

### 1 Boltzmann Factor Practice Question

A lithium nucleus has four independent spin orientations, conventionally labelled by the quantum numbers  $m = -3/2, -1/2, 1/2, 3/2$ . In a magnetic field  $B$ , the energies of these four states are  $E = -m\mu B$ , where the constant  $\mu$  is  $1.03 \times 10^{-7}$  eV/T. In the Purcell-Pound experiment, the maximum field strength was 0.63 T and the temperature was 300 K. Calculate the probabilities of a lithium nucleus being in each of its four spin states under these conditions.