

Lecture 6

Multiplicity of the ideal gas

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Two-state systems: Recap

- Paramagnets:

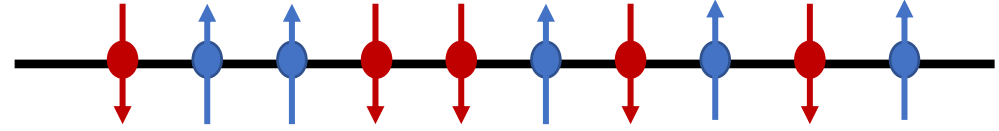
Multiplicity of a macrostate with N_{\uparrow} out of N spins

$$\Omega(N, N_{\uparrow}) = \frac{N!}{N_{\uparrow}! (N - N_{\uparrow})!} \approx_{N \gg 1} \frac{N^N}{N_{\uparrow}^{N_{\uparrow}} (N - N_{\uparrow})^{N - N_{\uparrow}}}$$

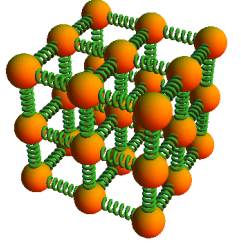
Macrostate with maximum multiplicity is $\Omega_{\max}(N) = \Omega(N, N/2) \approx 2^N$ and is the most likely state (largest probability)

Macrostates away from the most likely one have a probability that falls off very rapidly (*Gaussian tail*)

$$\Omega(N, N_{\uparrow}) \approx \Omega_{\max} e^{-\frac{(N_{\uparrow} - \frac{N}{2})^2}{\frac{N}{2}}} \rightarrow_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_{\max} \delta\left(N_{\uparrow} - \frac{N}{2}\right)$$



Two-state systems: Recap



- Einstein crystal

Multiplicity of a macrostate with q units of energy distributed among N identical oscillators

$$\Omega(q, N) = \frac{(N - 1 + q)!}{q! (N - 1)!} \approx_{q \gg N \gg 1} \left(\frac{eq}{N} \right)^N$$

- Two-interacting crystals:

Total multiplicity of a composite system of crystals of the same N and for which crystal A has q_A energy units out of a total of q

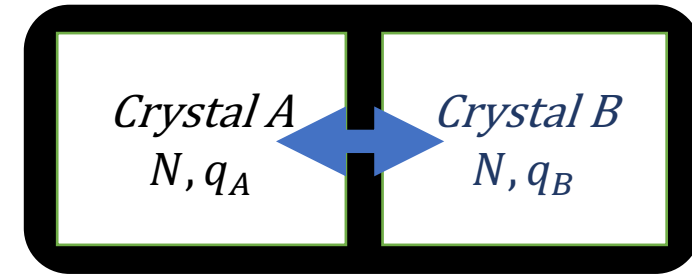
$$\Omega_t = \Omega_A \cdot \Omega_B \approx \left(\frac{e}{N} \right)^{2N} (q_A q_B)^N$$

The most likely macrostate has a maximum multiplicity of the macrostate with $q_A = q_B = q/2$

$$\Omega_t^{max} = \left(\frac{eq}{2N} \right)^{2N}$$

Macrostates away from the most likely one have a probability that falls off very rapidly (*Gaussian tail*)

$$\Omega_t(q_A) \approx \Omega_t^{max} e^{-\frac{4N}{q^2} \left(q_A - \frac{q}{2} \right)^2} \rightarrow_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_t^{max} \delta \left(q_A - \frac{q}{2} \right)$$



