

Full statistics of erasure processes: Isothermal adiabatic theory and a statistical Landauer principle

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Introduction

Taming Maxwell's demon: a never ending story made short

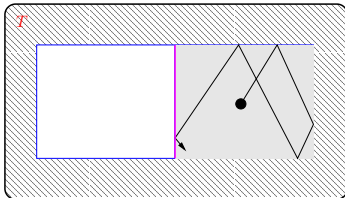
- 1871: Maxwell's demon violates the 2nd Law
- 1929: Szilard's engine converts information into work
- 1956: Brillouin: irreversibility of quantum measurement processes
- 1961: Landauer: *logically irreversible* operations dissipate heat

$$\Delta Q = k_B T \log 2 \text{ per bit}$$

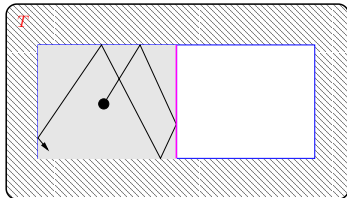
- 1982: Bennett exorcises the demon
- 1999: Earman-Norton criticism...
- ... many attempts to "prove" Landauer's principle from "first principles" (stat. mech.) or conceive classical and quantum systems that violate it ...

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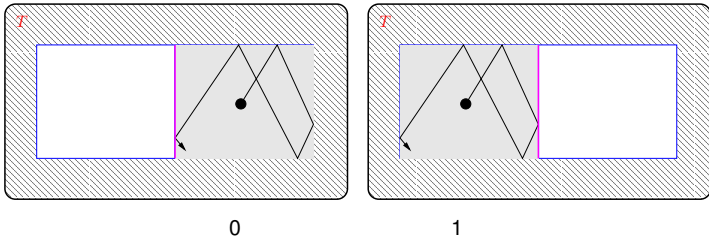
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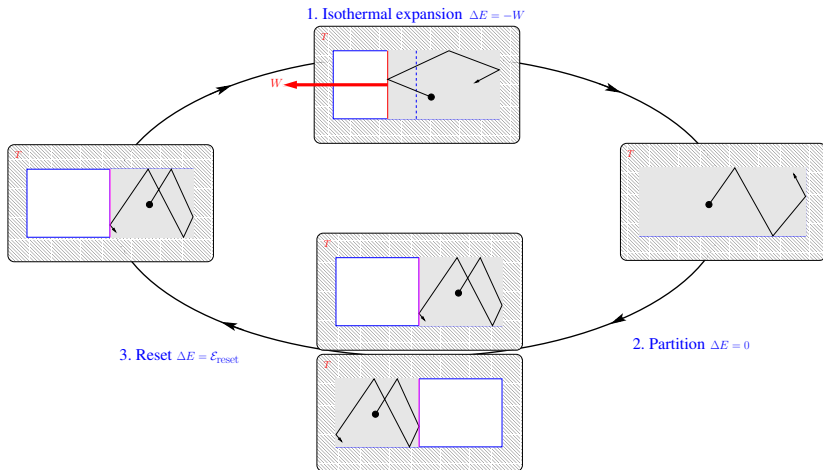


Assume there is a process which perform the reset operation (**0 or 1**) \rightarrow 0 with energy cost

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{reset}}$$

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Build a cyclic process – Szilard Engine



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[Landauer '61] The energy injected in the reset process is released as heat in the reservoir. $k_B T \log 2$ is the minimal energy dissipated by a reset operation. Moreover

$$k_B T \log 2 = T \Delta S$$

ΔS being the decrease in entropy of the system in the resetting process (erasing entropy). Note that Landauer’s bound $\mathcal{E}_{\text{reset}} \geq T \Delta S$ is saturated by the reverse process of quasi-static isothermal compression.

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This formulation will definitively not close the philosophical discussions about Maxwell's demon and the relation between thermodynamics and information theory, but at least it provides a sound statement with well defined assumptions.

Landauer's Principle in statistical mechanics [Reeb-Wolf '14]

Finite quantum system \mathcal{S} coupled to finite reservoir \mathcal{R} at temperature $T > 0$

- Finite dimensional Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{R}}$, reservoir Hamiltonian $H_{\mathcal{R}}$
- **Product initial state** + **thermal reservoir** $\omega_i = \rho_i \otimes \nu_i$

$$\nu_i = e^{-(\beta H_{\mathcal{R}} + \log Z)}, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{k_{\text{B}} T}, \quad Z = \text{tr} \left(e^{-\beta H_{\mathcal{R}}} \right)$$

- **Unitary state transformation** $U : \omega_i \mapsto \omega_f = U \omega_i U^*$
- Reduced final states

$$\rho_f = \text{tr}_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{R}}}(\omega_f), \quad \nu_f = \text{tr}_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}}}(\omega_f)$$

- Energy dissipated in the reservoir \mathcal{R} :

$$\langle \Delta Q \rangle = \text{tr}((\nu_f - \nu_i) H_{\mathcal{R}})$$

- Decrease in entropy of the system \mathcal{S} :

$$\Delta S = S(\rho_i) - S(\rho_f)$$

where $S(\rho) = -k_{\text{B}} \text{tr}(\rho \log \rho)$ is the von Neumann entropy of ρ

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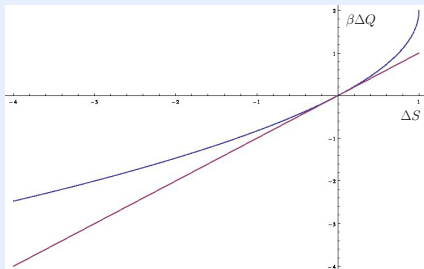
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Remark 3. Mathematically: simple, direct consequence of Klein's inequality.

