

# Fundamental Approaches to the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics:

A first and a second view

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- "In any neighborhood of any state there are states that cannot be reached from it by an adiabatic process" (Carathodory).

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Figure: Elliott Lieb and Jakob Yngvason

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The definition that Lieb and Yngvason gave to the state space it's a little dubious, because, as we shall see later, it will be possible to make comparisons between different State Spaces.

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## Notation

If  $X \prec Y$  and  $Y \prec X$  we write  $X \overset{A}{\sim} Y$ .

If  $X \prec Y$  but  $Y \not\prec X$  we write  $X \prec\prec Y$ .

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## Remark

Note that the compound system can be a composition of finitely many states, because you can consider, for example,  $\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_3 \times \Gamma_4$ . In this case, we consider this operation, associative, i.e.

$$(X, (Y, Z)) = ((X, Y), Z) = (X, Y, Z).$$

## Scale Copy

Let  $X$  be a state of  $\Gamma$ . We define  $\lambda X$  with  $\lambda > 0$  as the state where the measures that represent extensive properties are scaled by a factor  $\lambda$ , and the intrinsic properties remain the same.  $\lambda X$  is called the scaled copy of  $X$ . The set of the scaled copies, by a factor  $\lambda$  of every element of  $\Gamma$  is denoted as  $\lambda\Gamma$ .

## Entropy Principle

There is a real-valued function on all states of all systems (including compound systems) called entropy and denoted by  $S$  such that the following holds.

- Monotonicity. When  $X$  and  $Y$  are comparable states then  $X \prec Y$  if and only if  $S(X) \leq S(Y)$ .
- Additivity and extensivity. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are states of some (possibly different) systems and if  $(X, Y)$  denotes the corresponding state in the compound system, then the entropy is additive for these states, i.e.  $S(X, Y) = S(X) + S(Y)$ .  $S$  is also extensive, i.e. for or each  $\lambda > 0$  and each state  $X$  and its scaled copy  $\lambda X \in \lambda\Gamma$

$$S(\lambda X) = \lambda S(X)$$

## Axiom 1

For all equilibrium state  $X$  in  $\Gamma$ ,  $X \overset{A}{\sim} X$



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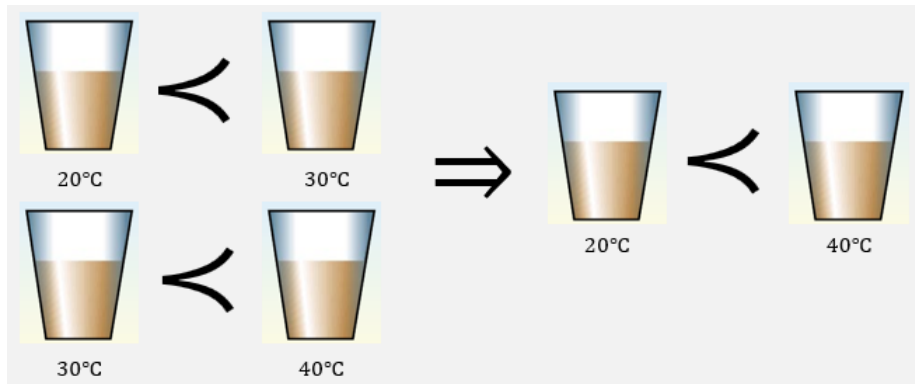


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# Transitivity

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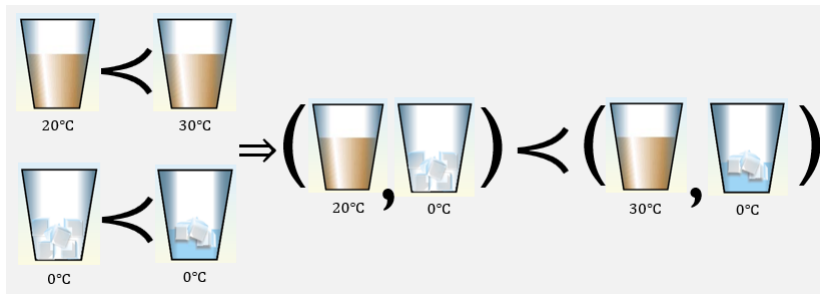
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## Axiom 3

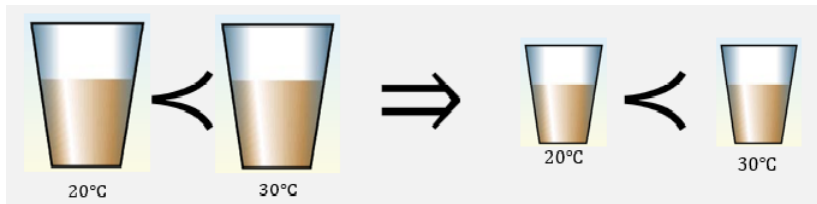
If  $X \prec X'$  and  $Y \prec Y'$  then  $(X, Y) \prec (X', Y')$ .



# Scaling Invariance

## Axiom 4

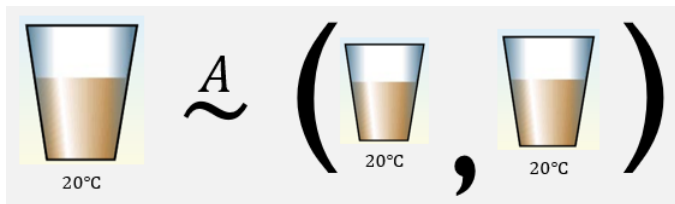
If  $\lambda > 0$  and  $X \prec Y$  then  $\lambda X \prec \lambda Y$ .



