

**Office hours today:** after class (Remo)

4-5pm, 8-9pm (Zoom)

**Homework sessions:**

5-8pm Monday and Tuesday in Remo

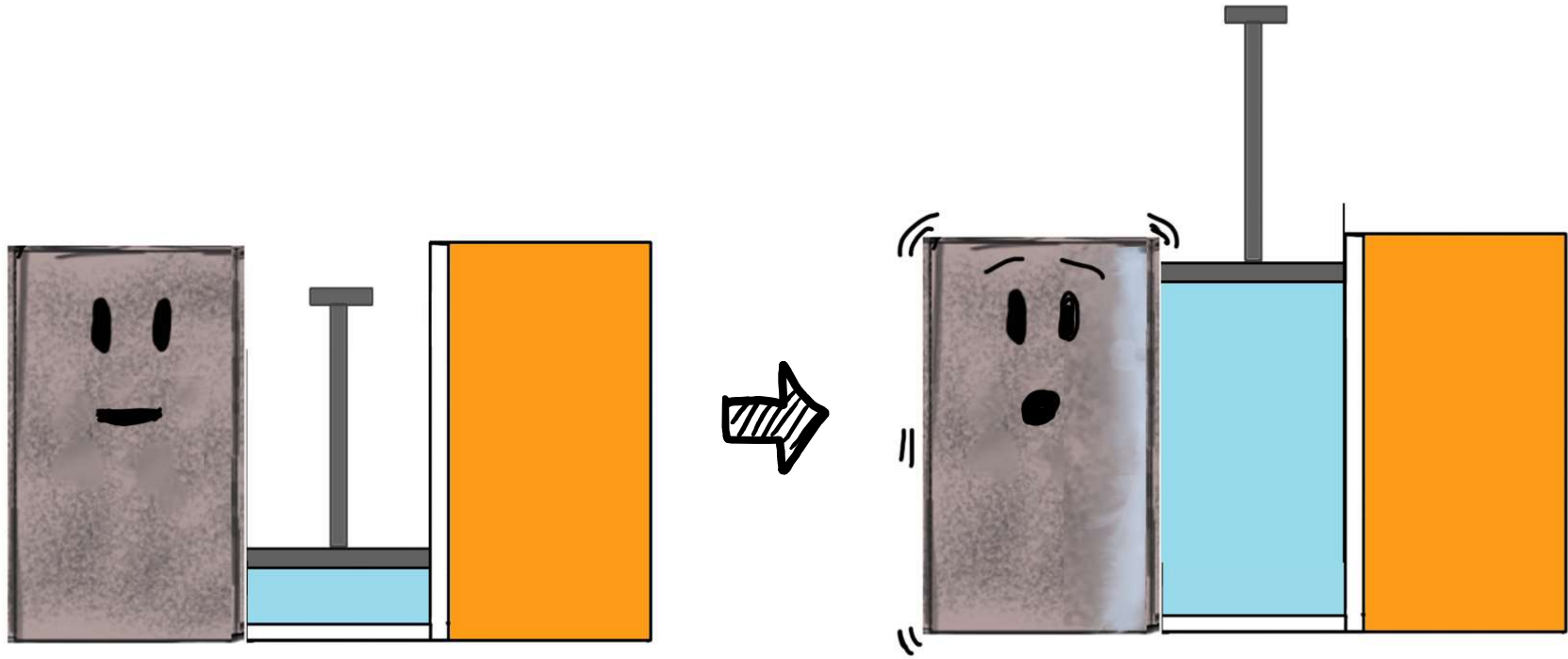
**Learning goals for today:**

To explain the basic gas processes that are used in refrigeration

To explain why heat always flows from hotter objects to colder objects

To describe the microscopic meaning of entropy and explain how this governs the direction of heat flow

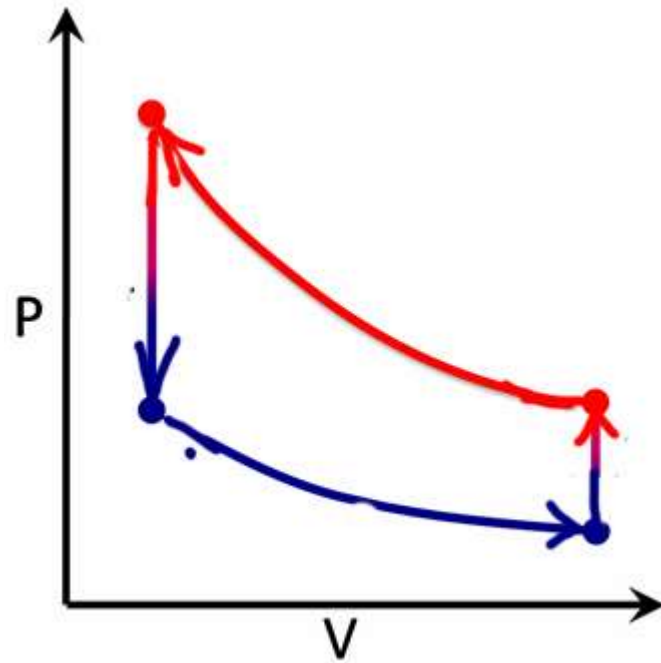
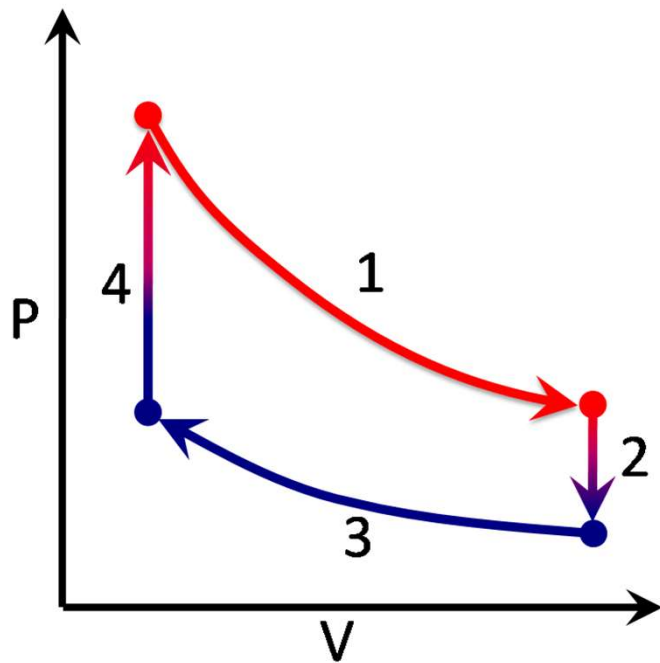
Last time in Phys 157...