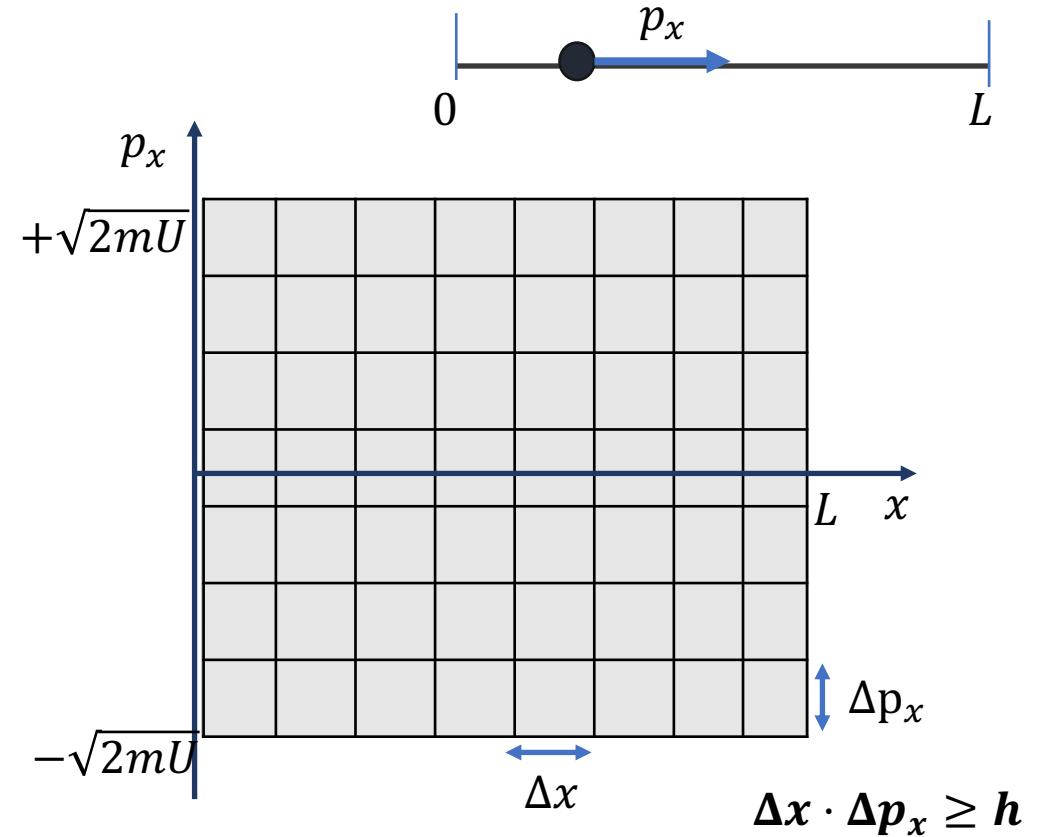
Counting of microstates for 1 particles in 1D

- Consider 1 **free classical** particle with kinetic energy

$$U = \frac{p_x^2}{2m} \text{ in a 1D «box» of «volume» } V \equiv L$$

- What is the number of microstates at fixed U and V for 1 free particle, $\Omega_1^{1D}(U, V)$?
- Multiplicity Ω_1^{1D} is equal to the number of microstates in the phase space (x, p_x)

$$\Omega_1^{1D}(U, L) = \frac{L \cdot 2\sqrt{2mU}}{\Delta x \cdot \Delta p_x} = \frac{2L\sqrt{2mU}}{h}$$



Counting of microstates for 1 particles in 1D

- Consider **one free quantum** particle with wavelength $\lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n_x}$ and momentum $p_x = \frac{h}{\lambda_n} = \frac{h}{2L} n_x$ in a 1D «box» of «volume» $V \equiv L$

