Homework #10

Problem #1

A circular cylinder of radius R rotates about the long axis with angular velocity ω . The cylinder contains an ideal gas of atoms of mass m at temperature T. (The centrifugal force can be treated similar to the gravitational force in the atmosphere problem solved in class)

- (a) Find an expression for the dependence of the concentration n(r) on the radial distance r from the axis, in terms of n(0) on the axis.
- (b) What portion of the atoms in the cylinder is located in its central part between r=0 and r=R/2

Problem #2

Inversion in SLC.

During the inversion in SLC, the pollution is caused in part by car exhaust which contains NO, CO and heavier molecules such as peroxyacetyl nitrate $C_2H_3NO_5$



For each of those molecules compute the ratio of the concentrations in Alta and in down town SLC. Argue whether the inversion is equilibrium or non-equilibrium phenomenon.

Problem #3

Monoatomic molecules (total number is *N*) adsorbed on a surface are free to move on this surface and can be treated as a classical two-dimensional gas. Temperature is *T*.

- (a) Write an expression for a probability to find a molecule with the velocity in the range between \vec{v} and $\vec{v} + d\vec{v}$ (v_x and $v_x + dv_x$; v_y and $v_y + dv_y$) Evaluate normalization constant.
- (b) Write an expression for a probability to find a molecule with the speed in the range between v and v+dv.
- (c) What is the average number of molecules that have the speed in the range between v and v + dv?
- (d) 3 point of extra-credit. What is the heat capacity of this "surface" gas of N molecules?