## Midterm #3

### Problem#1

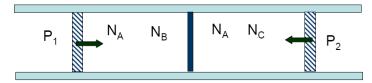
For three-dimensional Maxwell distribution find the average of  $\langle bv_z^2 \rangle$  where b is a constant.

#### Problem#2

The outer shell electrons of iron ion  $Fe^{3+}$  combine together to form total orbital momentum 0 and total spin S=5/2. The projection of the spin can take values  $S_z$ =-5/2, -3/2, -1/2, 1/2, 3/2, 5/2. In magnetic field the energies of these states are  $E = -\mu_B g S_z B$ , where g=2 is g-factor and  $\mu_B$  is the Born magneton. The iron atoms are in magnetic field B at temperature T. What is the probability to find an iron ion in the state

with 
$$S_z = \frac{3}{2}$$
?

# Problem#3



Two pistons and a membrane separate a cylinder into two compartments that have the same volume and the same number of molecules of solvent  $N_A$ . The left compartment also contains  $N_B$  molecules of solute B, the right compartment contains  $N_C$  molecules of solute C. Molecules of solvent can penetrate through the membrane separating two compartments, but molecules of B and C solutes can not. What is the pressure difference  $(P_I - P_2)$  that keeps the system in equilibrium?

## Problem#4

Describe the state of the binary alloy Au-Ge at the points indicated on the phase diagram below. The description of the state should include the aggregate state (liquid, solid or a mixture of two) as well as the chemical composition of each phase present.

