

2.5 Ideal Gas

The multiplicity of an ideal gas can be found from the eigen energies of particle in box.

Remember for 1-dimension $E_n = \frac{h^2 \pi^2 n^2}{2mL^2} = \frac{h^2 n^2}{8mL^2}$

For 3-dimension $E_{n_x, n_y, n_z} = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2)$

Unlike Harmonic oscillator, transferring quanta from 1 particle to another does not conserve energy.

However the quantum numbers are really big $\frac{h n}{2L} = p$
 $\Rightarrow n = 2Lp/h$ for N_2 at 300 m/s with $L = 1 \text{ m}$ gives
 $n = 2 \times 1 \text{ m} \cdot 300 \text{ m/s} \cdot 4.7 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg} / 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js} = 4 \times 10^{10}$

Changing n by 1 is only $\sim 10^{-10}$ change in E for this example

1 particle

Start by looking at multiplicity for 1 atom/molecule

Let $\Omega(n)$ be number of states with $n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2$ between n^2 and $(n+1)^2$

To do this take advantage of $n \gg 1$, this is like doing integral for $\frac{1}{8}$ of spherical shell $\frac{1}{8} 4\pi r^2 \Delta r = \frac{\pi}{2} n^2$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega(n) = \frac{\pi}{2} n^2 = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{8mL^2}{h^2} E_n = \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{2L}{h} p \right)^2$$

2 particles

$$E = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2} (n_{1x}^2 + n_{1y}^2 + n_{1z}^2 + n_{2x}^2 + n_{2y}^2 + n_{2z}^2)$$

$\Omega_2(n)$ is number of states with E between $\frac{h^2 n^2}{8mL^2}$ and $\frac{h^2 (n+1)^2}{8mL^2}$

To figure out number of states between n and $n+1$, figure out total total number of states $< n$ and take derivative $\frac{d}{dn}$

This trick will work in higher dimensions as well.
So detour to calculate volume of hypersphere

Volume
of hypersphere
d-dimension

$$V_d(R) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \Theta(R - \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + \dots}) dx_d \right] dx_d \dots dx_1$$

$$\Theta(x) = 1 \text{ if } x > 0 \text{ and } 0 \text{ if } x < 0$$

You should know $V_1(R) = 2R$, $V_2(R) = \pi R^2$, $V_3(R) = \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3$

How to go higher

$$V_4(R) = 2\pi \int_0^R V_2(\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}) r dr = 2\pi^2 \int_0^R (R^2 - r^2) r dr = 2\pi^2 \left(\frac{R^2 - r^2}{-4} \right) \Big|_0^R = \frac{\pi^2 R^4}{2}$$

$$V_6(R) = 2\pi \int_0^R V_4(\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}) r dr = \pi^3 \int_0^R (R^2 - r^2) r dr = \pi^3 \left(\frac{R^2 - r^2}{-6} \right) \Big|_0^R = \frac{\pi^3}{6} R^6$$

$$V_8(R) = 2\pi \int_0^R V_6(\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}) r dr = 2\pi^4 \frac{1}{6} \int_0^R (R^2 - r^2) r dr = 2\pi^4 \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{R^2 - r^2}{-8} \right) \Big|_0^R = \frac{\pi^4}{24} R^8$$

If d is even $V_d(R) = \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{(d/2)!} R^d$

If you also restrict $x_1 > 0, x_2 > 0, x_3 > 0 \dots V_d(R) = \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{d/2} \frac{R^d}{(d/2)!}$

Back to
ideal gas

If you have N particles $d = 3N$. The number of states with $E < \frac{h^2 n^2}{8mL^2}$ $\beta(n) = \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{3N/2} \frac{n^{3N}}{(3N/2)!} \frac{1}{N!}$ ← for double counting

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_N(n) = \frac{d\beta(n)}{dn} = 3 \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{3N/2} \frac{n^{3N-1}}{(3N/2)! (N-1)!}$$

This is the number of states between $E = \frac{h^2 n^2}{8mL^2}$ and $\frac{h^2 (n+1)^2}{8mL^2}$

