

1) McQuarrie 7-16

a) Prove that the most probably molecular speed is $v = \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m}}$, the average speed is $\langle v \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{8kT}{\pi m}}$, and the rms speed is $\sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$.

$$v^2 = v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

rms speed:

$$\langle v^2 \rangle = \sum_{i=x,y,z} \langle v_i^2 \rangle = 3 \langle v_x^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle v^2 \rangle = \frac{3 \int v_x^2 \exp(-E\beta) dv_x dv_y dv_z}{\int \exp(-E\beta) dv_x dv_y dv_z}$$

Using integral tables,

$$\int \exp(-ax^2) dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4a}}$$

$$\int x^2 \exp(-ax^2) dx = \frac{1}{4a} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}}$$

let $a = \frac{1}{2}m\beta$

$$\langle v^2 \rangle = \frac{3\sqrt{4}}{4a}$$

$$\langle v^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{m\beta} = \frac{3kT}{m}$$

$$\sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$$

average speed:

$$\langle v \rangle = \langle \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2} \rangle$$

$$\langle v \rangle = \frac{\iiint \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2} \exp(-E\beta) dv_x dv_y dv_z}{\iiint \exp(-E\beta) dv_x dv_y dv_z}$$

To simplify the integrals, convert the Boltzmann distribution, p , to spherical polar and normalize the probability function.

$$p(v) = \frac{4\pi m^{3/2}}{(2\pi kT)^{3/2}} v^2 \exp(-E\beta)$$

$$\langle v \rangle = \int vp(v)dv = \int \frac{4\pi m^{3/2}}{(2\pi kT)^{3/2}} v^3 \exp(-E\beta) dv$$

$$\int x^3 \exp(-ax^2) dx = \frac{1}{2a^2}$$

$$\langle v \rangle = \frac{16\pi m^{3/2}}{2(m\beta)^2 (2\pi kT)^{3/2}} = \frac{8\pi (kT)^2 m^{3/2}}{m^2 (2\pi kT)^{3/2}}$$

$$\langle v \rangle = \frac{8\pi\sqrt{kT}}{\sqrt{m}(2\pi)^{3/2}} = \frac{\sqrt{64kT}}{\sqrt{8m\pi}}$$

$$\langle v \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{8kT}{m\pi}}$$

most probable speed:

$$\frac{dp(v)}{dv} = 0$$

$$\frac{dp(v)}{dv} = \frac{8\pi m^{3/2}}{(2\pi kT)^{3/2}} v \exp(-E\beta) - \frac{4m\pi m^{3/2}}{kT(2\pi kT)^{3/2}} v^3 \exp(-E\beta)$$

$$\frac{dp(v)}{dv} = \left(\frac{8\pi m^{3/2}}{(2\pi kT)^{3/2}} v - \frac{4m\pi m^{3/2}}{kT(2\pi kT)^{3/2}} v^3 \right) \exp(-E\beta) = 0$$

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$$\frac{8\pi m^{3/2}}{(2\pi kT)^{3/2}} v = \frac{4m\pi m^{3/2}}{kT(2\pi kT)^{3/2}} v^3$$

$$8\pi = \frac{4m\pi}{kT} v^2$$

$$v^2 = \frac{8\pi kT}{4m\pi} = \frac{2kT}{m}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m}}$$

b) Evaluate these quantities for H_2 and N_2

H_2 :

$$\langle v \rangle = 1.57 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = 1.92 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} = 1.77 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

N_2 :

$$\langle v \rangle = 4.21 \times 10^2 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = 5.15 \times 10^2 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} = 4.75 \times 10^2 \text{ m/s}$$

2) What are the vibrational and rotational contributions to C_v for ND_3 ?

