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Since $K = k_{\text{for}}/k_{\text{rev}}$, we see that at very high T...

$$ln(K) \rightarrow ln(A_{for}/A_{rev})$$

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First, at very high T, K only depends on $\Delta S^{\circ} = \Delta S^{\circ}_{sys}$.

Why is this?

It is because at very high *T*, heat flow can no longer change entropy of the surroundings,

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \Delta S_{\text{sur}} = -\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{\Delta H^{\circ}_{\text{sys}}}{T} = -\frac{\Delta H^{\circ}_{\text{sys}}}{\infty} = 0$$

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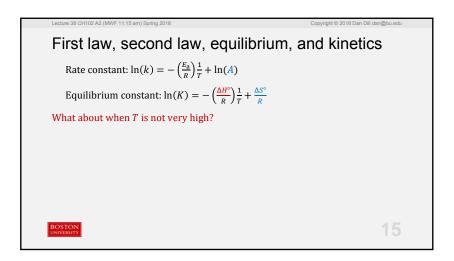
Second, since the entropy change of the system can be expressed as

$$\frac{\Delta S^{\circ}}{R} = \ln \left(\frac{W_{\text{products}}}{W_{\text{reactants}}} \right)$$

at very high *T*, the ratio of the Arrhenius factors is related to the ratio of the number arrangements or reactants and products,

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Rate constant: $\ln(k) = -\left(\frac{E_a}{R}\right)\frac{1}{T} + \ln(A)$ Equilibrium constant: $\ln(K) = -\left(\frac{\Delta H^o}{R}\right)\frac{1}{T} + \frac{\Delta S^o}{R}$ What's the connection between enthalpy change and activation energies? $K = k_{for}/k_{rev}$ and so ... $\ln(K) = -\frac{\Delta H^o}{R}\frac{1}{T} + \frac{\Delta S^o}{R} = \ln\left(\frac{k_{for}}{k_{rev}}\right) = -\frac{(E_{a,for}-E_{a,rev})}{R}\frac{1}{T} + \ln\left(\frac{A_{for}}{A_{rev}}\right)$ and therefore, ... $\Delta H^o = E_{a,for} - E_{a,rev}$

