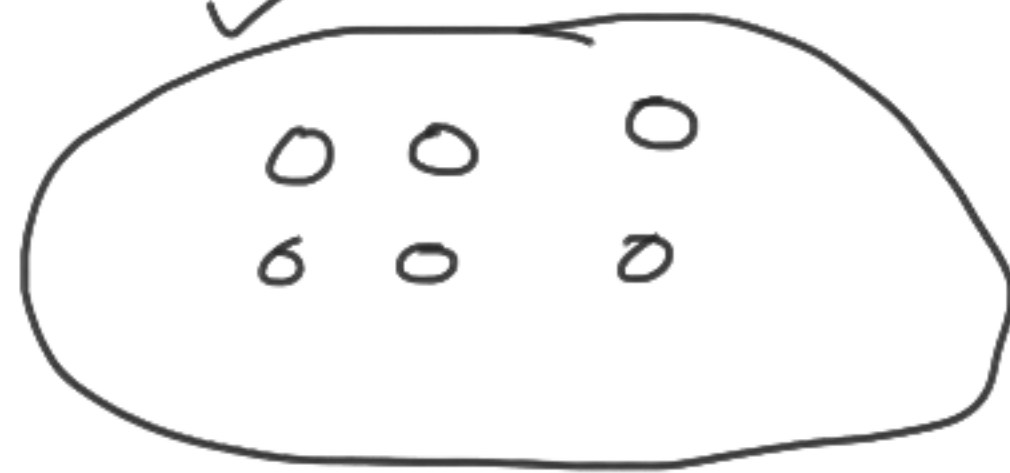


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Polar dielectrics and the Langevin - Debye equation

Two mechanisms



 \vec{E}

 (i) Orientation of dipoles ~~towards~~ in the direction of \vec{E}

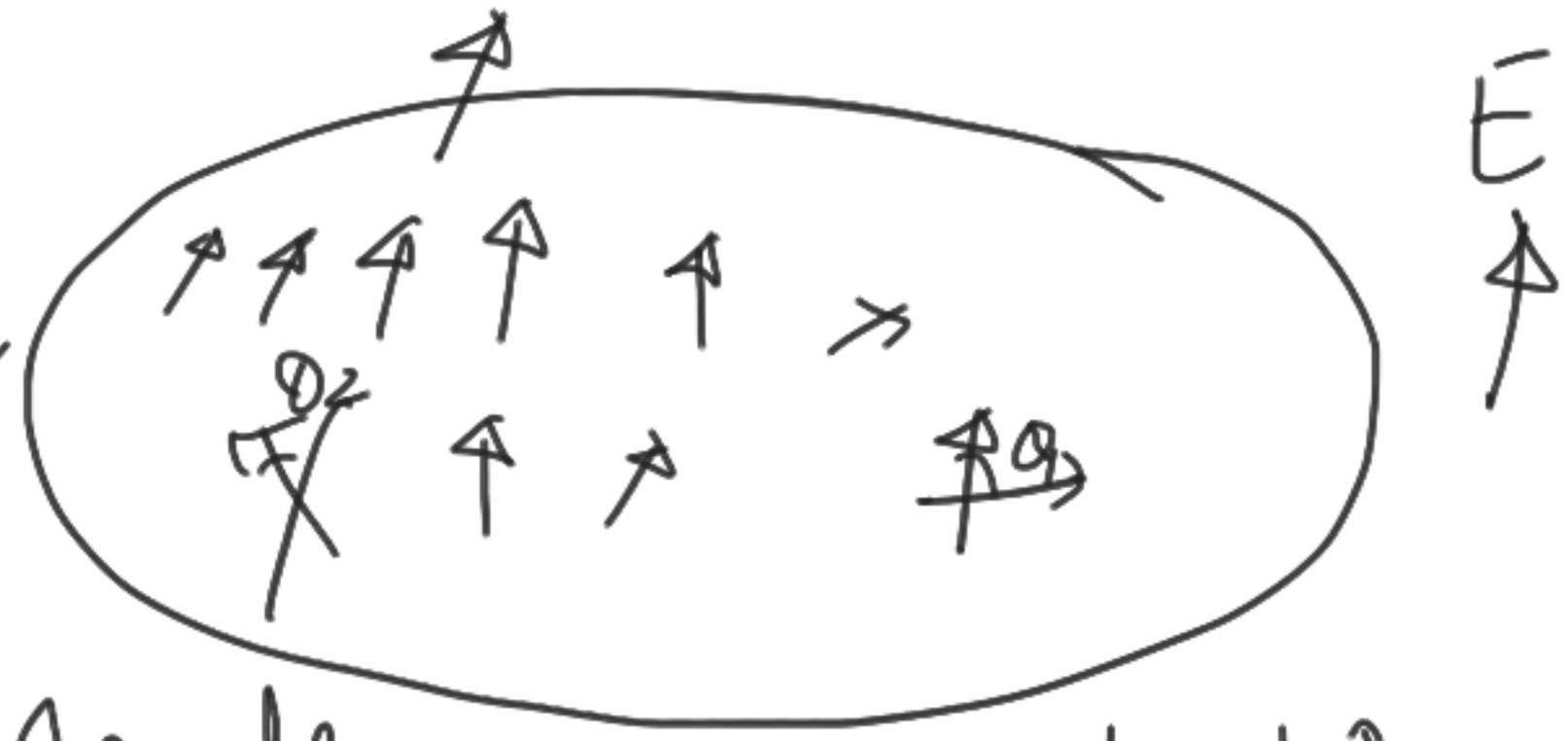
 (ii) stretching of electron clouds \Rightarrow

