

STUDY BOLTZMAN DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION FOR IDEAL GAS SYSTEM

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Abstract: Consider an ideal gas system consisting of a large number of particles. The nature of the macroscopic system could not be described in detail. It could only be described in terms of averages, i.e. only the mean values of the thermodynamic quantities characteristic of the medium of the macro system. The average values of the thermodynamic quantities characterizing the macroscopic state of the system such as state equation, free energy, the internal energy, etc. could be calculated by Boltzman distribution function.

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1. Introduction

An ideal gas system consisting of an extremely large number of particles could not be mechanically studied but could only be studied by statistical methods. The gas system here is considered as a homogeneous particle system. The Boltzmann distribution function is derived based on the application of the Gibbs distribution function to the homogeneous particle system, through that it could describe the average nature of the ideal gas system.

2. Establishing Boltzman function

Consider a quantum macroscopic system consisting of a very large number of particles

Physical description

The wave function describes the system

$$\psi = \psi_{k_1, k_2, k_3, \dots, k_N}(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N)$$

(k_i is a full set of quantum numbers of particle i^{th})

The energy of the system: $E = \sum_{ka} \varepsilon_{ka}$

Schrodinger equation for single particle:

$$\hat{H}(q_a, p_a)\psi_{ka} = \varepsilon_{ka}\psi_{ka} \quad (1)$$

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Because the system is a homogeneous particle system, Hamilton operator for a particle is the same for all particles in the system. Hence, Schrodinger equation for each particle energy spectrum will be the same for all particles.

Because the system is a homogeneous particle system, should energy spectrum of the particles are identical, we do not need and cannot indicate the state ψ_{ka} , which particles occupy in the state ψ_{ka} , that we only can say how many particles in the state corresponde to the wave function ψ_{ka} .

Then the full set of quantum numbers $(k_1, k_2 \dots k_n)$ is replaced by the filling set of number $(n_1, n_2 \dots n_k)$.

With a system of a large number of particles that the full set of quantum number is random, so the fill set of number also is the random and can get many different values (values: 0,1,2,3...) and the particles are non - negative integers, so we just calculated the average value of \bar{n}_k

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} n_k = 0, & 1, & 2, & 3, \dots, & N \rightarrow \infty \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \omega_{nk} & \omega_0 & \omega_1 & \omega_2 & \omega_3 \end{array}$$

ω_{nk} is the probability that the particles appear n_k or probability that state ψ_k has n_k particles. Base on probability theory rules:

$$\bar{n}_k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n_k \omega_{nk} = 0 \cdot \omega_0 + 1 \cdot \omega_1 + 2 \cdot \omega_2 + \dots$$

Which satisfies the normalizing conditions of probability function [1]:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \omega_{nk} = 1$$

* Consider: + A subsystem that all particles occupy in a state of 01 particle described by ψ_k .

Another subsystems that all particles do not locate in the state ψ_k .

These two subsystems and other subsystems can still exchange particles, so the number of particles in the subsystem n_k is fluctuant, leading to the fluctuation of energy E_{n_k} . Therefore, the considered subsystem is a system that the number of particles and energy are fluctuant. Hence, we apply generalized Gibbs distribution for those subsystems.

The probability that the system has N particles and quantum numbers are in thermodynamic equilibrium at temperature T is [1-3]:

$$\omega_{nN} = \exp\left(\frac{\Omega_k + \mu \cdot N - E_{nN}}{T}\right)$$

Because $N = n_k, E_{nN} = n_k \varepsilon_K \Rightarrow \omega_{nN}$ depends on n_k . so we denote $\omega_{nN} = \omega_{nk}$

Thus, the probability that the system has a number of particles n_k staying in state ψ_k :

$$\omega_{nk} = \exp\left(\frac{\Omega_k + n_k(\mu - \varepsilon_k)}{T}\right)$$

Note that in this paper we consider the dilute ideal gas, in which the interaction between the particles is weak, so the number of particles occupying a given state is slight. Thus, the average number of particles in a certain state is $\overline{n_k} \ll 1$

then

$$\omega_0 = \exp\left(\frac{\Omega_k + 0(\mu - \varepsilon_k)}{T}\right) = \exp\frac{\Omega_k}{T} \approx 1$$

$$\omega_1 = \exp\frac{\Omega_k}{T} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{\mu - \varepsilon_k}{T}\right) = \exp\left(\frac{\mu - \varepsilon_k}{T}\right) \quad (< 1)$$

$$\omega_2 = \exp\frac{\Omega_k}{T} \cdot \left[\exp\left(\frac{\mu - \varepsilon_k}{T}\right)\right]^2$$

$\omega_3, \omega_4, \dots \rightarrow 0$ rapidly

In calculating later, infinitesimal levels increase rapidly, so it takes the infinitesimal level 1st

$$\overline{n_k} = 0.\omega_0 + 1.\omega_1 + 2.\omega_2 + \dots = 1.\omega_1 = \exp\left(\frac{\mu - \varepsilon_k}{T}\right)$$

Therefore, the average number of particles occupies quantum state of a particle is

$$\overline{n_k} = 1.\omega_k = \exp\left(\frac{\mu - \varepsilon_k}{T}\right)$$

This result is the same with the previous calculation [1], [3]

We see that ε_k increases, the number of particles decreases that means the particles tend to occupy lower - energy states and the speed of reduction depends on the temperature T .

