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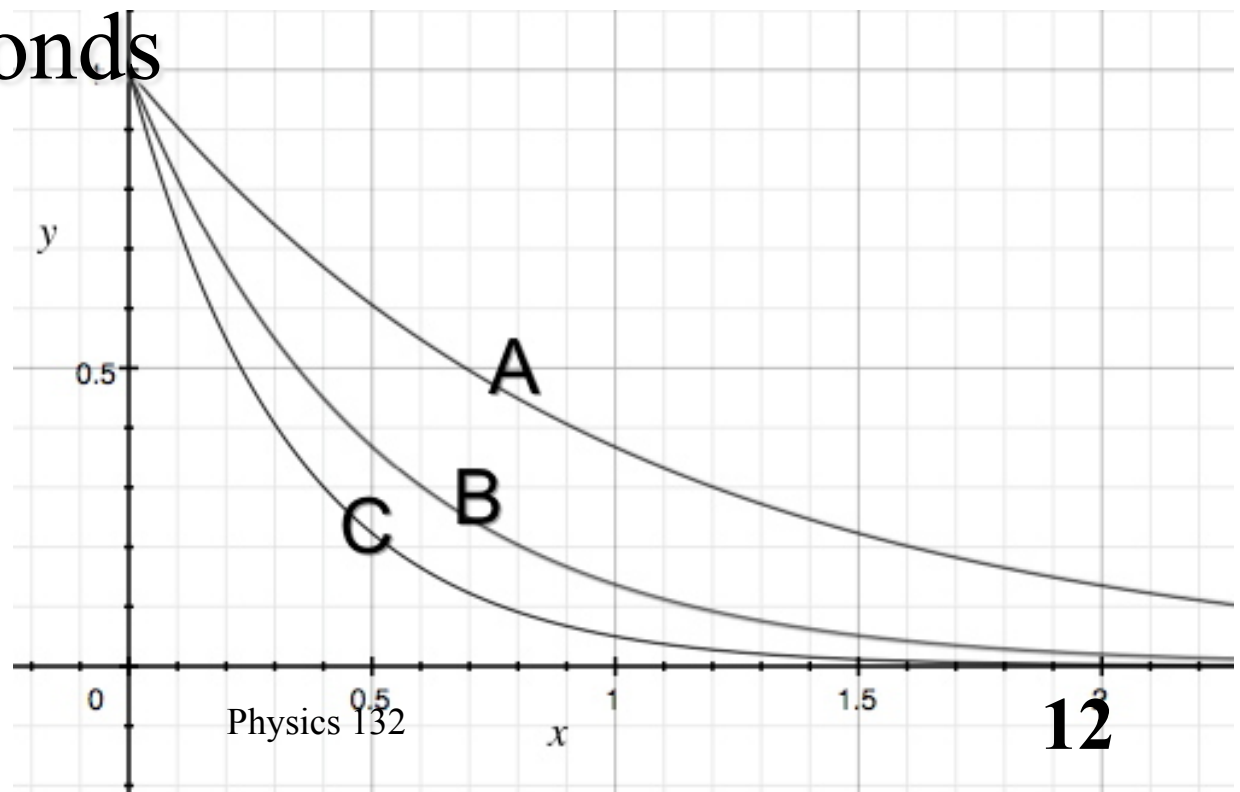
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The Boltzmann factor,  $e^{-\frac{\Delta E}{k_B T}}$ , is proportional to the probability that a DoF will gain an energy  $\Delta E$  from its interaction with a thermal bath.

Which of the graphs of these **exponential factors** corresponds to the highest value of  $T$ ?





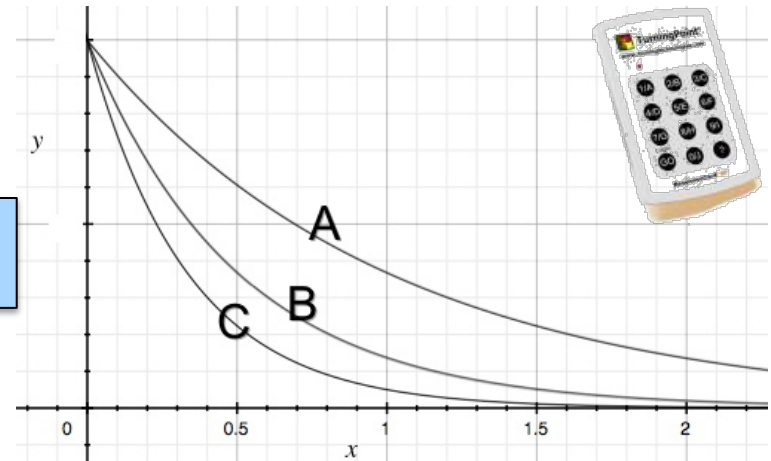
In the Boltzmann factor,  $e^{-\frac{\Delta E}{k_B T}}$ ,  
the dependence on "T" tells you that:

1. Higher-energy states are only possible above a certain temperature
2. Higher-energy states are only possible below a certain temperature
3. Higher-energy states become more probable as the temperature increases
4. Higher-energy states become more probable as the temperature decreases
5. None of these

