

Problem Set 3

1. In general:  $\langle E \rangle = k_B T^2 \left( \frac{\partial \ln Q}{\partial T} \right)_{N,V}$

$$C_V = \left( \frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial T} \right)_V$$

For VdW gas:

$$\ln Q = -\ln N! + \frac{3N}{2} \ln \left( \frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2} \right) + N \ln (V - Nb) + \frac{aN^2}{V k_B T}$$

Only a few terms survive differentiation

$$\frac{\partial \ln Q}{\partial T} = \frac{3N}{2} \left( \frac{h^2}{2\pi m k_B T} \right) \left( \frac{2\pi m k_B}{h^2} \right) + - \frac{aN^2}{V k_B T^2}$$

$$k_B T^2 \frac{\partial \ln Q}{\partial T} = \frac{3N}{2} \left( \frac{k_B T^2}{T} \right) - \frac{aN^2}{V k_B T^2} (k_B T^2)$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{3N k_B T}{2} - \frac{aN^2}{V} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{ideal gas portion} & \text{excluded volume portion} \end{matrix}$$

$$C_V = \frac{3N k_B}{2} \quad \leftarrow \text{same as ideal gas!}$$

2. Einstein crystal =  $3N$  non-interacting Harmonic oscillators



only interactions are with their own lattice locations, not with each other

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^{3N} \hbar \omega (n_i + \frac{1}{2}) \quad \leftarrow n_i = \text{quantum state of oscillator } i$$

2 continued):

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{ho} &= \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta h\nu(v+\frac{1}{2})} \\
 &= \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} [e^{-\beta h\nu v} e^{-\beta h\nu/2}] \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{term depends on } v \\ \text{constant term} \\ \text{(no } v \text{ dependence)} \end{array} \\
 &= e^{-\beta h\nu/2} \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta h\nu v} \\
 &= e^{-\beta h\nu/2} \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} x^v \quad \text{where } x = e^{-\beta h\nu} \\
 &= e^{-\beta h\nu/2} \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right) \\
 &= e^{-\beta h\nu/2} \left( \frac{1}{1-e^{-\beta h\nu}} \right) \\
 q_{ho} &= \frac{e^{-\beta h\nu/2}}{1-e^{-\beta h\nu}} \quad \text{Q.E.D.}
 \end{aligned}$$

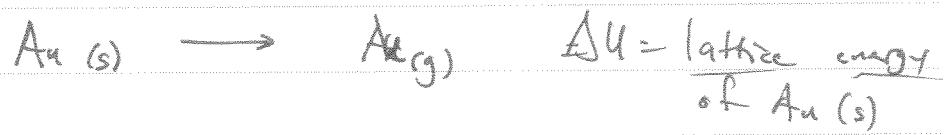
If we have  $3N$  (distinguishable) oscillators

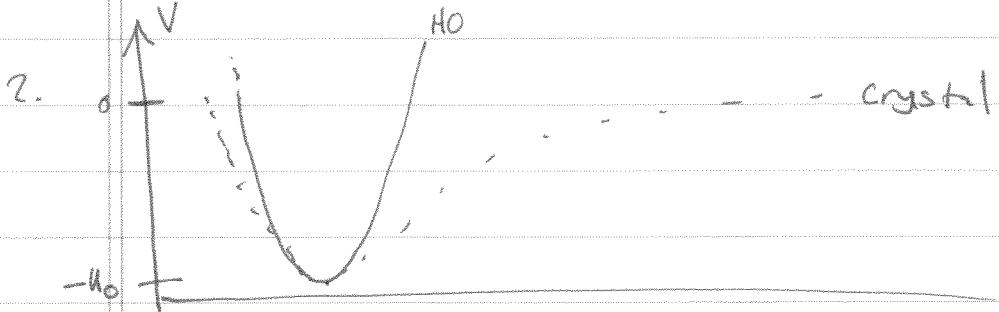
$$Q = (q_{ho})^{3N} = \left( \frac{e^{-\beta h\nu/2}}{1-e^{-\beta h\nu}} \right)^{3N}$$