Note $n \sim Nx$ (average n for 1 particle)

*only for
monatomic
gas*

In terms of thermodynamics variables E is internal/thermal energy U (in general $E = \frac{3}{2} U$)

$$\text{Use } n^2 = \frac{8mL^2}{h^2} U \Rightarrow \Omega_N(n) = 3 \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{3N/2} \left(\frac{4L^2}{h^2}\right)^{3N/2} \frac{1}{(3N/2)! (N-1)!} (2mU)^{3N/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_N(n) = \frac{3}{2} \frac{h}{L} \frac{V^N \pi^{3N/2}}{h^{3N}} \frac{(2mU)^{3N/2}}{(3N/2)! (N-1)!} \approx \frac{(2m\pi)^{3N/2}}{N! (3N/2)! h^{3N}} V^N U^{3N/2} = \Omega(U, V, N)$$

$$N! = \sqrt{2\pi N} N^N e^{-N}$$

Let's get an expression for Ω using Stirling's Approx.

$$\Omega \approx \left[\frac{(2m\pi U)^{3/2} V}{h^3} \right]^N \frac{1}{N! \left(\frac{3N}{2}\right)!} \approx \left[\frac{(2m\pi U)^{3/2} V}{h^3} \right]^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi N} \left(\frac{e}{N}\right)^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \frac{3N}{2}} \left(\frac{2e}{3N}\right)^{\frac{3N}{2}}}} \\ \approx \frac{1}{N} \left[\frac{(2m\pi)^{3/2} (UN)^{3/2} (V/N) e^{5/2} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{3/2}}{h^3} \right]^N$$

Note that the main part of Ω depends on average single particle properties raised to the N^{th} power

monatomic gas

$\bar{E}_1 = U/N$ is average KE of 1 particle

$\bar{V}_1 = V/N$ is " volume occupied by 1 particle

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{N} \left[\left(\frac{4m\pi}{3}\right)^{3/2} \frac{\bar{E}_1^{3/2} \bar{V}_1 e^{5/2}}{h^3} \right]^N$$

For non-monatomic gas $\bar{E}_1 = \frac{3}{2} \frac{U}{N}$

Suppose you have two interacting ideal gases

U_A, V_A, N	U_B, V_B, N
←	→

$N_A = N_B = N$ what $U_A = U - U_B$ gives
largest Ω_{TOT} ? what $V_A = V - V_B$ gives
largest Ω_{TOT} ?

$$\Omega_{TOT} = (f(N))^2 [V_A V_B]^N (U_A U_B)^{3N/2} = [f(N)]^2 [V_A (V - V_A)]^N [U_A (U - U_A)]^{3N/2}$$

In general, for any variable $[S_A (S - S_A)]^{\gamma} \equiv y(s)$
has max at $S_A = S/2$

$$S_A = \frac{S}{2} + x \quad y = \left[\left(\frac{S}{2} \right)^2 - x^2 \right]^{\gamma} = e^{\gamma \ln \left[\left(\frac{S}{2} \right)^2 - x^2 \right]}$$

$$y = e^{\gamma \left[\ln \left(\frac{S}{2} \right)^2 + \ln \left(1 - \left(\frac{x}{S/2} \right)^2 \right) \right]} \approx e^{\gamma \ln \left(\frac{S}{2} \right)^2} e^{-\gamma \frac{4x^2}{S^2}} = \left(\frac{S}{2} \right)^{\gamma} e^{-\frac{4\gamma}{S^2} x^2}$$

$$\text{width} = \frac{S}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}$$

For ideal gas Ω_{TOT} has max at $U_A = \frac{U}{2}$ with width $\frac{U}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$
" " " " $V_A = \frac{V}{2}$ " " $\frac{V}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$

A different question: Suppose you have N particles, what is the probability for finding all in the leftmost fraction, f

$$\text{Prob} = \frac{(fV)^N}{V^N} = f^N$$

Prob 2.27 Suppose $f = 0.99$ and $N = 100$ Prob = 0.37
 $N = 1000$ Prob = 4.3×10^{-5}
 $N = 10000$ Prob = 2×10^{-49}