REFRIGERATORS: Can transfer heat from colder system to warmer system by doing work.

\* e.g. Stirling cycle in reverse \*

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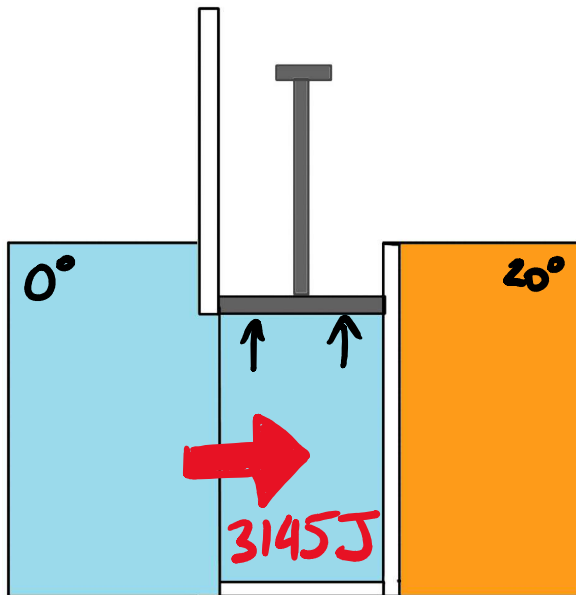
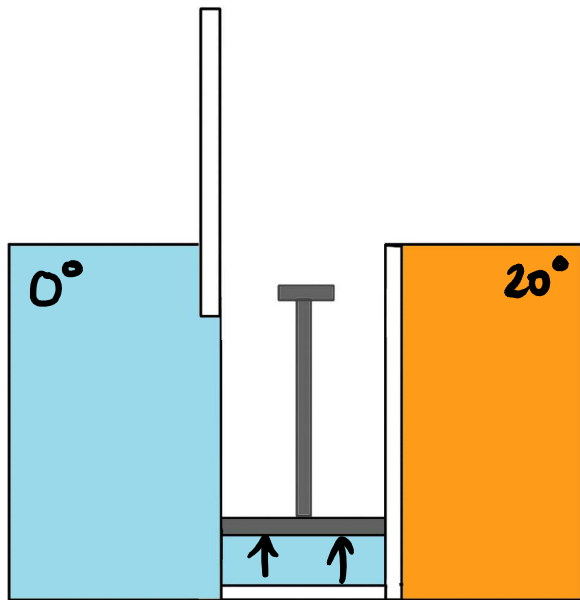
Crucial step:

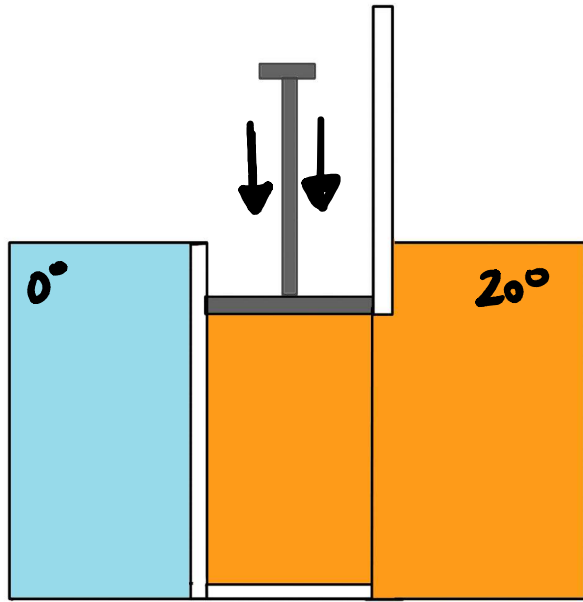
Constant temperature  
expansion

(1 mole, 5L  $\rightarrow$  20L)

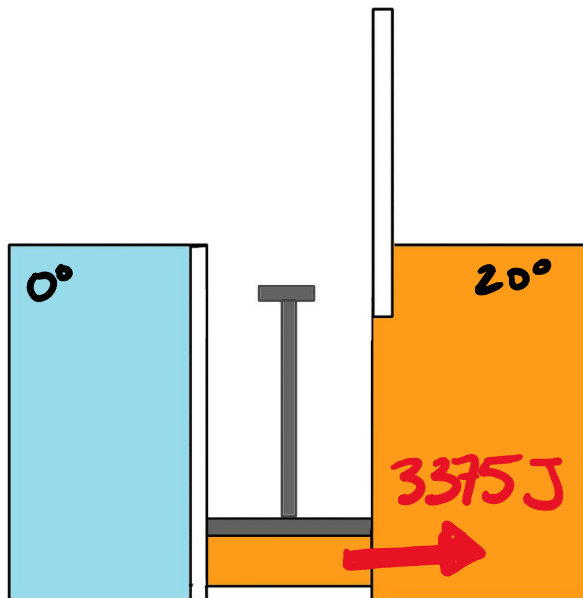
(or: Adiabatic expansion  
+ subsequent warming)

