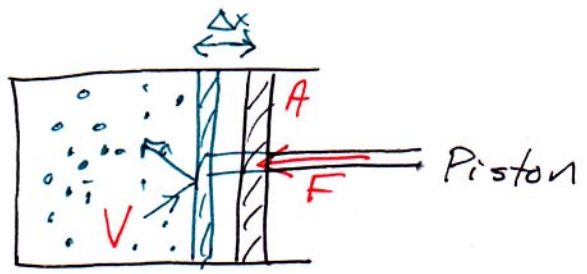


Kinetic Theory of Gases



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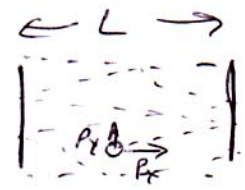
• Pressure $P = F/A$

• Work done on gas
 $dW = F(-dx) = -PA dx = -PdV$

Decrease volume, increase energy & pressure inside

Simplifications:

- Individual collisions of atoms inside balance P, F (Liquids, solids - many atoms at once mashing...)



- Perfect reflections
 $(P_x, P_y, P_z) \Rightarrow (-P_x, P_y, P_z)$

- Ideal gas (no collisions)
- Perfect reflections
 Time between collisions $\Delta t = \frac{2mL}{m P_x}$
 Momentum change = $\Delta p = 2 P_x$

Force $F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} = \frac{2 P_x}{\frac{2mL}{m P_x}} = \frac{P_x^2}{mL}$
 $N_{atoms} = nV$
 $F = \frac{nV}{mL} \int P_x^2 dx = n \frac{\langle P_x^2 \rangle A}{m}$
 $P = F/A = \frac{n \langle P_x^2 \rangle}{m}$

~~Assume all atoms have same P_x~~

Density $n = N/V$, time Δt

Particle within $v_x \Delta t$ hits in next Δt ; $\# = n v_x A \Delta t$

contributes force $F = 2 P_x$

\rightarrow Force during $\Delta t = (n v_x A \Delta t) (2 P_x)$

$PA = 2nA \frac{P_x^2}{m}$

• Average over $P_x > 0$

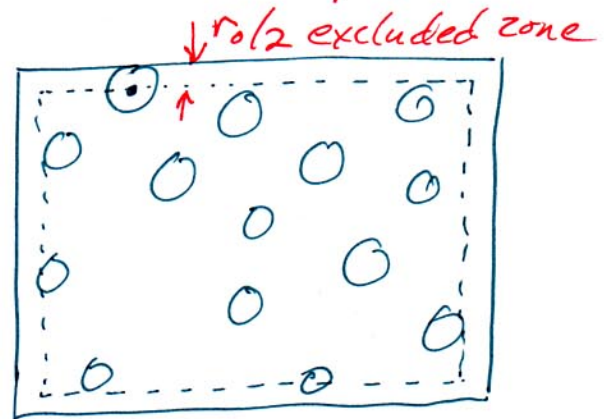
$P = \frac{n \langle P_x^2 \rangle}{m} = \frac{2}{3} n \langle \frac{P^2}{2m} \rangle = \frac{2}{3} U/V$

$\frac{\langle P_x^2 \rangle}{m} = \frac{\langle P_y^2 \rangle}{m} = \frac{\langle P_z^2 \rangle}{m} = \frac{1}{3} \langle \frac{P^2}{m} \rangle = \frac{2}{3} \langle \frac{P^2}{2m} \rangle = \frac{2}{3} (K.E.)$

Seems like a trick: don't ever need distribution $p(\vec{p})$, only average energy. Often, we want whole probability distribution... **What is $p(\vec{p})$?**

What is $p(\vec{r})$, probability density in space?

Simplification: Hard spheres, radius r_0 , rigid box $L \times L \times L$



$$p(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{(L-r_0)^3} = \frac{1}{V} \text{ constant away from the sides of the box, for a dilute gas}$$

What is $p(\vec{R})$ for N atoms?

$\vec{R} = 3N$ -dimensional vector in Position Space

$$p(\vec{R}) = \text{constant inside box for ideal gas } r_0 \rightarrow 0. \\ = [V^N / N!] \text{ (if indistinguishable)}$$

Basis of Statistical Mechanics: In equilibrium, all possible configurations of positions and momenta occur with equal probability.

"Possible" = Consistent with energy conservation

Feynman (using Maxwell's Flawed? argument) shows that binary collisions smear out the momentum distribution... I'm going to just assume it.

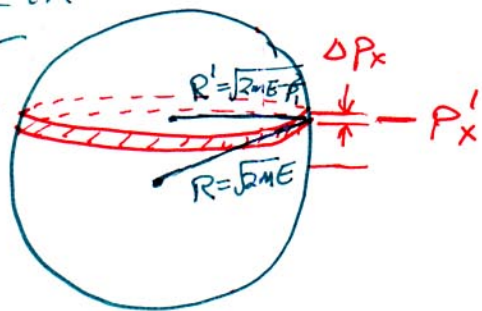
What is $\rho(\vec{P})$, for $\vec{P} = (\vec{P}^1, \vec{P}^2, \dots, \vec{P}^N)$ $3N$ -vector?
in Momentum Space.

$$E = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\vec{P}^n \cdot \vec{P}^n}{2m} = \frac{1}{2m} \vec{P}^2 \text{ is conserved}$$

$\rho(\vec{P}) = \text{constant on sphere of radius } \sqrt{2mE}$
in $3N$ dimensions. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Mathematics!} \\ 3N-1 \text{ sphere} \end{array} \right\}$

What is $\rho(P_x)$, the probability atom 1 has P_x ?