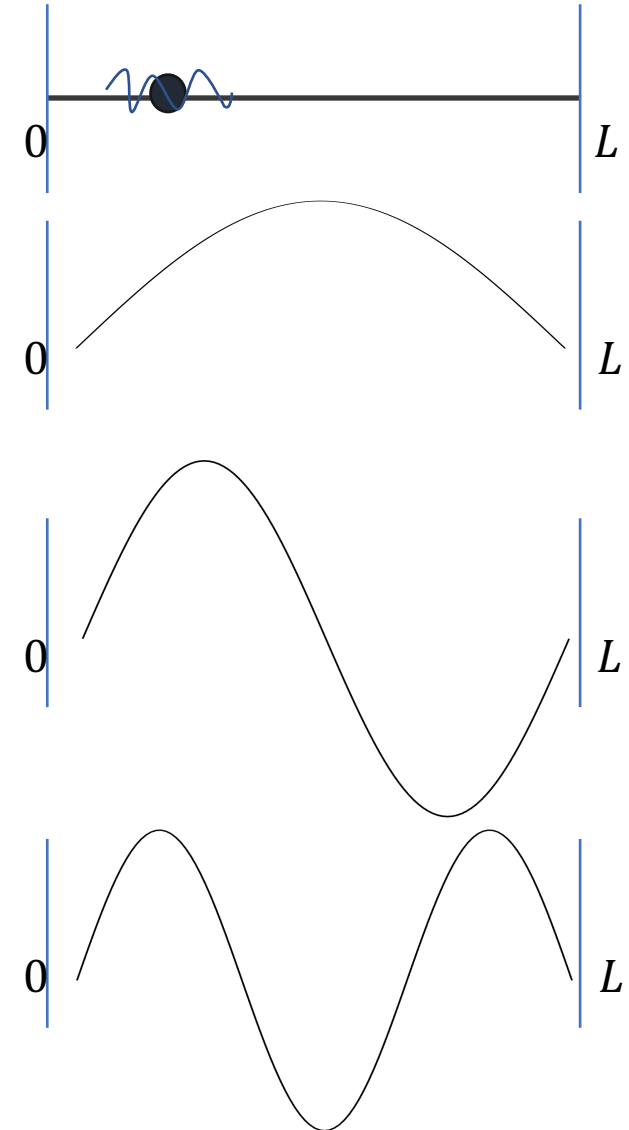
- The energy levels of a free particle in 1D are

$$\epsilon_n = \frac{p_x^2}{2m} = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2} n_x^2, \text{ where } n_x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \text{ is the state number}$$

$$n(\epsilon_n) = \frac{2L}{h} \sqrt{2m\epsilon_n}$$

- What is $\Omega_1^{1D}(U, V)$ the number of microstates at fixed U and V for 1 free quantum particle ?
- Multiplicity Ω_1^{1D} is equal to the number of microstates in the « n -space» equals the maximum state number for a fixed energy U

$$\Omega_1^{1D}(U, L) = n(\epsilon_n = U) \rightarrow \Omega_1^{1D}(U, L) = \frac{2L}{h} \sqrt{2mU}$$



Counting of microstates for 1 particles in 3D

- Consider **one free quantum** particle with momentum $\vec{p} = \frac{h}{2L} \vec{n}$ in a 3D box of volume $V = L^3$
- The energy levels of a free particle in 3D are

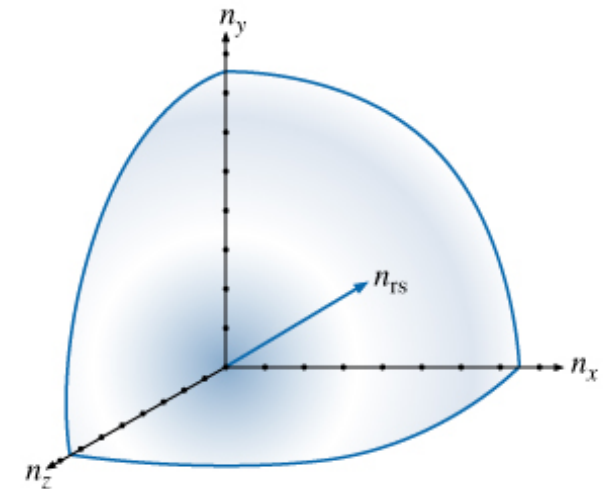
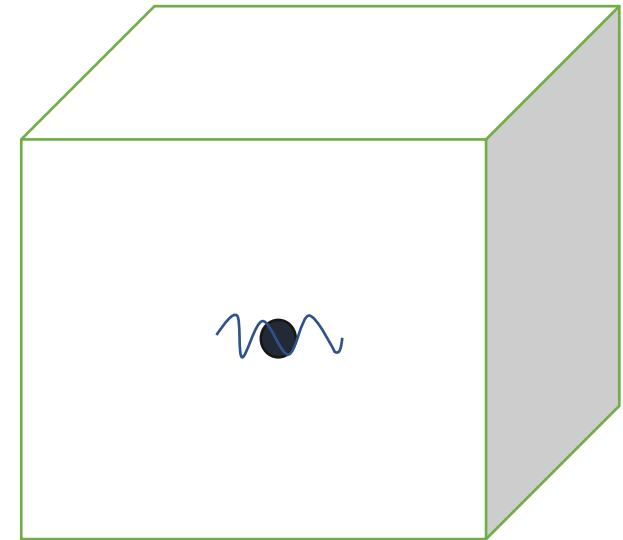
$$\epsilon_n = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{p}}{2m} = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2), \text{ where } n_k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \text{ is the state number for } k = x, y, z$$

