

Chapter 7: Part A

Simple applications of statistical mechanics

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General method of approach

7.1 Partition function and their properties

- system in contact with a heat reservoir at a specified T
- Isolated system has fixed energy and mean values are related to its T

Partition function:

$$Z \equiv \sum_r e^{-\beta E_r}$$

Unrestricted sum

$$\bar{E} = -\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \beta}$$

$$dW = \frac{1}{\beta Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} dx = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial x} dx$$

$$S \equiv k(\ln Z + \beta \bar{E})$$

$$F \equiv \bar{E} - TS = -kT \ln Z$$

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7.1 Partition function and their properties

- **If one know the particles and interactions, it is possible to find the quantum states and evaluate the sum for Z**
- **But it is a formidable task to do for a liquid where molecules interact with each other strongly**

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7.1 Partition function and their properties

In classical approximation

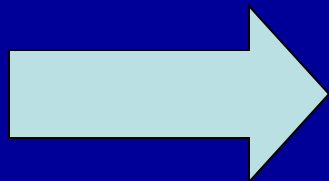
$$E(q_1, \dots, q_f, p_1, \dots, p_f)$$

$$Z = \int \dots \int e^{-\beta E(q_1, \dots, p_f)} \frac{dq_1 \dots dp_f}{h_0^f}$$

volume of cells in phase space

a, if energy changes by a constant ϵ_0

$$E_r^* = E_r + \epsilon_0$$



$$Z^* = \sum_r e^{-\beta(E_r + \epsilon_0)} = e^{-\beta\epsilon_0} \sum_r e^{-\beta E_r} = e^{-\beta\epsilon_0} Z$$
$$\ln Z^* = \ln Z - \beta\epsilon_0$$

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$$Z \equiv \sum_r e^{-\beta E_r}$$

$$E(q_1, \dots, q_f, p_1, \dots, p_f)$$

$$q_1 \in [q_1, q_1 + \delta q_1]; \quad p_1 \in [p_1, p_1 + \delta p_1]$$

$$\delta q_1 \cdot \delta p_1 = h_0$$

Every Sum has the number of $dq_1 dp_1 / \delta q_1 \delta p_1 = dq_1 dp_1 / h_0$

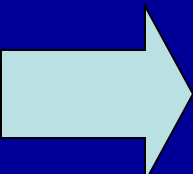
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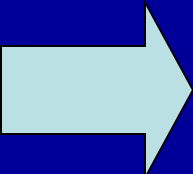
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$$Z^* = \sum_r e^{-\beta(E_r + \epsilon_0)} = e^{-\beta\epsilon_0} \sum_r e^{-\beta E_r} = e^{-\beta\epsilon_0} Z$$
$$\ln Z^* = \ln Z - \beta\epsilon_0$$


$$\bar{E}^* = - \frac{\partial \ln Z^*}{\partial \beta} = - \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \beta} + \epsilon_0 = \bar{E} + \epsilon_0$$


$$S^* = k(\ln Z^* + \beta \bar{E}^*) = k(\ln Z + \beta \bar{E}) = S$$
 unchanged!



All expressions for generalized forces unchanged!
Since they only involves $\ln Z$

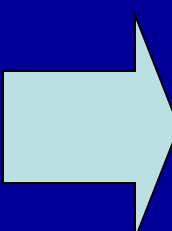
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7.1 Partition function and their properties

In classical approximation

b, subsystems A interacts with A' **weakly**
A in r and A' in s states

$$E_{r,s} = E_r' + E_s''$$


$$Z = \sum_{r,s} e^{-\beta(E_r' + E_s'')} = \sum_{r,s} e^{-\beta E_r'} e^{-\beta E_s''} = \left(\sum_r e^{-\beta E_r'} \right) \left(\sum_s e^{-\beta E_s''} \right)$$

$$Z = Z' Z''$$

$$\ln Z = \ln Z' + \ln Z''$$

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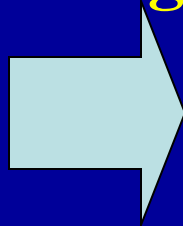
7.2 calculation of thermodynamic quantities

A gas of identical monatomic molecules of mass m in volume V . Position vector— \mathbf{r} ;
Momentum \mathbf{p} .

