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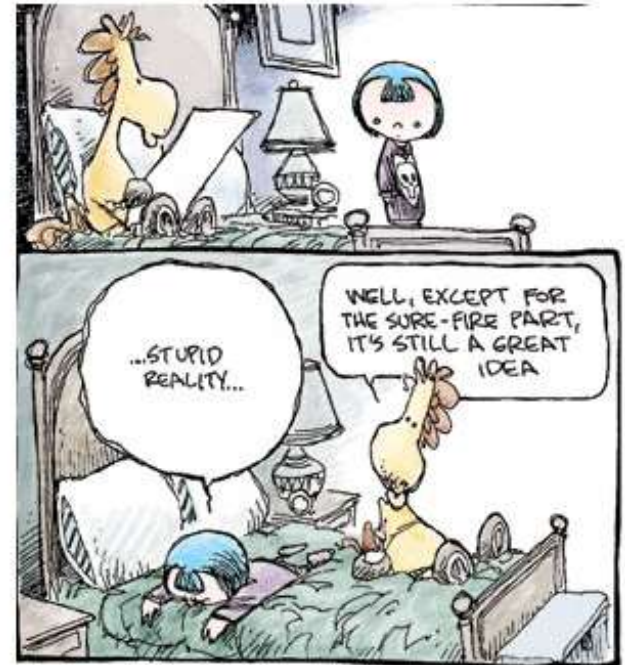
Physics 132

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■ Theme Music: Jerry Lee Lewis

Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On

■ Cartoon:
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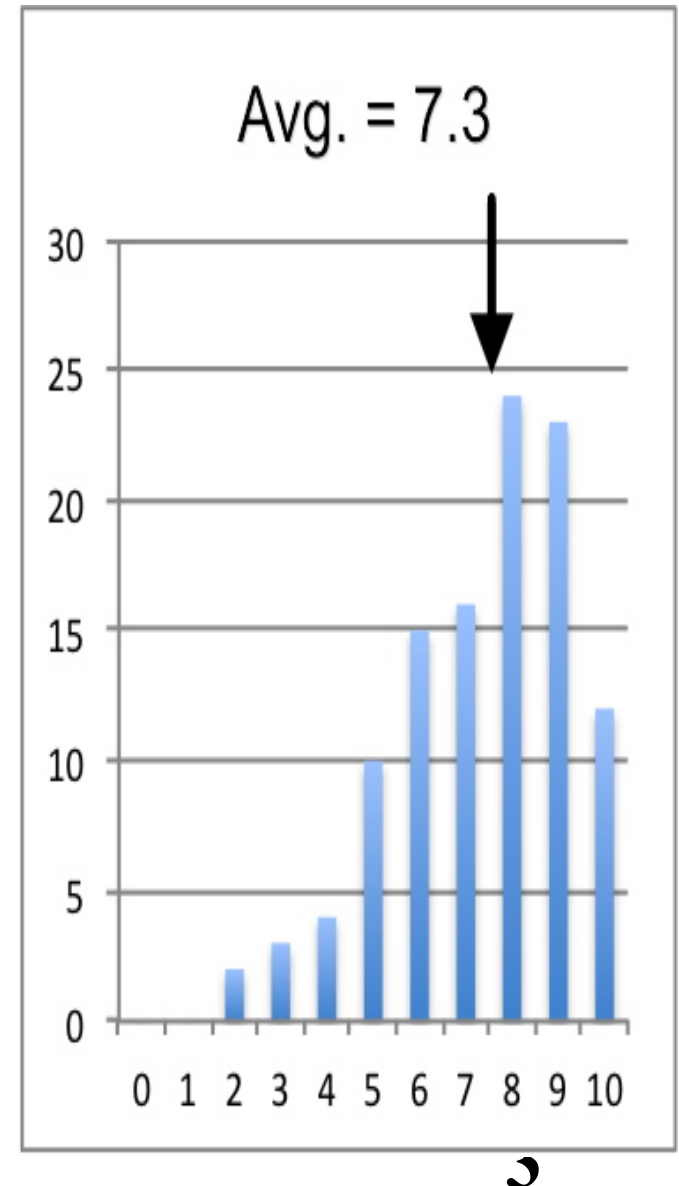