- Multiplicity Ω_1^{3D} is equal to the number of microstates in the «n-space» corresponding to a fixed energy $\epsilon_n = U$
- Surface in the «n-space» with equal energy

$$n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 = \frac{8mL^2 U}{h^2} = R_n^2$$

which has the area equal to $A_n = 4\pi R_n^2 = 4\pi \frac{8mL^2 U}{h^2}$. We have to divide by the number of «quadrants» 2^3 , since we consider only positive-valued state numbers $n_x, n_y, n_z \geq 0$ (positive quadrant). Hence, the multiplicity is 1/8th of the area

$$\Omega_1^{3D}(U, V) = \frac{1}{8} A_n \rightarrow \Omega_1^{3D}(U, V) = 4\pi \frac{mV^{2/3} U}{h^2}$$



Counting of microstates for N particles in 3D

- Consider **N independent and free** quantum particles in a 3D box of volume $V = L^3$
- The energy levels for each free particle in 3D are

$$\epsilon_{n_i} = \frac{\vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{p}_i}{2m} = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2} (n_{x,i}^2 + n_{y,i}^2 + n_{z,i}^2), \text{ where } n_{k,i} = 0, 1, 2, \dots \text{ is the state number for}$$

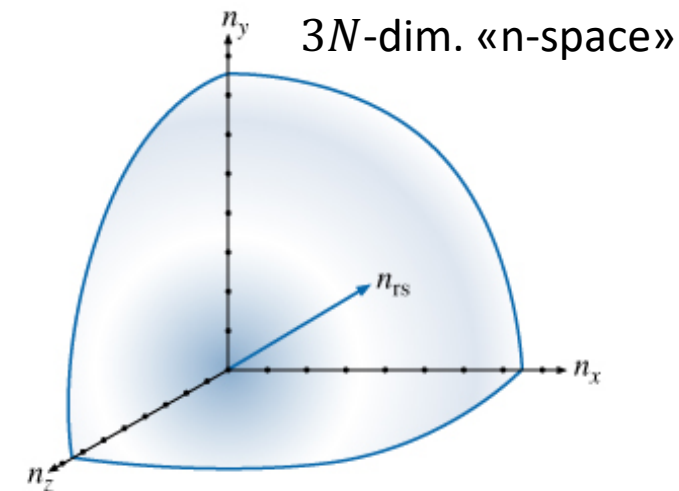
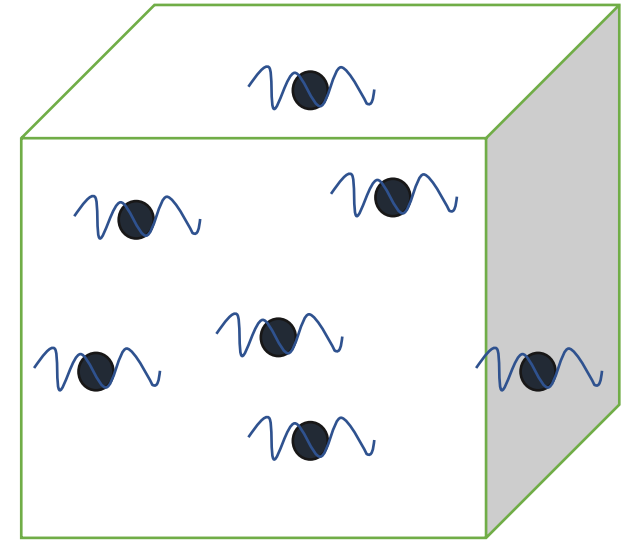
$k = x, y, z$ of each particle $i = 1, \dots, N$