Now, the harmonic oscillator has an equilibrium position which has energy = 0, i.e.:  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}k(x-x_0)^2$

When  $x=x_0$ ,  $V(x)=0$

In a crystal this is the lattice energy relative to the infinitely separated atoms:





So if we re-zero to  $-h_0$  this shifts all the energies, and all the boltzmann factors by  $e^{-\beta h_0}$

$$Q = e^{\beta h_0} \left( \frac{e^{-\beta h\nu/k}}{1 - e^{-\beta h\nu}} \right)^{3N}$$

QED.

3.

$$f_0 = \frac{P_0}{Q} = \frac{e^{-\beta h\nu(0 + \frac{1}{2})}}{\left( \frac{e^{-\beta h\nu/k}}{1 - e^{-\beta h\nu}} \right)} \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow & \text{Boltzmann factor} \\ \text{for } V=0 & \end{matrix}$$

$$f_0 = e^{-\beta h\nu/k} \left( \frac{1 - e^{-\beta h\nu}}{e^{-\beta h\nu/k}} \right)$$

$$f_0 = 1 - e^{-\beta h\nu} = 1 - e^{-h\nu/c_{\text{ST}}} \quad \text{QED.}$$

for  $N_2 \quad \tilde{\nu} = 2330 \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad \leftarrow \tilde{\nu} \text{ is in wavenumbers}$

$c$  speed of light

$$\nu = 2330 \text{ cm}^{-1} \cdot 3.0 \times 10^{10} \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\nu = 6.99 \times 10^{13} \frac{1}{\text{s}}$$

$$\Theta_{\text{vib}} = \frac{\hbar\nu}{k_B} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}{1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}} \frac{6.99 \times 10^{13} \frac{1}{\text{s}}}{\text{K}}$$

$$= 3354 \text{ K}$$

$f_0 = 1 - e^{-\Theta_{\text{vib}}/T}$	:	300K :	$f_0 = 0.999986$
		600K :	$f_0 = 0.99626$
		1000K :	$f_0 = 0.9651$

$$4. \quad \text{HCl:} \quad \tilde{\nu} = 2886 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\gamma = 2886 \text{ cm}^{-1} \times 3.0 \times 10^{10} \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}}$$