A gas is doing work & absorbs  
heat to replace lost energy\*



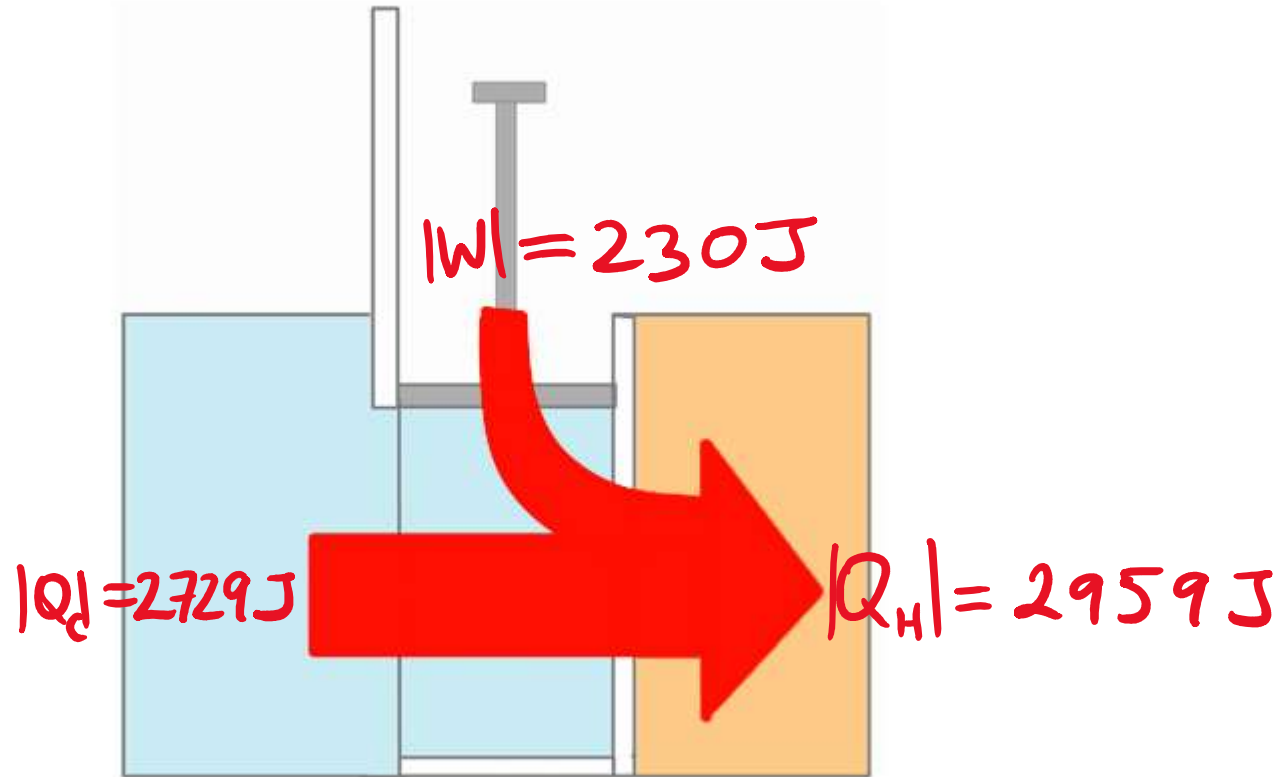


Later: gas compressed  
to energy sent to  
hot reservoir.

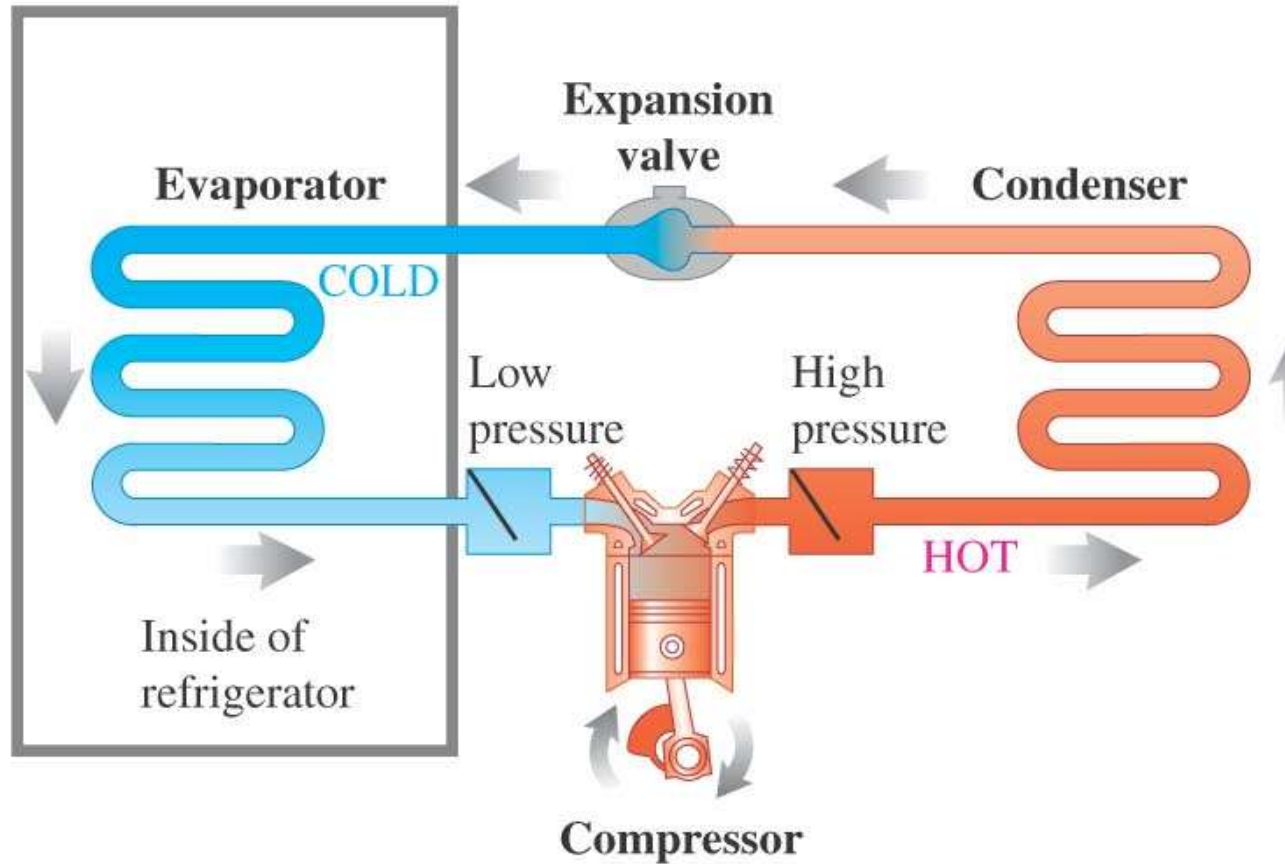


(or: adiabatic compression  
followed by heat flow)

Net result of cycle:



(a) Typical home refrigerator:



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- A) That's a great idea, let's do it!
- B) Yes it will cool down the kitchen, but it's a total waste of energy.
- C) That won't have any effect at all on the temperature of the room, but the food will go bad.
- D) Hey Sam, that's great that you're thinking creatively, but it will actually make the room warmer than leaving the fridge door closed.



