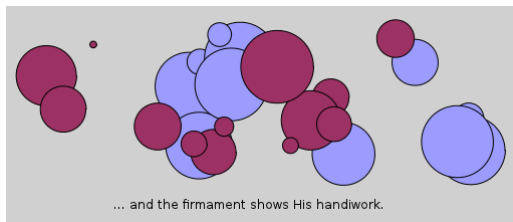


# Effective Counting Entropy ( $\mu$ -Entropy)

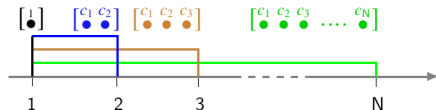
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# Effective-Number Theory, brief review

$$[\bullet \bullet \bullet \dots \bullet] \longrightarrow N$$

$$[c_1 \bullet c_2 c_3 \dots c_N] \longrightarrow N(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N)$$



$$[\bullet \bullet] \sqcup [\bullet \bullet \bullet] \longrightarrow [\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet]$$

$$[c_1 c_2] \sqcup [b_1 b_2 b_3] \longrightarrow [c_1 c_2 b_1 b_2 b_3]$$

$$2 + 3 = 5$$

$$N[C] + N[B] = N[C \boxplus B]$$

Figure: Comparison of countings, (S), (B), (A)

! Our counting is realized by a **function** on vectors, and is a generalization of the "+" binary operation !

Comparison of standard counting (left) and effective counting (right).

(S) - Symmetry - count independent of the order of counting.

(B) - Boundary conditions - if the weights are same, then both countings give the same results.

(A) - Additivity (bottom two lines).

## Definitions

**Definition.** *Set of counting vectors:*

$\mathcal{C} = \cup \mathcal{C}_N$ , where

$$\mathcal{C}_N = \{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N) : \sum c_i = N, \quad c_i \geq 0\}$$

**Example.**

N ones:  $(1, \dots, 1) \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $(N-1)$  zeros:  $(0, \dots, 0, N) \in \mathcal{C}$

**Effective numbers modeled by functions:**

$$\mathcal{N} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

**Example.**

$$\mathcal{N}(1, \dots, 1) = N, \quad \mathcal{N}(0, \dots, 0, N) = 1$$

The bottom Example is actually the boundary conditions (B).

## Definition. *Effective numbers.*

$\mathfrak{N}$  is the set of effective number functions  $\mathcal{N}$ ,  
where  $\mathcal{N} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  have the following properties.

For all  $M, N$ , for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq N$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,

for all  $C = (c_1, \dots, c_N) \in \mathcal{C}_N$ , and for all  $B \in \mathcal{C}_M$

**(S)** *Symmetry*:  $\mathcal{N}(\dots, c_i, \dots, c_j, \dots) = \mathcal{N}(\dots, c_j, \dots, c_i, \dots)$

**(B2)** *Boundary values*:  $\mathcal{N}(0, \dots, 0, N) = 1$ , in  $\mathcal{C}_N$

**(A)** *Additivity*:  $\mathcal{N}[C \boxplus B] = \mathcal{N}[C] + \mathcal{N}[B]$

**(C)** *Continuity of  $\mathcal{N}$  restricted to  $\mathcal{C}_N$  with topology from  $\mathbb{R}^N$*

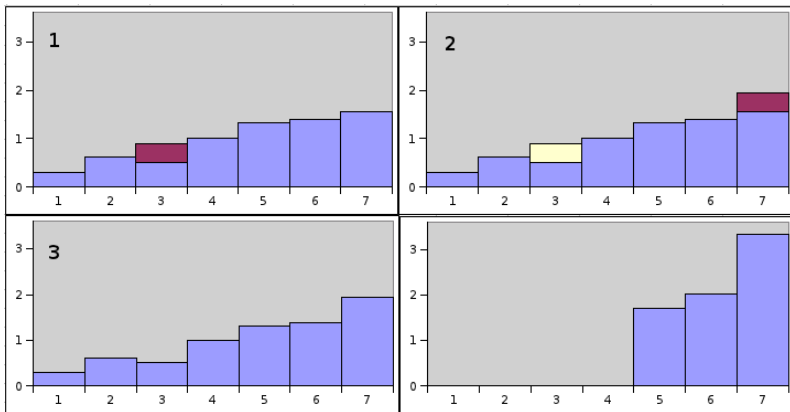
**(M<sup>-</sup>)** *Monotonicity*:  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \min\{c_i, N - c_j\}$ ,  $c_i \leq c_j \Rightarrow$   
 $\mathcal{N}(\dots, c_i - \varepsilon, \dots, c_j + \varepsilon, \dots) \leq \mathcal{N}(\dots, c_i, \dots, c_j, \dots)$

These properties are independent.

The notation is consistent with the paper [3].

(M-) - the left side of the inequality is illustrated on the next page.