$$\underline{N_A \sim 6.023 \times 10^{23} =}$$

Principle of statistical mechanics,

in thermal equilibrium,

the probability of finding a molecule with P.E. 'U' is



$$\underline{P(U) \propto e^{-U/k_B T}}$$

k_B - Boltzmann constant
 T - Absolute temperature

P.E. of a dipole moment \vec{p} in an electric field \vec{E}

$$U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E} = -pE \cos \theta$$

(Dilute)

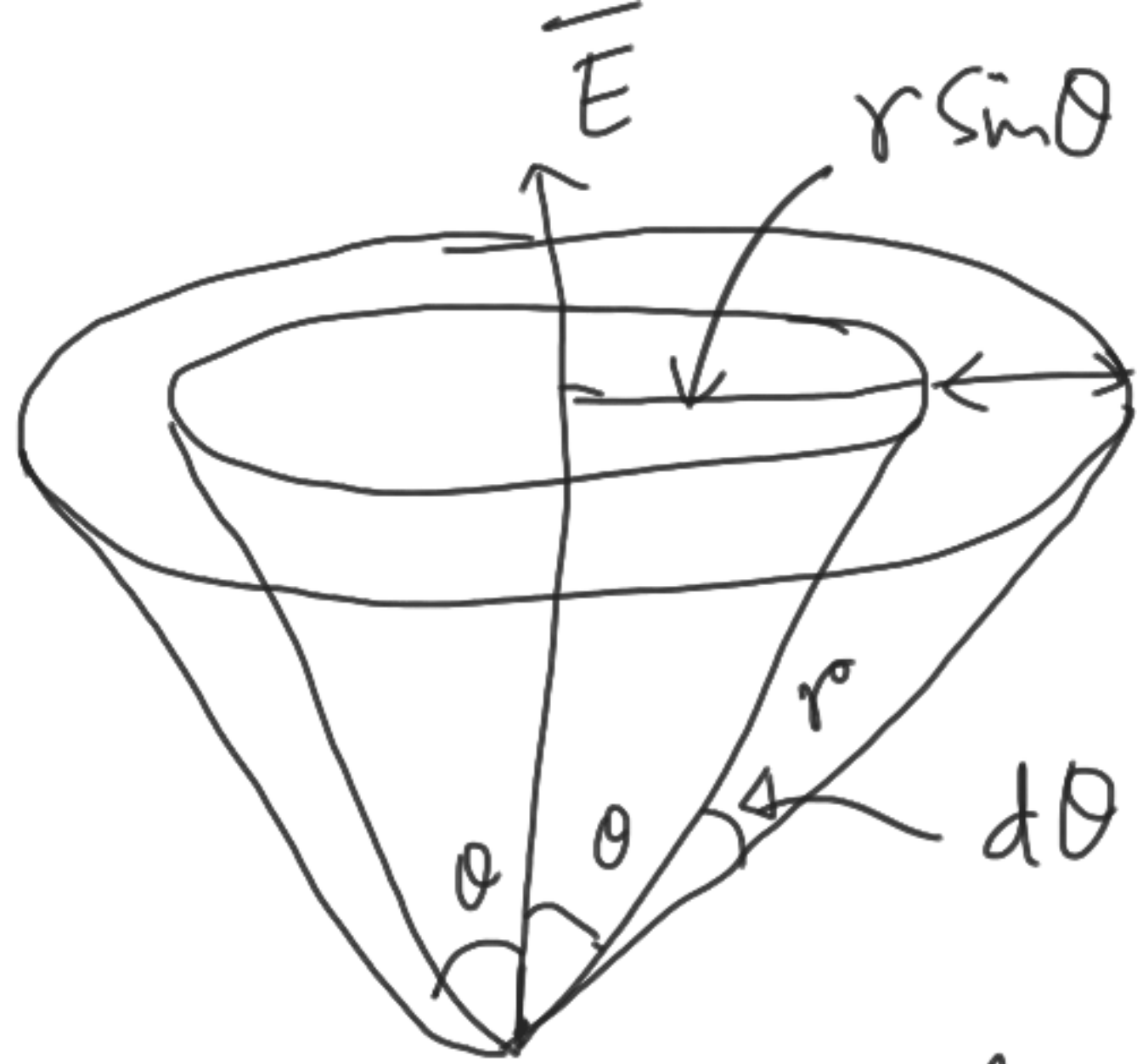
In gaseous phase, $\vec{E}_{\text{avg}} = \vec{E}_{\text{local}} \approx \vec{E}_{\text{external}}$



