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Prelims

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$$2) a. Z_{gc}^{(1)} = \sum_{states} e^{-\beta(E-N\mu)}$$

$$= \left(\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{unbound}}}{1} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{bound to A}}}{e^{\beta(-E_{AC} + \mu_A)}} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{bound to B}}}{e^{\beta(-E_{BC} + \mu_B)}} \right) N_c$$

$$Z_{gc} = (1 + e^{\beta(E_{AC} + \mu_A)} + e^{\beta(E_{BC} + \mu_B)}) N_c$$

$$f_A = \frac{e^{\beta(E_{AC} + \mu_A)}}{Z_{gc}} = \frac{e^{\beta(E_{AC} + \mu_A)}}{1 + e^{\beta(E_{AC} + \mu_A)} + e^{\beta(E_{BC} + \mu_B)}}$$

$$f_B = \frac{e^{\beta(E_{BC} + \mu_B)}}{Z_{gc}} = \frac{e^{\beta(E_{BC} + \mu_B)}}{1 + e^{\beta(E_{AC} + \mu_A)} + e^{\beta(E_{BC} + \mu_B)}}$$

b. In the absence of B ($\mu_B \rightarrow -\infty$), $f_A = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_A \gg E_{AC} \Rightarrow \mu_A = E_{AC}$$

$$\therefore f_A \approx \frac{e^{\beta(E_{AC} + \mu_A)}}{e^{\beta(E_{AC} + \mu_A)} + e^{\beta(E_{BC} + \mu_B)}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta(E_{BC} - E_{AC} + \mu_B - \mu_A)}}$$

Treating the A and B molecules classically:

$$n_A \approx e^{\beta \mu_A}, \quad n_B \approx e^{\beta \mu_B}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_A = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{n_B}{n_A} e^{\beta(E_{BC} - E_{AC})}}$$

$$c. \frac{n_B}{n_A} = 0.01 \Rightarrow f_A = 0.1 = \frac{1}{1 + 0.01 e^{\beta(E_{BC} - E_{AC})}}$$

$$T = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$10 = 1 + 0.01 e^{\beta(E_{BC} - E_{AC})}$$

$$900 = e^{\beta(E_{BC} - E_{AC})}$$

$$\beta(E_{BC} - E_{AC}) = \ln(900) = 2 \ln(30)$$

$$E_{BC} - E_{AC} = 2 k_B T \ln(30)$$

$$E_{BC} - E_{AC} = 2 (8.62 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{eV}}{\text{K}}) (300 \text{ K}) \ln(30)$$

$$= 0.18 \text{ eV}$$