- Multiplicity Ω_N^{3D} is equal to the number of microstates in the **3N-dimensional «n-space»** corresponding to a fixed energy $U = \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_{n_i}$
- Hyper-surface in the «n-space» with equal energy is described by the quadratic form

$$\sum_i^N n_{x,i}^2 + n_{y,i}^2 + n_{z,i}^2 = \frac{8mL^2 U}{h^2} = R_n^2$$

- Using the formula for the area of a d -dimensional sphere is $A = \frac{2 \pi^{d/2}}{(\frac{d}{2} - 1)!} r^{d-1}$

$$d = 2 \rightarrow A = 2\pi r, \quad d = 3 \rightarrow A = \frac{2\pi^{3/2}}{(1/2)!} r^2 = \frac{4\pi^{3/2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} r^2 = 4\pi r^2$$



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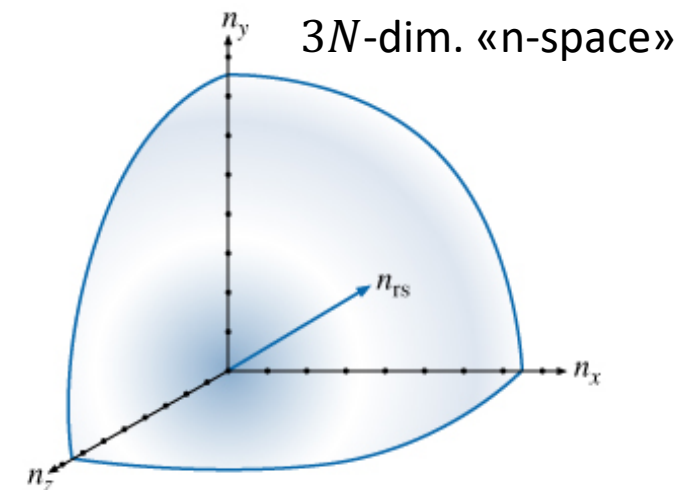
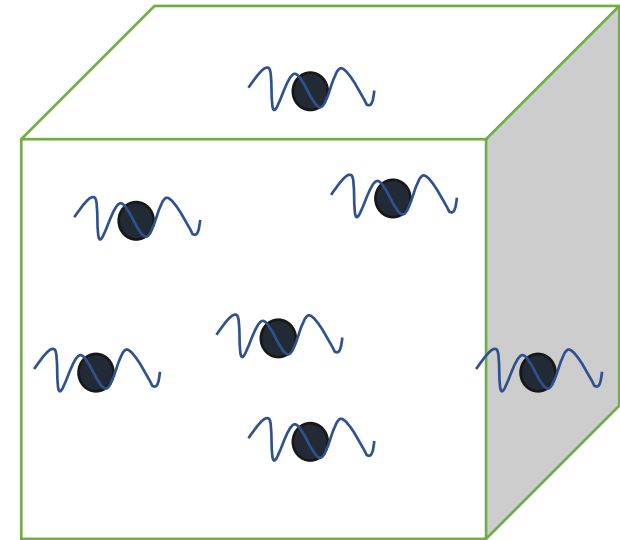
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$$\tilde{\Omega}_N^{3D}(U, V) = \frac{1}{2^{3N}} A_n \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}_N^{3D}(U, V) = \frac{1}{2^{3N}} \frac{2\pi^{3N/2}}{\left(\frac{3N}{2} - 1\right)!} \left(\frac{2L}{h} \sqrt{2mU}\right)^{3N-1}$$

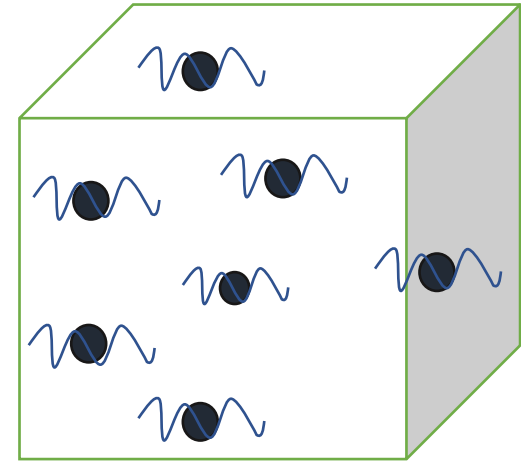


Multiplicity function for N particles in 3D

$$\tilde{\Omega}_N^{3D}(U, V) = \frac{1}{2^{3N}} \frac{2 \pi^{3N/2}}{\left(\frac{3N}{2} - 1\right)!} \left(\frac{2L}{h} \sqrt{2mU}\right)^{3N-1}$$