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m} + U(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$$

Kinetic energy Potential energy

$U \rightarrow 0$



an ideal gas.

In the following, discuss it classically

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7.2 calculation of thermodynamic quantities

Partition function:

$$Z' = \int \exp \left\{ -\beta \left[\frac{1}{2m} (\mathbf{p}_1^2 + \dots + \mathbf{p}_N^2) + U(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \right] \right\} \frac{d^3\mathbf{r}_1 \dots d^3\mathbf{r}_N d^3\mathbf{p}_1 \dots d^3\mathbf{p}_N}{h_0^{3N}}$$

The diagram illustrates the factorization of the partition function integral. A large light blue arrow points from the left into the equation. The equation is shown in two stages. The top stage shows the full partition function with green ovals highlighting the kinetic energy term and the potential energy term. A double-headed light blue arrow points from the kinetic energy oval to a separate integral box at the bottom. Another double-headed light blue arrow points from the potential energy oval to a separate integral box on the right. The bottom stage shows the partition function as a product of three separate integrals.

$$Z' = \frac{1}{h_0^{3N}} \int e^{-(\beta/2m)\mathbf{p}_1^2} d^3\mathbf{p}_1 \dots \int e^{-(\beta/2m)\mathbf{p}_N^2} d^3\mathbf{p}_N \int e^{-\beta U(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)} d^3\mathbf{r}_1 \dots d^3\mathbf{r}_N$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(\beta/2m)\mathbf{p}^2} d^3\mathbf{p}$$

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7.2 calculation of thermodynamic quantities

Partition function:

$$U(r_1, \dots, r_N) \neq 0$$

It is difficult to carry out the integral over
 r_1, \dots, r_N

$U=0$

$$\int d^3\mathbf{r}_1 \cdots d^3\mathbf{r}_N = \int d^3\mathbf{r}_1 \int d^3\mathbf{r}_2 \cdots \int d^3\mathbf{r}_N = V^N$$



$$\begin{aligned} Z' &= \zeta^N \\ \ln Z' &= N \ln \zeta \end{aligned}$$

$$\zeta \equiv \frac{V}{h_0^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(\beta/2m)\mathbf{p}^2} d^3\mathbf{p}$$

Partition function for a single molecule


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7.2 calculation of thermodynamic quantities

Partition function:

$$\zeta = \frac{V}{h_0^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(\beta/2m)\mathbf{p}^2} d^3\mathbf{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(\beta/2m)\mathbf{p}^2} d^3\mathbf{p} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(\beta/2m)(p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2)} dp_x dp_y dp_z \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(\beta/2m)p_x^2} dp_x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(\beta/2m)p_y^2} dp_y \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(\beta/2m)p_z^2} dp_z \end{aligned}$$


$$= \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi 2m}{\beta}} \right)^3 \quad \text{by (A.4.2)}$$


$$\zeta = V \left(\frac{2\pi m}{h_0^2 \beta} \right)^{3/2}$$

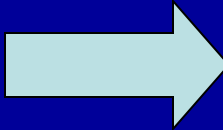
$$\ln Z' = N \ln \zeta$$

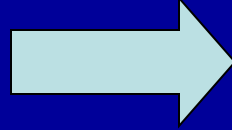
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$$\ln Z' = N \ln z$$

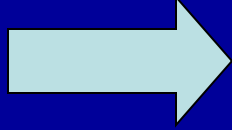
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Partition function:

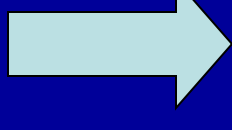

$$\ln Z' = N \left[\ln V - \frac{3}{2} \ln \beta + \frac{3}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2\pi m}{h_0^2} \right) \right]$$


$$\bar{p} = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial \ln Z'}{\partial V} = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{N}{V}$$


$$\bar{p}V = NkT$$


$$\bar{E} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Z' = \frac{3}{2} \frac{N}{\beta} = N\bar{\epsilon}$$

