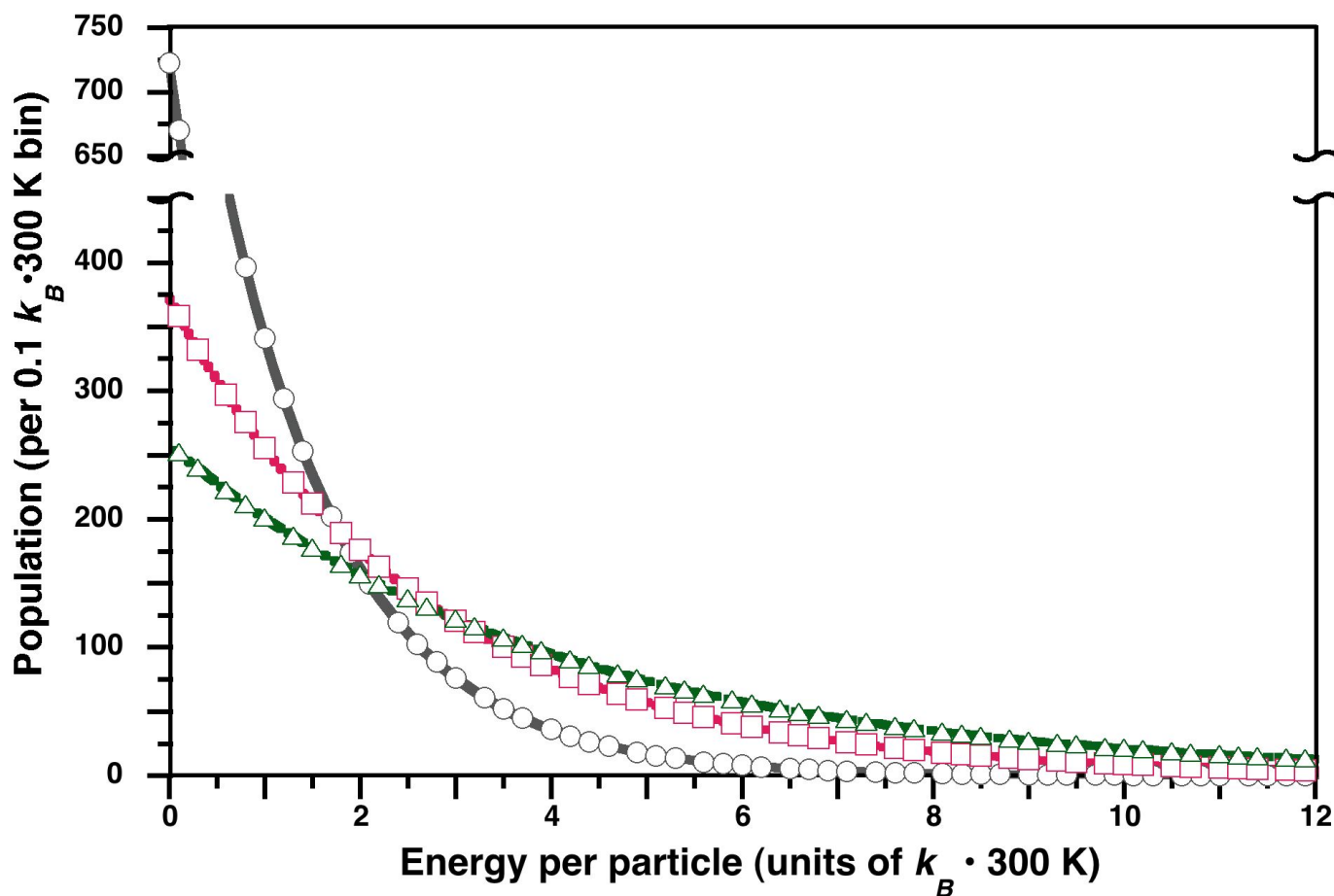
(a; 8 pts) Draw a van't Hoff plot for an exothermic ordering reaction. Label the axes, and show how you would determine  $\Delta H^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$  from the plot. If there is a region where the reaction is spontaneous, label it.

(b; 7 pts) From the van't Hoff equation, show that if you know the equilibrium constant at one temperature  $T_1$ , the equilibrium constant at temperature  $T_2$  is given by the following equation:

$$K_2 = K_1 \times \exp \left[ \left( \frac{\Delta H^\circ}{R} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right) \right]$$

**3. (20 pts) Boltzmann Distribution**

(a; 6 pts) We often speak of “ $kT$ ” as the energy available from thermal motion. What is the population relative to the ground state ( $n_i/n_0$ ) of a state with an energy of  $kT$  above the ground state? What about a state with an energy of  $5 kT$ ?