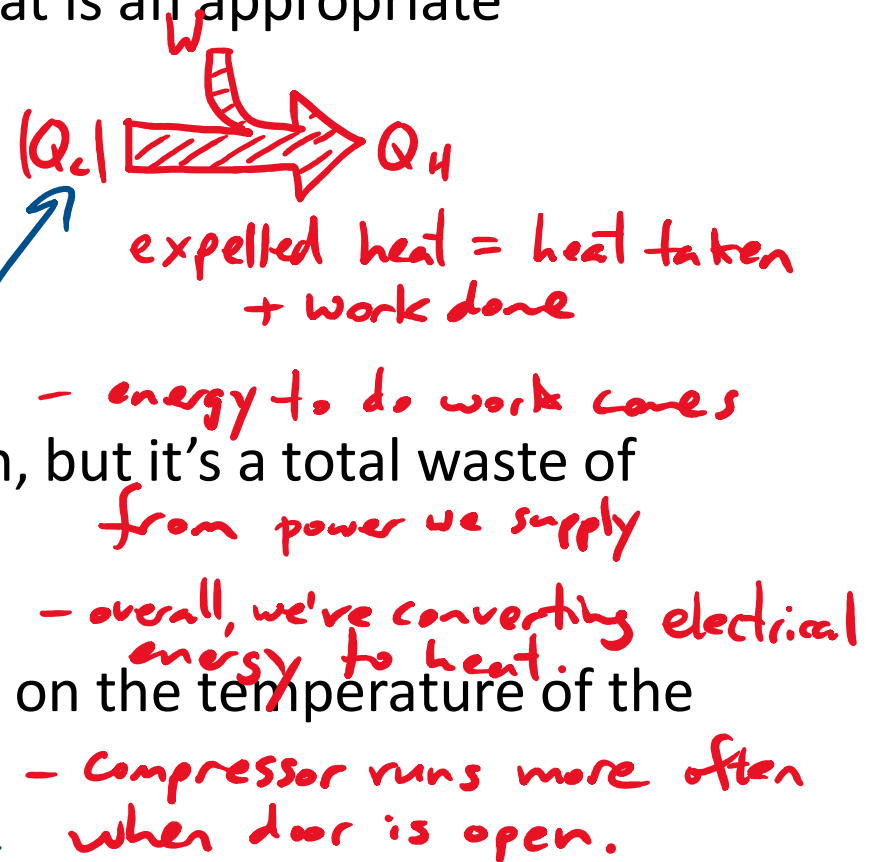
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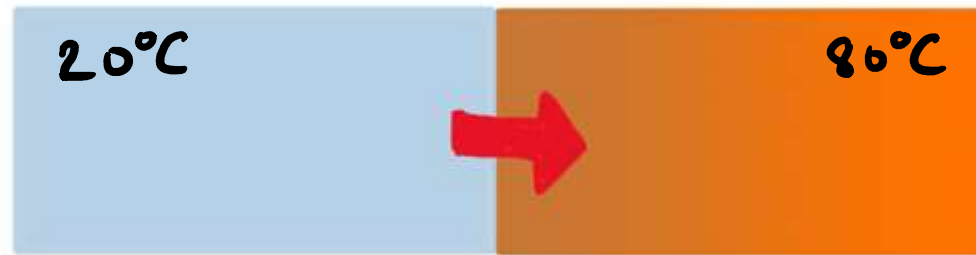
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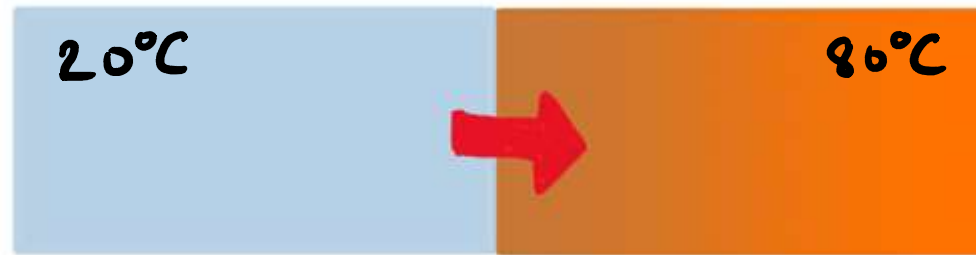
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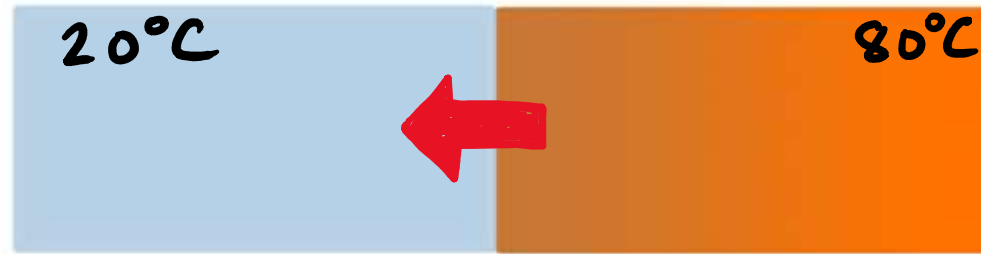
A) True

B) False

If we moved 100 J from the cold object to the hot object, total energy would be conserved.

The cold object would get colder + the hot object would get hotter.