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{3}{2} kT$$


$$C_V = \left(\frac{\partial \bar{E}}{\partial T} \right)_V = \frac{3}{2} Nk = \frac{3}{2} \nu N_A k$$

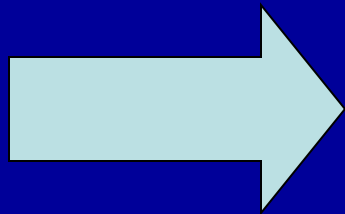

$$C_V = \frac{3}{2} R$$

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7.2 calculation of thermodynamic quantities

Entropy from partition function:

$$S = k(\ln Z' + \beta \bar{E}) = Nk \left[\ln V - \frac{3}{2} \ln \beta + \frac{3}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2\pi m}{h_0^2} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \right]$$



$$S = Nk[\ln V + \frac{3}{2} \ln T + \sigma]$$

$$\sigma \equiv \frac{3}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2\pi mk}{h_0^2} \right) + \frac{3}{2}$$

Not correct !!! ???

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7.3 Gibbs paradox

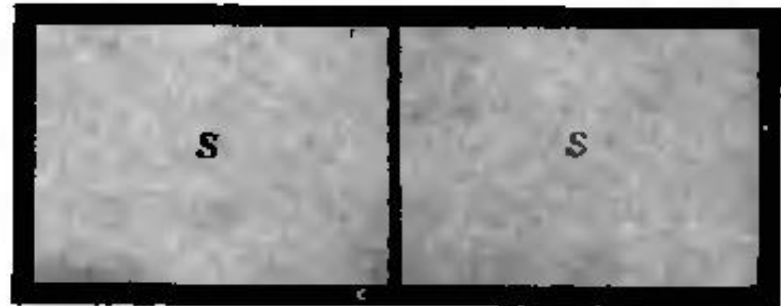
$$S = Nk[\ln V + \frac{3}{2} \ln T + \sigma]$$

$$\sigma \equiv \frac{3}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2\pi mk}{h_0^2} \right) + \frac{3}{2}$$

1, $T \rightarrow 0$, $S \rightarrow -\infty$; not valid at low temperature

2, S does not behaves as an extensive quantity

$$S = S' + S''$$



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7.3 Gibbs paradox



Equal parts

$$S' = S'' = N'k[\ln V' + \frac{3}{2} \ln T + \sigma]$$

2 parts

$$S = 2N'k[\ln (2V') + \frac{3}{2} \ln T + \sigma]$$

as 1


$$S - 2S' = 2N'k \ln (2V') - 2N'k \ln V' = 2N'k \ln 2$$

Why ?????

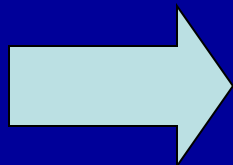
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7.3 Gibbs paradox

In above discussion, the particles are treated as distinguishable .

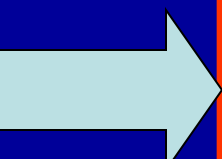
If treat particles indistinguishable, then

$$Z = \frac{Z'}{N!} = \frac{\zeta^N}{N!}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\ln Z &= N \ln \zeta - \ln N! \\ \ln Z &= N \ln \zeta - N \ln N + N\end{aligned}$$


$$S = kN[\ln V + \frac{3}{2} \ln T + \sigma] + k(-N \ln N + N)$$


$$S = kN \left[\ln \frac{V}{N} + \frac{3}{2} \ln T + \sigma_0 \right]$$

$$\sigma_0 \equiv \sigma + 1$$

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7.4 Validity of classical approximation