# Illustration of Monotonicity (M-)



**Figure:** Cumulation, (M), (C) (graphed  $c_i$  vs.  $i$ )

Cumulation and Continuity - these properties do not have a standard analog.

(M) - Monotonicity - the state with more cumulated weights has lower count (compare top left vs. top right).

(C) - Continuity - the count depends continuously on the weight change.

The count for the cumulated state at bottom right is 3.

# Effective Counting Theory - Results

**Theorem 1.** *Separability.*

$$\mathcal{N}[(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N)] = \sum \mathfrak{n}(c_i) \quad \text{for some } \mathfrak{n} : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

The function  $\mathfrak{n}(x)$  is called generating function for  $\mathcal{N}[C]$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Unique continuous.*

- (a)  $\forall t \quad \exists$  unique continuous  $\mathfrak{n}(x)$  with  $\mathfrak{n}(0) = t$
- (b) All continuous  $\mathfrak{n}(x)$  are concave.

**Theorem 3.** *Unique bounded.*

- (a)  $\exists$  unique bounded  $\mathfrak{n}(x)$
- (b) This bounded  $\mathfrak{n}(x)$  is continuous.

**Theorem 4.** *Minimum exists.*

$$\exists \mathcal{N}_\star \quad \forall \mathcal{N} \in \mathfrak{N} \quad \forall C \in \mathcal{C} \quad \mathcal{N}_\star[C] \leq \mathcal{N}[C]$$

## Applications

weights  $c_i \longrightarrow p_i = \frac{c_i}{N}$  probabilities

$$\mathcal{N}(\dots, c_i, \dots) \longrightarrow \mathcal{N}(\dots, p_i, \dots)$$

**In the past** (*ad hoc*) Bell and Dean [1]

[Q] “How many atoms do vibrations effectively spread over?”

**Participation number:**  $\frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_p[C]} = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum c_i^2$



Pros

(S), (B), (C), (M<sup>-</sup>)



Cons



(A) is not satisfied

Moreover, it is also not multiplicative and so it doesn't scale well.

## Quantum Mechanics

- effective count of quantum states, [3]:

[Q] *"How many basis states  $|i\rangle$  is the system described by  $|\psi\rangle$  effectively in?"*, see [3]

[A] *If  $P = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N)$ ,  $p_i = |\langle i | \psi \rangle|^2$ , is the probability vector assigned to state  $|\psi\rangle$  and basis  $\{|i\rangle\}$  by quantum mechanics, then the system described by  $|\psi\rangle$  is effectively in at least  $\mathcal{N}_*[C]$  states from  $\{|i\rangle\}$ , where  $C = NP = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N)$  and  $\mathcal{N}_*[C] = \sum n_*(c_i)$ ,  $n_*(c) = \min\{c, 1\}$ .*

- new measure of uncertainty, [5]
- new measure of entanglement, [5]
- quantum computing - decoherence

## Statistical Physics (entropy, [here])

## Fractals (dimension, multidimensionality, [6])

## Transport phenomena (Anderson localization, [7])

## Biological Sciences (diversity - counting species)





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## Question



Since this was very brief,  
are there any questions before we continue?

# Entropy

*Boltzmann entropy has been used with a great success but there are situations where it doesn't work.*

Here are some examples in high energy physics.

- In high energy collisions of an electron with a positron, annihilation occurs and, immediately after, typically two or three hadronic jets are produced. The probability distribution of their transverse momenta is non-Boltzmannian. This phenomenon has defied theoreticians since several decades, particularly since Hagedorn [5][6].
- The distribution of energies  $E$  of cosmic rays arriving on Earth has been measured for decades. This distribution is very far from exponential [5].
- Solar neutrino problem can be caused in part by the Boltzmann statistics used in Solar Standard Model (SSM). There is no good reason why it should be applicable there [5][7].
- The anomalous diffusion of a charm quark in a quark-gluon plasma has been analyzed by Walton and Rafelski [5][8] through both nonextensive statistical mechanical arguments and quantum chromodynamics. The results coincide for Tsallis entropy  $S_q$  with  $q = 1.114$ .

## Question

☞ What is Entropy?

## Similarity of Entropy and Effective numbers:

**(S)** *Symmetry*:  $\mathcal{N}(\dots, c_i, \dots, c_j, \dots) = \mathcal{N}(\dots, c_j, \dots, c_i, \dots)$

**(B)** *Boundary values*:  $\mathcal{N}(0, \dots, 0, N) = 1$ , in  $\mathcal{C}_N$

?? **(A)** *Additivity*:  $\mathcal{N}[C \boxplus B] = \mathcal{N}[C] + \mathcal{N}[B]$  ??

