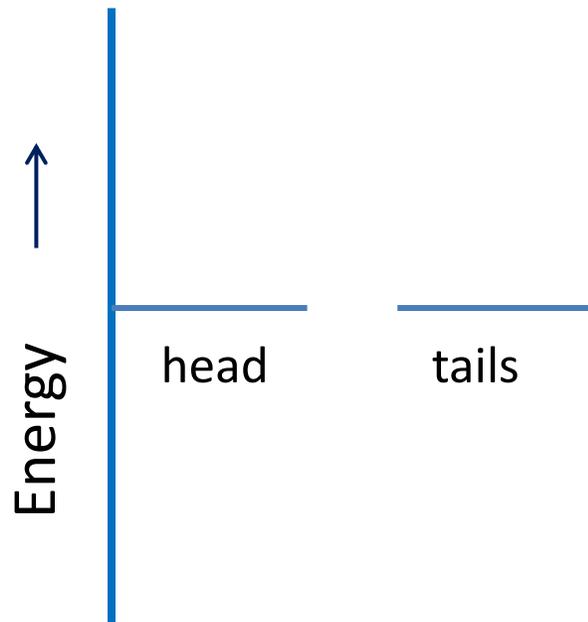


# Thermodynamics tutorhour 7

Statistical Thermodynamics

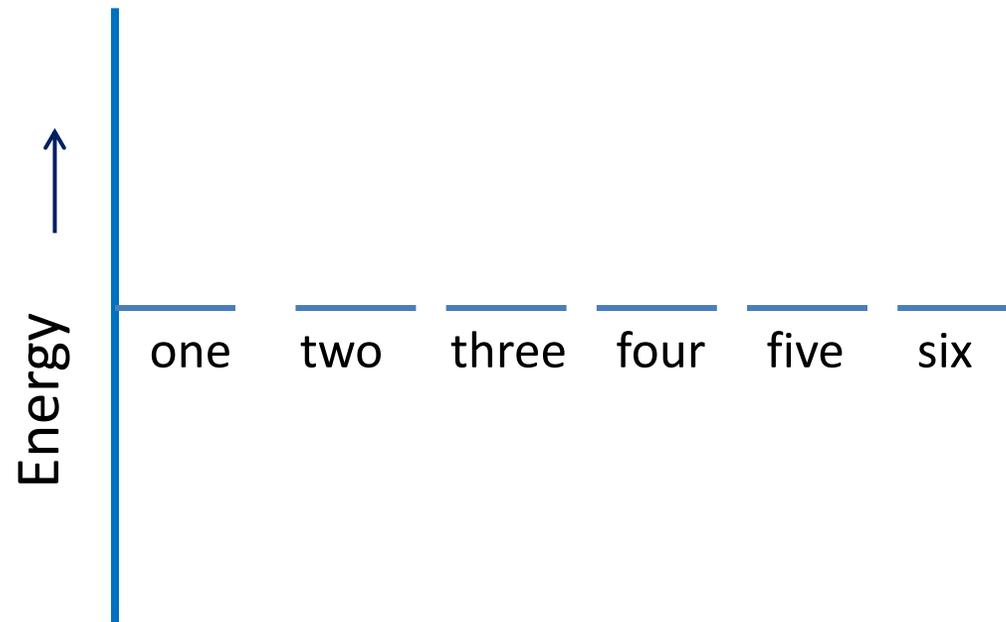
# At equal energy levels

Head or tails?