BUT this never happens spontaneously

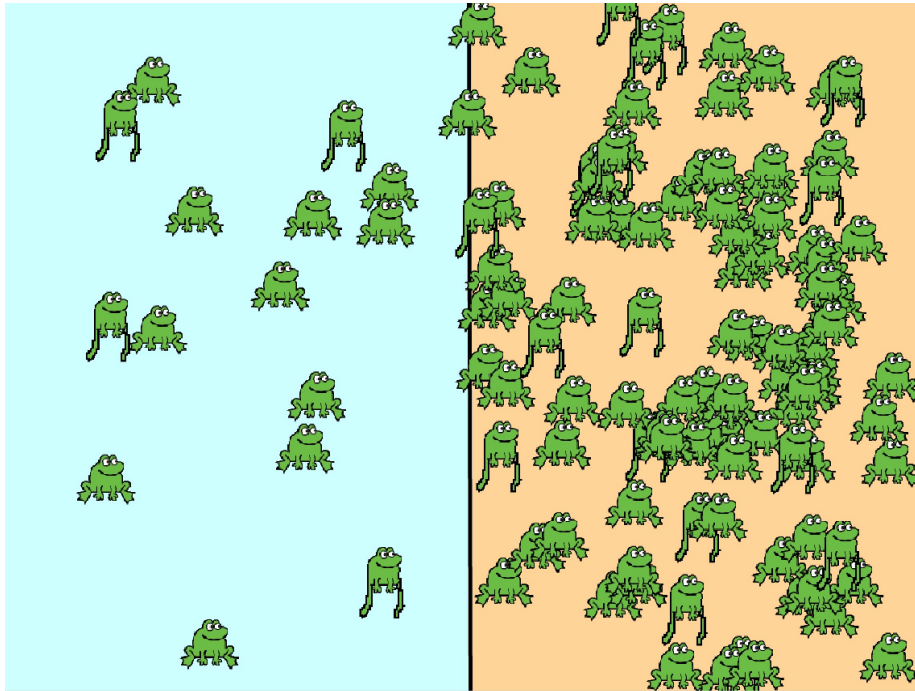


## Discussion Question:

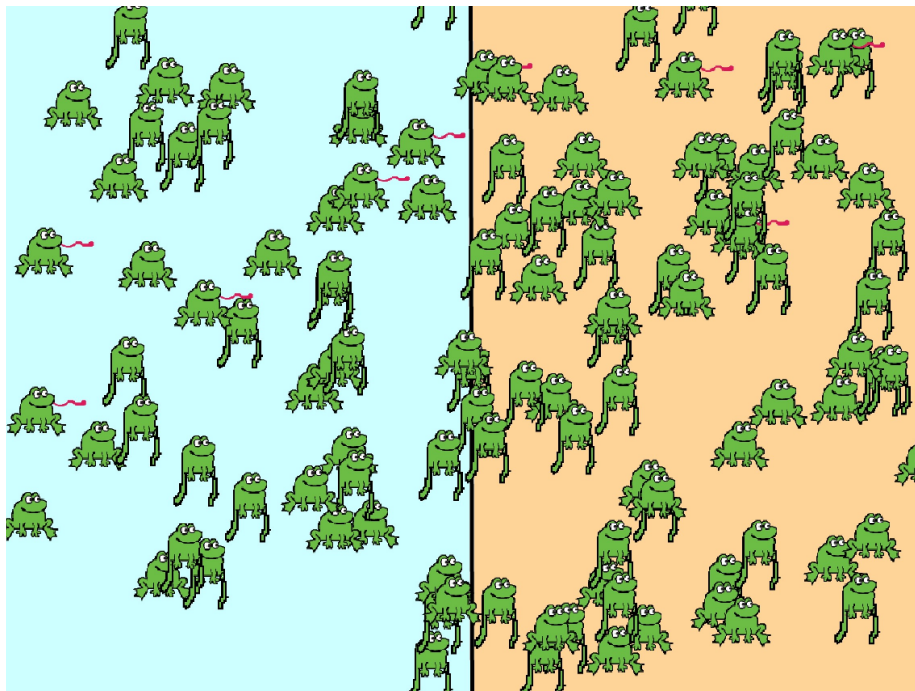
Why does heat always flow from hot objects to colder objects?

Demo!

<https://youtu.be/-Ddigbvwpk8>



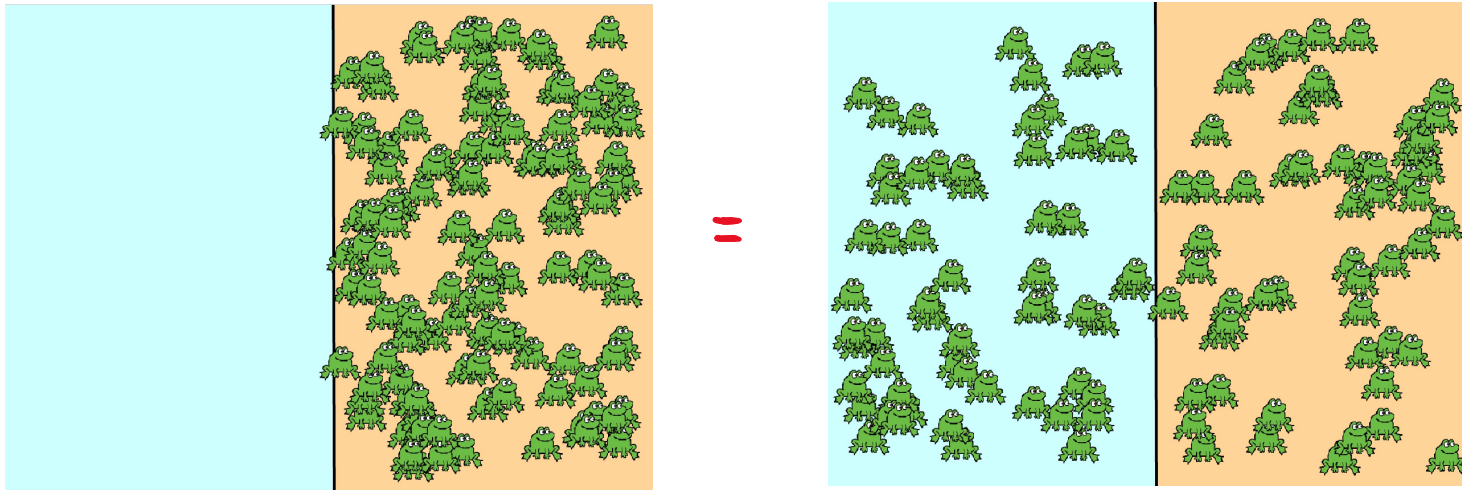
Let's use an analogy:



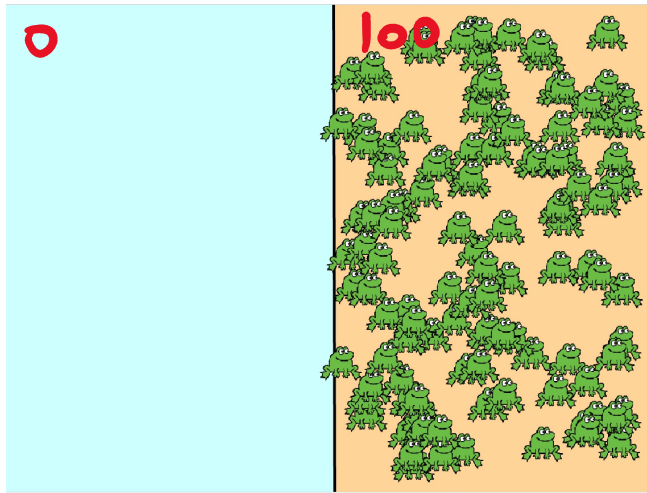
If the frogs move around randomly, why is there always a net movement of frogs from an area of high average frog density to an area of low average frog density?

As time passes, we move between possible configurations of frogs.

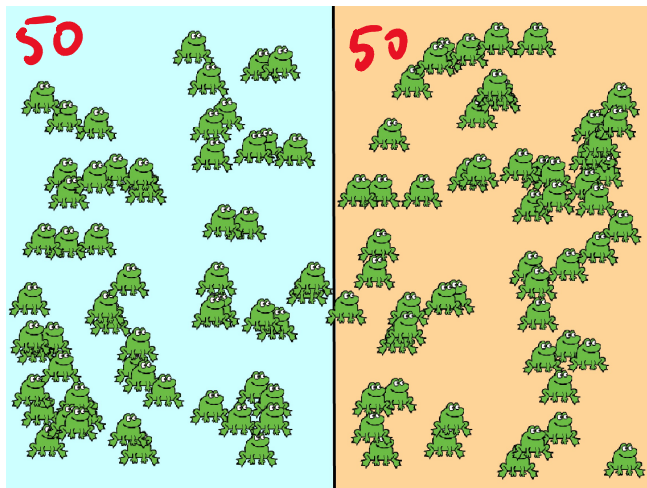
All specific configurations are equally likely



BUT...



