

§2. Classical Ideal Gas.

SUMMARY

Assumptions: — no interaction except elastic binary collisions
 — point particles (do not occupy significant vol.)
 — classical (no quantum correlations)
 — non-relativistic

— satisfied by dilute hot gas

Collisions → equilibrium indep. of initial conditions

Isotropic, velocity components independent

∝ e^{-E/k_BT}
Boltzmann

Maxwell's distribution

Boltzmann const

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

Temperature

$$\frac{1}{2} k_B T = \frac{m \langle v_x^2 \rangle}{2}$$

mean energy per degree of freedom

$$\frac{3}{2} k_B T = \frac{m \langle v^2 \rangle}{2}$$

mean energy per particle

Ideal gas equation of state

$$p = n k_B T = \frac{1}{3} m n \langle v^2 \rangle = \frac{2}{3} \epsilon$$

energy density

or $pV = n_m RT$

of moles gas constant

$\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

Effusion



→ ↓ dA dt dp

Velocities: $dN(\vec{v}) = n v^3 f(v) \cos\theta \sin\theta dv d\theta d\varphi$

Speeds: $d\tilde{N}(v) = \pi n v^3 f(v) dv = \frac{1}{4} n v \tilde{f}(v) dv$

Flux: $\Phi = \int dN(v) = \frac{1}{4} n \langle v \rangle = \frac{p}{\sqrt{2\pi m k_B T}}$