Chance(tails) =  $\frac{1}{2}$  = 0.500

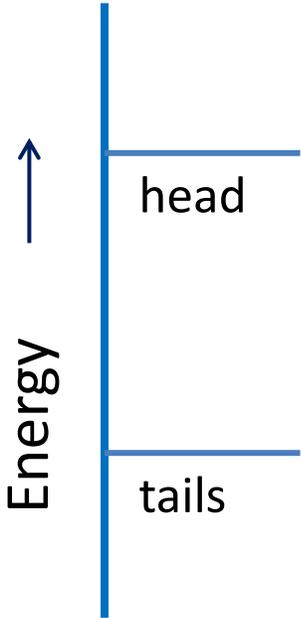
dice



Chance(six) =  $\frac{1}{6}$  = 0.167

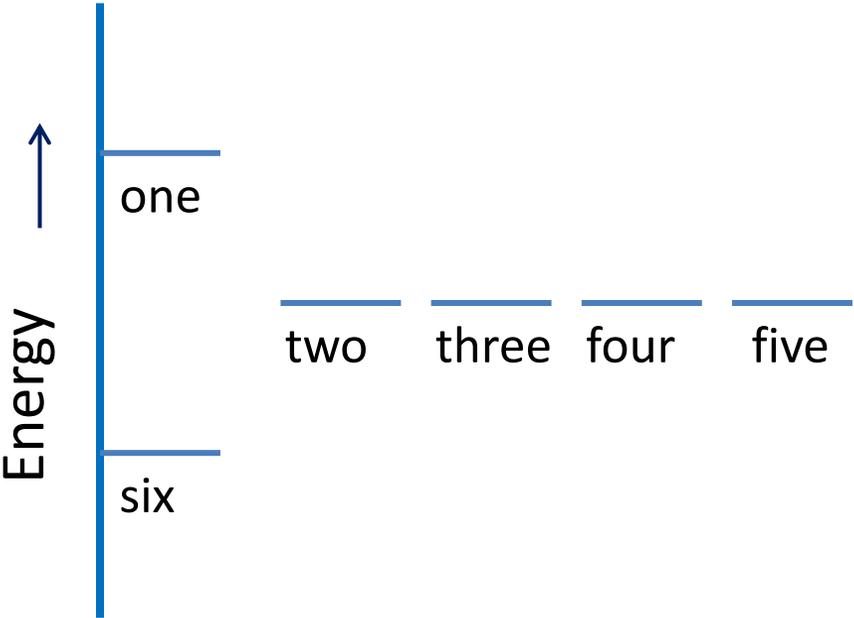
# At different energy levels

## Lucky coin



Chance(tails) = ????

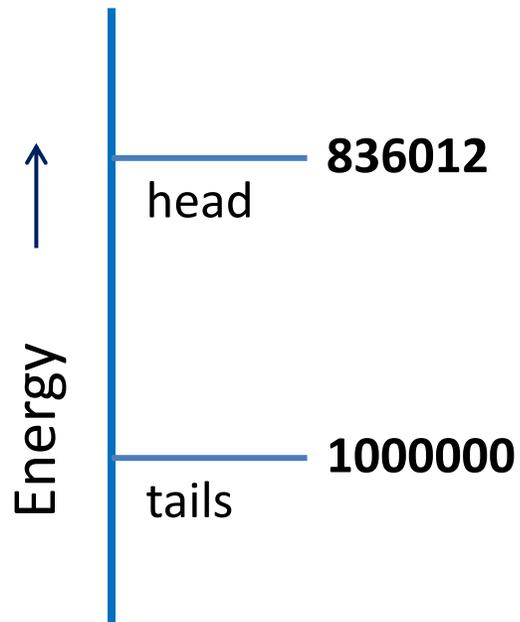
## Loaded dice



Chance(six) = ????

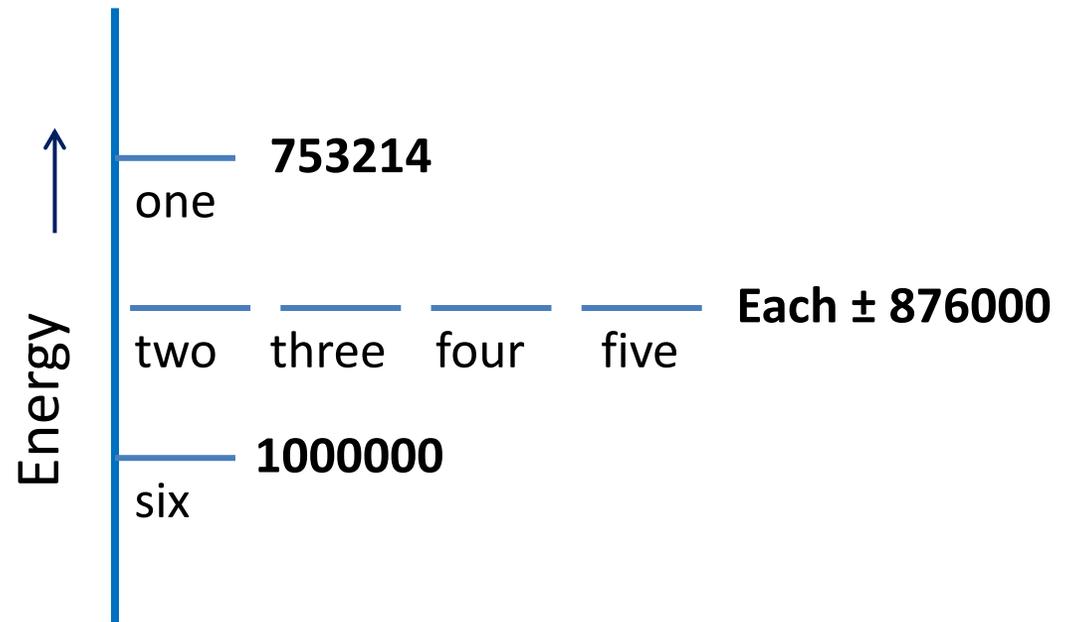
# Performing an experiment → frequencies

## Lucky coin



Chance(tails) = ????

