

state 1 : spin 1 ↓
 2 : spin 1 ↑

k up spins

$$E_{tot} = k\epsilon$$

$$E_1 = 0$$

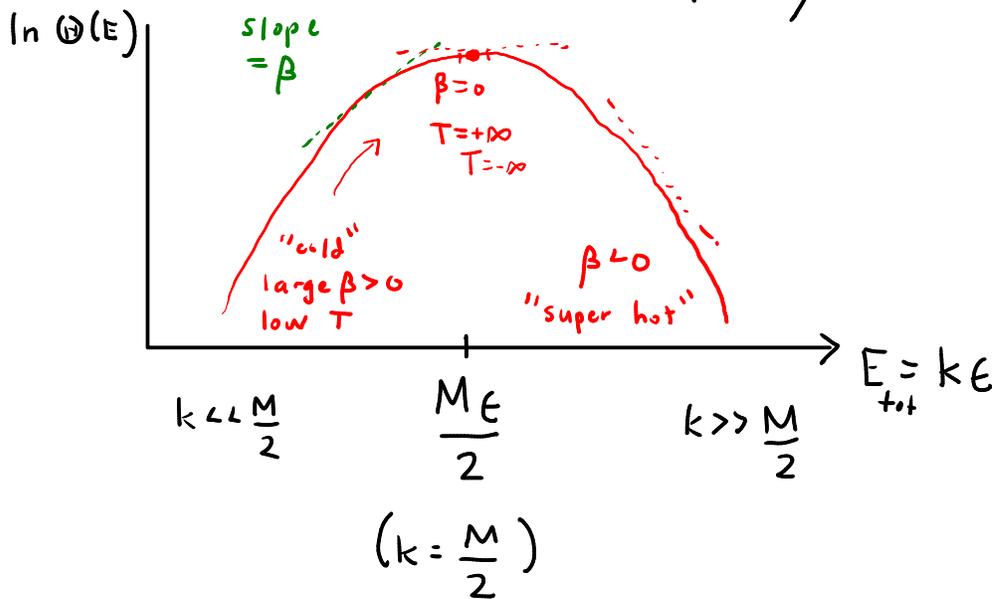
$$E_2 = \epsilon$$

$$\Theta_n = \Theta(E_{tot} - E_n)$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

$$\Theta(E) = \binom{M}{E/\epsilon}$$

$$= \frac{\partial \ln \Theta}{\partial E} \Big|_{E_{tot}}$$



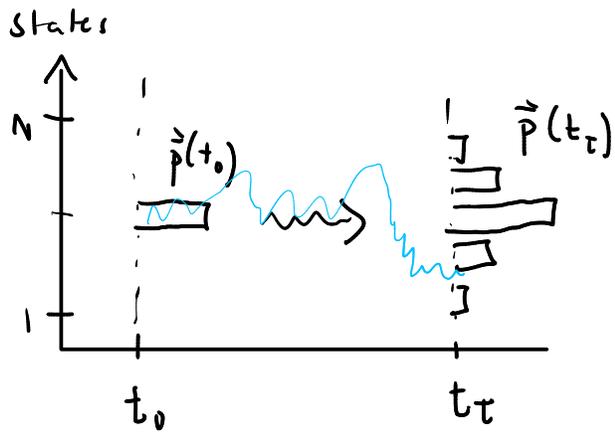
Taylor approx:

$$\ln \Theta(E) \approx \text{const.} - \frac{\left(M - \frac{2E}{\epsilon}\right)^2}{M}$$

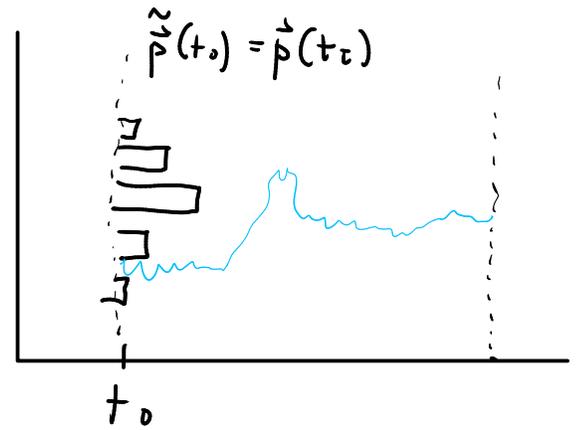
valid when $1 \ll k \ll N$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{1}{k_B T} \approx \frac{2}{\epsilon} \left(1 - \frac{2E_{tot}}{\epsilon M}\right)$$

"forward" ensemble



"reverse" ensemble



GOAL: compare v in forw. ensemble = $\mathcal{P}(v)$ ^{prob.}
 to \tilde{v} in rev. ensemble: $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\tilde{v})$ ^{rev. traj.}
rev. ensemble

b/c W is ergodic + mixing \Rightarrow LDB holds

MR: if $W_{nm} \neq 0 \Rightarrow W_{mn} \neq 0$

if $\mathcal{P}(v) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\tilde{v}) \neq 0$

define ratio: "irreversibility"

$$I(v) \equiv k_B \ln \frac{\mathcal{P}(v)}{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\tilde{v})}$$

$|I(v)|$ is large when $\mathcal{P}(v) \gg \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\tilde{v})$
 or $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\tilde{v}) \gg \mathcal{P}(v)$

$I(v) = 0$ when $\mathcal{P}(v) = \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\tilde{v})$

next time: $\langle e^{-I(v)/k_B T} \rangle = 1$