θ & $\theta + d\theta$

So the probability that a dipole will have orientation θ w.r.t the field \vec{E} is

$$P(\theta) \propto e^{pE \cos \theta / k_B T}$$



$\theta, \theta + d\theta$

The probability that the axis of a dipole lies between the angles θ & $\theta + d\theta$, the conical solid angle,

$$d\Omega = \frac{2\pi r \sin\theta \cdot r d\theta}{r^2} = 2\pi \sin\theta d\theta$$

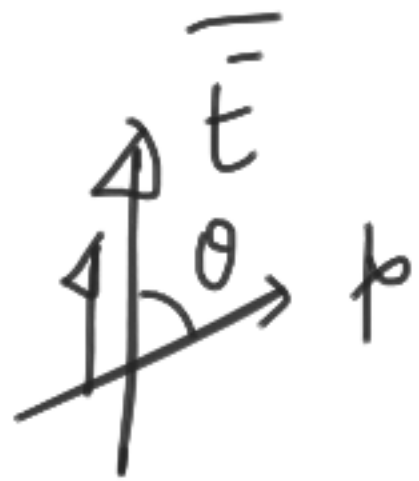
is proportional to $e^{PE \cos\theta / k_B T}$.

The effective value of dipole moment is its along
field \vec{E} i.e., $p \cos \theta$

Now, its average value is

$$\langle p \rangle = \frac{\int (p \cos \theta) (e^{pE \cos \theta / k_B T}) d\Omega}{\int e^{pE \cos \theta / k_B T} d\Omega}$$

$$= \frac{p \int_0^\pi \cos \theta e^{pE \cos \theta / k_B T} \sin \theta d\theta}{\int_0^\pi e^{pE \cos \theta / k_B T} \sin \theta d\theta}$$



Let, $\frac{pE}{k_B T} = a$, and $\cos\theta = x$,

$dx = -\sin\theta d\theta$

θ	0	π
x	1	-1

$$\langle P \rangle = \frac{p \int_1^{-1} x e^{ax} dx}{\int_1^{-1} e^{ax} dx} = \frac{p \left[\frac{x e^{ax}}{a} - \frac{e^{ax}}{a^2} \right]_1^{-1}}{\left[\frac{e^{ax}}{a} \right]_1^{-1}}$$

$$= p \left[\left(\frac{e^a + e^{-a}}{e^a - e^{-a}} \right) - \frac{1}{a} \right]$$

$$= p \left[\coth a - \frac{1}{a} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\langle p \rangle}{p} = \coth a - \frac{1}{a}}$$

