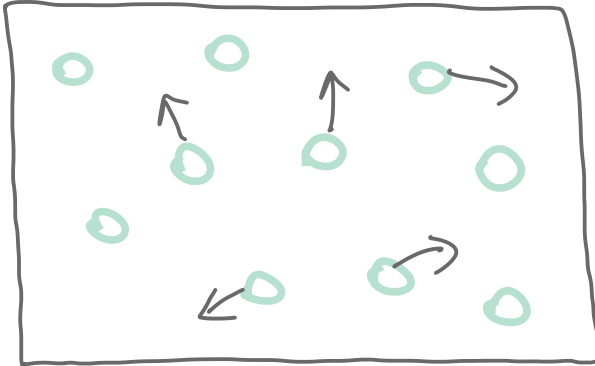


Lecture 2

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The Kinetic Model



Assumptions

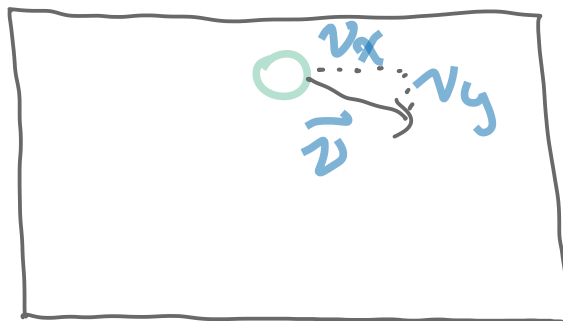
- particles of mass m in constant motion, obeying the laws of classical mechanics

- no interactions between the molecules (perfect gas)

- collisions are elastic (perfect transfer of energy)

Goal: derive an expression for the pressure.

before collision

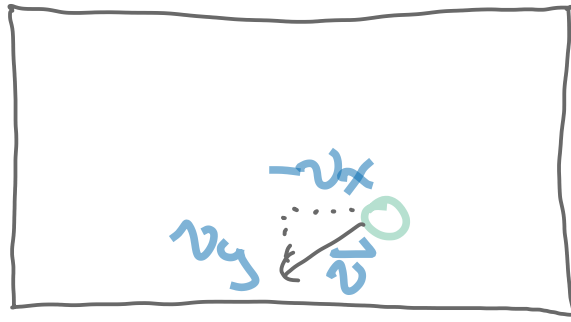


$$\vec{p} = m \vec{v}$$

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momentum
(linear)

after collision

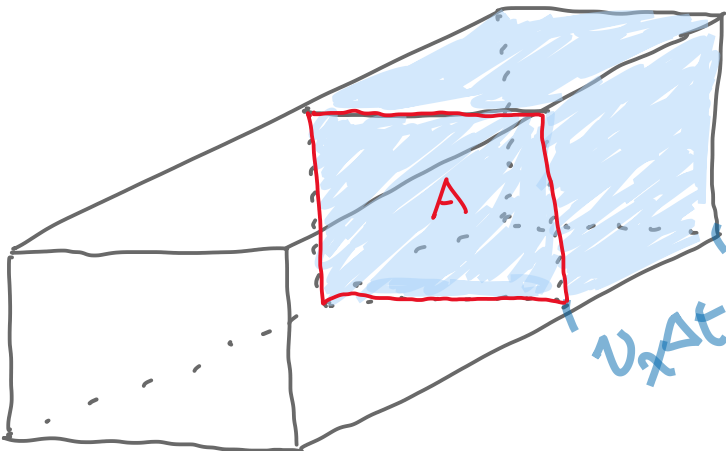
after collision



$$p_x = mv_x$$

$$\Delta p_x = 2mv_x$$

Next, how many collisions are there for some volume V and time Δt ?



