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Problem Set #2

1. See Problem Set # 2, 1977, question # 1.
2. See Problem Set # 2, 1977, question # 2.
3. See Problem Set # 2, 1977, question # 3.
4. See Problem Set # 2, 1977, question # 4.
5. See Problem Set # 2, 1977, question # 5.
6. (a) See Problem Set # 2, 1977, question # 6(a).
(b) See Problem Set # 2, 1977, question # 6(b).
(c) Is the energy level diagram for Dk sufficiently complete that the electronic partition function

$$q_e = \sum_{\text{all states } i} g_i \exp[-E_i/kT],$$

may be calculated at 3000K? If one or more electronic terms are missing, what would be the fractional error in q_e , assuming plausible term energies? Can you devise an experiment which samples $q_e(T)$ with accuracy sufficient to locate a missing low-lying electronic term?