

Key points lecture 05/02/2022

The H-theorem states: If at a given time t the state of the gas satisfies the assumption of molecular chaos

$$(i.e., F^{(2)}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, t) = f(\vec{r}_1, \vec{p}_1, t) f(\vec{r}_2, \vec{p}_2, t)),$$

momenta of the two particles are uncorrelated

then we have at $t + \varepsilon$ ($\varepsilon > 0$ and $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$): $\frac{dH(t)}{dt} \leq 0$

$$H(t) = \int f(\vec{p}, t) \log(f(\vec{p}, t)) d^3 \vec{p} d^3 \vec{r}$$

H-fct.

f depends on \vec{r}, \vec{p}, t

$\frac{dH(t)}{dt} = 0$ if and only if $f(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t)$ is the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

implies: entropy never decreases (2nd law of thermodynamics)

this f satisfies the Boltzmann transport equation only when the assumption of molecular chaos happens to be valid.

Boltzmann transport equation leads to conservation laws. E.g.,

continuity equation for the mass: $\frac{\partial \rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho(\vec{r}, t) \vec{u}(\vec{r}, t)) = 0$

$\rho = m n$
= mass density

$$\langle \vec{v}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \int f(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t) \vec{v}(\vec{r}, t) d^3 \vec{p}$$

$$(n(\vec{r}, t) = \int f(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t) d^3 \vec{p})$$

Energy of classical Ising model (energy for specific arrangement of magnetic moments):

$$E\{s_i\} = -J \sum_{\langle i, j \rangle} s_i s_j - \mu B \sum_i s_i$$

nearest neighbors

$$s_i \in \{-1, +1\}$$