$10^{500}$  configurations  
like this

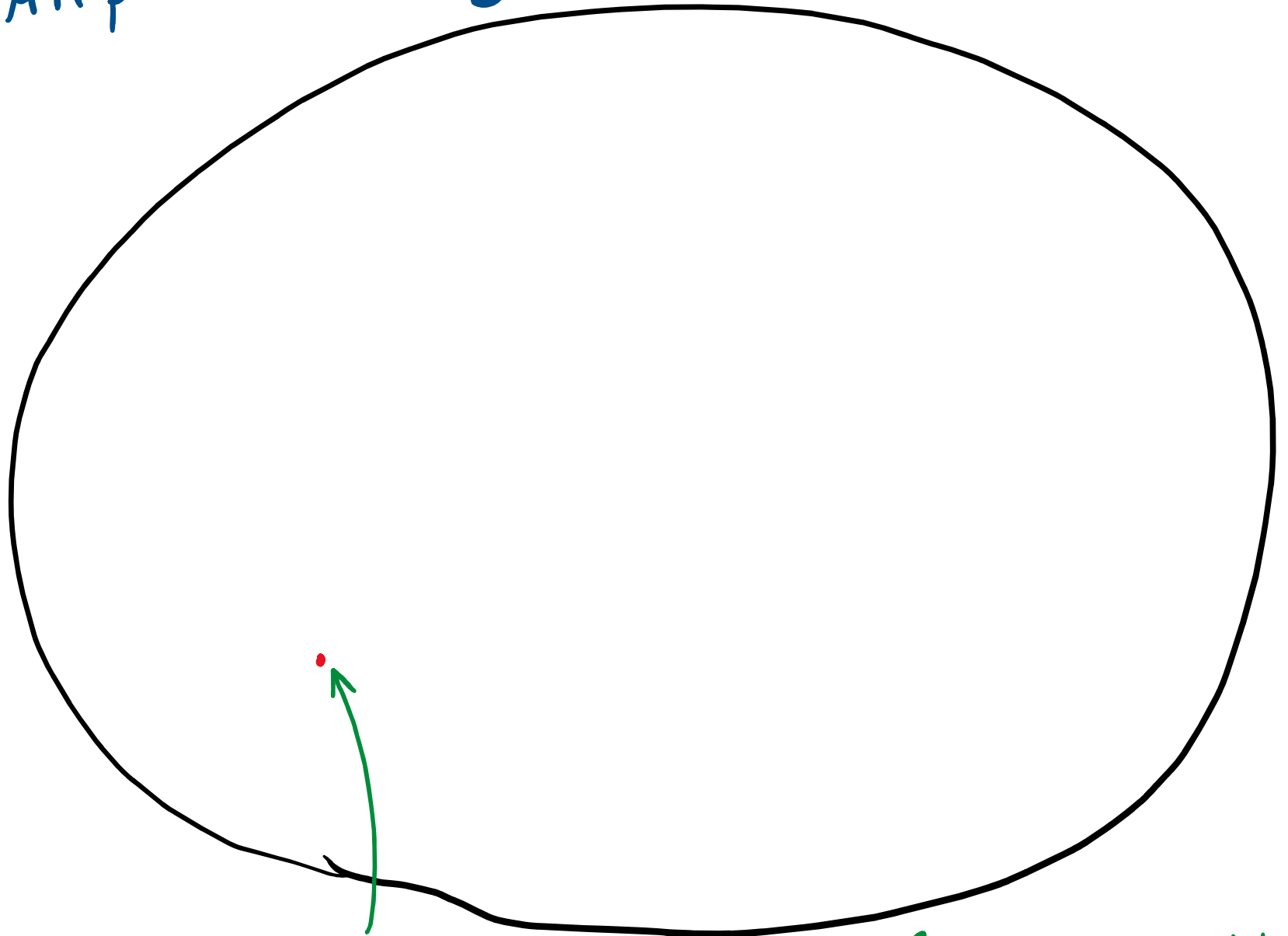


$10^{530}$  configurations  
like this

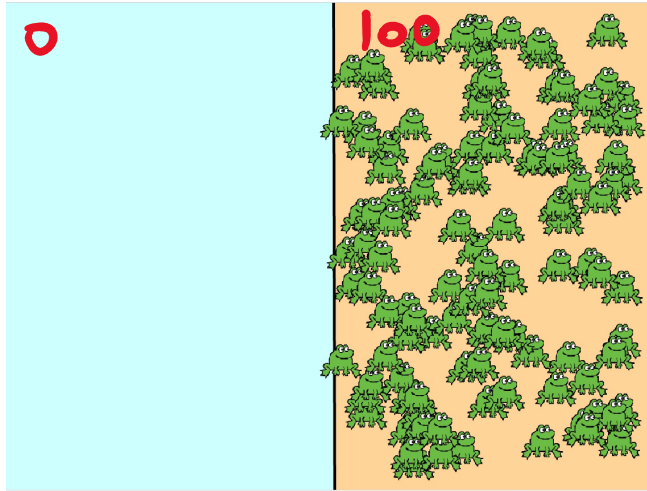
( $10^5$  possible pixel locations for each frog)



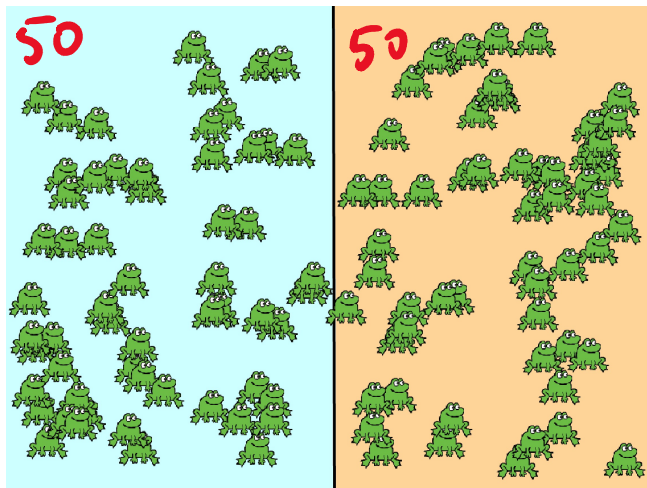
All possible configurations of frogs:



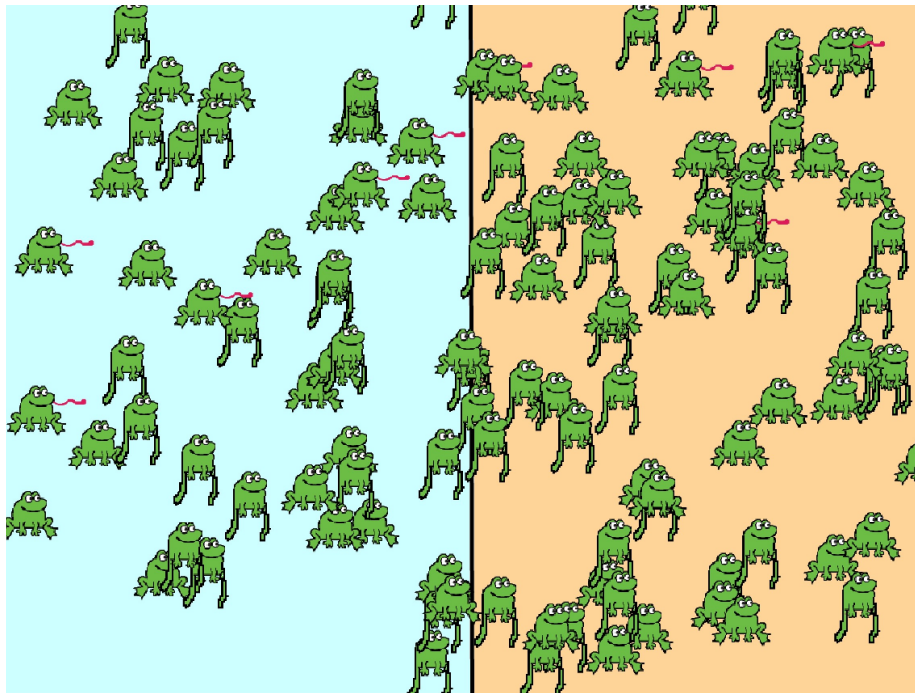
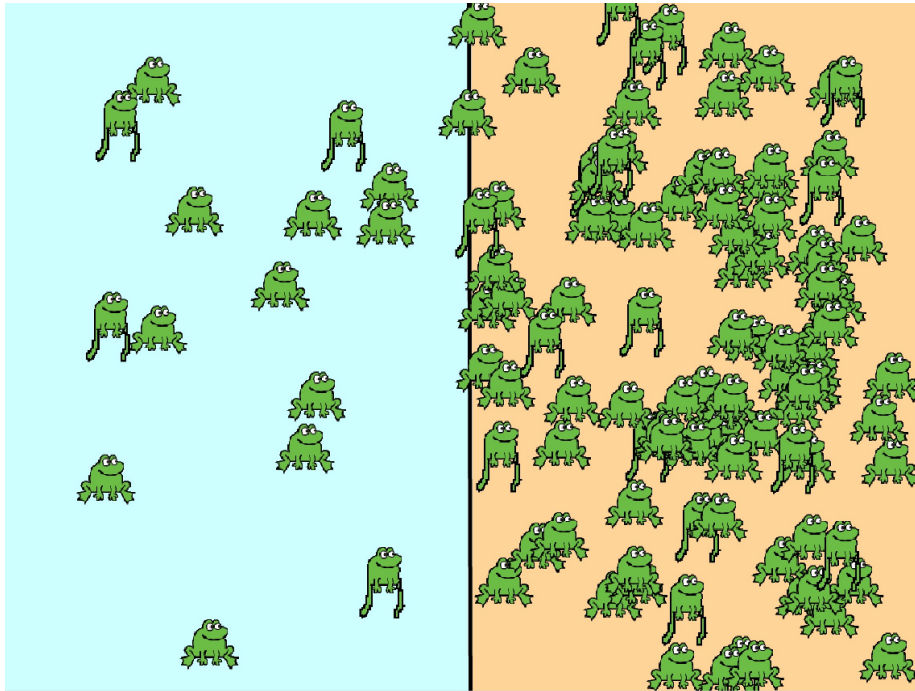
configurations with most of the frogs on the right  
 $10^{30}$  times smaller area



If we start here



After a while, we are  $10^{30}$  times more likely to end up in a (50, 50) configuration than a (0, 100) configuration.



If the frogs move around randomly, why is there always a net movement of frogs from an area of high average frog density to an area of low average frog density?

★ all configurations of frogs are possible ★

★ vastly more configurations with a more balanced number of frogs ★

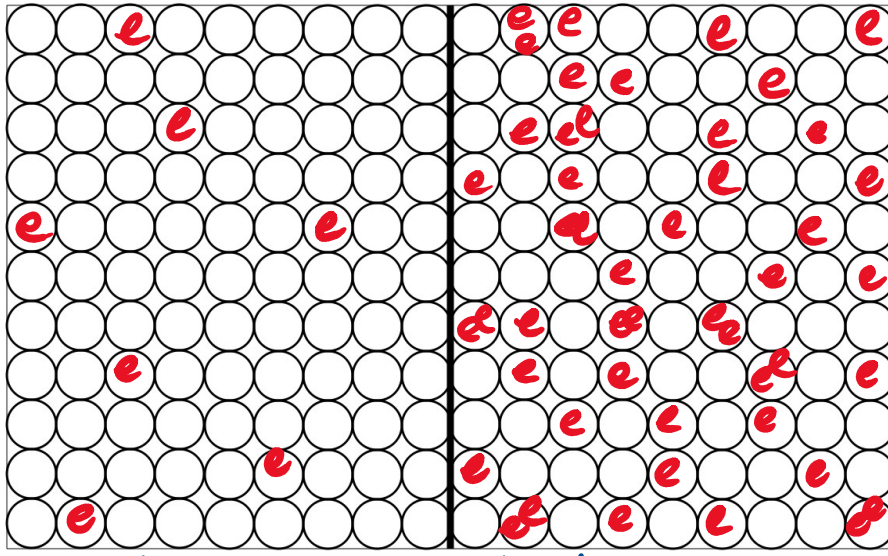
★ almost certain to end up with a more balanced number than a less balanced number ★