Heisenberg uncertainty principle

$$\Delta q \Delta p \gtrsim \hbar$$

a classical description

$$\bar{R} \bar{p} \gg \hbar$$



$$\bar{R} \gg \bar{\lambda}$$

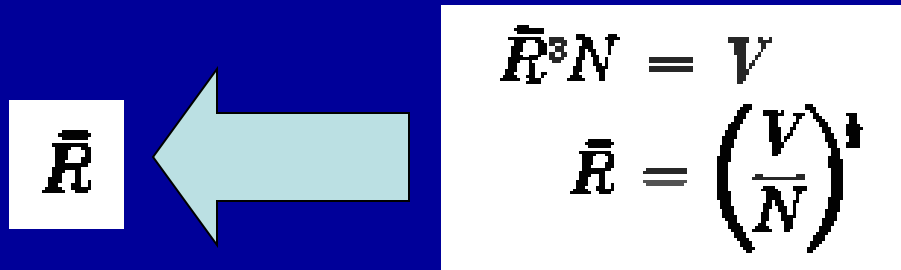
Mean inter-
molecule
distance

de Broglie
wavelength

$$\bar{\lambda} = 2\pi \frac{\hbar}{\bar{p}} = \frac{h}{\bar{p}}$$

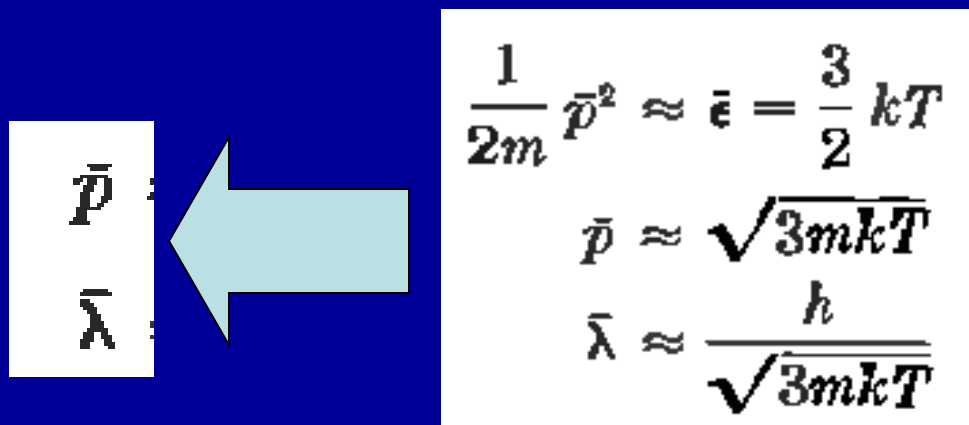
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7.4 Validity of classical approximation



A light blue arrow points from a box containing \bar{R} to a larger box containing the equations $\bar{R}^3 N = V$ and $\bar{R} = \left(\frac{V}{N}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$.

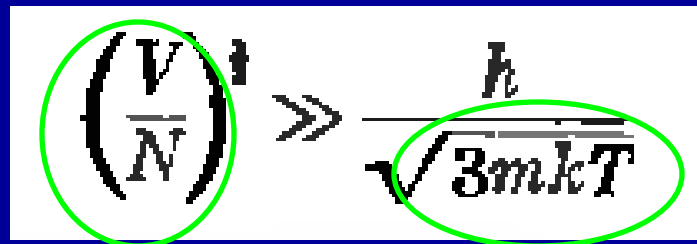
$$\bar{R}^3 N = V$$
$$\bar{R} = \left(\frac{V}{N}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$



A light blue arrow points from a box containing \bar{p} and $\bar{\lambda}$ to a larger box containing the equations $\frac{1}{2m} \bar{p}^2 \approx \bar{\epsilon} = \frac{3}{2} kT$, $\bar{p} \approx \sqrt{3mkT}$, and $\bar{\lambda} \approx \frac{h}{\sqrt{3mkT}}$.

$$\frac{1}{2m} \bar{p}^2 \approx \bar{\epsilon} = \frac{3}{2} kT$$
$$\bar{p} \approx \sqrt{3mkT}$$
$$\bar{\lambda} \approx \frac{h}{\sqrt{3mkT}}$$

Classic
condition



A light blue arrow points from the text 'Classic condition' to a box containing the inequality $\left(\frac{V}{N}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \gg \frac{h}{\sqrt{3mkT}}$. The terms $\left(\frac{V}{N}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ and $\frac{h}{\sqrt{3mkT}}$ are circled in green.

