

Velocity component distribution

What is the number of molecules within velocity u & $u+du$ but any value in \hat{y} or \hat{z} direction.

$$dN_{u,v,w} = N \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{m}{2k_B T} (u^2 + v^2 + w^2)} du dv dw.$$

$$\therefore dN_u = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dN_{u,v,w}$$

$$= N \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} du \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{mv^2}{2k_B T}} dv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{mw^2}{2k_B T}} dw$$

$$\left[\text{Now } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{mv^2}{2k_B T}} dv = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{mv^2}{2k_B T}} dv \right]$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{k_B T}}{\sqrt{2\pi m}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-z} z^{-1/2} dz$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}} \times \sqrt{\pi} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi k_B T}{m}}$$

$$\left[\text{put } z = \frac{mv^2}{2k_B T} \right]$$

$$dz = \frac{mv dv}{k_B T}$$

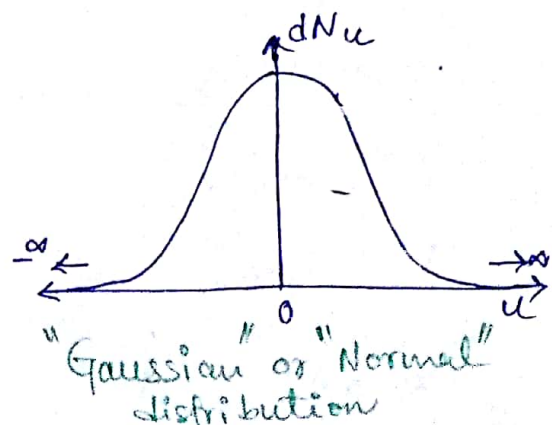
$$dv = \frac{k_B T dz \sqrt{m}}{m \sqrt{2k_B T} \sqrt{z}}$$

$$\therefore dN_u = N \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{2\pi k_B T}{m} \right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{mu^2}{2k_B T}} du$$

$$dN_u = N \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{mu^2}{2k_B T}} du$$

Similarly, $dN_v = N \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{mv^2}{2k_B T}} dv$

$$dN_w = N \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{mw^2}{2k_B T}} dw$$



Average velocity, RMS velocity, Most probable velocity

$$\text{Avg velocity } \langle c \rangle = \frac{N_1 c_1 + N_2 c_2 + \dots}{N_1 + N_2 + \dots} = \frac{\sum N_i c_i}{\sum N_i}$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} c dN_c / N$$

$$= 4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} \int_0^{\infty} c \cdot c^2 e^{-\frac{mc^2}{2k_B T}} dc$$

$$= 4\pi A^3 \int_0^{\infty} c^3 e^{-bc^2} dc$$

remember,

$$A = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$b = \frac{m}{2k_B T}$$

$$= 4\pi A^3 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{z}{b} e^{-z} \frac{dz}{2b} = \frac{4\pi A^3}{2b^2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-z} z dz$$

put $bc^2 = z$
 $2bcdz = dz$

$$= \frac{4\pi A^3}{2b^2} \Gamma(2) = \frac{4\pi A^3}{2b^2} = 4\pi \frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{1/2} \times \frac{4k_B T}{2m^2}$$

$\Gamma(2) = 1$

$$= \left(\frac{8k_B T}{m\pi} \right)^{1/2}$$

\therefore

$$\boxed{\langle c \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{8k_B T}{m\pi}}}$$

RMS velocity $c_{rms}^2 = \frac{\sum N_i c_i^2}{\sum N_i} = \frac{1}{N} \int_0^\infty c^2 dN_c$

$$= 4\pi A^3 \int_0^\infty c^4 e^{-bc^2} dc$$

put, $bc^2 = z$
 $2bc\,dc = dz$
 $dc = \frac{dz\sqrt{b}}{2b\sqrt{z}}$

$$= 4\pi A^3 \int_0^\infty \frac{z^2}{b^2} e^{-z} \frac{dz\sqrt{b}}{2b\sqrt{z}}$$

$$= \frac{4\pi A^3}{2b^{5/2}} \int_0^\infty e^{-z} z^{3/2} dz = \frac{4\pi A^3}{2b^{5/2}} \Gamma(5/2)$$

$$= \frac{4\pi A^3}{2b^{5/2}} \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \sqrt{\pi} = \frac{3\pi^{3/2}}{2} \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{2k_B T}{m} \right)^{5/2}$$

$$= \frac{3k_B T}{m}$$

$$\therefore c_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3k_B T}{m}}$$