$$V = A v_x \Delta t$$

Define number density $n = \frac{N}{V}$

$$N = n N_A$$

The average number of collisions with the wall during time Δt is

$$\frac{n N_A A v_x \Delta t}{2 V}$$

$$m N_A = 1$$

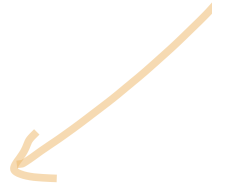
$$\text{Momentum change} = \frac{n N_A A v_x \Delta t}{2 V}$$

~~ρv~~

$$= \frac{nMAv_x^2 \Delta t}{V}$$

$$F_x = \frac{dp_x}{dt}$$

$$F_x = \frac{nMAv_x^2}{V}$$



$$p = \frac{nMv_x^2}{V} \rightarrow p = \frac{nM}{V}$$

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

$$\therefore v_x^2 = \frac{1}{3} v^2$$

define root-mean-square speed

$$v_{\text{rms}} = \langle v^2 \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$p = \frac{1}{3} \frac{nM v_{\text{rms}}^2}{V}$$

$$pV = \frac{1}{3} nM v_{\text{rms}}^2$$

kinetic energy
need to
RHS is $\frac{1}{2} nRT$

Step 2: deriving the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution of speeds

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \quad \text{kinetic energy}$$

Boltzmann distribution:

$$f(v) = K e^{-\epsilon/k_B T}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} m v_x^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_y^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_z^2$$

kinetic energy in three dimensions

substitute into Boltzmann distribution

$$f(v) = K e^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} m v_x^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_y^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_z^2\right)/k_B T}$$

k_B : Boltzmann's constant

$$R = N_A k_B$$

$$a^{x+y+z} = a^x a^y a^z$$

$$\dots = e^{-m v_x^2 / 2 k_B T} e^{-m v_y^2 / 2 k_B T} e^{-m v_z^2 / 2 k_B T}$$

$$f(v) = K e^{-mv^2/2k_B T}$$

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$$f(v) = f(v_x) f(v_y) f(v_z), \quad K = 1$$

$$f(v_x) = K_x e^{-mv_x^2/2k_B T}$$

need to determine K_x

$f(v_x)$ is a probability distribution
which means $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v_x) dv_x = 1$

$$K_x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-mv_x^2/2k_B T} dv_x = 1$$

Gaussian
fu

use integral table
for Gaussian function



$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-kx^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{k} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad K$$

$$K_x \left(\frac{2\pi k_B T}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1$$