Boltzmann Distributions at Three Temperatures,  $N = 10000$ 

(b; 6 pts) The temperatures of the three curves are 400, 800, and 1200 K. Indicate which temperature is which on the graph above, and how do you know?

(c; 2 pts) Identify the ground state populations for each distribution on the graph.

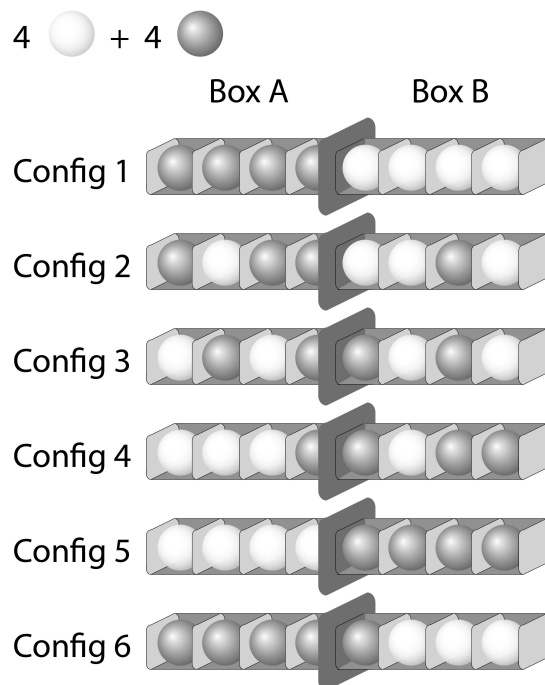
(d; 3 pts) Sketch in the distribution for  $T = 200$  K.

(e; 3 pts) Why are the areas under all four curves the same?

**4. (20 pts) Entropy of Mixing (from Dill and Bromberg)**

Consider four grey and four white balls that are distributed randomly into four slots on each side of a barrier as shown. We can count the number of balls of each color on each side, but we can't tell which boxes they are in.

(a; 12 pts) Calculate the number of microstates  $W$  for each of configurations 1-6, i.e. calculate how many of the microstates that are included in the entire ensemble comprise each configuration. (Hint: you only need to do three independent calculations.)



(b; 3 pts) If we start with 30 of each color, calculate  $W$  for 15:15 mixtures of white and grey on each side

(c, 5 pts) Calculate the entropy change for mixing two pure sets of 30 balls to make the uniform mixture.

**5. (30 pts) Practical Thermodynamics**

(a; 25 pts) The water-gas shift reaction  $[\text{CO} (g) + \text{H}_2\text{O} (g) \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_2 (g) + \text{H}_2 (g)]$  is exothermic, which makes hydrogen production complicated because the syngas reaction that provides the feedstock is done at very high temperature. From the data in the table for 25 °C, calculate  $\Delta H^\circ_{\text{rxn}}$  and  $\Delta S^\circ_{\text{rxn}}$ . Assuming that  $\Delta H^\circ_{\text{rxn}}$  and  $\Delta S^\circ_{\text{rxn}}$  are constant with T, calculate the free energy change  $\Delta G^\circ_{\text{rxn}}$  at 300 °C, the equilibrium constant at 300 °C, and the temperature at which the equilibrium constant is equal to 1.

$\Delta H^\circ_f$ in kJ/mole	$S^\circ$ in J/(mol K)
$\Delta H^\circ_f (\text{CO}) = -110.5$	$S^\circ (\text{CO}) = 197.7$
$\Delta H^\circ_f (\text{CO}_2) = -393.5$	$S^\circ (\text{CO}_2) = 213.6$
$\Delta H^\circ_f (\text{H}_2) = 0$	$S^\circ (\text{H}_2) = 130.6$
$\Delta H^\circ_f (\text{H}_2\text{O}, g) = -241.8$	$S^\circ (\text{H}_2\text{O}, g) = 188.8$
$\Delta H^\circ_f (\text{CH}_4) = -74.8$	$S^\circ (\text{CH}_4) = 186.2$
$\Delta H^\circ_f (\text{C}, \text{graphite}) = 0$	$S^\circ (\text{C}, \text{graphite}) = 5.7$
$\Delta H^\circ_f (\text{O}_2) = 0$	$S^\circ (\text{O}_2) = 205$

(b; 5 pts) Why is choosing the temperature at which to carry out an exothermic reaction often a balancing act? Name another reaction that poses the same challenge.

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