3. In classical Boltzman Distribution

Considering the classical ideal gas which all degrees of freedom characterizing the gas particles are classical degrees of freedom.

Degrees of freedom of the gas molecules include: The first is the degree of freedom involved in translational motion; the second is intrinsic freedom: Related to the rotation of molecules and the motion of atoms inside molecules.

We temporarily considered intrinsic degrees of freedom as quantum degrees of freedom while the degrees of freedom relating to translational motion is classical degrees of freedom.

The status of a particle is characterized by coordinates and generalized momentum and they are measured simultaneously (because of classical particles)

$$\text{Particle (molecule)} = (q, p)$$

r is a degree of freedom of a molecule.

We have an average number of particles in the volume element $dq dp$ surrounding the phase point (q, p) equal to average particle density $n(q, p)$ multiplying by the number of states corresponding to volume $dq dp$

$$dN = n(q, p) d\Gamma$$

$$d\Gamma = \frac{dq dp}{(2\pi\hbar)^r} \text{ is the number of states corresponding to volume } dq dp$$

Each state occupies a volume $(2\pi\hbar)^r$ in the phase space.

$$n(q, p) = \exp\left(\frac{\mu - \varepsilon(q, p)}{T}\right); \varepsilon(q, p) \text{ is energy of a particle.}$$

The energy of a particle

In the Cartesian coordinate system: $\varepsilon(q, p) = K(p) + U(q) = \text{Kinetic} + \text{Potential}$

Meanwhile the distribution of particles is presented by the composition of 2 factorials

A factorial determines the change the average number of particles according to momentum

Another factorial determines the change of the average number of particles according to coordinates

Considering the distribution of the average number of particles according to momentum.

Supposing that the system is not in the external field $U(q) = 0$ (homogeneous in space)

Then particle density is constant: $\frac{N}{V} = \text{const}$

Distribution of particles according to the momentum:

$$dN_{\vec{p}} = \text{const.} e^{\frac{-p^2}{2.m.T}} . d\vec{p} \rightarrow \int dN_{\vec{p}} = \frac{N}{V} \Leftrightarrow \int \text{const.} e^{\frac{-(p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2)}{2.m.T}} . dp_x . dp_y . dp_z = \frac{N}{V}$$

Using Poatxong formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\alpha.p_x^2} dp_x &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\alpha.p_y^2} dp_y = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\alpha.p_z^2} dp_z = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \\ \Rightarrow dN_{\vec{p}} &= \frac{N}{V(2\pi m.T)^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{\frac{-(p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2)}{2.m.T}} . dp_x . dp_y . dp_z \end{aligned}$$

Replacing $\vec{p} = m.\vec{v}$ we have the formula of velocity distribution:

$$dN_{\vec{v}} = \frac{N}{V} \left(\frac{m}{2\pi T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{m(v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2)}{2T}} dv_x dv_y dv_z$$

When \vec{v} increases, the particle density will decrease considering the distribution of particles according to coordinates:

Assuming that the system is placed in the external field has the potential energy $U = U(\vec{r}) = U(x, y, z)$

At that the average density depends on coordinates as below:

$$n(\vec{r}) = \text{const.} e^{-\frac{U(\vec{r})}{T}} = U_0 e^{-\frac{U(\vec{r})}{T}}$$

$U_0 = U(\vec{r} = 0)$ they are the average particle density at point $\vec{r} = 0$

In the external field is the Earth's gravitational field, we have:

$$U = U(\vec{r}) = U(z) = m \cdot g \cdot z$$

$$\Rightarrow U_z = U_0 e^{-\frac{m \cdot g \cdot z}{T}} \text{ (Barometric formula)}$$

4. Hemholtz free energy for Boltzman ideal gases

The free energy of the system are:

$$F = -T \cdot \ln Z$$

Where, Z is the statistical total of the system

If the system is quantum macroscopic system, the quantum statistical total is:

$$Z = \sum_n e^{-\frac{E_n}{T}}$$

Applying to the ideal gas Boltzman:

$$Z = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_N} e^{-\left(\frac{\epsilon_{k_1} + \epsilon_{k_2} + \dots + \epsilon_{k_N}}{T}\right)} = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_N} e^{-\left(\frac{\epsilon_{k_1}}{T}\right)} e^{-\left(\frac{\epsilon_{k_2}}{T}\right)} \dots e^{-\left(\frac{\epsilon_{k_N}}{T}\right)}$$

Because the considered gas here is dilute, so $\overline{n_k} \ll 1$

With n_k is large, the probability ratio of infinitesimal levels increases, so we just take infinitesimal level 1st: $\overline{n_k} = 0 \cdot \omega_0 + 1 \cdot \omega_1 + 0 \dots = 0 \cdot \omega_0 + 1 \cdot \omega_1$

$\Rightarrow n_k = 0, 1$. That means in a state there are not any particles or there is only a single particle, so the number of particles N need to distribute how in order that each state only contains a maximum of one particle that the full set of numbers of different particles is different.