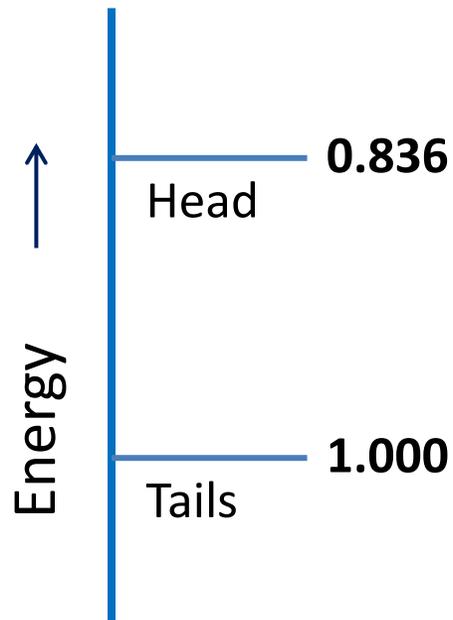
## Loaded dice



Chance(six) = ????

# Probability with uneven energy levels

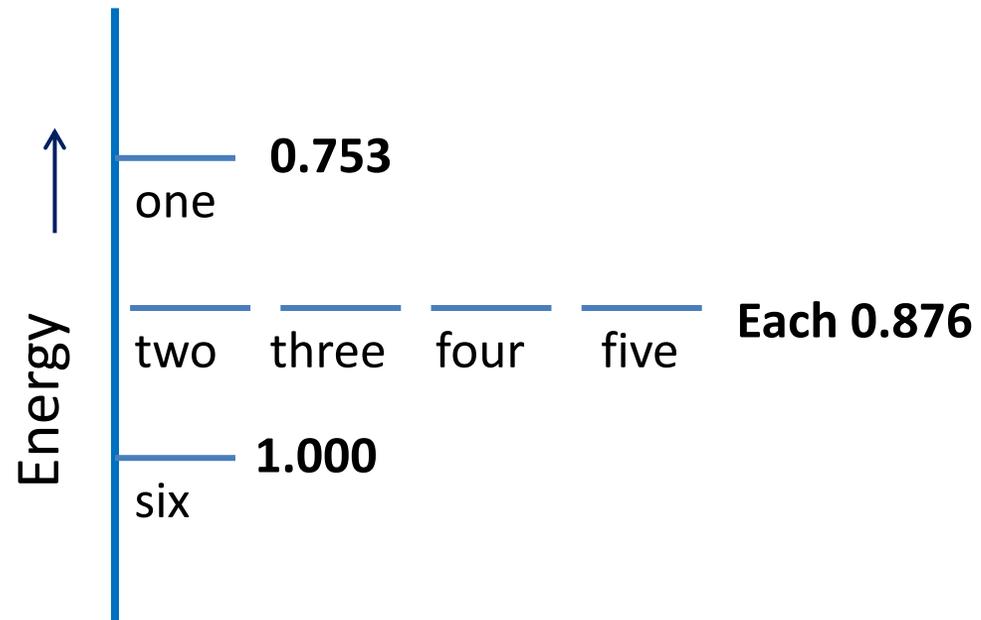
Lucky coin



$$\text{Chance(tails)} = \frac{1.000}{1.000 + 0.836}$$

$$\text{Chance(tails)} = 0.54 > 0.500$$

Loaded dice



$$\text{Chance(six)} = \frac{1.000}{1.000 + 4 \times 0.876 + 0.753}$$

$$\text{Chance(six)} = 0.235 > 0.167$$

# System of particles: Boltzmann factor

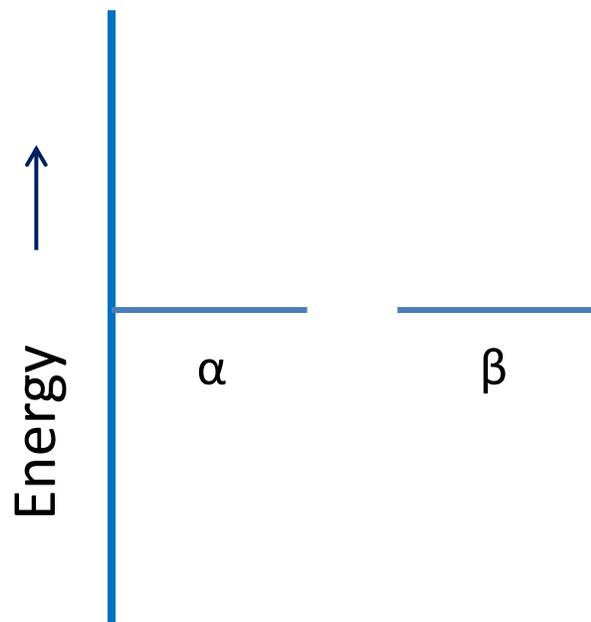
