

T7B.1: Using 20°C=293 K as room temperature:

$$v_P = \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 1.3807 \times 10^{-23} \cdot 293}{32 \cdot 1.6605 \times 10^{-27}}} = 390.2 \text{ m/s}$$

where I've used that the molecular mass of O₂ is 32 amu and the conversion constant is 1.6605 × 10⁻²⁷ kg/amu. Now the probability, *P* is given by:

$$P = \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{v}{v_P}\right)^2 e^{-(v/v_P)^2} \frac{dv}{v_P} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{500}{390.2}\right)^2 e^{-(500/390.2)^2} \frac{10}{390.2} = 0.0184$$

T7S.1: We find max/min by finding where the derivative is zero:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dv} \mathcal{D}(v) &= \frac{d}{dv} \left[\frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{v}{v_P}\right)^2 e^{-(v/v_P)^2} \right] = \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[\left(\frac{2v}{v_P^2}\right) - \left(\frac{v}{v_P}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2v}{v_P^2}\right) \right] e^{-(v/v_P)^2} \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{2v}{v_P^2}\right) \left[1 - \left(\frac{v}{v_P}\right)^2 \right] e^{-(v/v_P)^2} \end{aligned}$$

This is clearly zero iff $v/v_P = 1$ and the slope is positive (negative) if $v < v_P$ ($v > v_P$)... hence a max!

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B. The partition function *Z* is:

$$Z = 1 + e^{-E_1/kT}$$

internal energy is:

$$U = N_A \langle E \rangle = N_A \left(0 + E_1 \frac{e^{-E_1/kT}}{1 + e^{-E_1/kT}} \right) = \frac{N_A E_1}{e^{E_1/kT} + 1} = \frac{N_A k (E_1/k)}{e^{E_1/kT} + 1} = \frac{RT_\epsilon}{e^{T_\epsilon/T} + 1}$$

where $T_\epsilon = E_1/k = .01 \cdot 1.6022 \times 10^{-19} / (1.3807 \times 10^{-23}) = 116.04$ K. The heat capacity is:

$$c = \frac{dU}{dT} = \frac{R(T_\epsilon/T)^2 e^{T_\epsilon/T}}{(e^{T_\epsilon/T} + 1)^2}$$

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set a=116.04 b=8.3145 f(x)=b*a/(exp(a/x)+1) pmin 10 pmax 1000 xscale 2 nfun 0
fscale
border xlabel 'T (K)' ylab 'U (J)' title 'Internal Energy vs. Temperature'
fcurve
pcopy pfile 'Boltzmann_F_plotB1.eps'
clear
set f(x)=b*(a/x)^2*exp(a/x)/(exp(a/x)+1)^2
fscale
border xlabel 'T (K)' ylab 'heat capacity (J/K)' title 'Heat Capacity vs. Temperature'
fcurve
pcopy pfile 'Boltzmann_F_plotB2.eps'
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C. avgE=Sum[e n Exp[-e n/(k T)],{n,0,Infinity}]/Sum[Exp[-e n/(k T)],{n,0,Infinity}]
c=D[avgE,T]
na = 6.0221 10^23
e=.01 1.6022 10^-19
k=1.3807 10^-23
Plot[na avgE,{T,0,300},AxesLabel->{"T (K)","U (J)"}]
Plot[na c,{T,0,300},AxesLabel->{"T (K)","heat capacity (J/K)"}]
Show[GraphicsArray[{{%},{%}}]]
Export["Boltzmann_F_plotC.eps",%]
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3. (a) $S_A/k_B = \ln(\Omega_A)$

i. $U_A = 0 \Rightarrow \Omega_A = 1 \Rightarrow S_A/k_B = 0$

ii. $U_A = 10 \Rightarrow \Omega_A = 1.88763 \times 10^{18} \Rightarrow S_A/k_B = 42.1$

iii. $U_A = 100 \Rightarrow \Omega_A = 1.68139 \times 10^{96} \Rightarrow S_A/k_B = 222$

iv. $U_A = 1000 \Rightarrow \Omega_A = 5.9204 \times 10^{302} \Rightarrow S_A/k_B = 697$

(b)

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial U} \approx \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta U}$$

Using $\Delta S = k \ln(\Omega(U)/\Omega(U - \Delta U))$ and $\Delta U = 1\epsilon$ obtain:

$$T = \frac{1\epsilon}{k \ln(\Omega(U)/\Omega(U - \Delta U))} = \frac{.005 \text{ eV}}{k} \frac{1}{\ln(\Omega(U)/\Omega(U - \Delta U))} = \frac{58.023 \text{ K}}{\ln(\Omega(U)/\Omega(U - \Delta U))}$$

i. $U_A = 100 \Rightarrow T = 58.023 \text{ K} / \ln(1.68139/.421401) = 41.9 \text{ K}$

ii. $U_A = 200 \Rightarrow T = 58.023 \text{ K} / \ln(3.0330/1.2156) = 63.5 \text{ K}$

iii. $U_A = 1900 \Rightarrow T = 58.023 \text{ K} / \ln(1.2315/1.0641) = 397 \text{ K}$

iv. $U_A = 2000 \Rightarrow T = 58.023 \text{ K} / \ln(1.9303/1.6792) = 416 \text{ K}$

(c) $100 \rightarrow 200 : \Delta T = 63.5 - 41.9 = 21.6 \text{ K}$

$1900 \rightarrow 2000 : \Delta T = 416 - 397 = 19 \text{ K}$

Note: for this problem $T_\epsilon = \epsilon/k = 58.023 \text{ K}$, so $100 \rightarrow 200$ is for $T \approx T_\epsilon$ whereas $1900 \rightarrow 2000$, is for much higher temperatures. Figure T7.8 shows that the specific heat of an Einstein solid at $T \approx T_\epsilon$, is $\sim 90\%$ of the high temperature plateau value; this is quite consistent with the $\sim 10\%$ larger ΔT found for $100 \rightarrow 200$.