Most probable velocity c_m is $\left. \frac{dF_c}{dc} \right|_{c=c_m} = 0$.

$$\therefore \left. \frac{d}{dc} \left\{ 4\pi A^3 c^2 e^{-bc^2} \right\} \right|_{c=c_m} = 0$$

$$\propto \left. \frac{d}{dc} \left\{ c^2 e^{-bc^2} \right\} \right|_{c=c_m} = 0$$

$$\propto \left\{ 2c e^{-bc^2} - c^2 2bc e^{-bc^2} \right\}_{c=c_m} = 0$$

$$\propto \left\{ 2c e^{-bc^2} (1 - bc^2) \right\}_{c=c_m} = 0$$

This can be true if $c \rightarrow \infty$ (unphysical) or $\left\{ 1 - bc^2 \right\}_{c=c_m} = 0$

$$\therefore bc_m^2 = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad c_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}}$$

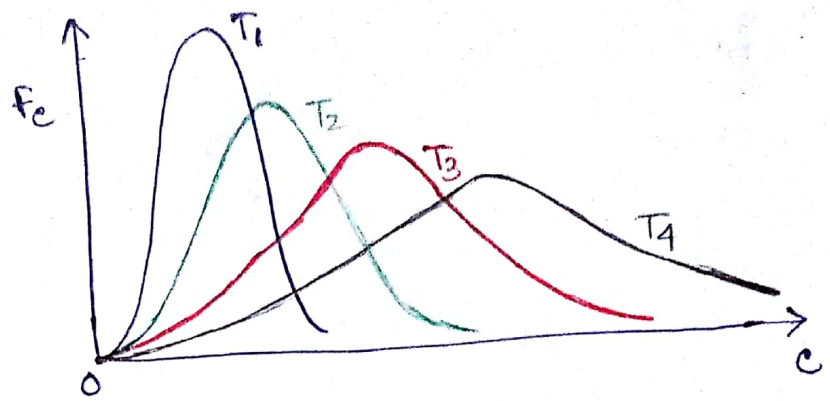
$$\propto c_m = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}}$$

Note $c_{rms} > \langle c \rangle > c_m$

Corollary

$$\int_0^{\infty} F_c dc = 1$$

$$T_4 > T_3 > T_2 > T_1$$



Also, no. of molecules colliding per unit area per unit time

$$dn = \frac{1}{4} n \bar{c} = \frac{1}{4} n \sqrt{\frac{8k_B T}{m\pi}} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{P}{k_B T} \sqrt{\frac{8k_B T}{m\pi}} \quad (\text{as } P = nk_B T)$$

$$dn = \frac{P}{\sqrt{2m\pi k_B T}}$$

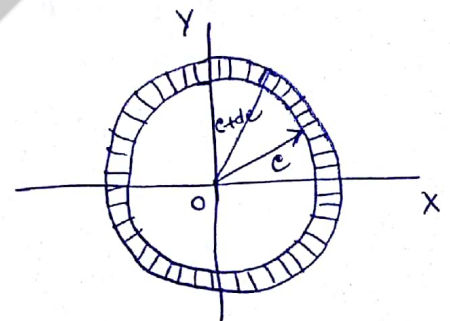
QW 1. The velocity distribution in two dimension is $dn_{u,v} = n \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right) e^{-\frac{m(u^2+v^2)}{2k_B T}} du dv$. From this, find the distribution of molecular speed. Using that, find c_m, \bar{c}, c_{rms}^2 .

