

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 .

$$P(\vec{v}) = \iiint_V f_x(v_x) \cdot f_y(v_y) \cdot f_z(v_z) dv_x dv_y dv_z$$

- Change to Spherical Coordinate

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

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

- If the integration is the same for every region V .

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

- Substitute for Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

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

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

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

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

$$N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Delta}, \quad \Delta = \sqrt{\frac{kT}{m}}$$

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

- 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 Δ is the s.d.