

most likely GS

Chapter 3.6: Density of states and velocity distribution

Basis: Boltzmann distribution $P_r = \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon_r}}{Z}$



Is the probability to find a given microstate. But what is probability to find energy ϵ ?

$P(\epsilon)$

$\int P(\epsilon) d\epsilon = 1$

$\langle \epsilon \rangle = E = \frac{\int d\Gamma e^{-\beta \epsilon} \epsilon}{Z} = \int P(\epsilon) \epsilon d\epsilon$

idea: change of variables $d\Gamma \rightarrow d\epsilon$

($\times \frac{1}{N!}$ omitted)

$= \frac{V^N}{Z} \int d\epsilon (2m\epsilon)^{\frac{3}{2}N} m e^{-\beta \epsilon} \epsilon$

2.4-4, 2.4-5: $\epsilon = \sum_j \frac{p_j^2}{2m}$

ideal gas

$= \frac{\int \Omega(\epsilon) e^{\beta \epsilon} \epsilon d\epsilon}{Z}$

general:

$P(\epsilon) d\epsilon = \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{Z} \Omega(\epsilon) d\epsilon$ *

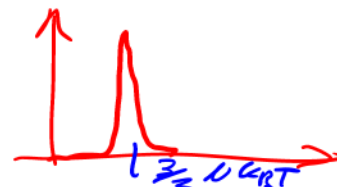
Maximum $\partial_\epsilon P(\epsilon) = 0 = \frac{3}{2} N \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{\epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}N+1}} - \beta \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{\epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}N}} e^{-\beta \epsilon}$

= Probability to find $[\epsilon, \epsilon + d\epsilon]$

$\Rightarrow \frac{3N}{2\epsilon} = \beta$ $\epsilon = \frac{3}{2} N k_B T$ ideal gas:

$Z = \int \Omega(\epsilon) e^{\beta \epsilon} d\epsilon$ "Laplace transform"

$P(\epsilon) \propto V^N \frac{\epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}N} e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{Z}$



3.6-2 Density of states and velocity distribution

$P(\epsilon)d\epsilon$: Probability for one particle of energy ϵ

For a single particle: $\langle \epsilon \rangle = \frac{\sum_r e^{-\beta \epsilon_r} \epsilon_r}{Z_1} = \int P(\epsilon) \epsilon d\epsilon = \frac{\int e^{-\beta \epsilon} \epsilon g(\epsilon) d\epsilon}{Z_1}$

Def. 3.6: The single particle density of states is $g(\epsilon) = \sum_r \delta(\epsilon_r - \epsilon)$