**(C)** *Continuity of  $\mathcal{N}$  restricted to  $\mathcal{C}_N$  with topology from  $\mathbb{R}^N$*

**(M)** *Monotonicity*:  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \min\{c_i, N - c_j\}$ ,  $c_i \leq c_j \Rightarrow$   
 $\mathcal{N}(\dots, c_i - \varepsilon, \dots, c_j + \varepsilon, \dots) \leq \mathcal{N}(\dots, c_i, \dots, c_j, \dots)$

## Boltzmann Entropy

$$S(P) = - \sum_i p_i \ln(p_i) \quad , \quad \text{where } P = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N)$$

Its additivity differs from **(A)**.

If  $p_i$ -s are constant  $S = k \ln(W)$ .

Need to transfer from  $-\sum_i p_i \ln(p_i)$  to  $-\int_0^L p \ln(p) dx$ .

Note: Additivity vs. Extensivity.

# Maximum Entropy Principle

*Equilibrium states are those with maximal achievable entropy.*

*In standard statistical mechanics:*

**Step 1.** *Let  $S(P)$  is the Boltzmann-Gibbs Entropy.*

**Step 2.** *Find  $P_0$  that maximizes  $S(P)$  and identifies the equilibrium state.*

**Step 3.** *Use  $S(P_0)$  to find other thermodynamic parameters, e.g. free energy  $F$ , internal energy  $U$ , specific heat  $C$ , ...*

*We will concentrate on Step 2.*

## Boltzmann Entropy Equilibria - simple case

*Typically we have a system with constraints.  
We start with the necessary constraint:*

**Maximize**  $S(P) = - \int_0^L P \ln(P) dx$

*Constraint*  $w(P) = \int_0^L P dx = 1$

*No physical constraint yet.*

$$P(x) = ?$$

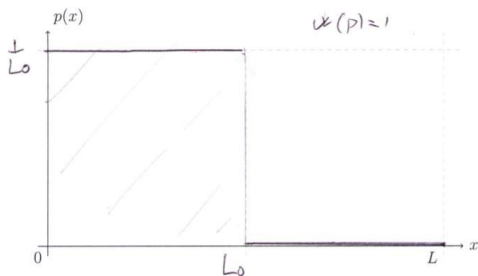
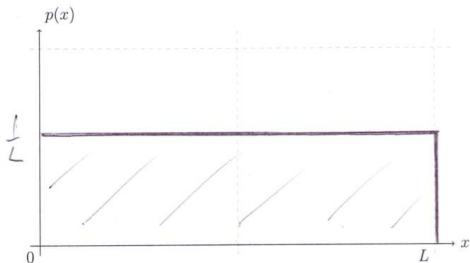


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Note, that there cannot be any  $\delta$ -functions in  $P(x)$  since  $-\int_0^L \delta(x-x_0) \ln(\delta(x-x_0)) dx = -\infty$   
 On graphs, we denote the part of  $P(x)$  without  $\delta$ -functions as  $p(x)$  and  $\delta$ -functions are marked separately.

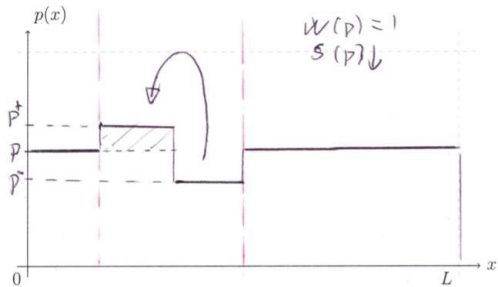


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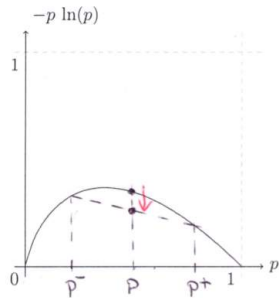


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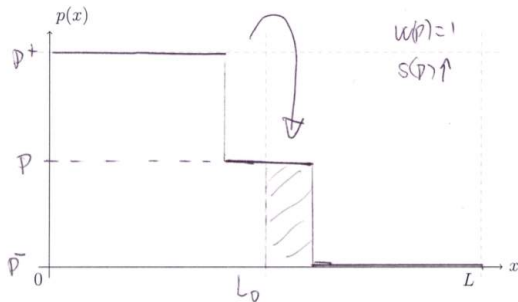


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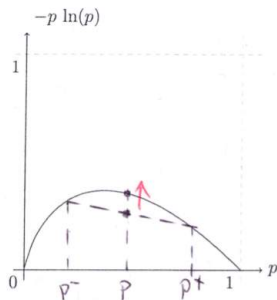


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*We arrived to the standard result - the uniform distribution.*

## Boltzmann Entropy Equilibra - simple case - Result

**Maximize**  $S(P) = - \int_0^L P \ln(P) dx$

*Constraint*  $w(P) = \int_0^L P dx = 1$

*No physical constraint yet.*

*The solution is uniform on all the available space,  $P(x) = \frac{1}{L}$ .*

### Question

➡ What is the solution for Effective Counting Entropy?