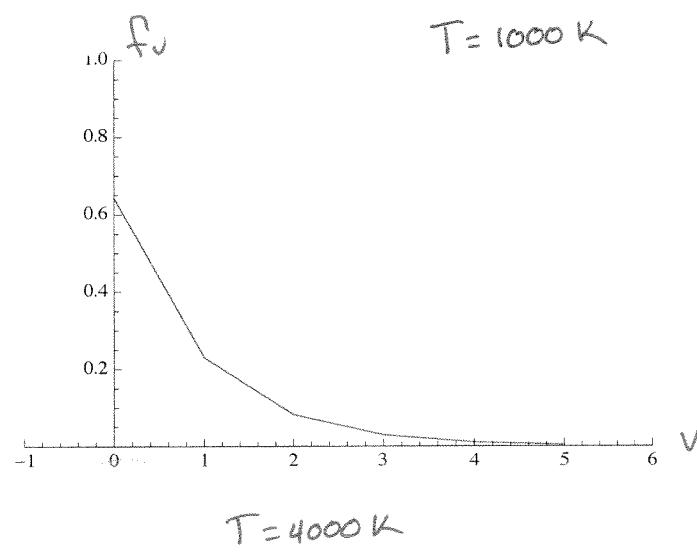
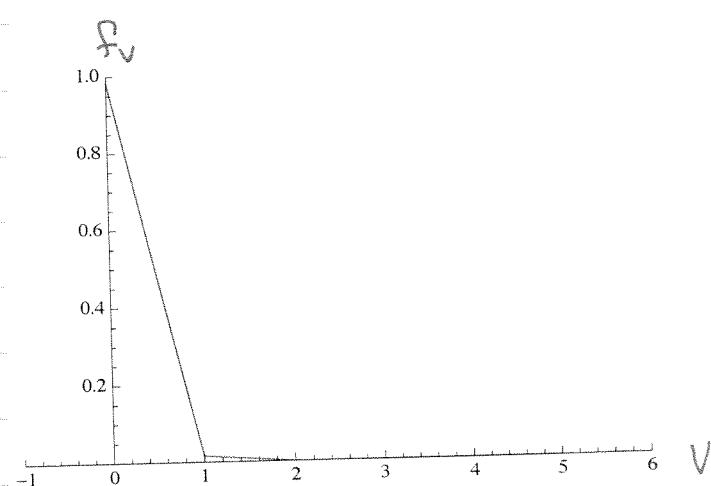
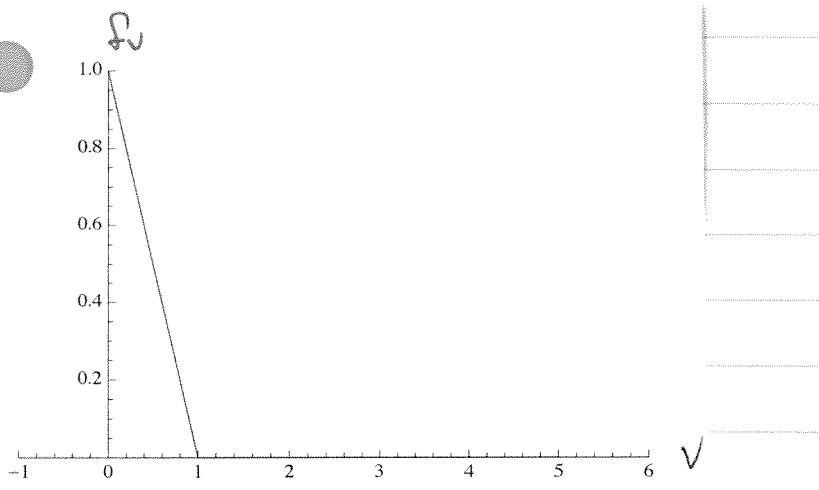
$$\nu = 8.58 \times 10^{13} \frac{1}{\text{s}}$$

$$\Theta_{\text{vib}} = \frac{h\nu}{k_B} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} \times 8.58 \times 10^{13} \frac{1}{\text{s}}}{1.381 \times 10^{-23} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}}}$$

$$\Theta_{\text{vib}} = 4118 \text{ K}$$

$$f_i = e^{-\beta h\nu(v_i + \frac{1}{2})} \left( \frac{1 - e^{-\beta h\nu}}{e^{-\beta h\nu/2}} \right)$$

$$f_i = e^{-\Theta_{\text{vib}} v_i / T} (1 - e^{-\Theta_{\text{vib}} / T}) \quad \leftarrow \text{this is the formula we use:}$$



$$5) T_{tr} = \frac{\hbar^2 Z\pi}{M L^2 k_B}$$

The translational partition function in 1D is

$$q_{tr}(V, T) = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi m k_B T}{\hbar^2}} L$$

if we rearrange this by putting  $L$  into the  $\sqrt{ }$  and using  $\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$

$$q_{tr}(V, T) = \sqrt{\frac{m k_B T L^2}{2\pi \hbar^2}}$$

$$q_{tr}(V, T) = \sqrt{\frac{T}{T_{tr}}}$$

$T_{tr}$  is a way of understanding the temperature at which the number of states becomes significantly populated

That  $\Rightarrow$  if  $T \ll T_{tr}$ ,  $q$  is small & only the ground state is populated

if  $T \gg T_{tr}$   $q$  is large & many states are populated.

$$\text{In this case: } M = 20.1797 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}} \times \frac{1}{6.022 \times 10^{23} \frac{1}{\text{mol}}} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1000 \text{ g}}$$

$$T_{tr} = \frac{(1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s})^2 (2) (\pi)}{3.35 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg} (10^{-3} \text{ m})^2 1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}}$$

$$T_{tr} = 1.5116 \times 10^{-13} \text{ K}$$

pretty darned low,  
so many states will be  
populated at room temp.