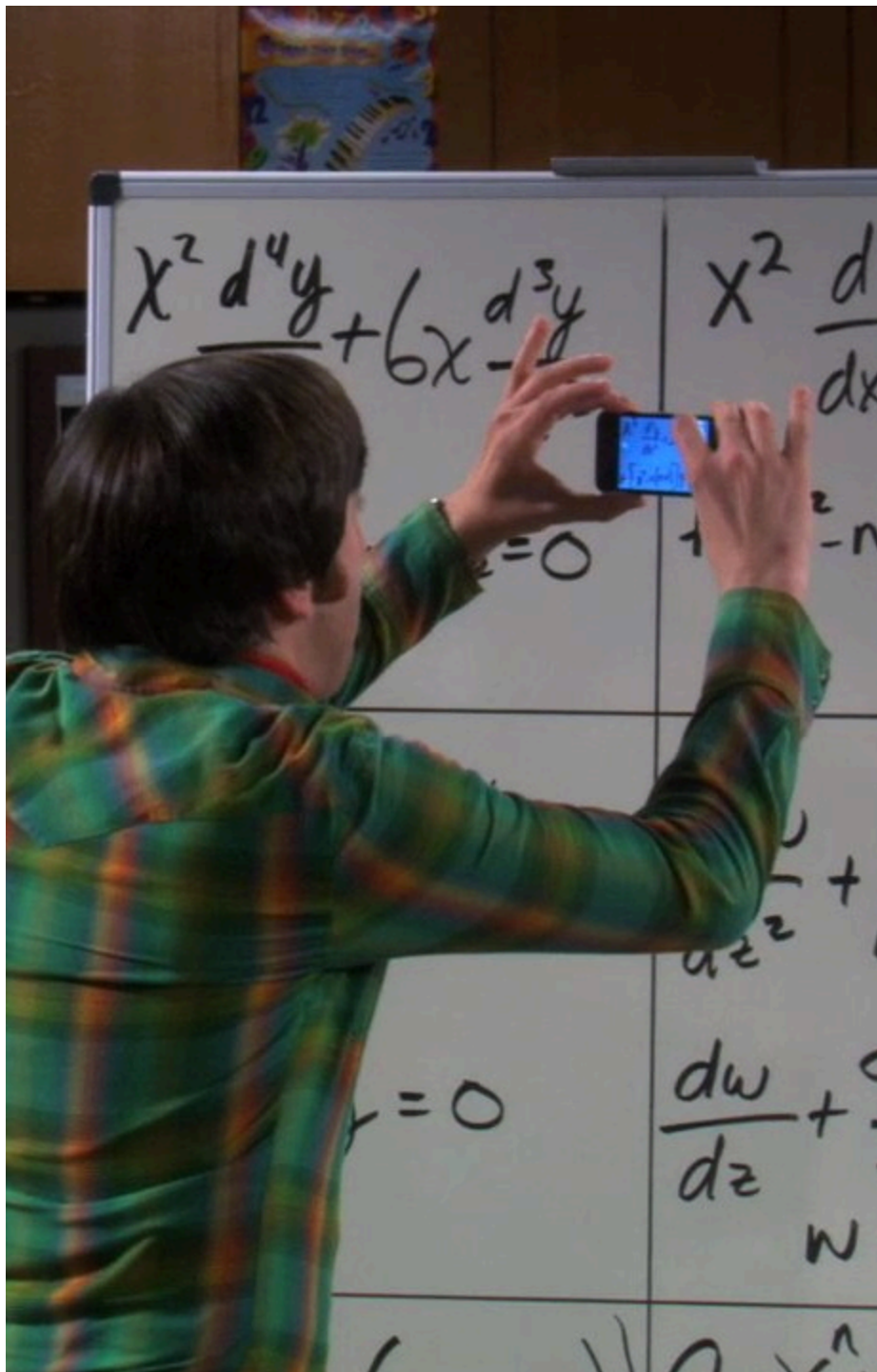
Quiz 2

	1.1	1.2	2.1		2.2A	2.2B	2.2C
A	28%	13%	80%	n	78%	69%	4%
B	71%	6%	14%	p	22%	30%	96%
C	0%	76%	9%				
D	2%	5%	96%				