where $a = \frac{pE}{k_B T}$

Langvin - ~~De~~ formula

$\frac{\langle p \rangle}{p}$ as a function of $a = \frac{pE}{k_B T}$

If E is large or T is very small, $a \gg 1$

$$\frac{\langle p \rangle}{p} = 1$$

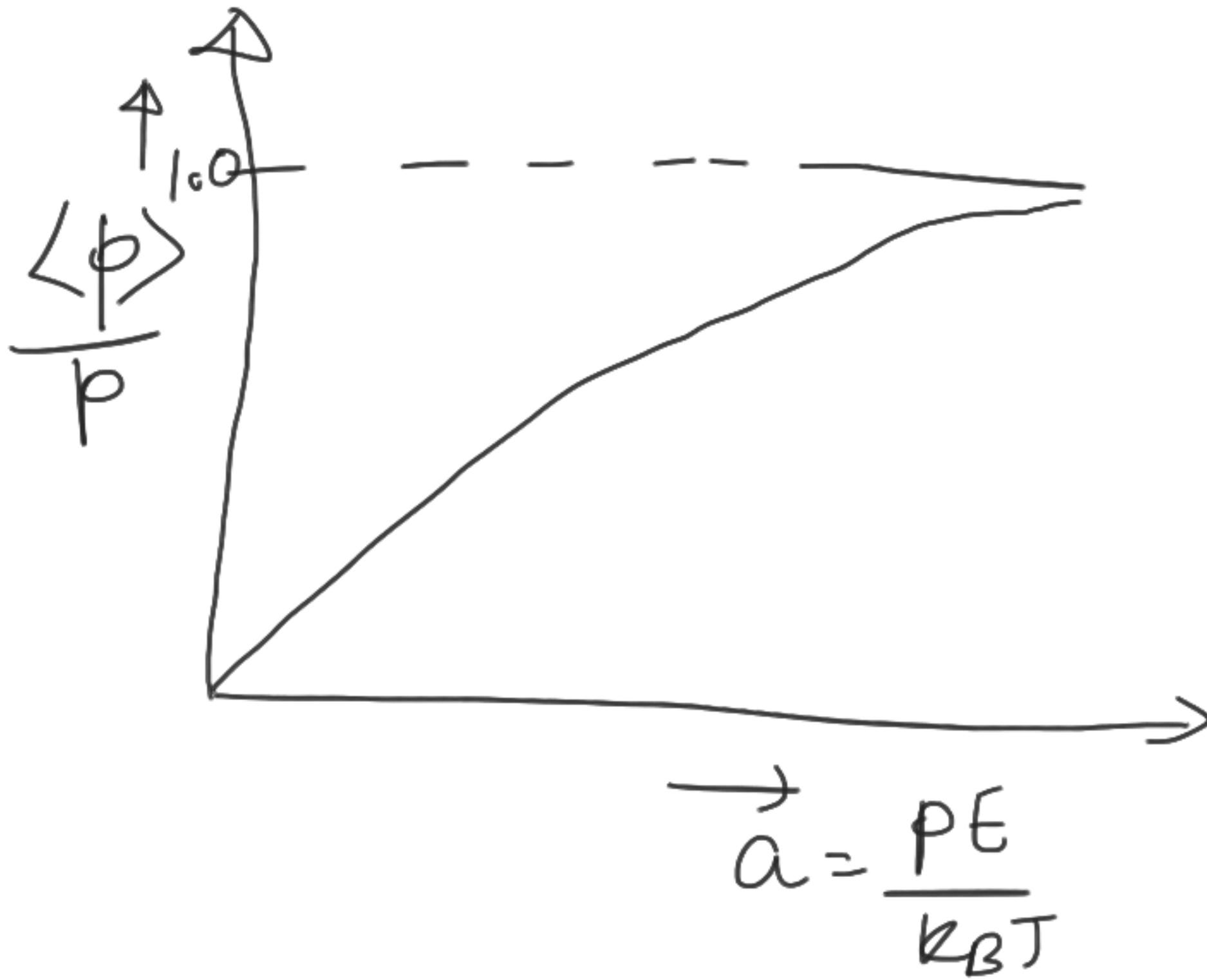
Typically, value of p is such that
 $a \ll 1$ at ordinary temperature.

$$\frac{\langle p \rangle}{p} \approx \frac{a}{3} \approx \frac{1}{3} \frac{pE}{k_B T}$$

$$\langle p \rangle \approx \frac{1}{3} \frac{p^2 E}{k_B T}$$

$$\boxed{\langle p \rangle \propto E}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^a &= 1 + a + \frac{a^2}{2!} + \frac{a^3}{3!} + \dots \\ e^{-a} &= 1 - a + \frac{a^2}{2!} - \frac{a^3}{3!} + \dots \\ \text{with } a = \frac{pE}{k_B T} &\approx \frac{a}{3} \end{aligned}$$



Now, polarizability, $\alpha_{\text{orient}} = \frac{\langle p \rangle}{E}$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \frac{p^2}{k_B T}$$