# Effective Counting Entropy

*Effective number of states is  $\mathcal{N}_*[P] = \sum_i \min\{p_i, 1\}$ ,*

*where  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_N)$  in the discrete case, [4]*

*and the Effective Volume is  $\mathcal{V}_*[P] = \int_{\Omega} \min\{V P(\mathbf{x}), 1\} d\mathbf{x}$ ,*

*where  $P = P(\mathbf{x})$  in the continuous case, [3][10].*

*Since we can count states with different probabilities, we define the Entropy directly as follows:*

**Definition.** *Effective Counting Entropy:*

$$\mathcal{S}_*[P] = \ln(\mathcal{N}_*[P])$$

$$\mathcal{S}_*[P] = \ln(\mathcal{V}_*[P])$$

**Theorem.** *Super-additivity over product of independent sets of states ( $p_{AB,i,j} = p_{A,i} p_{B,j}$ ):  $\mathcal{S}_*[A \times B] \geq \mathcal{S}_*[A] + \mathcal{S}_*[B]$*

## Effective Counting Entropy Equilibra - simple case

**Maximize**  $\mathcal{V}[P] = \int_0^L \min\{L P(x), 1\} dx$

*Constraint*  $w(P) = \int_0^L P(x) dx = 1$

*No physical constraint yet.*

$P(x) = ?$

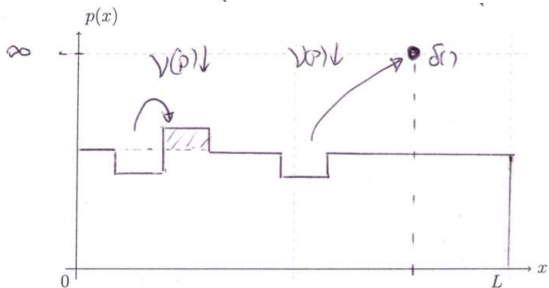
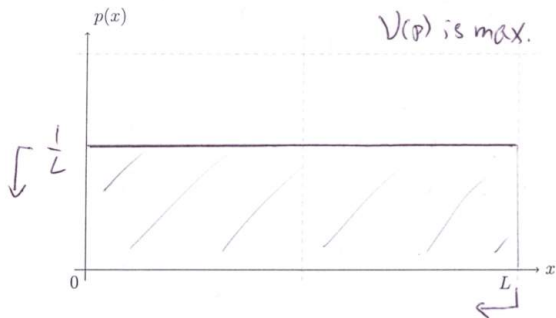


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## Effective Counting Entropy - simple case - Result

*We obtained the same result as in the case of Boltzmann Entropy - the uniform distribution:*

**Maximize**     $S(P) = - \int_0^L P \ln(P) dx$

*Constraint*     $w(P) = \int_0^L P dx = 1$

*No physical constraint yet.*

*The solution is uniform on all the available space,     $P(x) = \frac{1}{L}$ .*

## Boltzmann Entropy Equilibra - generic case

**Maximize**  $S[P] = - \int_0^L P(x) \ln(P(x)) dx$

*Constraint*  $w(P) = \int_0^L P(x) dx = 1$

**Physical Constraint**  $y(P) = \int_0^L x P(x) dx = y_0$

$P(x) = ?$

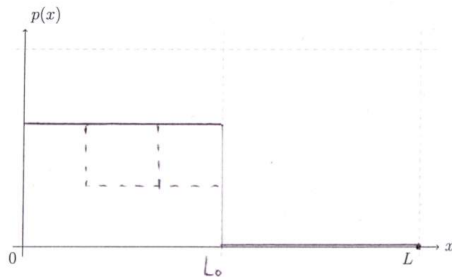
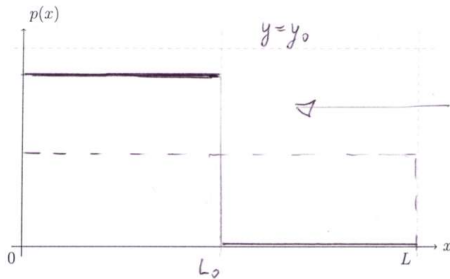


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Note, that there cannot be any delta functions in  $P(x)$  since  $-\int_0^L \delta(x - x_0) \ln(\delta(x - x_0)) dx = -\infty$ .



