

Problem Set 4
(due Monday, February 8)

1. Problem 3.1, page 89.
2. Problem 3.3, page 90.
3. Problem 3.10, page 97.
4. Problem 3.14, page 97.
5. Problem 3.16, page 98.
6. Problem 3.20, page 107.
7. Problem 3.24, page 107. (This is another spreadsheet problem. In it you will see why the vibrational degrees of freedom in a solid “freeze out” at low temperature. It is this feature of heat capacities that Einstein was trying to explain when he proposed his model of a solid in 1907. Be sure to pay attention to the detailed instructions and hints in the problem, especially the bit about the centered-difference approximation for derivatives.)
8. Problem 3.25 (except part f), page 108. (This is an analytic approach to the same problem that you just solved numerically. For the graph in part (e) you could use a spreadsheet, but I recommend Mathematica. See the “Computer problems” page on the textbook’s web site for an example of how to use Mathematica’s Plot function. There’s no need to repeat the estimates of ϵ that you made at the end of the previous problem.)

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