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■ **Theme Music:** Jake Shimabukuro

*Shake it up*

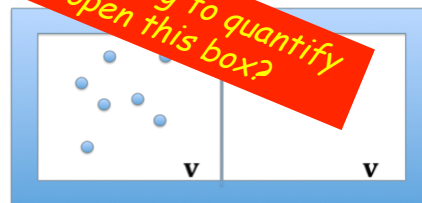
■ **Cartoon:** Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker

*Justin*



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?

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



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## Foothold ideas: Exponents and logarithms



Logs convert multiplying to adding!

- 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.

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

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

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$$\begin{aligned} \log(2) &= 0.3010 \\ \log(e) &= 0.4343 \\ 2^N &= (10^{0.3010})^N \approx 10^{0.3N} \\ e^x &= (10^{0.4343})^x \approx 10^{0.4x} \\ 2^N &= B \\ N \log 2 &= \log B \Rightarrow N = \frac{\log B}{\log 2} \end{aligned}$$

## Doubling the size of the box

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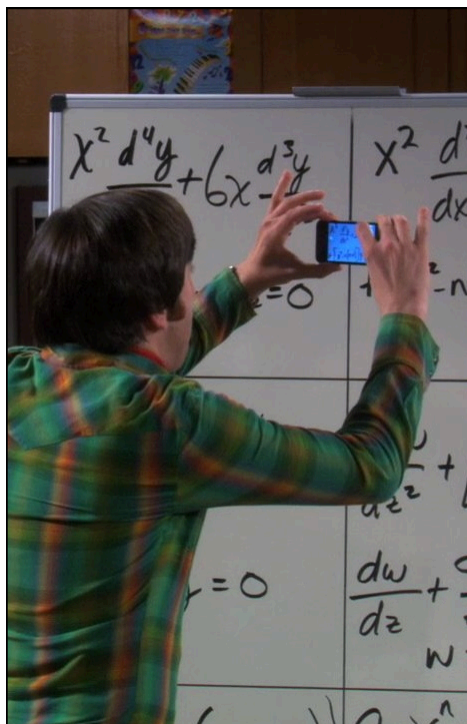
## Doing the calculation: Doubling the size of the box

- $W_1 = M^N$
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- What does this say about the change in entropy when the size of the box is doubled?
- $S_1 = k_B \ln W_1$
- $S_2 = k_B \ln W_2 = k_B (N \ln 2 + \ln W_1) = k_B N \ln 2 + S_1$

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*The Equation of the Day*

Gibbs Free Energy


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

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Foothold ideas:

The Second Law of Thermodynamics



- Systems spontaneously move toward the thermodynamic (macro)state that correspond to the largest possible number of particle arrangements (microstates).
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> law is probabilistic. Systems show fluctuations – violations that get proportionately smaller as N gets large.
- Systems that are not in thermodynamic equilibrium will spontaneously transform so as to increase the entropy.
  - The entropy of any particular system can decrease as long as the entropy of the rest of the universe increases more.
- The universe tends towards states of increasing chaos and uniformity. (Is this contradictory?)

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## Conclusion

- If energy packets are randomly fluctuating through all DoFs with equal probability, then each microstate will be equally probable.
- Some macrostates (distributions of energy between blocks of the system) are more likely.
- Thermal energy is more likely to flow from a hot object to a cold object than vice versa – and the more DoFs there are, the stronger this tendency will be.

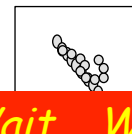
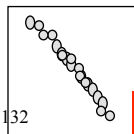
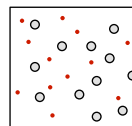
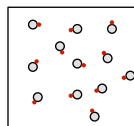
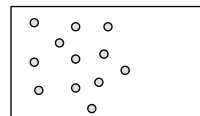
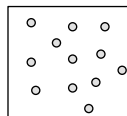
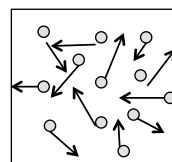
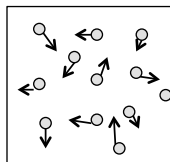
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## Ways to increase entropy

- Add energy
- Add volume
- Dissociate molecules
- Curl up a linear molecule



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**Wait... What?!**

## Conditions on a spontaneous change due to energy exchange

- Consider some **system** spontaneously transforming by exchanging some energy,  $\Delta U_{sys} = Q$ , with its **environment**.

Two conditions must be met:

- First law:  $\Delta U_{sys} + \Delta U_{env} = 0$

- Second law:  $\Delta S_{sys} + \Delta S_{env} \geq 0$

- Entropy-energy relation:  $\Delta S_{env} = \frac{\Delta U_{env}}{T} = -\frac{\Delta U_{sys}}{T}$

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These let us express the condition on the change of entropy of the universe in terms of the system alone.

$$\Delta S_{env} = -\frac{\Delta U_{sys}}{T}$$

$$\Delta S_{sys} + \Delta S_{env} = \Delta S_{sys} - \frac{\Delta U_{sys}}{T} \geq 0$$

$$T \Delta S_{sys} - \Delta U_{sys} \geq 0$$

$$\Delta F \equiv \Delta U_{sys} - T \Delta S_{sys} \leq 0$$

If we are operating at constant pressure, we want to use enthalpy,  $\Delta H$ , instead of internal energy,  $\Delta U$ . This yields Gibbs FE ( $G$ ) instead of Helmholtz FE ( $F$ ).

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## Foothold ideas: Transforming energy



- Internal energy:  $\Delta U$   
thermal plus chemical
- Enthalpy:  $\Delta H = \Delta U + p\Delta V$   
internal plus amount needed  
to make space at constant  $p$
- Gibbs free energy:  $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$   
enthalpy minus amount associated with raising entropy  
of the rest of the universe due to energy dumped
- A (constant pressure) process will go spontaneously  
if  $\Delta G < 0$  (rolling down the free energy hill).

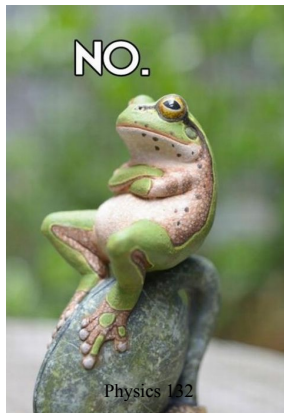
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## Reading question

- Is Gibbs free energy conserved like all other energy?



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