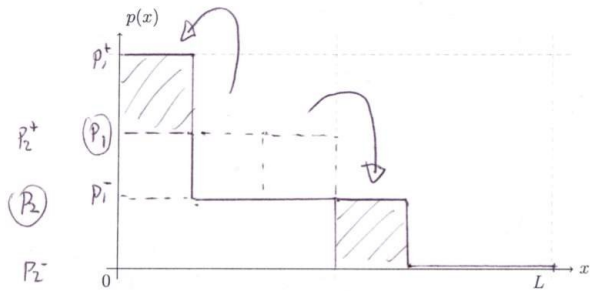


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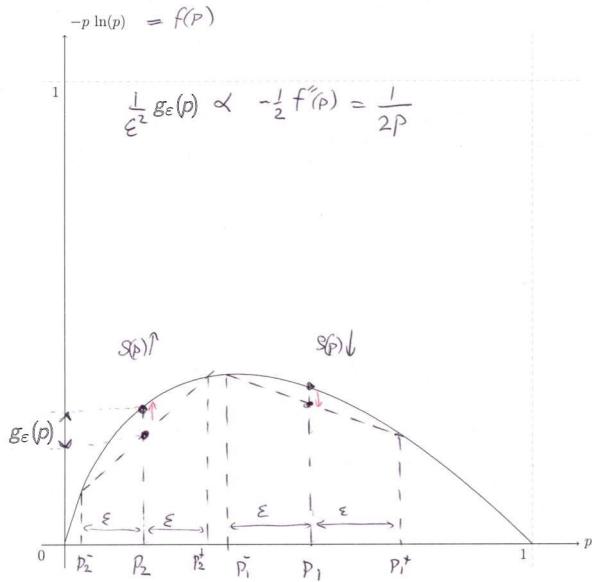


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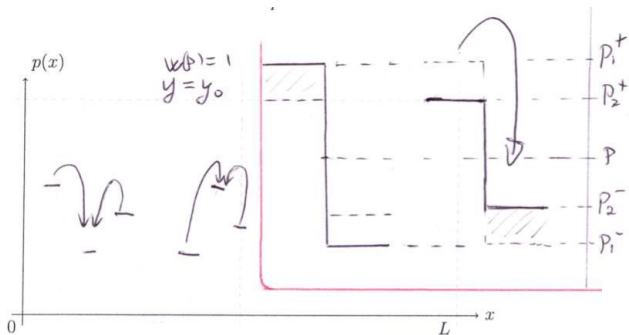


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Discontinuities are similar.  
Consequently if  $S[P]$  is maximized,  
then  $P(x)$  is monotone and continuous.

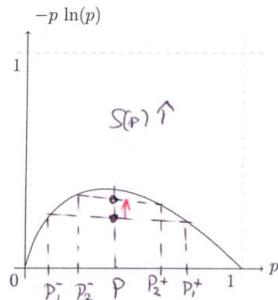
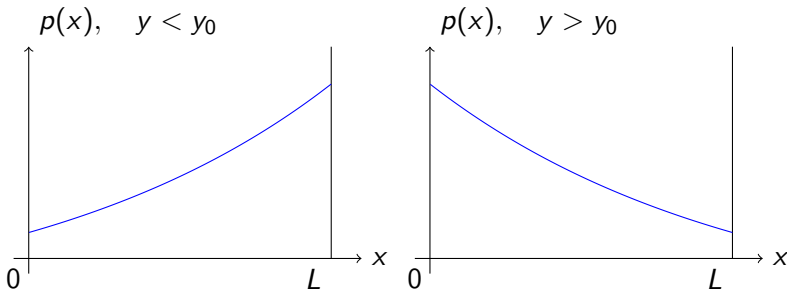


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## Boltzmann Entropy Equilibria - generic - Result

*To finish the solution faster we can use variations and find the standard exponential results:*



Truncated exponentials.

### Question

☛ What is the solution for Effective Counting Entropy?

## Effective Counting Entropy Equilibria - generic

**Maximize**  $\mathcal{V}[P] = \int_0^L \min\{L P(x), 1\} dx$

*Constraint*  $w(P) = \int_0^L P(x) dx = 1$

**Physical Constraint**  $y(P) = \int_0^L x P(x) dx = y_0$

$P(x) = ?$

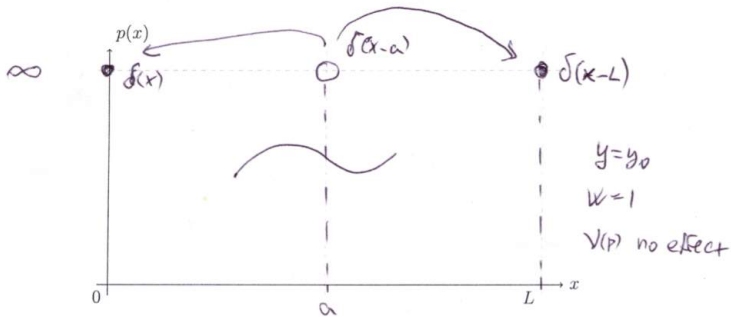


Figure: 116

If  $y(P) = \int_0^L x P(x) dx = y > y_0$ , then we need to change  $P(x)$  so that  $y$  is lowered down to  $y_0$ .

