

Most probable speed (Maxwell - Boltzmann)

$$P_r(v) = 4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} v^2 e^{-\left(\frac{mv^2}{2k_B T} \right)}$$

most probable speed when

$$\frac{dP_r(v)}{dv} = 0$$

$$f(x) = uv$$
$$\frac{df(x)}{dxc} = u \frac{dv}{dxc} + v \frac{du}{dxc}$$

$$0 = 4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} 2v e^{-\left(\frac{mv^2}{2k_B T} \right)} + 4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} v^2 \times \frac{-2mv}{2k_B T} e^{-\left(\frac{mv^2}{2k_B T} \right)}$$

$$0 = \underbrace{4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} 2v e^{-\left(\frac{mv^2}{2k_B T} \right)}}_{\text{clearly non-zero}} \left(1 + v^2 \times \frac{-m}{2k_B T} \right)$$

$$0 = \left(1 + v^2 \times \frac{-m}{2k_B T} \right)$$

$$\therefore 1 = \frac{mv^2}{2k_B T} \Rightarrow v^2 = \frac{2k_B T}{m}$$

$$v_{\text{most probable}} = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}}$$