# Splitting and Recombination

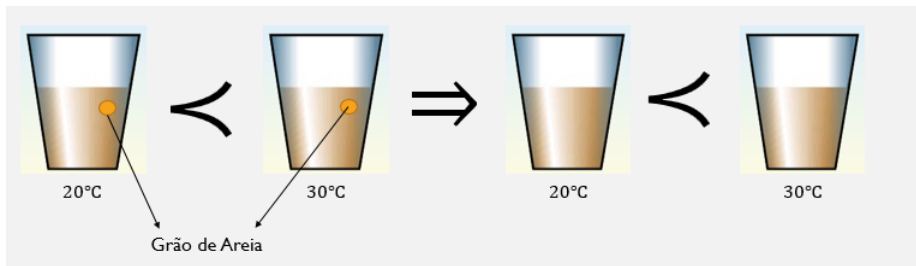
## Axiom 5

$X \stackrel{A}{\sim} ((1 - \lambda)X, \lambda X)$  for all  $0 < \lambda < 1$ .



## Axiom 6

If  $(X, \varepsilon Z_0) \prec (Y, \varepsilon Z_1)$  for some  $Z_0, Z_1$  and a sequence of  $\varepsilon$ s tending to zero, then  $X \prec Y$ .



## Axiom 7

Assume  $X$  and  $Y$  are states in the same *convex* state space,  $\Gamma$ . Then, for  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$(tX, (1 - t)Y) \prec tX + (1 - t)Y.$$

Where the sum is defined by ordinary convex combination of points in the convex set  $\Gamma$ .

## Axiom 8

For each  $X \in \Gamma$  there is a point  $Y \in \Gamma$  such that  $X \prec\prec Y$ .

## Definition

We say that the Comparison Hypothesis (CH) holds for a state space  $\Gamma$  if all pairs of states in  $\Gamma$  are comparable, i.e.,  $\forall X, Y \in \Gamma, X \prec Y$  or  $Y \prec X$ .

## Theorem

*The Entropy Principle is equivalent to Axioms 1 to 6 and CH. Moreover this entropy function on  $\Gamma$  is unique up to affine equivalence, i.e.,  $S(X) \rightarrow aS(X) + b$  with  $a > 0$ .*



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## Corollary

*If  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma, X \prec Y \prec Z$  with  $X \prec\prec Z$  and we define  $S(X) = 0$  and  $S(Z) = 1$ , then:*

$$S(Y) = \sup\{\lambda : ((1 - \lambda)X, \lambda Z) \prec Y\} = \inf\{\lambda : Y \prec ((1 - \lambda)X, \lambda Z)\}$$

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Assume axioms 1 to 7 for  $\Gamma \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  and consider the following statements:

- 1 Existence of Irreversible processes: For every  $X \in \Gamma$  there is a  $Y \in \Gamma$  with  $X \prec\prec Y$ .
- 2 Caratheodory's Principle: In every neighborhood of every  $X \in \Gamma$  there is a  $Z \in \Gamma$  with  $X \not\prec Z$ .

Then (1) implies (2) always. If forward sectors in  $\Gamma$  have interior points, then (2) implies (1).

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## Theorem (Concavity of Entropy)

*Let  $\Gamma$  be a convex state space. Assume the axioms 1 to 7, and CH for multiple scaled copies of  $\Gamma$ . Then the entropy  $S$  is a concave function on  $\Gamma$ .*

- Generalize the ideas of Lieb and Yngvason.
- Localize the theory.
- Consider the existence of restrictions on the state space.

# The First Law of Thermodynamics

We start by given a precise definition of what is the adiabatic acessibility, which is something that is missing in Lieb's Theory. First of all, we assume that  $\Gamma = (U, V_1, \dots, V_n) : F(U, V_1, \dots, V_n) = 0 \subseteq \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  is a  $n + 1$  dimensional manifold, where  $F$  is some constraint that can limit the states that can be reached. Now lets recall the first law of thermodynamics.

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$$dU = \delta Q - \delta W$$

establishes a relation between the internal energy of a system and the energy supplied to the system, both in the form of heat and in the form of work.

Notice that  $dU, \delta Q$  and  $\delta W$  are 1-forms. We write  $\delta W$  instead of  $dW$ , because the line integral might depend on the path.

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**Warning:** This axiom is under construction

## Theorem

*Assuming axioms 1 to 6, the new axiom 7, axiom 8 and CH, then Caratheodory's Principle doesn't imply the Concavity of the Entropy everywhere.*

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If  $S$  is concave then  $\Gamma$  is convex.

We constructed a theory where the Caratheodory's Principle holds, but  $\Gamma$  isn't convex.

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*For very state  $X \in \Gamma$  exists a neighborhood where  $S$  is concave except states in  $\partial\Gamma$  where the curvature is negative.*

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If we assume that  $S$  is twice differentiable, we can define a Pseudo-Riemannian Metric, as

$$g_{ij} = -\partial_{x_i x_j}^2 S,$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = (U, V^n)$ .

- What properties can we infer about state space with the use of metrics?
- Is our state space geodesically convex?
- What is the physical meaning of the states in the boundary where the curvature is negative? Is it even possible to have such points?
- If we consider spaces which the states aren't at equilibrium. How far can we get with this formalism?

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