$$Q = q^N$$

$$C_v = \frac{dU}{dT}$$

$$U = kT^2 \frac{d \ln(Q)}{dT} = NkT^2 \frac{d \ln(q)}{dT}$$

From equipartition of the rotational levels (or by taking the derivatives of the partition function), each degree for freedom gives $U_i = \frac{NkT}{2}$

$$U = \sum_i U_i = \frac{3NkT}{2}$$

$$C_v = \frac{3Nk}{2}$$

$$C_v = 12.47 J/moleK$$

For each vibration in ND_3 ,

$$C_v = Nk \frac{\Theta_v^2}{T^2} \frac{\exp(\Theta_v/T)}{(\exp(\Theta_v/T) - 1)^2}$$

$$\Theta_v = \frac{hc\omega}{k}$$

From NIST,

$$\omega_1 = 2420.1 cm^{-1}$$

$$\omega_2 = 2420.6 cm^{-1}$$

$$\omega_3 = 745.7 cm^{-1}$$

$$\omega_4 = 749.4 cm^{-1}$$

$$\omega_5 = 2564 cm^{-1}$$

$$\omega_6 = 1191 cm^{-1}$$

$$C_v = 7.10 J/moleK$$

Total for vibrations and rotations:

$$C_v = 19.58 J/moleK$$

3) McQuarrie 9-10

Calculate K_p for $CO_2 \rightleftharpoons CO + \frac{1}{2}O_2$ at 3000K. The experimental value is $0.378 \sqrt{atm}$

$$K_p = \frac{q'_{CO} \sqrt{q'_{O_2}}}{q'_{CO_2}}$$

$$q' = \frac{q}{V} = q'' \exp(D_0\beta)$$

$$q = \frac{(2\pi mkT)^{3/2}}{h^3} V \frac{T}{\sigma \Theta_r} g_0 \exp(D_0\beta) \prod_{i=1}^{3N-5} (1 - \exp(-\Theta_v\beta))^{-1}$$

From Atkins, O_2 :

$$m = 5.314 \times 10^{-26} kg$$

$$\sigma = 2$$

$$\Theta_r = 2.08 K$$

$$\Theta_v = 2274 K$$

$$D_0 = 118.0 kcal/mole$$

$$g_0 = 3$$

CO :

$$m = 4.651 \times 10^{-26} kg$$

$$\sigma = 1$$

$$\Theta_r = 2.78 K$$

$$\Theta_v = 3122K$$

$$D_0 = 255.8kcal/mole$$

$$g_0 = 1$$

CO₂:

$$m = 7.308x10^{-26}kg$$

$$\sigma = 2$$

$$\Theta_r = 0.561K$$

$$\Theta_v = 1997, 3380, 960, 960K$$

$$D_0 = 381.5kcal/mole$$

$$g_0 = 1$$

The values of the partition functions without including $exp(D_0\beta)$, q'' ,

$$q''_{CO_2} = 3.141x10^{38}$$

$$q''_{O_2} = 1.596x10^{37}$$

$$q''_{CO} = 4.747x10^{36}$$

$$K_p = \frac{(4.747x10^{36})\sqrt{1.596x10^{37}}}{3.141x10^{38}} exp((118/2+255.8-381.5)*1000/(3000*1.9858775)) \frac{\sqrt{atm}}{\sqrt{101325Pa}}$$

$$K_p = 0.327\sqrt{atm}$$

4) McQuarrie 10-7

The density of Na is $0.95 g/cm^3$ at room temperature. Assuming there is one conduction electron per atom, calculate the Fermi energy and Fermi temperature.

$$E_f = \frac{h^2}{2m_e} \frac{3^{2/3}}{(8\pi)^{2/3}} \frac{N^{2/3}}{V^{2/3}}$$

$$T_f = E_f/k$$

$$E_f = (2.4098x10^{-37})(0.242)\rho^{2/3}$$

$$\rho = \frac{0.95g/cm^3}{22.98976928g/mole} \frac{6.022x10^{23}e^-}{mole} \frac{100^3cm^3}{m^3} = 8.5235x10^{18}e^-/m^3$$

$$E_f = 4.9796x10^{-19}J = 3.108eV$$

$$T_f = 36066.8K$$