Now, on to the error estimate:

5 (continued): 1-D PF:

$$q(L, T) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\beta n h^2 / 8mL^2} dn \quad \leftarrow \text{we solve the integral expression to get}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2}} L \quad \leftarrow$$

The real partition function

$$q_{\text{trans}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\beta n h^2 / 8mL^2}$$

was the series, so the difference is the Euler-Mac series!

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-bn^2}$$

where

$$b = \frac{\beta h^2}{8mL^2}$$

$$\frac{dq}{dn} = -2bne^{-bn^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2q}{dn^2} = -2be^{-bn^2} + 4b^2n^2e^{-bn^2}$$

$$\frac{d^3q}{dn^3} = 4b^2ne^{-bn^2} - 8b^3n^3e^{-bn^2}$$

So Euler-Mac says:

$$q_{\text{trans}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-bn^2} \approx \int_0^{\infty} e^{-bn^2} dn + \frac{1}{2} e^{-b} - \frac{1}{12} (-2b e^{-b}) + \frac{1}{720} (4b^2 e^{-b} - 8b^3 e^{-b})$$

$\swarrow$  This is our  $q_{\text{trans}}$

$$q_{\text{trans}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi m L^2 k_B T}{h^2}} + \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} b + \frac{1}{180} b^2 - \frac{1}{90} b^3 \right) e^{-b}$$

To  $1^{\text{st}}$  order in  $b$ , this is

$$q_{\text{trans}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi m L^2 k_B T}{h^2}} + \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{h^2}{48mL^2k_B T} + O(b^2) \right] e^{-h^2/8mL^2k_B T}$$

$\swarrow$  The "real"  $q_{\text{trans}}$

$\swarrow$  what we use

The error to  $(1^{\text{st}})$  order in  $b$ ,  $\Delta q_{\text{trans}}$

The error will be significant when

$$\frac{\Delta q_{\text{trans}}(\text{real})}{q_{\text{trans}}(\text{approx})} > 10^{-3} \text{ or so}$$

So; when  $\frac{\left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{h^2}{48mL^2k_B T} \right] e^{-h^2/8mL^2k_B T}}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2}}} > 10^{-3}$

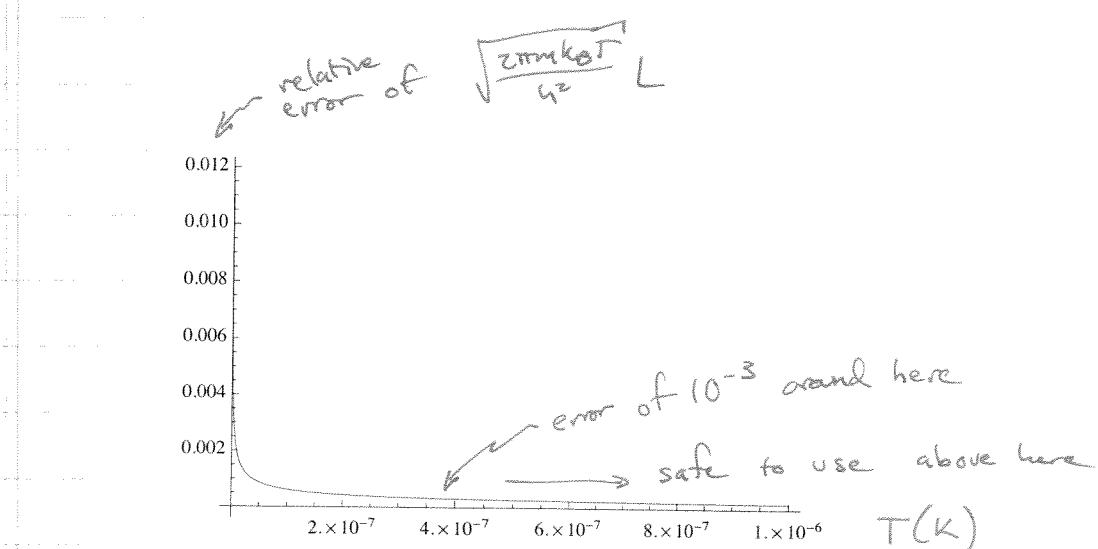
Using Mathematica, the temperature at which this happens for Neon is:

$$3.78 \times 10^{-8} \text{ K} \leftarrow \text{very low!}$$

So, for any lab-relevant temperature, the integral approximation that gave us

$$q_{\text{trans}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2}} L \text{ is valid!}$$

Here's a plot of the error of this integral approximation vs. temperature



6.a) A harmonic oscillator has frequency  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  where the potential is  $V(r) = \frac{1}{2}k(r - r_e)^2$ . To find the frequency, we need only take the second derivative:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = k(r - r_e)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} = k = m\omega^2$$

Additionally, the angular frequency,  $\omega$ , is related to the frequency by a factor of  $2\pi$ :

$$\omega = 2\pi\nu$$

Therefore

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2}\right)_{r=r_e} = m 4\pi^2 \nu^2$$

for equivalent harmonic frequency  
the reduced mass

second derivative taken at equilibrium bond length

For the Morse oscillator

$$U(r) = D_e (1 - e^{-b(r-r_e)})^2$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial r} = 2D_e (1 - e^{-b(r-r_e)})(be^{-b(r-r_e)})$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial r^2} = 2D_e [(be^{-b(r-r_e)})^2 - (1 - e^{-b(r-r_e)}) b^2 e^{-b(r-r_e)}]$$

When  $r = r_e$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial r^2}\right)_{r=r_e} = 2D_e [b^2 - (0)b^2] = 2D_e b^2$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial r^2}\right)_{r=r_e} = 2D_e b^2 = m 4\pi^2 \nu^2$$

$$b^2 = \frac{m 4\pi^2 \nu^2}{2D_e}$$

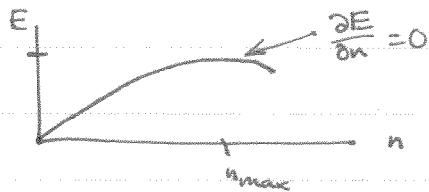
or  $b = \sqrt{\frac{m 2\pi^2}{D_e}} \nu$

6 b)

$$\bar{\omega} = 4320 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\nu = 4320 \text{ cm}^{-1} \times 2.99 \times 10^{10} \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}} = \boxed{1.29 \times 10^{14} \frac{1}{\text{s}}} = \nu$$

$n_{\max}$  is the highest energy before  $E$  vs.  $n$  turns over



$$\text{or: } \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial n} \right)_{n=n_{\max}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial n} = h\nu - x_e h\nu 2(n + \frac{1}{2}) = 0$$

$$2x_e h\nu (n + \frac{1}{2}) = h\nu$$

$$2x_e (n_{\max} + \frac{1}{2}) = 1$$

$$(n_{\max} + \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2x_e}$$

$$\boxed{n_{\max} = \frac{1}{2x_e} - \frac{1}{2}}$$

so if we figure out  $x_e$  we've got  $n_{\max}$

$$\text{Likewise: } 2x_e = \frac{1}{n_{\max} + \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$x_e = \frac{1}{2n_{\max} + 1} \quad \leftarrow \text{If we get } n_{\max} \text{ we've also got } x_e$$

