## 20.110/2.772/5.601 Fall 2005 Recitation # 19 11/22/2005

## Force, work and heat in rubber elasticity:

- 1. A double stranded DNA molecule was stretch 5 um by a force of 2 pN, using optical tweezers at a temperature of 300 K. Double stranded DNA has a  $b_k$  = 100 nm and each nucleotide measures .35 nm.
- a) How long is this sequence?
- b) How much work was required to pull this molecule?
- c) If this process is reversible how much heat was transferred to or from the DNA?
- d) If the process if isothermal, what is the entropy change?