Tightness of Landauer's Bound

[Reeb-Wolf '14] Most of their analysis consists in showing that Landauer's bound is not tight for reservoirs with finite dimensional Hilbert space and deriving tighter bounds in such cases.



Conjecture: *Landauer's Principle can probably be formulated within the general statistical mechanical framework of C^* and W^* dynamical systems and an equality version akin to (1) can possibly be proven.*

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Can we improve Landauer's Principle beyond the expected value $\langle \Delta Q \rangle$?

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Remark 2. (II) enforces interaction $\lambda(s)V$ to be non-trivial for $s \in]0, 1[$

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i.e., in the adiabatic limit our process induces the state transformation $\rho_i \rightarrow \rho_f$ on the system S .

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Energetic Balance in average

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Expected heat released in \mathcal{R} (from the First Law!):

$$\langle \Delta Q \rangle = \langle \Delta W \rangle - \langle \Delta U \rangle = \beta^{-1} \Delta S$$

saturates Landauer's bound

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Full Statistics of dissipated heat

[Shimizu-Sakaki'91, Levitov-Lesovik'92, Kurchan'00, Tasaki'00,...]

$$\mathbb{P}_{\text{heat}}^{(L,T)}(\Delta Q) = \sum_{E_f - E_i = \Delta Q} \text{tr}(P_{\{E_f\}}(H_{\mathcal{R}}^{(L)})U_1^{(L,T)}P_{\{E_i\}}(H_{\mathcal{R}}^{(L)})\eta_0^{(L)}P_{\{E_f\}}(H_{\mathcal{R}}^{(L)})U_1^{(L,T)*})$$

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Cumulant generating function = Rényi relative entropy (use $H_{\mathcal{R}}^{(L)}(0) = H_{\mathcal{R}}^{(L)} + \text{const.}$)

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\text{heat}}^{(L,T)}(\alpha) &= \log \sum_{\Delta Q \in \text{sp}(H_{\mathcal{R}}^{(L)}) - \text{sp}(H_{\mathcal{R}}^{(L)})} e^{-\alpha \Delta Q} \mathbb{P}_{\text{heat}}^{(L,T)}(\Delta Q) \\ &= \log \text{tr}(e^{-\alpha H_{\mathcal{R}}^{(L)}} U_1^{(L,T)} e^{\alpha H_{\mathcal{R}}^{(L)}} \eta_0^{(L)} U_1^{(L,T)*}) \\ &= \log \text{tr}(e^{-\alpha H^{(L)}(0)} U_1^{(L,T)} e^{(\alpha - \beta) H^{(L)}(0)} U_1^{(L,T)*}) \\ &= \log \text{tr}(\eta_0^{(L)\alpha/\beta} U_1^{(L,T)} \eta_0^{(L)(1-\alpha/\beta)} U_1^{(L,T)*}) \\ &= S_{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}(\eta_0^{(L)} | U_1^{(L,T)} \eta_0^{(L)} U_1^{(L,T)*}) \end{aligned}$$

Assumption III (Thermodynamic Limit)

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with

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Under the same assumptions, a similar construction yields the Full Statistics of the work done on the joint system $\mathcal{S} + \mathcal{R}$

$$\chi_{\text{work}}(\alpha) = -\alpha \Delta F$$

which shows that work does not fluctuate in the adiabatic limit

$$d\mathbb{P}_{\text{work}}(\Delta W) = \delta(\Delta W - \Delta F) d\Delta W$$

it converges a.s. towards ΔF , a result which leads us to interpret ΔF as the change in free energy of the joint system $\mathcal{S} + \mathcal{R}$.

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Differentiating $\chi_{\text{heat}}(\alpha)$ at $\alpha = 0$ yields

$$\langle \Delta Q \rangle = \beta^{-1} \log 2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon \log \epsilon)$$

and higher cumulants

$$\langle \langle \Delta Q^n \rangle \rangle = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon (\log \epsilon)^n)$$

In the limit $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

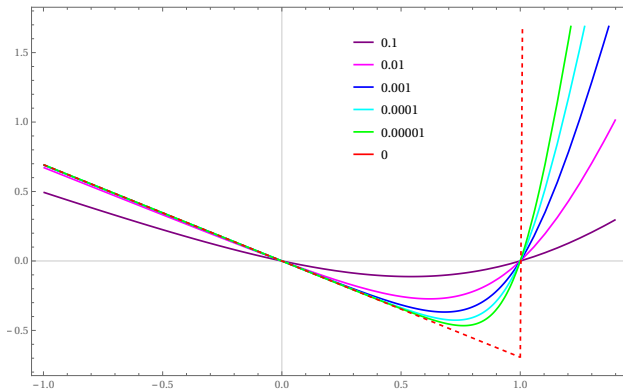
$$\mathbb{P}_{\text{heat}} \Rightarrow \delta_{\beta^{-1} \log 2}$$

but this weak convergence does not capture the singular nature of this limit: for small $\epsilon > 0$ there is a small $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ but non-vanishing probability of violating Landauer's bound which is associated to failure of the erasing process

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The limiting cumulant generating function is singular

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \chi_{\text{heat}}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} -\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \log d & \alpha < \beta \\ 0 & \alpha = \beta \\ +\infty & \alpha > \beta \end{cases}$$



Thank you !