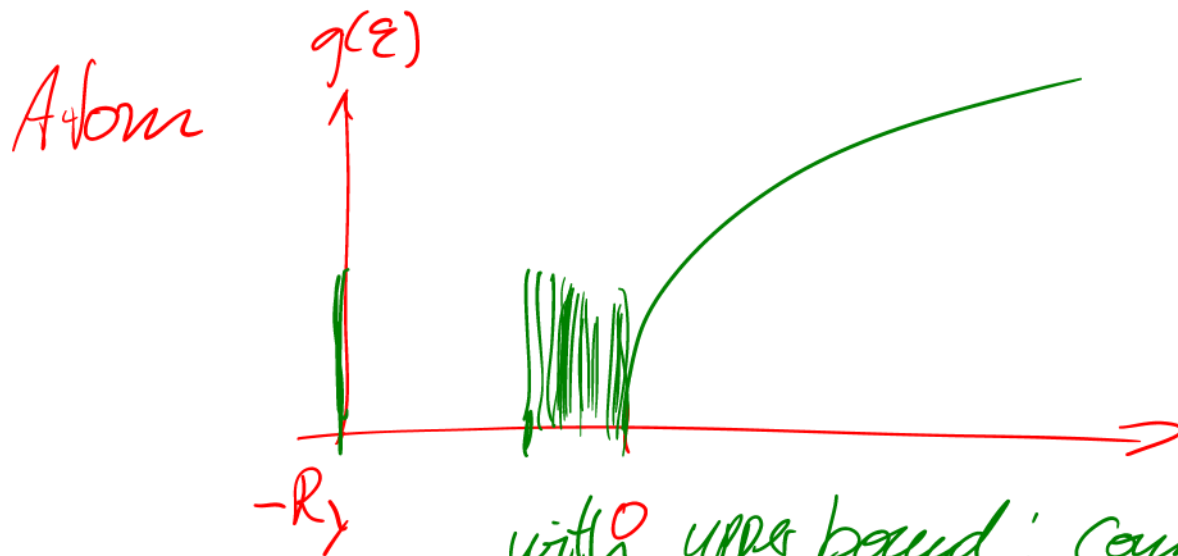


$$P(\epsilon) = g(\epsilon) \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon}}{Z_1}$$

$$\langle \epsilon \rangle = \int d\epsilon P(\epsilon) \epsilon$$

only useful for independent particles (non-interacting)

The single particle density of states $g(\epsilon)$, determines the probability $P(\epsilon)d\epsilon = g(\epsilon)e^{-\beta \epsilon} d\epsilon / Z_1$ for energies in the interval $[\epsilon, \epsilon + d\epsilon]$ for each independent particle.



$g(\epsilon)$ may in many cases increase

but also cases where GS remains most probable

but many particles $\Omega(\epsilon)$ increases

with upper bound: counter example: Exercise 6c

3.6-3 Density of states and velocity distribution

Example: Single particle density of states for a free classical particle

→ change of variables

$$\epsilon = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

$$p = \sqrt{2m\epsilon} \quad dp = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\epsilon}} d\epsilon$$

$$\langle \epsilon \rangle = \frac{\int d\epsilon g(\epsilon) e^{-\beta\epsilon} \epsilon}{Z_1} = \frac{\int d^3\vec{r} d^3\vec{p} e^{-\beta\epsilon} \epsilon}{Z_1} = \frac{V}{Z_1} \int 4\pi p^2 dp e^{-\beta \frac{p^2}{2m}}$$

good definition for classical case

$$* = \frac{V}{Z_1} \int 4\pi 2m\epsilon \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\epsilon}} d\epsilon e^{-\beta\epsilon} \epsilon$$

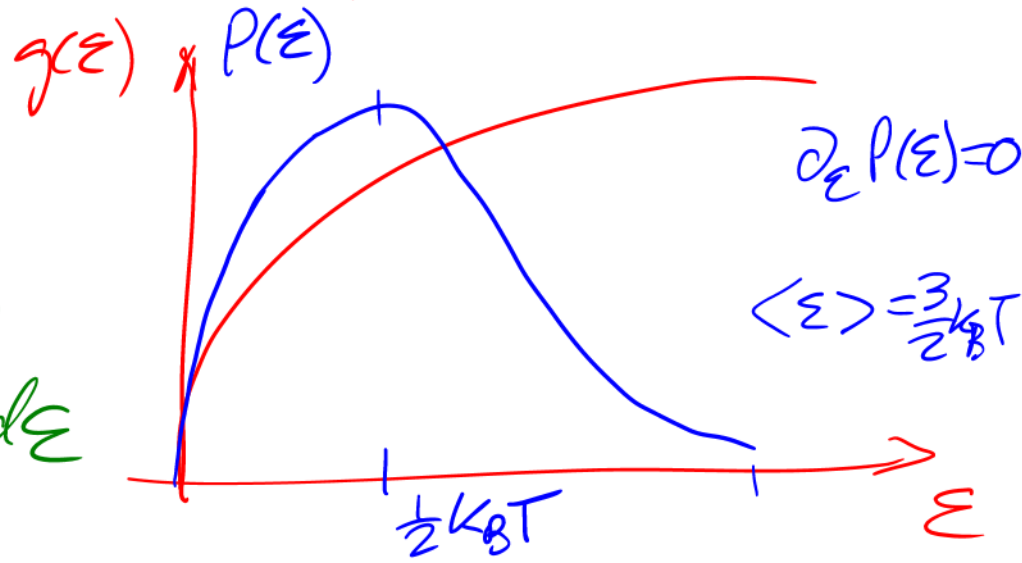
$$P(\epsilon) = \frac{g(\epsilon) e^{-\beta\epsilon}}{Z_1} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\beta^3 \epsilon}{\pi}} e^{-\beta\epsilon}$$