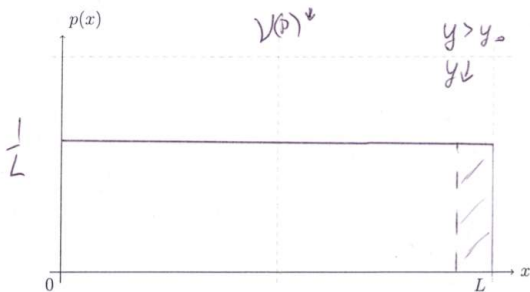


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To better see what is happening here, let's use an analogy.

Suppose  $p(x)$  = #of the items with a price equal to  $x$ .

Then  $x p(x)$  = the cost of the items with the price equal to  $x$ .

And  $\int_0^L x p(x) dx$  = the total cost of all items (max. price is  $L$ ).

Then to lower the cost we need to exchange the most expensive items for free ones.

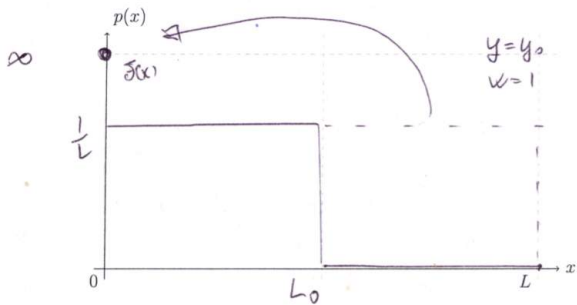


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## Comparison of generic Equilibria for Effective Counting and Boltzmann Entropies:

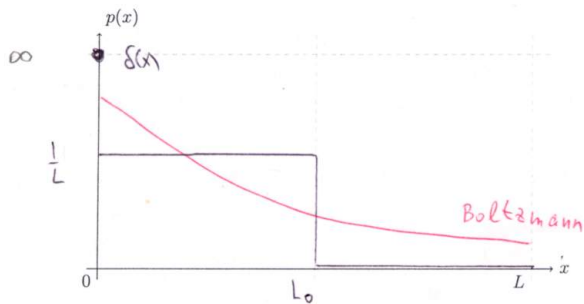


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Case  $y_0 < \frac{L}{2}$ .

# Comparison of generic Equilibria for Effective Counting and Boltzmann Entropies:

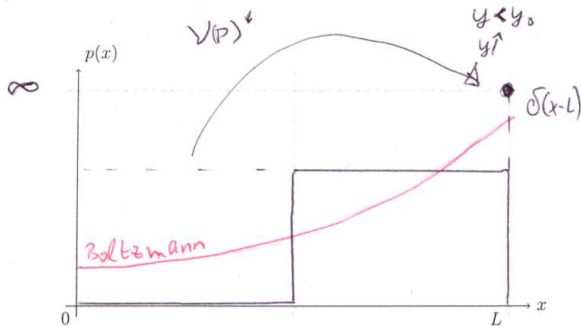


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Case  $y_0 > \frac{L}{2}$ , and for  $y_0 = \frac{L}{2}$  it is the uniform solution, which is same for both.

On the next slide, we give the solution algebraically.

## Effective Counting Entropy - generic - Result

**Maximize**  $\mathcal{V}[P] = \int_0^L \min\{L P(x), 1\} dx$

*Constraint*  $w(P) = \int_0^L P(x) dx = 1$

**Physical Constraint**  $y(P) = \int_0^L x P(x) dx = y_0$

*For  $y_0 \leq \frac{L}{2}$  the solution is  $P(x) = p(x) + b_0 \delta(x)$ , see slide 34, where*

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{L}, & x \in [0, L_0] \\ 0, & x \in (L_0, L] \end{cases}, \quad L_0 = \sqrt{2Ly_0}, \text{ and } b_0 = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{2y_0}{L}}.$$

*For  $y_0 > \frac{L}{2}$  the solution is flipped around  $x = \frac{L}{2}$ , see slide 35,*

## Effective Counting Entropy in dimension $d$

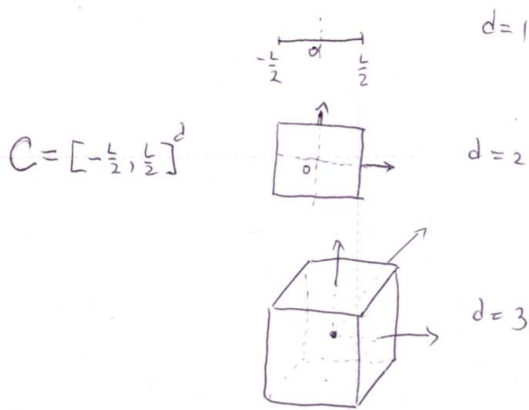


Figure: 120

$d$ -dimensional cubes.

## Effective Counting Entropy in dimension $d$

$$C = [-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2}]^d$$

We can glue the  $(d-1)$ -dimensional sides of this cube to get flat  $d$ -torus or flat  $d$ -sphere and the calculations will be same.