$$\left(\frac{V}{N}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \gg \frac{h}{\sqrt{3mkT}}$$

Requirements:

Dilute;
High T;
m is not too small

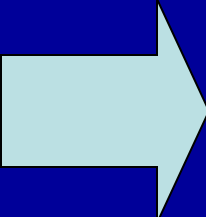
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7.4 Validity of classical approximation

Numerical estimates

He gas at room temperature and pressure

mean pressure $\bar{P} = 760 \text{ mm Hg} \approx 10^6 \text{ dynes/cm}^2$
temperature $T \approx 300^\circ\text{K}$; hence $kT \approx 4 \times 10^{-14} \text{ ergs}$
molecular mass $m = \frac{4}{6 \times 10^{23}} \approx 7 \times 10^{-24} \text{ grams}$


$$\frac{N}{\bar{V}} = \frac{\bar{P}}{kT} = 2.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ molecules/cm}^3$$

$$\bar{R} \approx 34 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm} \quad \text{by (7.4.5)}$$

$$\bar{\lambda} \approx 0.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm} \quad \text{by (7.4.6)}$$


$$\bar{R} \gg \bar{\lambda}$$

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Numerical estimates

Electron in conductor: 7000 times less than He in mass

$$\bar{\lambda} \approx (0.6 \times 10^{-8}) \sqrt{7000} \approx 60 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

$$\tilde{R} \approx 2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

Electron in metal form a very dense gas

The equi-partition theorem

7.5 Proof of the theorem

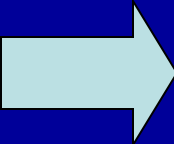
A system of f coordinates q_k and f momentum p_k

$$E = E(q_1, \dots, q_f, p_1, \dots, p_f)$$

Splits additively into the form


$$E = \epsilon_i(p_i) + E'(q_1, \dots, q_f, p_f)$$

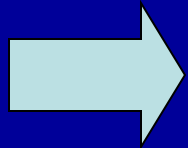
$$\epsilon_i(p_i) = bp_i^2$$


$$\bar{\epsilon}_i = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta E(q_1, \dots, p_f)} \epsilon_i dq_1 \dots dp_f}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta E(q_1, \dots, p_f)} dq_1 \dots dp_f}$$

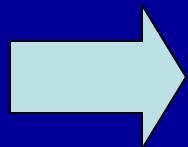
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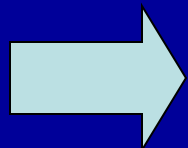
$$\bar{\epsilon}_i = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta E(q_1, \dots, p_f)} \epsilon_i dq_1 \dots dp_f}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta E(q_1, \dots, p_f)} dq_1 \dots dp_f}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\epsilon}_i &= \frac{\int e^{-\beta(\epsilon_i + E')} \epsilon_i dq_1 \dots dp_f}{\int e^{-\beta(\epsilon_i + E')} dq_1 \dots dp_f} \\ &= \frac{\int e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} \epsilon_i dp_i \int e^{-\beta E'} dq_1 \dots dp_f}{\int e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} dp_i \int e^{-\beta E'} dq_1 \dots dp_f} \end{aligned}$$



$$\bar{\epsilon}_i = \frac{\int e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} \epsilon_i dp_i}{\int e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} dp_i}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\epsilon}_i &= \frac{-\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\int e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} dp_i)}{\int e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} dp_i} \\ \bar{\epsilon}_i &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} dp_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