$$c^2 = u^2 + v^2$$

Take two concentric circles between velocity c & $c+dc$, area

$$du dv = \pi(c+dc)^2 - \pi c^2 = 2\pi c dc$$

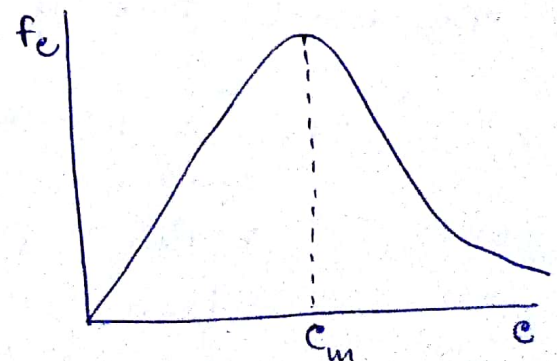
$$\therefore dn_c = n \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right) e^{-\frac{mc^2}{2k_B T}} 2\pi c dc = f_c dc$$



$$\left. \frac{df_c}{dc} \right|_{c=c_m} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dc} (c e^{-\frac{mc^2}{2k_B T}}) = 0$$

$$\text{or } 1 - c_m^2 \frac{m}{k_B T} = 0 \quad \therefore c_m = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{m}}$$



please also calculate $\frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\infty} c dn_c$ & $\frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\infty} c^2 dn_c$.

convince yourself that $c_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}}$ and $\bar{c} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi k_B T}{2m}}$.

2. Using Maxwell velocity distribution, calculate the probability that the velocity of O_2 molecule lies between 100 m/s & 101 m/s at $-73^\circ C$.

$$dN_c = 4\pi N \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{mc^2}{2k_B T}} c^2 dc.$$

$$\therefore \text{Probability } P = \frac{dN_c}{N} = 4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{mc^2}{2k_B T}} c^2 dc. \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Now } m = \frac{M}{N} = \frac{32 \text{ gm}}{6.023 \times 10^{23}} = 5.31 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg}.$$

$$T = -73^\circ C = 200 \text{ K}, \quad c = 100 \text{ m/s}, \quad dc = 101 - 100 = 1 \text{ m/s}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P &= 4\pi \left[\frac{5.31 \times 10^{-26}}{2\pi \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 200} \right]^{3/2} \times \exp \left[-\frac{5.31 \times 10^{-26} \times 10^4}{2 \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 200} \right] \times 10^4 \times 1 \\ &= 4\pi \times 5.36 \times 10^{-9} \times 0.9 \times 10^4 = 6.06 \times 10^{-4} = 0.06\% \end{aligned}$$

3. Compute the fraction of molecules of a gas possessing speeds within 1% of the most probable speed.

$$c_m = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}}$$

fraction = probability P in equation (1) above. with $c = c_m$

$$P = 4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{m}{2k_B T} \frac{2k_B T}{m}} \frac{2k_B T}{m} dc_m$$

~~dc_m is 1% of c_m~~ As c_m

As c varies within 1% of $c_m \Rightarrow [0.99c_m, 1.01c_m]$.

$$\therefore dc_m = (1.01 - 0.99)c_m = 0.02 \times \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{m}{2k_B T} \right)^{3/2} e^{-1} \frac{2k_B T}{m} \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}} \times 0.02 \\ &= 0.016 = 1.6\% \end{aligned}$$

HW

1. At what value of speed c will the Maxwell's distribution F_c yield same magnitude for a mixture of hydrogen & helium gases at 27°C ?
2. Find $\langle c^4 \rangle$ using F_c .
3. Molecular mass of an ideal gas of O_2 is 32. Calculate c_m , \bar{c} , c_{rms} of the gas at 27°C . (Given $R = 8.3 \text{ J/}^\circ\text{C/mol}$)
4. Convince yourself that $\frac{RT}{M} = \frac{p}{\rho}$. Using that, calculate c_m , \bar{c} , c_{rms} of the molecules of gas at density $1.293 \times 10^{-3} \text{ gm/cc}$ at 76 cm of Hg pressure.
5. The quantity $(c - \bar{c})^2 = c^2 - 2c\bar{c} + \bar{c}^2$ is squared deviation of atomic speed from average speed. Calculate the average value of this using Maxwell distribution & obtain the rms deviation.

Maxwell's distribution in reduced format

$$dN_c = 4\pi N \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} e^{-mc^2/2k_B T} c^2 dc$$

with respect to $c_m = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}}$, non dimensionalized $U = \frac{c}{c_m}$
velocity

→ Substitute $c = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}} U$,

$$dN_c = 4\pi N \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} \frac{2k_B T}{m} U^2 \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}} dU e^{-\frac{m}{2k_B T} \frac{2k_B T}{m} U^2}$$

$$dN_U = \frac{4N}{\sqrt{\pi}} U^2 e^{-U^2} dU$$

This distribution is independent of temperature.