

## (e) Average, RMS and Most Probable Speed

### Average Speed

$$\begin{aligned}\langle v \rangle &= \int_0^{\infty} v f(v) dv = 4\pi \left( \frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} \int_0^{\infty} v \exp\left(-\frac{mv^2}{2k_B T}\right) v^2 dv \\ &= 4\pi \left( \frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{2k_B T}{m} \right)^{3/2} \left| \frac{3+1}{2} \right| = \sqrt{\frac{8k_B T}{\pi m}}\end{aligned}$$

### Mean square Speed

$$\begin{aligned}\langle v^2 \rangle &= \int_0^{\infty} v^2 f(v) dv = 4\pi \left( \frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} \int_0^{\infty} v^2 \exp\left(-\frac{mv^2}{2k_B T}\right) v^2 dv \\ &= 4\pi \left( \frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{2k_B T}{m} \right)^{4/2} \left| \frac{4+1}{2} \right| = \frac{3k_B T}{m}\end{aligned}$$

### Root Mean Square speed

$$\sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\int_0^{\infty} v^2 f(v) dv} = \sqrt{\frac{3k_B T}{m}}$$

### Most probable speed

$$v_p = \frac{df(v)}{dv} = 0 \Rightarrow v_p = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}}$$

### Average velocity of $\langle v_x \rangle, \langle v_x^2 \rangle$

$$\langle v_x \rangle = \left( \frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v_x \exp\left(-\frac{m(v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2)}{2k_B T}\right) dv_x dv_y dv_z = 0$$

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$$\langle v_x^2 \rangle = \left( \frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v_x^2 \exp\left(-\frac{m(v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2)}{2k_B T}\right) dv_x dv_y dv_z = \frac{k_B T}{m}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \langle v_x^2 \rangle = \langle v_y^2 \rangle = \langle v_z^2 \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{m}$$