$$\tilde{\Omega}_N^{3D}(U, V) = \frac{1}{2^{3N}} \frac{2 \pi^{3N/2}}{\left(\frac{3N}{2} - 1\right)!} \frac{2^{3N-1}}{h^{3N-1}} V^{\frac{3N-1}{3}} (2mU)^{\frac{3N-1}{2}} = \frac{\pi^{3N/2}}{\left(\frac{3N}{2} - 1\right)! h^{3N-1}} V^{\frac{3N-1}{3}} (2mU)^{\frac{3N-1}{2}}$$

For large N, $N - 1 \approx N$ and **area** scales like the **volume**



$$\tilde{\Omega}_N^{3D}(U, V) = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{3N}{2} - 1\right)!} V^N \left(\frac{2\pi mU}{h^2}\right)^{\frac{3N}{2}}$$

In addition, for **indistinguishable** particles the multiplicity is reduced by their number of permutations, $N!$

$$\Omega_N^{3D}(U, V) = \frac{\tilde{\Omega}_N^{3D}(U, V)}{N!} \rightarrow \Omega_N^{3D}(U, V) = \frac{1}{N! \left(\frac{3N}{2} - 1\right)!} V^N \left(\frac{2\pi mU}{h^2}\right)^{\frac{3N}{2}}$$

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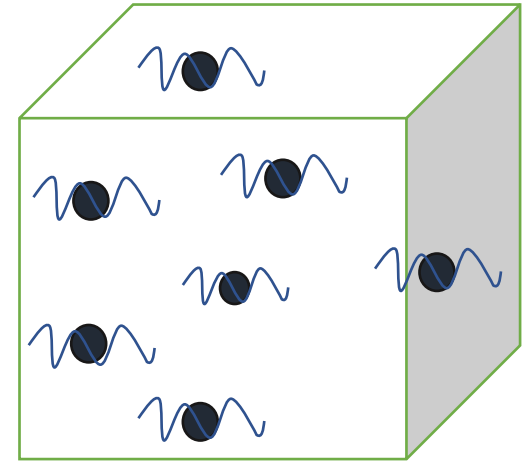
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Generic expression when we consider only the U and V dependence

$$\Omega_N^{3D}(U, V) = f(N) V^N U^{\frac{3N}{2}}$$

The multiplicity depends on the accessible volume in the coordinate space V and momentum space V_p for each particle, $\Omega_N^{3D}(U, V) \sim (V \cdot V_p)^N$. The volume in the momentum space scales like $V_p \sim U^{\frac{3}{2}}$ for the sphere (quadratic form).

For f quadratic degrees of freedom, the multiplicity scales as $\Omega_N^{3D}(U) \sim U^{\frac{fN}{2}}$

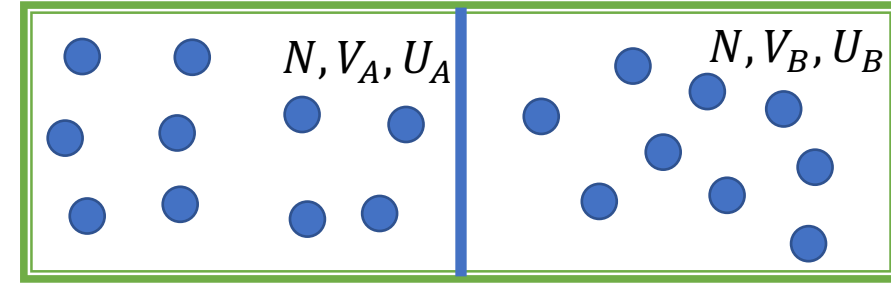


Two weakly interacting ideal gases

- $\Omega_N = f(N)V^N U^{\frac{3N}{2}}$ for each gas A and B
- Total multiplicity: $\Omega_{total} = \Omega_N^A \cdot \Omega_N^B = f(N)^2 (V_A V_B)^N (U_A U_B)^{\frac{3N}{2}}$
- Macrostate with the maximum multiplicity:

$$U_A = U_B = \frac{U}{2} \text{ and } V_A = V_B = \frac{V}{2}$$

$$\Omega_{total}^{max} = f(N)^2 \left(\frac{V}{2}\right)^{2N} \left(\frac{U}{2}\right)^{3N}$$



$$U = U_A + U_B$$
$$V = V_A + V_B$$

What is the shape of the multiplicity for states near the most likely state?