$n_{\max}$  is also the ~~last~~ last state below dissociation:

$$\text{When } n=0, E_0 = \frac{h\nu}{2} - x_e h\nu \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$\text{when } n=n_{\max}, E_{\max} = h\nu(n_{\max} + \frac{1}{2}) - h\nu x_e (n_{\max} + \frac{1}{2})^2$$

6.6. continued):

$$\Delta E = E_{\max} - E_0 = h\nu n_{\max} + \frac{h\nu}{2} - h\nu x_e (n_{\min}^2 + n_{\max}^2 + \frac{1}{4})$$
$$- \frac{h\nu}{2} + h\nu x_e (\frac{1}{4})$$

$$\Delta E = h\nu n_{\max} - h\nu x_e n_{\max}^2 - h\nu x_e n_{\max}$$

This is also

$$D_0 = h\nu n_{\max} - h\nu x_e n_{\max}^2 - h\nu x_e n_{\max}$$

Plugging in  $x_e$ :

$$D_0 = h\nu (n_{\max} - \frac{n_{\max}}{2n_{\max}+1} - \frac{n_{\max}}{2n_{\max}+1})$$

$$D_0 = h\nu n_{\max} \left( 1 - \frac{n_{\max}}{2n_{\max}+1} - \frac{1}{2n_{\max}+1} \right)$$

$$= h\nu n_{\max} \left( \frac{2n_{\max}+1 - n_{\max} - 1}{2n_{\max}+1} \right)$$

$$= h\nu n_{\max} \left( \frac{n_{\max}}{2n_{\max}+1} \right)$$

$$D_0 = h\nu \frac{n_{\max}^2}{2n_{\max}+1}$$

$$\frac{D_0}{h\nu} = \frac{n^2}{2n+1}$$

$$n^2 = \frac{D_0}{h\nu} (2n+1)$$

$$n^2 - \frac{2D_0}{h\nu} n - \frac{D_0}{h\nu} = 0$$

$$n = \frac{2D_0}{h\nu} \pm \sqrt{\frac{4D_0^2}{h^2\nu^2} + 4\frac{D_0}{h\nu}}$$
$$Z$$

$$n_{\max} = \frac{D_0}{h\nu} \pm \sqrt{\frac{D_0^2}{h^2\nu^2} + \frac{D_0}{h\nu}}$$

$$(66 \text{ continued}) \quad D_0 = 103.2 \frac{\text{kcal}}{\text{mol}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ cal}}{1 \text{ kcal}} \times \frac{4.184 \text{ J}}{1 \text{ cal}} \times \frac{1}{6.022 \times 10^{23} \frac{1}{\text{mol}}}$$

$$D_0 = 7.17 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$\frac{D_0}{hv} = \frac{7.17 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \times 1.29 \times 10^{14} \frac{1}{\text{s}}}$$

$$\frac{D_0}{hv} = 8.388$$

$$n_{\max} = 8.388 \pm \sqrt{77.535 + 8.388}$$

$$= 8.388 \pm 9.269 \quad \leftarrow \text{only one of these make sense}$$

$$= 17.66 \rightarrow 17 \text{ is the largest integer}$$

$$n_{\max} = 17$$

$$x_e \approx \frac{1}{35} = 2.86 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$v = 1.29 \times 10^{14} \frac{1}{\text{s}}$$

6c) There are a couple of ways to do this, but this is what I started in class:

$$q = \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} e^{-\beta hv(n+\frac{1}{2}) + \beta hv x_e(n+\frac{1}{2})^2}$$

$$q = \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} e^{-\beta hv(n+\frac{1}{2})} e^{\beta hv x_e(n+\frac{1}{2})^2}$$