In the analogy with a thermodynamic system, the individual frogs represent

A) Molecules

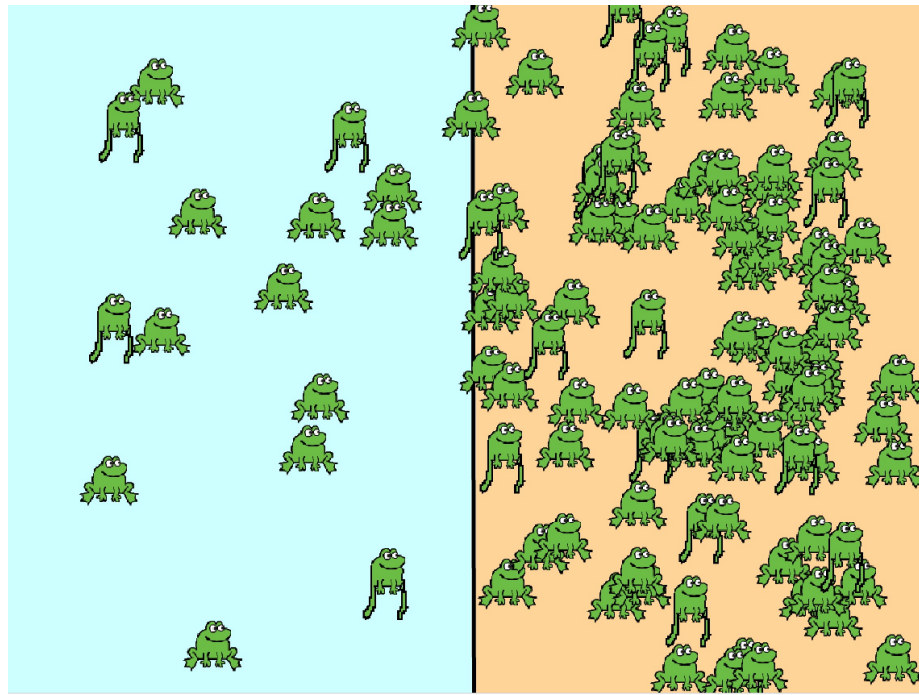
B) Units of energy

C) Temperature



low T

high T



Analogy:

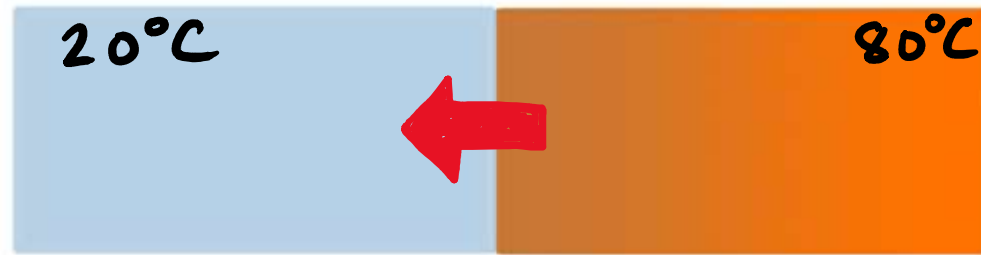
Frogs = energy

Conserved + move randomly

density of frogs = temperature

↑  
proportional to energy per molecule

energy  
~ total  
# frogs



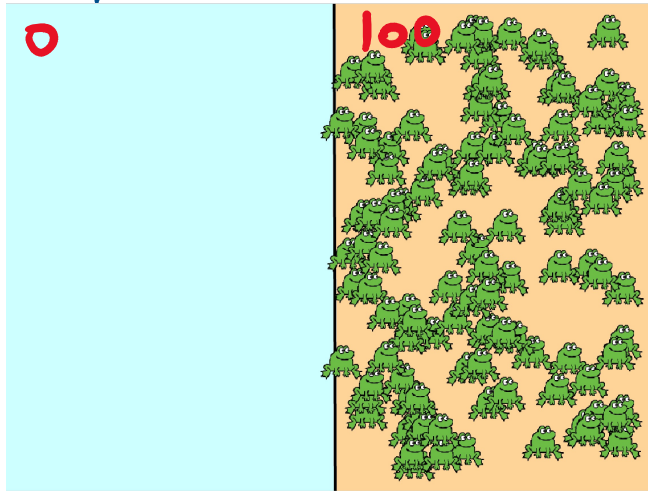
temperature  
~ density of  
frogs.

- ★ Energy is exchanged between nearby molecules via random processes (like hopping frog)★
- ★ vastly more configurations where energy is distributed more evenly between 2 sides★
- ★ heat will almost certainly flow from higher temp. side to lower temp side ★



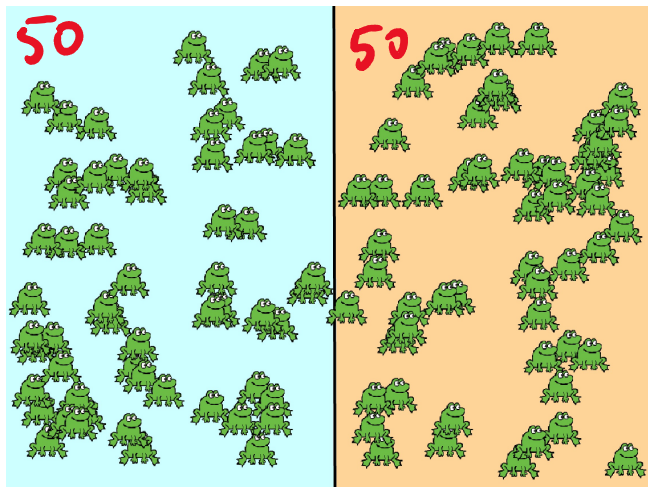
ENTROPY is a measure of how many possible microscopic configurations there are for a specified set of macroscopic variables

e.g.:



$\sim 10^{500}$  such configurations

entropy is  $\log(N) \sim 500$



$\sim 10^{530}$  configurations

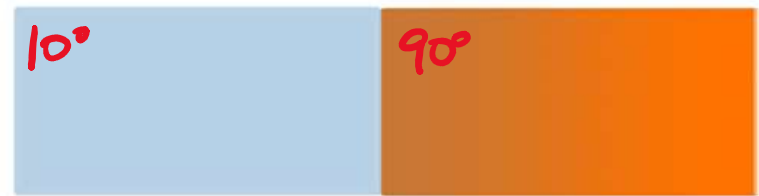
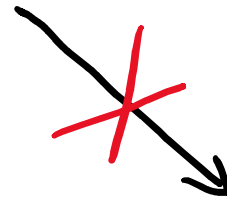
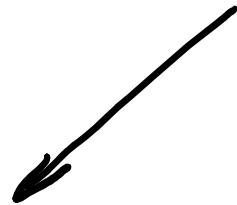
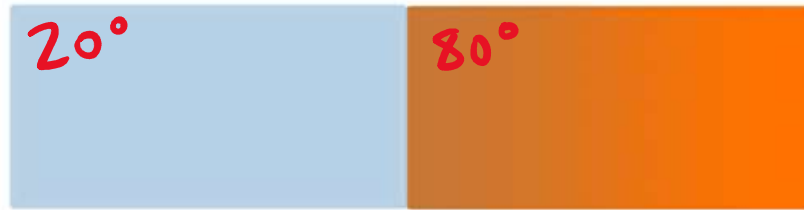
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# 2ND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS:

Total entropy never decreases.

→ probability of decrease is too small to comprehend



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times more likely