$$\therefore K_x = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

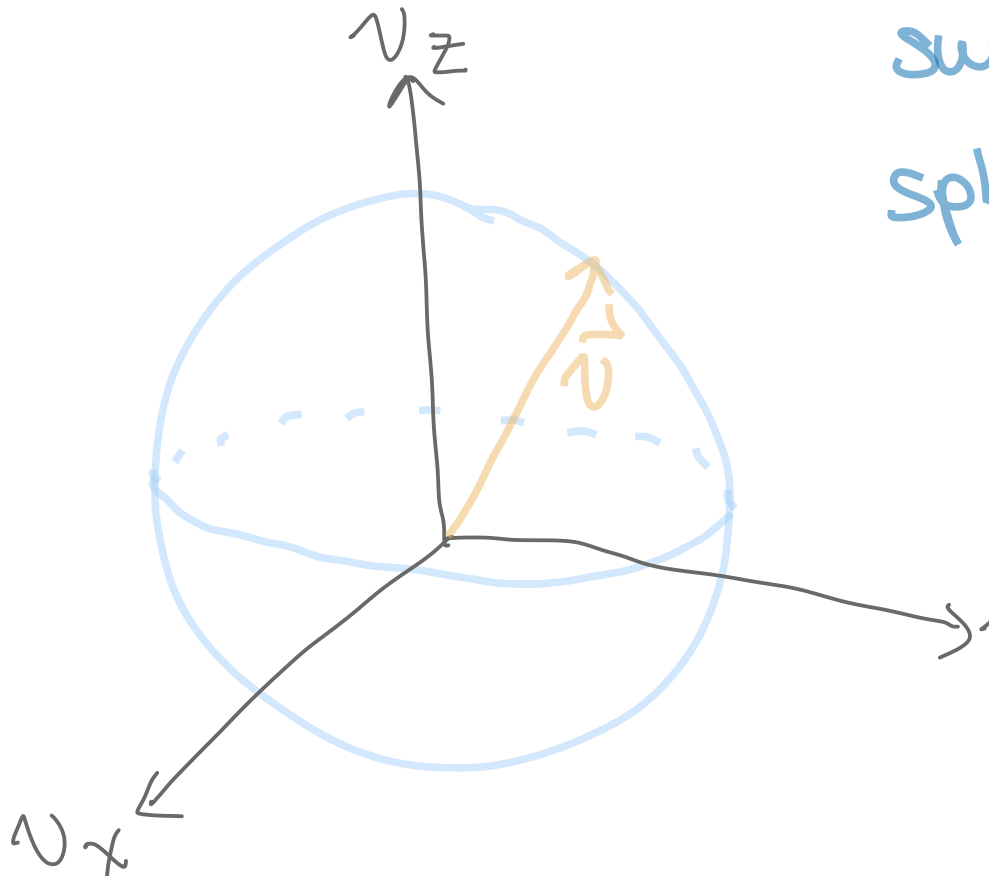
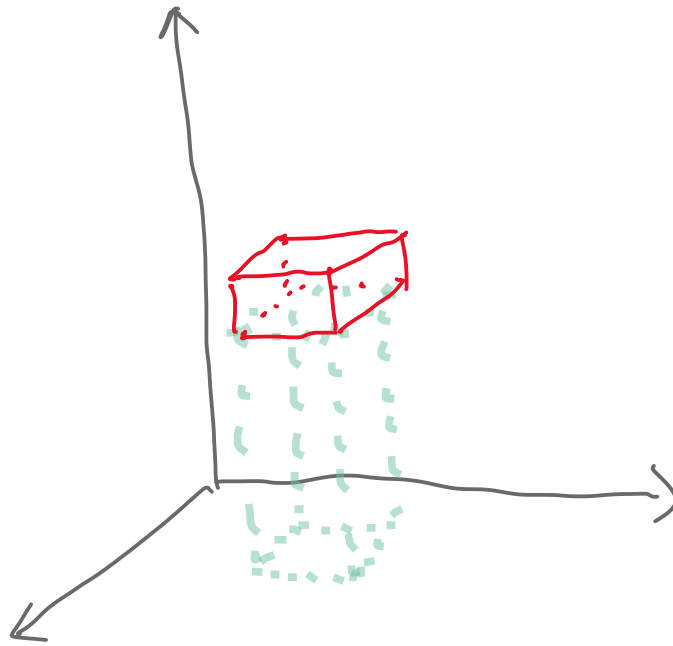
$$f(v_x) = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-mv_x^2/2}$$

$$f(v) = f(v_x) f(v_y) f(v_z)$$

$$f(v) = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-mv_x^2/2k_B T} e^{-mv_y^2/2k_B T} e^{-mv_z^2/2k_B T}$$

next: combine $v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2$:

$$f(v_x) f(v_y) f(v_z) dv_x dv_y dv_z = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \right)$$



$$f(v)dv = 4\pi v^2 dv \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$f(v) = 4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} v^2 e^{-mv^2}$$

$$f(v) = 4\pi \left(\frac{M}{2\pi R T} \right)^{3/2} v^2 e^{-Mv^2}$$

Maxwell-Boltzmann distrib

$$\langle v^n \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} v^n f(v) dv$$

$$\langle v^2 \rangle = \frac{3RT}{M}$$

$$v_{\text{rms}} = \left(\frac{3RT}{M} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

recall previously that

$$pV = \frac{1}{3} n M v_{\text{rms}}^2$$

$$pV = \frac{1}{3} n M \left(\frac{3RT}{M} \right)$$

$$pV = nRT$$

amazing!