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The Equation of the Day

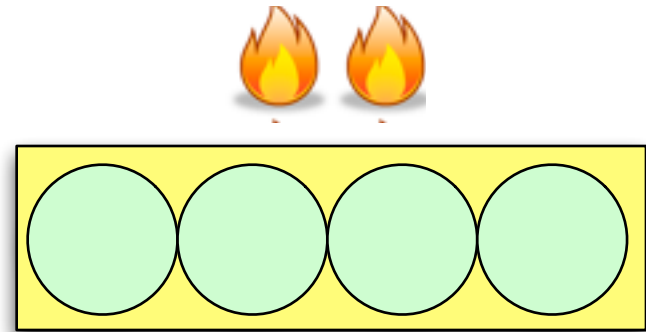
Combinitoric counting

$$C_{N,M} = \frac{N!}{(N-M)!M!}$$

Suppose I have a block of matter with 4 two-state “Degrees of Freedom” (bins in which to place energy that can only hold 1 energy packet).



I have 2 packets of thermal energy.
How many ways are there
to distribute 2 packets?
(i.e., *How many microstates
are there?*)



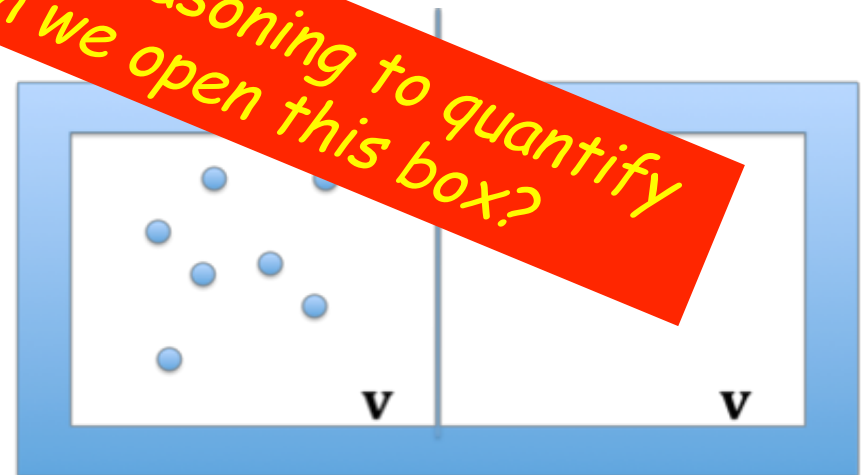


Suppose an isolated box of volume $2V$ is divided into two equal compartments. An ideal gas occupies half of the container and the other half is empty.

When the partition separating the two halves of the box is removed and the system reaches equilibrium again, how does the entropy of the gas compare to the entropy of the system?

Can we use the same kind of reasoning to quantify the change in entropy when we open this box?

1. The entropy increases
2. The entropy decreases
3. The entropy stays the same
4. There is not enough information to determine the answer



Doubling the size of the box

- Consider each side of the box as being broken into M small volumes. We can put a molecule into one of these volumes in M different ways.
- So to put N particles into the box we can put them in in $M \times M \times M \dots \times M$ (N times) different ways. $W_1 = M^N$.
- If we have 2 boxes we can put them each into the bigger box in $2M$ different ways.
- So to put N particles into the double box, $W_2 = (2M)^N = 2^N M^N = 2^N W_1$
- What does this say about the change in entropy when the size of the box is doubled?

Foothold ideas: Exponents and logarithms



- Power law: $f(x) = x^2$ $g(x) = Ax^7$
a variable raised to a fixed power.

- Exponential: $f(x) = e^x$ $g(N) = 2^N$ $h(z) = 10^z$
a fixed constant raised to a variable power.

- Logarithm: the inverse
of the exponential.

$$x = e^{\ln(x)} \quad x = \ln(e^x)$$

$$y = 10^{\log(y)} \quad y = \log(10^y)$$

$$\log(2) = 0.3010$$

$$\log(e) = 0.4343$$

$$2^N = (10^{0.3010})^N \approx 10^{0.3N}$$

$$e^x = (10^{0.4343})^x \approx 10^{0.4x}$$

$$2^N = B$$

$$N \log 2 = \log B \Rightarrow N = \frac{\log B}{\log 2}$$

Logs convert multiplying to adding!