Now:

$$e^{\beta hv x_e(n+\frac{1}{2})^2} \approx 1 + \beta hv x_e(n+\frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{\beta^2 h^2 x_e^2}{4}(n+\frac{1}{2})^4 + \dots$$

$\approx$  Taylor series

6.c (continued):

Stopping at 1<sup>st</sup> order in  $x_e$ , we have:

$$q \approx \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} e^{-\beta h\nu(n+\frac{1}{2})} (1 + \beta h\nu x_e (n+\frac{1}{2}))$$

$$\approx \frac{e^{-\theta_{vib}/T}}{1 - e^{-\theta_{vib}/T}} + \beta h\nu x_e e^{-\theta_{vib}/T} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+\frac{1}{2})^2 e^{-\theta_{vib}/T}$$

Here we've assumed  $n_{\max} \rightarrow \infty$

Using  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nx^n = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^2 x^n = \frac{x^2 + x}{(1-x)^3}$

We get:

~~$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+\frac{1}{2}) e^{-\theta_{vib}/T} = \frac{e^{-2\theta_{vib}/T} + e^{-\theta_{vib}/T}}{(1 - e^{-\theta_{vib}/T})^3} + \frac{e^{-\theta_{vib}/T}}{(1 - e^{-\theta_{vib}/T})^2} + \frac{1}{4(1 - e^{-\theta_{vib}/T})}$$~~

$$= \frac{2e^{-\theta_{vib}/T}}{(1 - e^{-\theta_{vib}/T})^3} + \frac{1}{4(1 - e^{-\theta_{vib}/T})}$$

And:

$$q_{vib} = \frac{e^{-\theta_{vib}/T}}{(1 - e^{-\theta_{vib}/T})} \left\{ 1 + \beta h\nu x_e \left( \frac{1}{4} + 2 \left( \frac{e^{-\theta_{vib}/T}}{1 - e^{-\theta_{vib}/T}} \right)^2 \right) \right\}$$

$$q_{vib}^{\text{Morse}} = q_{vib}^{\text{HO}} \left[ 1 + \beta h\nu x_e \left( \frac{1}{4} + 2(q_{vib}^{\text{HO}})^2 \right) \right]$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \left( \frac{\partial \ln q^{\text{Morse}}}{\partial \beta} \right) \leftarrow \text{we need } \ln q^{\text{Morse}}$$

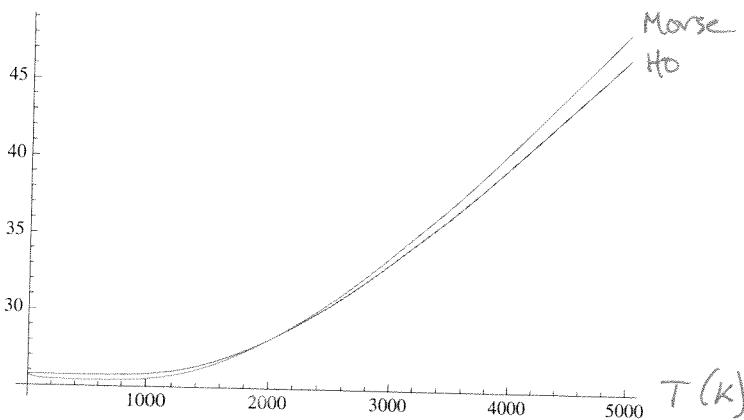
6c continued)

$$\ln q^{\text{morse}} = \ln q^{\text{HO}} + \ln \left( 1 + \beta \nu_{\text{eh}} \hbar \left[ \frac{1}{4} + 2(q^{\text{HO}})^2 \right] \right)$$