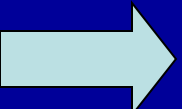
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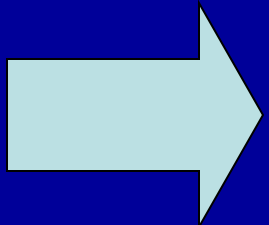
$$y \equiv \beta^{1/2} p_i$$

$$\bar{\epsilon}_i = \frac{-\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left(\int e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} dp_i \right)}{\int e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} dp_i}$$
$$\bar{\epsilon}_i = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} dp_i \right)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} dp_i = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta b p_i^2} dp_i = \beta^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-b y^2} dy$$


$$\ln \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \epsilon_i} dp_i = -\frac{1}{2} \ln \beta + \ln \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-b y^2} dy$$

unrelated to β


$$\bar{\epsilon}_i = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \ln \beta \right) = \frac{1}{2\beta}$$

$$\bar{\epsilon}_i = \frac{1}{2} kT$$

equi-partition theorem

The equi-partition theorem

7.6 Simple applications

Mean kinetic energy of a molecule in a gas

$$K = \frac{1}{2m} (p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2)$$

$$\bar{K} = \frac{3}{2} kT$$

Ideal gas

$$\bar{E} = N_a \left(\frac{3}{2} kT \right) = \frac{3}{2} RT$$

$$c_v = \left(\frac{\partial \bar{E}}{\partial T} \right)_v = \frac{3}{2} R$$

The equi-partition theorem

7.6 Simple applications

Brownian motion

$$\bar{v}_x = 0$$

$$\overline{\frac{1}{2}mv_x^2} = \frac{1}{2}kT \quad \text{or} \quad \overline{v_x^2} = \frac{kT}{m}$$

Large mass, less strong Brownian motion

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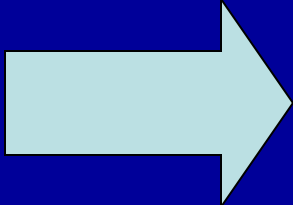
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Harmonic oscillator (1D)

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \kappa_0 x^2$$

$$\text{mean kinetic energy} = \frac{1}{2m} \overline{p^2} = \frac{1}{2} kT$$

$$\text{mean potential energy} = \frac{1}{2} \kappa_0 \overline{x^2} = \frac{1}{2} kT$$


$$\bar{E} = \frac{1}{2} kT + \frac{1}{2} kT = kT$$

Quantum
theory


$$E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar \omega$$

$$n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa_0}{m}}$$

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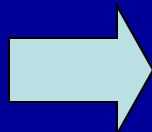
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Harmonic oscillator

$$Z \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta E_n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-(n+1/2)\beta\hbar\omega}$$

$$\bar{E} = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta E_n} E_n}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta E_n}} = - \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Z$$

$$Z = e^{-1/2\beta\hbar\omega} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-n\beta\hbar\omega} = e^{-1/2\beta\hbar\omega} (1 + e^{-\beta\hbar\omega} + e^{-2\beta\hbar\omega} + \dots)$$



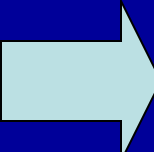
$$Z = e^{-1/2\beta\hbar\omega} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}}$$
$$\ln Z = -\frac{1}{2}\beta\hbar\omega - \ln(1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega})$$

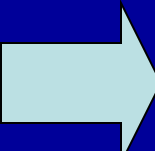
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Harmonic oscillator

$$Z = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta\hbar\omega} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}}$$
$$\ln Z = -\frac{1}{2}\beta\hbar\omega - \ln(1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega})$$


$$\bar{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta} \ln Z = -\left(-\frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega - \frac{e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}\hbar\omega}{1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}}\right)$$


$$\bar{E} = \hbar\omega \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1}\right)$$

$$\beta\hbar\omega = \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT} \ll 1$$

$$\bar{E} = \hbar\omega \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(1 + \beta\hbar\omega + \dots) - 1}\right] \approx \hbar\omega \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta\hbar\omega}\right]$$
$$\approx \hbar\omega \left[\frac{1}{\beta\hbar\omega}\right] \quad \text{by virtue of (7.6.13)}$$

$$\bar{E} = \frac{1}{\beta} = kT$$

The equi-partition theorem

7.6 Simple applications

Harmonic oscillator

$$\beta \hbar \omega = \frac{\hbar \omega}{kT} \gg 1$$

$$\bar{E} = \hbar \omega \left(\frac{1}{2} + e^{-\beta \hbar \omega} \right)$$

$T \rightarrow 0$, $E \rightarrow$ energy of ground state

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