Thus, the system with $(a - 1)$ particles is different from the system with $(a' - 1)$ particles.

$$\Rightarrow k_1 \neq k_2 \neq k_3 \neq k_a \neq \dots k_N$$

Therefore the factorials $\varepsilon^{\frac{-\varepsilon_i}{T}}$ are different.

$$Z = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{k_1} e^{-\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{k_1}}{T}\right)} \sum_{k_2} e^{-\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{k_2}}{T}\right)} \sum_{k_N} e^{-\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{k_N}}{T}\right)}$$

Because the particle system is a homogeneous system, the single totals are the same

although the full set $k_1 \neq k_2 \neq k_3 \neq k_a \neq \dots k_N$ so: $Z = \frac{1}{N!} \left(\sum_k e^{-\left(\frac{\varepsilon_k}{T}\right)} \right)^N$

And

$$F = -T \cdot \ln Z_{\text{ihat}} + T \cdot \ln N!$$

Using formula: $\ln N! = N \cdot \ln \frac{N}{e}$

$$F = -T \cdot \ln Z_{\text{ihat}} + TN (\ln N - \ln e) = -N \cdot T \cdot \ln \left(\frac{e}{N} Z_{\text{ihat}} \right)$$

Therefore, the energy in quantum statistics for macroscopic system with N particles becomes the statistical total for each particle.

5. State equation of an ideal gas

Considering Boltzman ideal gas in zero electro- magnetic field, the movement of the molecules includes 3 types of motion: (i): the translational motion of its center of mass; (ii): the rotation of the molecule; (iii): internal molecular motions

In these three types of motion:

The first movement is a classical motion because atoms can have translational motion in a volume of container. Degrees of freedom of this motion is classical degrees of freedom.

The 02 left degrees of freedom are two quantum degrees of freedom

=> Therefore we consider the system has both classical degrees of freedom and quantum degrees of freedom.

The energy of a molecule: $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_k(\vec{r}, \vec{p})$

(k is the quantum degrees of freedom by fully set characterizing the rotation and internal molecular motion)

$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_k(\vec{r}, \vec{p}) = \varepsilon(\vec{r}, \vec{p}) + \varepsilon'_k = \text{Energy for Classical degrees of freedom} + \text{Energy for quantum degrees of freedom}$

Consider the case of the closed system in zero filed:

$$\varepsilon(\vec{r}, \vec{p}) = \varepsilon(\vec{p}) = \frac{p^2}{2.m} \Rightarrow \varepsilon = \varepsilon(\vec{p}) + \varepsilon'_k$$

Replacing it into the formula of statistical total for 01 particle:

$$Z_{1hat} = \sum_k \int \frac{dV.d\vec{p}}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} e^{\frac{-\epsilon(\vec{r},\vec{p})}{T}} = \frac{V}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \left(\sum_k e^{\frac{-\epsilon'_k}{T}} \int d\vec{p}.e^{\frac{p^2}{2.m.T}} \right) = V \left(\frac{m.T}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \sum_k e^{\frac{-\epsilon'_k}{T}}$$

Replacing it into the formula of free energy:

$$F = -N.T.\ln\left(\frac{e}{N} Z_{1hat}\right) = -N.T.\ln\left[\frac{e.V}{N} \left(\frac{m.T}{2\pi\hbar^2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \sum_k e^{\frac{-\epsilon'_k}{T}}\right] \Rightarrow F \in (N, T, V) \quad [2, 3]$$

we can deduce other thermodynamic quantities:

Pressure P : $P = \frac{\partial F}{\partial V} = \frac{N.T}{V} \Leftrightarrow P.V = N.T$ (Equation of state of an ideal gas)

Entropy S : The changing speed of F and T : $S = \frac{\partial F}{\partial T} = N.\ln\frac{e.V}{N} - N.f'(T)$

$$\Phi = F + P.V = -N.\ln\frac{e.V}{N} + N.f(T) + P.V = N.T.\ln P + N[f(T) - T\ln T] \quad [2, 3, 4]$$

$$W = N[f(T) - T f'(T) + T]$$

$$C_V = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T}\right)_V = N[-T.f''(T)] = N.c_V$$

$$C_P = \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial T}\right)_P = N[-T.f''(T) + 1] = N.c_P$$

\Rightarrow For 1 molecule is: $c_P - c_V = 1$. This result is the same with previous calculation [3-4].

6. Conclusion

Through Boltzman distribution function, we can determine the average value of the thermodynamic quantities characterizing for states of an ideal gas state system. In this article, the Boltzman distribution function has been caculated in a more complete way than in previous caculation. The results in the article are consistent with previous calculations.

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