

1. Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a finite set,  $H : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\mu_\beta(x) := \frac{1}{Z_\beta} e^{-\beta H(x)}, \quad Z_\beta := \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} e^{-\beta H(x)}.$$

This is the simplest example of a Gibbs measure corresponding to the “Hamiltonian” or “energy function”  $H$ , with inverse thermodynamic temperature  $\beta = 1/(k_B T)$ , and  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant. Let  $W \subset \mathcal{X}$ , and define for any  $A \subset \mathcal{X}$ ,

$$\mu_\beta^W(A) := \mu_n(A|W) = \text{Prob}(X_\beta \in A | X_\beta \in W).$$

What is the large-deviation rate function  $I^W : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  corresponding to the conditioned measure  $\mu_\beta^W$ , in the low-temperature regime  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ ?

*Validity check: is  $\inf I^W = 0$ ?*