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Implications for population of E levels at variable T

if $E_j \ll kT$, $\frac{E_j}{kT} \rightarrow 0$, E_j is populated.

$E_j \sim kT$: $\frac{E_j}{kT} \sim 1$, populated.

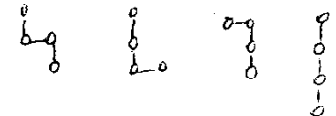
$E_j \gg kT$, $\frac{E_j}{kT} \rightarrow \infty$ not significantly populated.

kT has energy dimension, be sure to use the same units.

k : $\frac{J}{K}$, $\frac{kcal}{K}$. $1 \text{ cal} = 4.184 \text{ J}$

So far, assumed 1 E level = 1 microstate

density of states

(ex)  isoeNERgetic degenerate

in partition function, "sum" should go over all microstates.

$W(E_l) \equiv$ # of microscopic states corresponding to a given energy level.

equivalently $Q = \sum_{l=1}^{l_{\max}} W(E_l) e^{-\beta E_l}$ l : energy level.

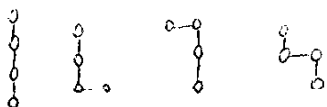
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$$P_i = \frac{w(E_i) e^{-\beta E_i}}{Q}$$

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$$l=1, E_1=0, w_1=1$$



$$l=2, E_2=\epsilon_0, w_2=4$$

$$Q = 1 + 4 \cdot e^{-\beta \epsilon_0}$$

low T regime: $T \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow Q = 1$

high T regime: $T \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow Q = 5$

at low T: $P_c = \frac{1}{Q} = 1$ folded state

$P_o = 0$ open

at high T: $P_c = \frac{1}{5}$ 20% folded

$P_o = \frac{4}{5}$ 80% unfolded