$$\exp \frac{-\varepsilon_i}{kT}$$

Checklist of key equations:  $\frac{n_i}{N} = \frac{\exp \frac{-\varepsilon_i}{kT}}{q}$  with  $q = \sum_i \exp \frac{-\varepsilon_i}{kT}$

Equation for calculating the fraction of particles ( $p_i$ ) present at energy level  $\varepsilon_i$ :

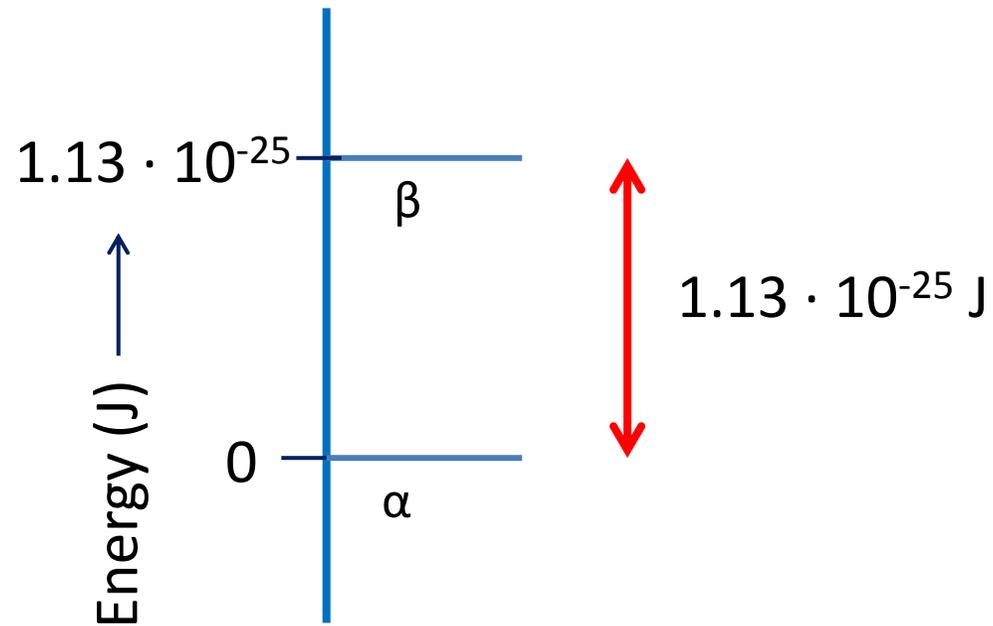
$$p_i = \frac{n_i}{N} = \frac{\exp \frac{-\varepsilon_i}{kT}}{q} = \frac{\exp \frac{-\varepsilon_i}{kT}}{\sum_i \exp \frac{-\varepsilon_i}{kT}}$$

