

## Distribution of Each Component.

- let  $f_x$  be the PDF for  $v_x$ .

$f_x(v_x) dv_x$  is the probability of  $v_x$

- Assume independent distributions between  $f_x$ ,  $f_y$  and  $f_z$ .

$$P(V) = \iiint_V f_x(v_x) \cdot f_y(v_y) \cdot f_z(v_z) dv_x dv_y dv_z$$

- Change to Spherical Coordinate

$$dv_x dv_y dv_z = v^2 \sin\theta dv d\theta d\phi$$

$$\iiint_V f_x(v_x) f_y(v_y) f_z(v_z) v^2 \sin\theta dv d\theta d\phi = \iiint_V f(v) dv \cdot \frac{\sin\theta}{4\pi} d\theta d\phi$$

- if the integration is the same for every region  $V$ .

then  $f_x(v_x) f_y(v_y) f_z(v_z) v^2 \sin\theta = f(v) \frac{\sin\theta}{4\pi}$

- substitute for Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

$$f_x(v_x) f_y(v_y) f_z(v_z) = \frac{A}{4\pi} e^{-m(v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2)/2k_B T}$$

Reminder:  $f(v) = A v^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{mv^2}{k_B T}}$

$$f_x(v_x) = N e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{mv_x^2}{k_B T}}$$

$$f_y(v_y) = N e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{mv_y^2}{k_B T}}$$

$$f_z(v_z) = N e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{mv_z^2}{k_B T}}$$

$$N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \Delta} \quad \Delta = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{m}}$$

- In a single dimension, the distribution function is given by the Boltzmann factor alone.

$$f_x(v_x) \propto e^{-\frac{v_x^2}{2\Delta^2}}$$

From this, we can tell  $\Delta$  is the s.d.