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$$U = A + ST.$$

$$= -RT \log \Omega_N + RT \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \log \Omega_N \right)_{N,V} \quad (7)$$

$$= RT^2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \log \Omega_N \right)_{N,V} \quad (7)$$

and the specific heat at constant volume

$$C_V = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_V.$$

$$= R \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left[ T^2 \frac{\partial \log \Omega_N}{\partial T} \right] \right)_V \quad (8)$$

Thermodynamical properties of an ideal gas.

Let us consider an ideal gas consisting of  $N$  identical particles, each of mass  $m$ , enclosed in a container of volume  $V$  at a temperature

$T$ . By ideal gas we mean a gas in which the interaction between the particles is negligible. So that the energy of the system is sum of the ~~kin~~ kinetic energy for each particle. i.e.

$$E(q, p) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i^2}{2m} \quad (9)$$

where  $p_i$  is the momentum of the  $i$ th particle.

The partition function of the ideal gas can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_N &= \frac{1}{N! h^{3N}} \int \int e^{-E(q, p)/kT} \prod_{i=1}^N dq_i dp_i \\ &= \frac{1}{N! h^{3N}} \int \int e^{-\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i^2}{2mkT}} \prod_{i=1}^N dq_i dp_i. \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{N! h^3 N} \int \prod_{i=1}^N \int e^{-p_i^2 / 2mkT} \prod_{i=1}^N dq_i dp_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{N! h^3 N} \prod_{i=1}^N \int e^{-p_i^2 / 2mkT} dq_i dp_i \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

It can be rearranged as,

$$Q_N = \frac{1}{N!} [Q_1]^N \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where,

$$Q = \frac{1}{h^3} \int e^{-p_i^2 / 2mkT} dq_i dp_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{h^3} \int dq_i \int e^{-p_i^2 / 2mkT} dp_i$$

$$= \frac{V}{h^3} \int e^{-p_i^2 / 2mkT} dp_i \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$Q_1$  is the partition function of a single particle using a polar coordinates  $(p_i, \theta_i, \phi_i)$ .

$$dp_i = p_i^2 dp_i \sin \theta_i d\theta_i d\phi_i$$

(4) can be written as,

~~$$Q = \frac{V}{h^3} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-p_i^2 / 2mkT} p_i^2 dp_i \sin \theta_i d\theta_i d\phi_i \quad \text{--- (5)}$$~~

$$Q = \frac{V}{h^3} \int e^{-p_i^2 / 2mkT} p_i^2 dp_i \int_0^\pi \sin \theta_i d\theta_i \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_i$$

$$= \frac{4\pi V}{h^3} \int_0^\infty e^{-p_i^2 / 2mkT} p_i^2 dp_i \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Let us put

$$p_i^2 / 2mkT = x$$

$$p_i = \sqrt{2mkTx}$$