# Nuclear spin H-atom: $\alpha$ and $\beta$



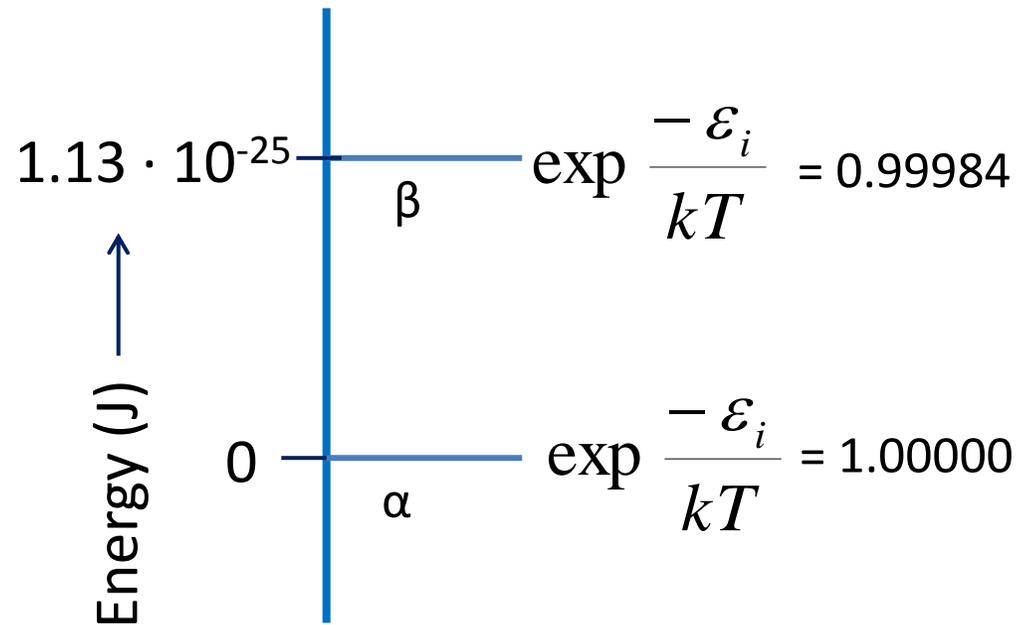
# Nuclear spin $\alpha$ and $\beta$ in a strong magnetic field

At  $T = 50$  K and  $B = 4$  Tesla



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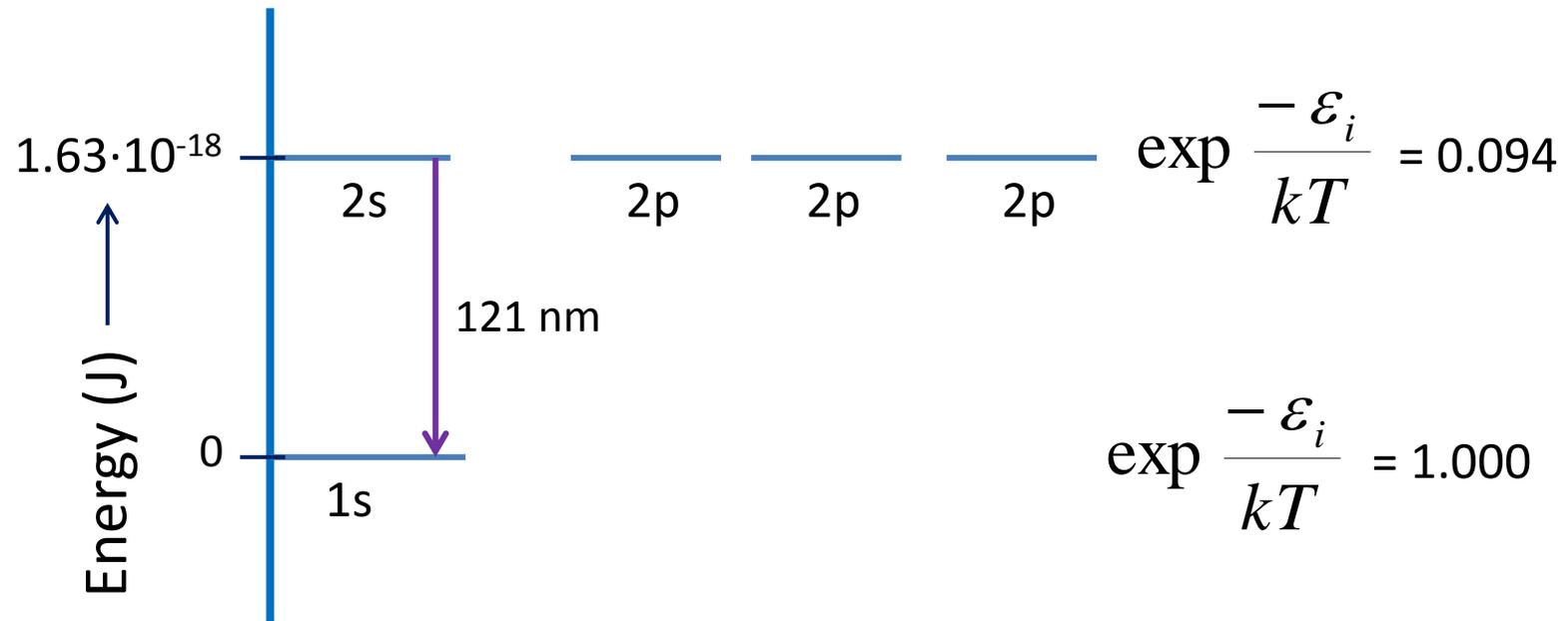
At  $T = 50$  K and  $B = 4$  Tesla