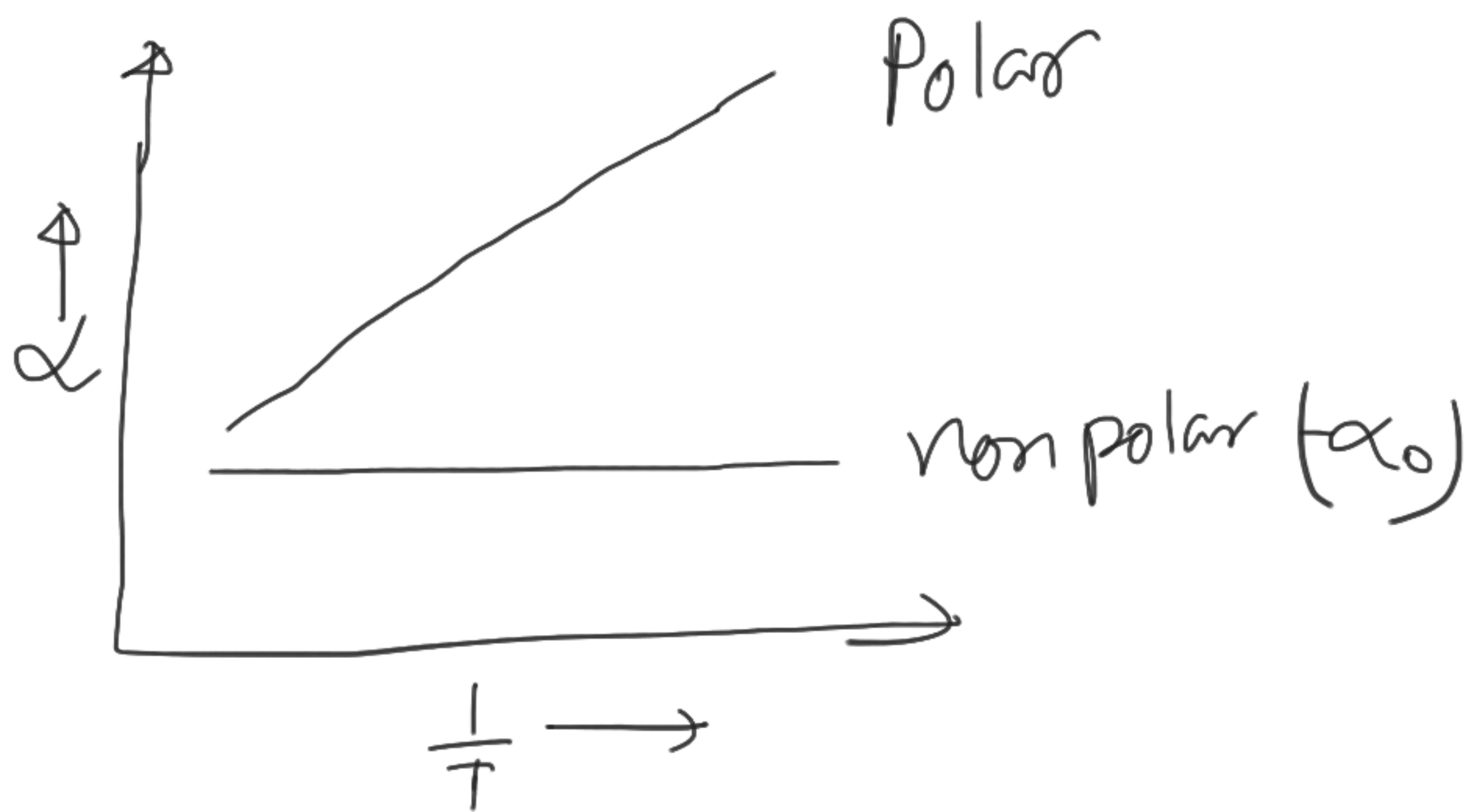
atomic polarizability
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$$\alpha = \alpha_0 + \alpha_{\text{orient}}$$

$$\alpha = \alpha_0 + \frac{p^2}{3k_B T}$$

Langevin-Debye equation

$$\alpha_{\text{orient}} \propto \left(\frac{1}{T} \right)$$



~~Debye equation~~

$$\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} = \frac{n}{3\epsilon_0} \left(\alpha_0 + \frac{p^2}{3k_B T} \right)$$

Debye equation