Two weakly interacting ideal gases

- Total multiplicity: $\Omega_{total} = f(N)^2 (V_A V_B)^N (U_A U_B)^{\frac{3N}{2}}$
- States near the most likely state by varying U

$$U_A = \frac{U}{2} + x, U_B = \frac{U}{2} - x \text{ with } x \ll U/2, \text{ while } V_A = V_B = \frac{V}{2}$$

$$\Omega_{total} = f(N)^2 \left(\frac{V}{2}\right)^{2N} \left[\left(\frac{U}{2}\right)^2 - x^2\right]^{\frac{3N}{2}}$$

Taking the logarithm and looking only at the U-dependence

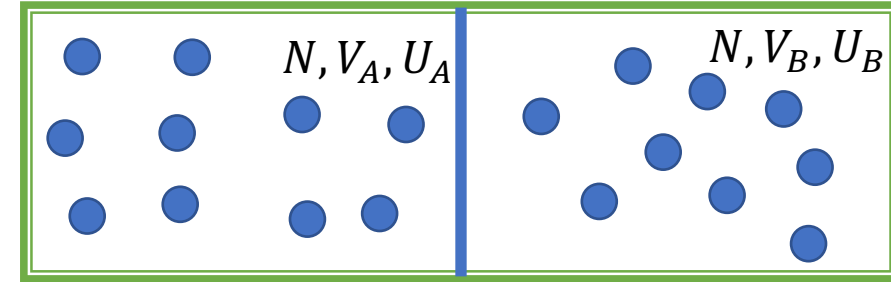
$$\ln \Omega_{total} \sim \frac{3N}{2} \ln \left[\left(\frac{U}{2}\right)^2 - x^2 \right] = 3N \ln \left(\frac{U}{2}\right) + \frac{3N}{2} \ln \left[1 - \left(\frac{2x}{U}\right)^2 \right]$$

$$\ln \Omega_{total} \sim 3N \ln \left(\frac{U}{2}\right) - \frac{3N}{2} \left(\frac{2x}{U}\right)^2$$

$$\Omega_{total} \left(x = U_A - \frac{U}{2} \right) = f(N)^2 \left(\frac{V}{2}\right)^{2N} \left(\frac{U}{2}\right)^{3N} \cdot \exp \left(- \frac{3N}{2} \left(\frac{2x}{U}\right)^2 \right)$$

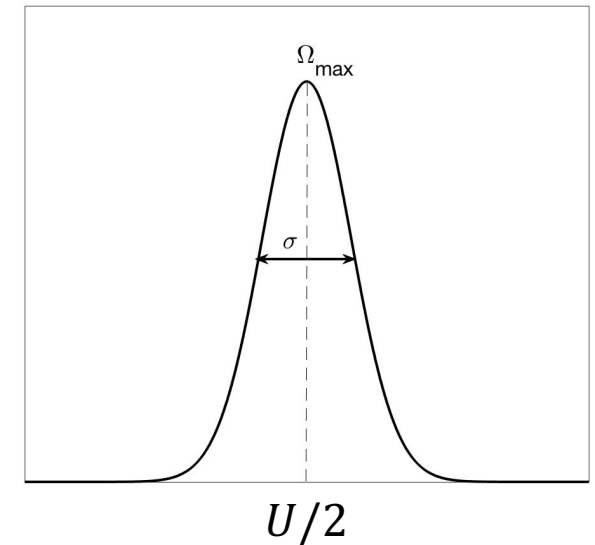
$$\Omega_{total}(U_A) = \Omega_{total}^{max} \cdot \exp \left(- \frac{3N}{2} \left(\frac{2}{U}\right)^2 \left(U_A - \frac{U}{2} \right)^2 \right)$$