$$\text{Chance}(\beta) = \frac{0.99984}{1.00000 + 0.99984} = 0.49996$$

# simplified H atom (only 2 energy levels)

At T = 50000 K



$$\text{Chance}(1s) = \frac{1.000}{1.000 + 4 \times 0.094} = 0.727$$

# Particle system: Boltzmann factor

In this presentation:

$$p_i = \frac{n_i}{N} = \frac{\exp \frac{-\varepsilon_i}{kT}}{q}$$

$$q = \sum_i \exp \frac{-\varepsilon_i}{kT}$$



**Partition function:**

**This summation is hard to calculate in real systems**

# Follow-up session: tips and tricks (January 8th):

8.30 – 9.15 tutorhour

tutors	rooms
Ade Hoekstra	HG00.308
Els Heijmen	HG00.068
André Steenbergen	HG01.028
Martin Waals	HG00.086

# Answers

## Question 1

$$a) E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = hc\bar{\nu} = 6.626 \cdot 10^{-34} \cdot 3.0 \cdot 10^8 \cdot 1.00 \cdot 10^2 = 1.988 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J}$$

$$b) q = \sum_i \exp \frac{-\varepsilon_i}{kT} = 3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot e^{\frac{-3500 \cdot 1.988 \cdot 10^{-23}}{1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \cdot 1900}} + 3 \cdot e^{\frac{-4700 \cdot 1.988 \cdot 10^{-23}}{1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \cdot 1900}} = 3.155$$

$$c) (3 \cdot 1 / 3.155) \cdot 100 = 95.1\% \text{ on level } n = 0$$

$$\left( e^{\frac{-3500 \cdot 1.988 \cdot 10^{-23}}{1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \cdot 1900}} / 3.155 \right) \cdot 100 = 2.23\% \text{ on level } n = 1$$

$$\left( 3 \cdot e^{\frac{-4700 \cdot 1.988 \cdot 10^{-23}}{1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \cdot 1900}} / 3.155 \right) \cdot 100 = 2.69\% \text{ on level } n = 2$$

$$d) (0.0223 \cdot 1.988 \cdot 10^{-23} \cdot 3500 + 0.0269 \cdot 1.988 \cdot 10^{-23} \cdot 4700) = 4.065 \cdot 10^{-21} \text{ J}$$

$$\text{per mole it becomes: } 4.065 \cdot 10^{-21} \cdot 6.022 \cdot 10^{23} = 2.45 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

## Question 2

$$\frac{p_1}{p_0} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$p_1 = \frac{n_1}{N} = \frac{e^{\frac{-\varepsilon_1}{kT}}}{q}$$

$$p_0 = \frac{n_0}{N} = \frac{e^{\frac{-\varepsilon_0}{kT}}}{q} = \frac{1}{q}$$

$$\frac{p_1}{p_0} = \frac{e^{\frac{-\varepsilon_1}{kT}}}{q} \cdot \frac{q}{1} = e^{\frac{-\varepsilon_1}{kT}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = e^{\frac{-\varepsilon_1}{kT}}$$

$$kT \ln \frac{1}{2} = -\varepsilon_1$$

$$T = \frac{-\varepsilon_1}{k \ln \frac{1}{2}} = 623 \text{ K}$$

### Question 3

$$\frac{p_1}{p_0} = \frac{15}{85} = 0.1765$$

$$\frac{p_1}{p_0} = \frac{2 \cdot e^{\frac{-\varepsilon_1}{kT}} \cdot q}{q \cdot 1} = 2 \cdot e^{\frac{-\varepsilon_1}{kT}}$$

$$\frac{-\varepsilon_1}{kT} = \ln\left(\frac{0.1765}{2}\right)$$

$$\varepsilon_1 = -kT \ln\left(\frac{0.1765}{2}\right) = 7.136 \cdot 10^{-21} \text{ J}$$

$$\frac{7.136 \cdot 10^{-21}}{1.60 \cdot 10^{-19}} = 0.045 \text{ eV}$$