$\Delta(\mathbf{x}) =$  countable sum of  $\delta$ -functions

Consider probability distribution  $P(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}) + \Delta(\mathbf{x})$  on  $C$

**Maximize**  $\mathcal{V}[P] = \int_C \min\{L^d P(\mathbf{x}), 1\} d\mathbf{x} \leq L^d$

*Constraint*  $w(P) = \int_C P(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 1$

**Physical Constraint**  $y(P) = \int_C |\mathbf{x}| P(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = y_0$

$$P(\mathbf{x}) = ?$$

# Figure A. (2D flat torus)

Any  $\delta$ -function can be 'moved' to  $A$  and  $B$  as it was done before, see Fig. 116. on slide 31 (identification of edges and vertices as depicted).

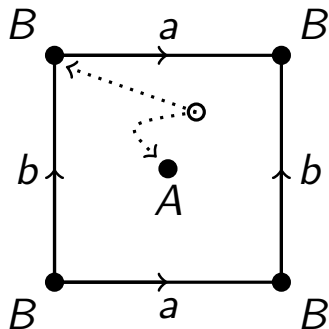


Figure: A

$$R = \frac{\sqrt{d}L}{2}$$

$$r = \frac{L}{2}$$

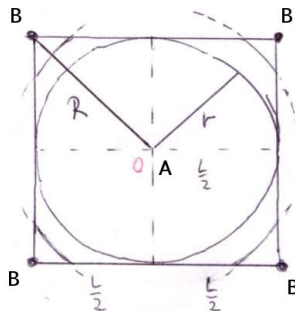
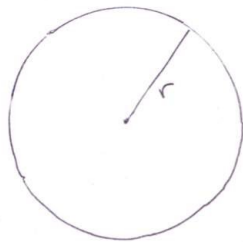
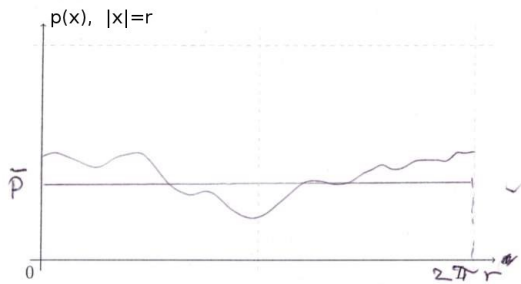


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shell,  $\dim = d-1$

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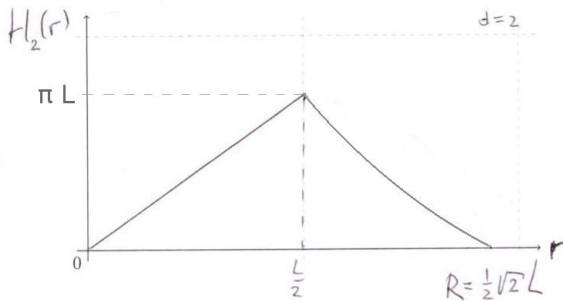
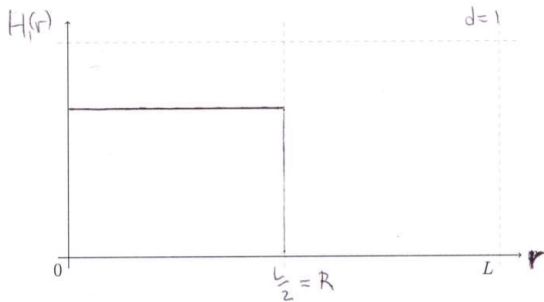


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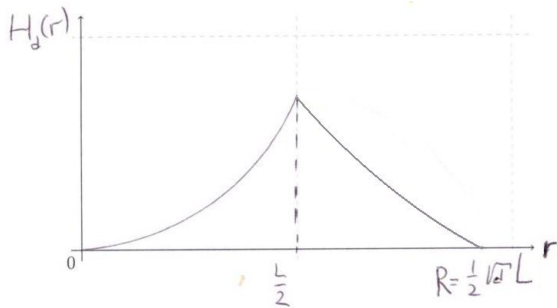


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## Rotationally Symmetric Solution

$$Q(r) = q(r) + a_0 \delta(r) + b_0 \delta(r - R), \quad R = \frac{\sqrt{d}L}{2}$$

$$\text{Maximize} \quad \mathcal{V}_d(Q) := \int_0^R \min\{Q(r), H_d(r)\} dr \leq L^d$$