Sphere in
 $3N$ -
space



$$\rho(P_x) \propto \frac{\text{Area of "circle" disk}}{\text{Area of Sphere}}$$

Area of Sphere = $(\pi's) R^{D-1}$
Radius R = $(\text{const}) R^{D-1}$
in Dimension D
Not crucial here

Area of "Circle"

$$= (\pi's) R^{D-2} \cos \theta$$

Not crucial either



$$R = \sqrt{2mE}$$

$$R' = \sqrt{2m(E - \frac{P_x^2}{2m})}$$

$$D = 3N$$

$$P(P_x') = \left(\frac{\pi^{1/2}}{\cos \theta} \right) \frac{(2mE - P_x'^2)^{\frac{3N-1}{2}}}{(2mE)^{3N/2}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\pi^{1/2} \sqrt{2mE}}{(2mE - P_x'^2) \cos \theta} \right) \left(1 - \frac{P_x'^2}{2mE} \right)^{3N/2}$$

$$B = 3N/2$$

$$\lim_{B \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{a}{B} \right)^B = e^{-a}, \quad N \approx 10^{23}$$

$$\frac{a}{3N/2} = \frac{P_x'^2}{2mE}$$

$$a = \frac{P_x'^2}{2m} \left(\frac{3N}{2E} \right)$$

$$P(P_x) = (\dots) e^{-\frac{P_x^2}{2m} \left(\frac{3N}{2E} \right)}$$

arbitrary scaling: Boltzmann's constant

We define $T = \frac{1}{k_B} \left(\frac{3N/2E}{2E/3N} \right)$,

for ideal gas.

$$P(P_x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi m k T}} e^{-\frac{P_x^2}{2m k T}}$$

$$\sigma^2 = m k T = \langle P_x^2 \rangle$$

Normalization $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi m k T}}$

$$\langle \text{Kinetic Energy in } P_x' \rangle = \frac{\langle P_x'^2 \rangle}{2m} = \frac{k_B T}{2}$$

ignoring quantum mechanics!

Equipartition Theorem: In a classical gas, each component of the velocity will have kinetic energy average $\frac{1}{2} k_B T$. [Also holds for positions if $V(\vec{r})$ is harmonic.]

- Most of the surface area of a large-dimension sphere is very close to the equator!

- Pressure $P = n \frac{\langle P_x^2 \rangle}{m} = n k_B T = \frac{N}{V} k_B T$

$$\boxed{PV = N k_B T} \quad \text{Ideal Gas Law}$$

~~also~~ known as R
if N in moles

$k_B = \text{Boltzmann's Constant}$

- Two kinds of atoms?
 → surface area of ellipsoid
 → still $\frac{1}{2} k_B T$ energy per velocity component

- Probability $\sim e^{-(\text{Kinetic Energy})/k_B T}$

First example of a Boltzmann distribution - very powerful!

- Temperature is the cost of stealing energy from the rest of the world
 • Like pressure is energy cost for stealing volume
 • "Rest of the World" often called heat bath

What currency is being paid?

- Call $\Omega(E-K) = \text{Volume of "circle" in } (3N-1) \text{ dimensions of radius } \sqrt{2M(E-K)}$

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{d \log \Omega}{dE} = \frac{dS}{dE}$$

$K = \frac{P^2}{2m} = \text{Kinetic Energy}$
 $E, \text{ "available" energy for rest}$
 $S = k_B \log \Omega = \text{Entropy}$

What Currency is being Paid for stealing this energy? **ENTROPY!**

- Probability of having particle momentum $\frac{p^2}{2m}$
 = Volume of "circle" ($3N-2$) sphere
 of radius $\sqrt{2mE}$ with $E = E_{\text{tot}} - \frac{p^2}{2m}$ "available" energy

Define $\Omega_P(E) = \text{Volume of "Circle"}$
 $= (2mE)^{\frac{3N-2}{2}} = e^{\frac{3N}{2} \log(2mE)}$
↑ unimportant

Define $S_P(E) = k_B \log \Omega_P(E)$ "Momentum-Space Entropy"
 $= \frac{3}{2} N k_B \log(2mE)$

Entropy cost for stealing energy

$$\frac{\partial S_P}{\partial E} = \frac{3}{2} N k_B \left(\frac{1}{E} \right) = \frac{3 N k_B}{2E} = \frac{1}{T}$$

Statistical Mechanics Definition of Temperature:

$$\frac{1}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right)_V$$

Entropy = $k_B \log \Omega(E) = k_B \log \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Volume in Phase Space} \\ \text{at Energy } E \\ \text{-or-} \\ \text{Number of Configurations} \end{array} \right\}$