

(c) Average Energy, RMS and Most Probable Energy

For the Maxwell-Boltzmann energy distribution law, average energy $\langle E \rangle$ of the particles is

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} E f(E) g(E) dE}{\int_0^{\infty} dn} \Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} E \phi(E) dE$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \frac{2\pi N}{(\pi k_B T)^{3/2}} \int_0^{\infty} E^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{k_B T}\right) dE \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N} \frac{2\pi N}{(\pi k_B T)^{3/2}} \times (k_B T)^{5/2} \left[\frac{5}{2}\right] = \frac{3k_B T}{2}$$

Hence, the average of a particle is $\frac{1}{2} k_B T$ per degree of freedom, for three degree of freedom it is $\frac{3}{2} k_B T$

Mean square of energy $\langle E^2 \rangle = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} E^2 f(E) g(E) dE}{\int_0^{\infty} dn} = \int_0^{\infty} E^2 \phi(E) dE$

$$\langle E^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \frac{2\pi N}{(\pi k_B T)^{3/2}} \int_0^{\infty} E^{5/2} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{k_B T}\right) dE \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N} \frac{2\pi N}{(\pi k_B T)^{3/2}} \times (k_B T)^{7/2} \left[\frac{7}{2}\right] = \frac{15(k_B T)^2}{4}$$

Root mean Energy $\sqrt{\langle E^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{15}{4}} k_B T$

Most probable Energy

Probability density $\phi(E) = \frac{2\pi}{(\pi k_B T)^{3/2}} E^{1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{k_B T}\right)$ then

The most probable energy is given by $\frac{d\phi}{dE} = 0 \Rightarrow E = \frac{k_B T}{2}$

Energy distribution in different dimension

- $f(E) = \frac{N}{V} \left(\frac{h^2}{2\pi m k_B T}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{k_B T}\right)$ distribution function in three dimension, where

V is volume .

- $f(E) = \frac{N}{A} \left(\frac{h^2}{2\pi m k_B T} \right) \exp\left(-\frac{E}{k_B T}\right)$ distribution function in two dimension, where A is area.
- $f(E) = \frac{N}{L} \left(\frac{h^2}{2\pi m k_B T} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{k_B T}\right)$ distribution function in one dimension, where L is length.