The width scales as $\sigma_U = 2 \cdot \frac{U}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3N}} = \frac{U}{\sqrt{\frac{3N}{2}}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty$



$$U = U_A + U_B$$

$$V = V_A + V_B$$



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$$\Omega_{total} = f(N)^2 \left(\frac{U}{2}\right)^{\frac{3N}{2}} \left[\left(\frac{V}{2}\right)^2 - y^2\right]^N$$

Taking the logarithm and looking only at the V-dependence

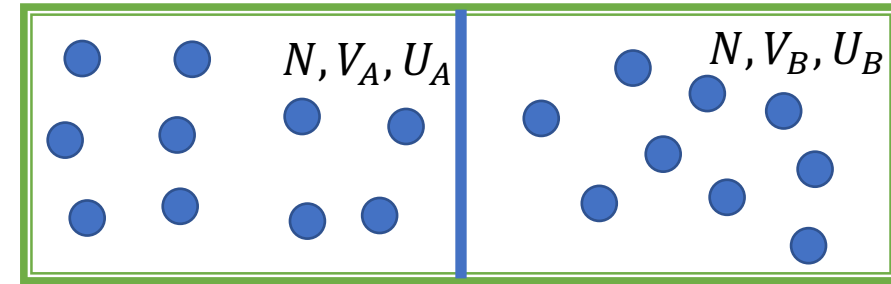
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$$\ln \Omega_{total} \sim N \ln \left(\frac{V}{2}\right) - N \left(\frac{2y}{V}\right)^2$$

$$\Omega_{total} \left(y = V_A - \frac{V}{2}\right) = f(N)^2 \left(\frac{V}{2}\right)^{2N} \left(\frac{U}{2}\right)^{\frac{3N}{2}} \cdot \exp \left(-N \left(\frac{2y}{V}\right)^2\right)$$

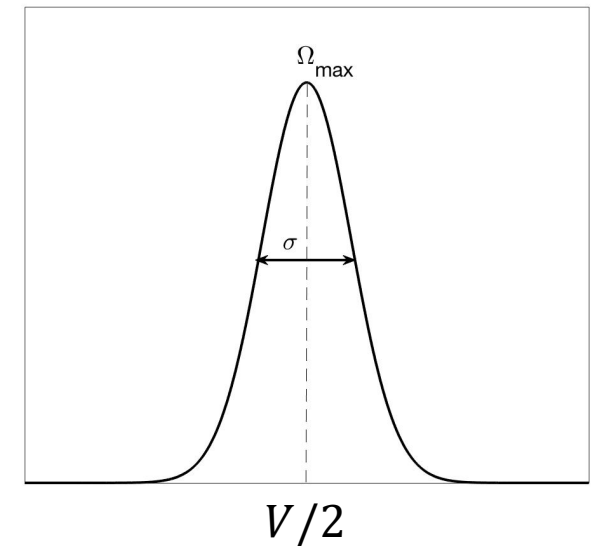
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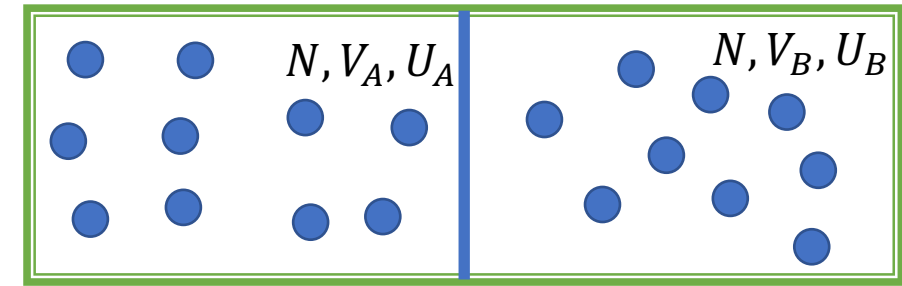
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Two weakly interacting ideal gases

- Macrostates near the most likely state



$$U = U_A + U_B$$

$$V = V_A + V_B$$

$$\Omega_{total}(V_A, U_A)$$

$$= \Omega_{total}^{max} \cdot \exp\left(-N \left(\frac{2}{V}\right)^2 \left(V_A - \frac{V}{2}\right)^2\right) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{3N}{2} \left(\frac{2}{U}\right)^2 \left(U_A - \frac{U}{2}\right)^2\right)$$