$$\text{Constraint} \quad w_d(Q) := \int_0^R Q(r) dr = L^d$$

$$\text{Physical Constraint} \quad y_d(Q) := \frac{1}{L^d} \int_0^R r Q(r) dr$$

$$Q(r) = ?$$

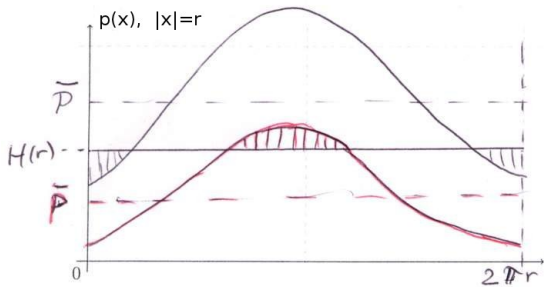
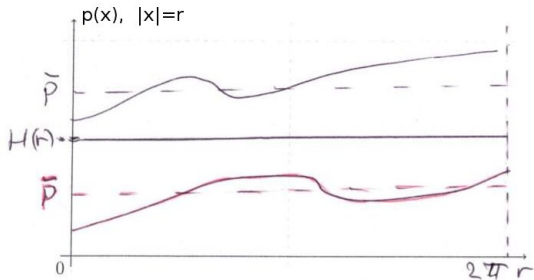


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# Effective Counting Entropy in dim d - Results

The solution is  $P(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{Q(|\mathbf{x}|)}{L^d H_d(|\mathbf{x}|)}$ , where  $Q(r)$  is depicted below.

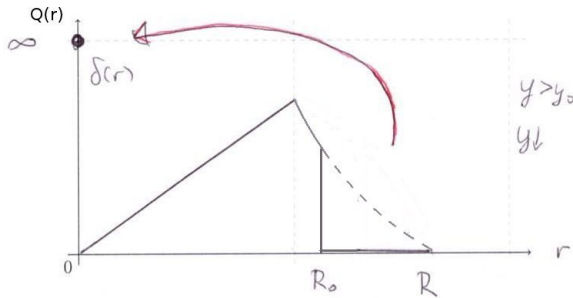


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Case when  $y_0 < \int_0^R r H_d(r) dr$ .

# Effective Counting Entropy in dim d - Results

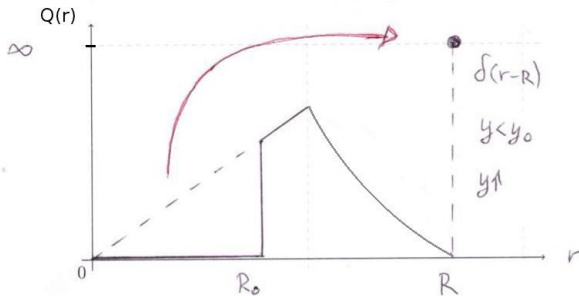


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Case when  $y_0 > \int_0^R r H_d(r) dr$ .

If  $y_0 = \int_0^R r H_d(r) dr$ , then  $Q(r) = H_d(r)$ , which means that the solution is uniform  $P(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{L^d}$ .

**Figure 45.** 2D flat torus, a solution for small  $y_0$  has a  $\delta$ -function at  $A$  and a step function at the gray circle (identification of edges and vertices as depicted).

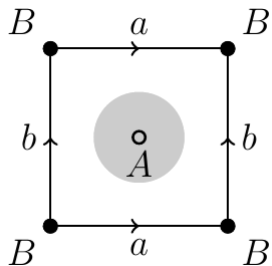


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**Figure 46.** 2D flat torus, a solution for large  $y_0$  has a  $\delta$ -function at  $A$  and a step function at the gray area.

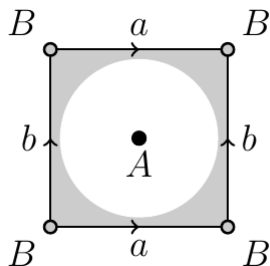


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**Figure 47.** 2D flat sphere, a solution for small  $y_0$  has a  $\delta$ -function at  $B$  and a step function at the gray circle.

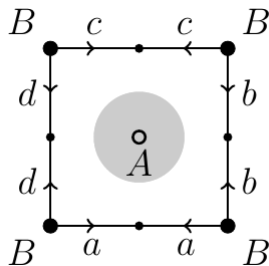


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**Figure 48.** 2D flat sphere, a solution for large  $y_0$  has a  $\delta$ -function at  $B$  and a step function at the gray area.

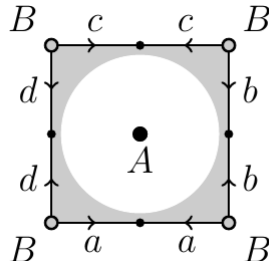


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## Conclusion.

### Boltzmann

$$S(P) = \sum_i p_i \ln(p_i)$$

$$S(P) = - \int_0^L P \ln(P) dx$$

$\langle x \rangle$  is fixed.

$P(x)$  = truncated  
exponential

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$$\mathcal{N}_*[P] = \sum_i \min\{N p_i, 1\}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_*[P] = \ln(\int_0^L \min\{L P, 1\} dx)$$

$\langle x^k \rangle$  is fixed.

$P(x)$  = step function +  $\delta(\cdot)$

**Maximize**

**if**

**Results**

**We have another Tool**

**in our Toolbox of Entropies!**





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