

Average Speed (Maxwell-Boltzmann)

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

$$\langle v \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} v P_r(v) dv \quad a = 4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ b = \frac{m}{2k_B T}$$

$$\langle v \rangle = a \int_0^{\infty} v^3 e^{-bv^2} dv$$

Substitute again

$$u = v^2$$

$$du = 2v dv$$

$$\langle v \rangle = \frac{a}{2} \int_0^{\infty} u e^{-bu} du$$

integrate by parts

$$\langle v \rangle = \frac{a}{2} \left(\left[-u \frac{1}{b} e^{-bu} \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -1 \times \frac{1}{b} e^{-bu} du \right)$$

$$\langle v \rangle = \frac{a}{2} \left(0 + \frac{1}{b} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-bu} du \right)$$

$$= \frac{a}{2b} \left[-\frac{1}{b} e^{-bu} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{a}{2b^2} [0 - -1]$$

$$\therefore \langle v \rangle = \frac{a}{2b^2}$$

$$\langle v \rangle = \frac{4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{2 \frac{m^2}{k_B T}} = \sqrt{\frac{8k_B T}{\pi m}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} v_{rms}$$

The average speed is $\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ times larger than the most probable speed.