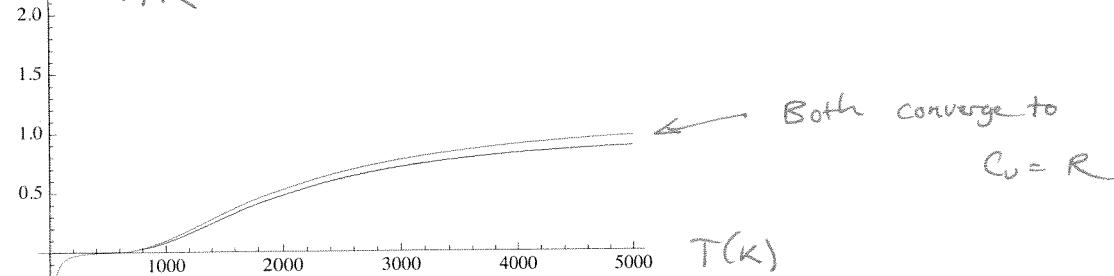
$$\frac{\partial \ln q^{\text{morse}}}{\partial \beta} = \frac{\partial \ln q^{\text{HO}}}{\partial \beta} + \frac{1}{1 + \beta \nu_{\text{eh}} \hbar \left( \frac{1}{4} + 2q^{\text{HO}}_2 \right)} \left( \nu_{\text{eh}} \hbar \left( \frac{1}{4} + 2q^{\text{HO}}_2 \right) + \beta \nu_{\text{eh}} \hbar 4q^{\text{HO}} \frac{\partial q^{\text{HO}}}{\partial \beta} \right)$$

Since this gets ugly quickly, we turn to mathematica:

$\langle E \rangle$  (kJ/mol)



$C_v/R$



$C_v^{\text{morse}}$  diverges at low  $T$  because levels get very close together

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# A simple Morse oscillator code to predict the average energy and heat
# capacity for a morse approximation to H2 by summing up over all allowed
# states of the system:

import math

nmax = 17      # derived in the solution set
xe = 1.0 / 35.0 # likewise
nu = 1.29e14    # and this
h = 6.626e-34   # Planck's constnat
kb = 1.381e-23  # Boltzmann's constant
Na = 6.022e23   # Avogadro's number

def eMorse(n):
    em = h * nu * (n + 0.5) * (1.0 + xe * (n + 0.5))
    return em

Tmin = 1.0
Tmax = 5000.0
ntemps = 5000

E0 = eMorse(0)

Qtots = [] # create an array to store the partition functions
Eners = [] # create an array to store the energies

for i in range(ntemps):
    T = Tmin + (Tmax-Tmin)*float(i)/float(ntemps)
    beta = 1.0 / (kb * T)

    # first get the total partition function:
    qtot = 0.0
    for n in range(nmax):
        # to prevent underflow, we'll set the energy scale relative to the
        # zero-point energy (that way, q will always be >= 1 even at low T)
        qtot = qtot + math.exp(-beta * (eMorse(n)-E0))

    Qtots.append(qtot)
    # next compute the average energy
    eave = 0.0
    for n in range(nmax):
        eave = eave + eMorse(n) * math.exp(-beta * (eMorse(n)-E0))

    # normalize by the partition function
    eave = eave / qtot

    Eners.append(eave)

# now, after we're done computing energies, we can compute the heat
# capacities
for i in range(ntemps):
    T = Tmin + (Tmax-Tmin)*float(i)/float(ntemps)
    dT = (Tmax-Tmin)/float(ntemps)

    if (i == 0):
        # use a forward difference approximation at the start:
        Cv = (Eners[i+1] - Eners[i]) / dT
    elif (i == ntemps-1):
        # use a backward difference approximation at the end:
        Cv = (Eners[i] - Eners[i-1]) / dT
    else:
        # use a centered difference approximation everywhere else:
        Cv = (Eners[i+1]-Eners[i-1]) / (2.0 * dT)

    # return energy values in kJ / mol, Cv in units of R
    print "%f\t%f\t%f\t%f" % (T, Qtots[i], Eners[i] * Na / 1000.0, Cv / kb)
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# Morse Oscillator model for H<sub>2</sub>

Exact sum of states