$$g(\epsilon) = V \cdot 4\pi m^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{2\epsilon} \propto \sqrt{\epsilon}$$

Normalization of $g(\epsilon)$

depends on the normalization of Z_1

$$Z_1 = \sum_{\vec{r}} e^{-\beta\epsilon_{\vec{r}}} = \int e^{-\beta\epsilon} g(\epsilon) d\epsilon = V \left(\frac{2\pi m}{\beta} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$



3.6-4 Density of states and velocity distribution

Distribution for general expectation values: Λ

$$\langle \Lambda \rangle = \frac{\sum_r e^{-\beta \epsilon_r} \langle r | \Lambda | r \rangle}{Z_1} = \int P(\lambda) \lambda d\lambda$$

what is the probability $P(\lambda)d\lambda$ to measure Λ in $[\lambda, \lambda+d\lambda]$?

Classical example: velocity in x-direction

by change variable

$$\langle v_x \rangle = \int dv_x P(v_x) v_x = \frac{\int d^3\vec{r} d^3\vec{p} e^{-\beta \epsilon} v_x}{Z_1} = \frac{V}{Z_1} \int dp_x e^{-\beta \frac{p_x^2}{2m}} v_x \int dp_y e^{-\beta \frac{p_y^2}{2m}} \int dp_z e^{-\beta \frac{p_z^2}{2m}}$$

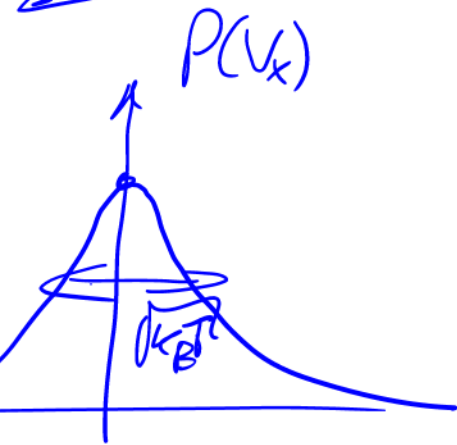
$$Z_1 = V \left(\int dp e^{-\beta \frac{p^2}{2m}} \right)^3 = V \left(\frac{2\pi m}{\beta} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$= \int \frac{\beta}{2\pi m} \int dp_x e^{-\beta \frac{p_x^2}{2m}} v_x = \sqrt{\frac{\beta m}{2\pi}} \int dv_x e^{-\frac{1}{2} m v_x^2 \beta} v_x$$

$$P(v_x) = \sqrt{\frac{\beta m}{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} m v_x^2 \beta}$$

$$\int P(v_x) dv_x = 1$$

Gauss distribution



Maxwell's velocity distribution

$$\langle v \rangle = \int dv P(v)v = \frac{\int d^3\vec{r}d^3\vec{p} e^{-\beta\epsilon} v}{Z_1}$$

Def. 3.7: Maxwell's velocity distribution

$$P(v)dv = 4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} v^2 e^{-\beta m v^2 / 2} dv$$

is the probability for a particle-velocity in the interval $[v, v + dv[$

3.6-6 Density of states and velocity distribution

Mean, most probable and RMS values

$$P(v)dv = 4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} v^2 e^{-\beta m v^2 / 2} dv$$