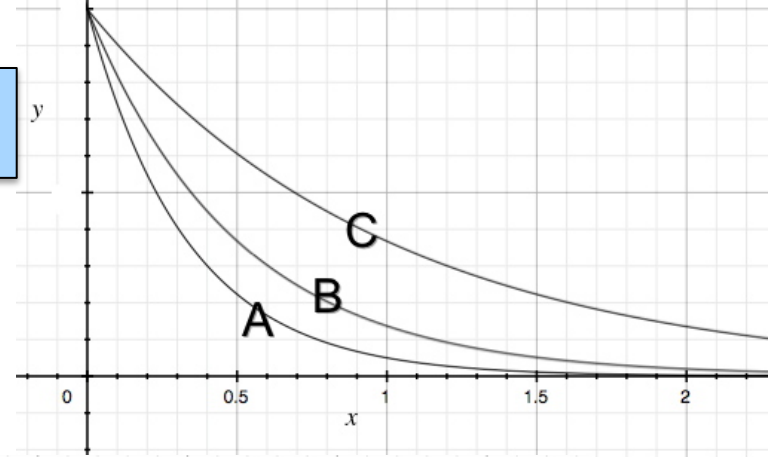
One of the sets of graphs shows the **probability** that a DoF will gain an energy  $\Delta E$  from its interaction with three different thermal baths:  $T_A > T_B > T_C$ . Which?



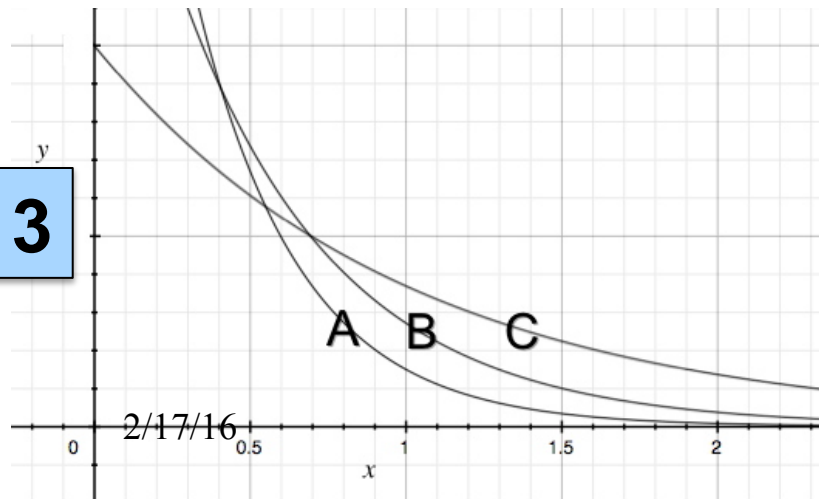
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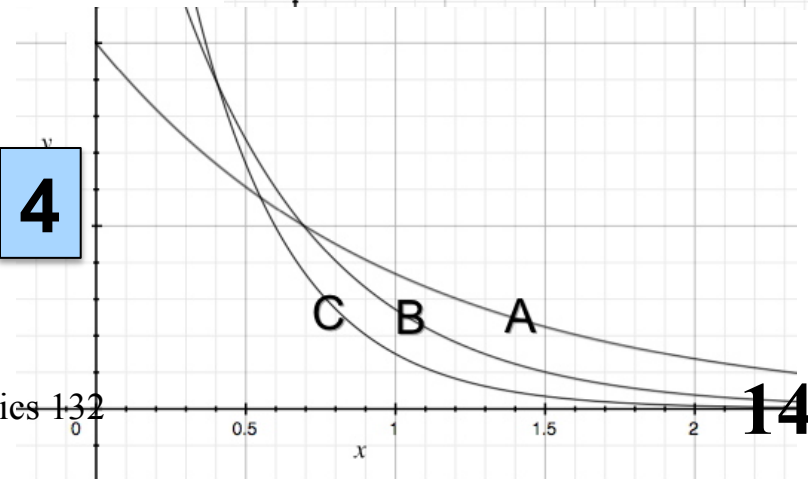
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The probability that a DoF gains an energy  $\Delta E$  from its interaction with a thermal bath at temperature  $T$  is

where  $P_0(T)$  is a (temperature dependent) normalization factor.

$$P(\Delta E, T) = P_0(T) e^{-\frac{\Delta E}{k_B T}}$$

Which of the following statements are true?

- A. Low energy gains are more probable at high  $T$ .
- B. Low energy gains are more probable at low  $T$ .
- C. High energy gains are more probable at high  $T$ .
- D. High energy gains are more probable at low  $T$ .



A gas of molecules at room temperature interacts with the potential shown below. Each molecule can be in the state  $E_1$  or  $E_2$ . If the gas is at STP and  $E_1 - E_2 = 25$  meV, then at equilibrium, the number of molecules found in the state  $E_1$  divided by the number of molecules found in the state  $E_2$  will be

1. About 1
2. About 1/3
3. About 3
4. Much, much larger than 1
5. Much, much smaller than 1
6. Cannot be determined from the information given.

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