

TOPIC ∘

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Vibrational Partition function of Diatomic Molecules at low temperature

Limit ∘

Case-II ∘  $\beta h\nu \gg \gg \gg 1$

When  $T \rightarrow 0^\circ\text{K}$

i.e., Absolute zero  
Temperature  
Classical

$q_{\text{vibrational}} = 1$  for ~~Quantum~~ Harmonic Oscillators

$q_{\text{vib}} \rightarrow 0$  small for quantum H.O.

For both quantum and classical harmonic oscillator, ground state remains occupied fully.

Fraction of Molecules in  $n$ th excited vib. states

$$f_n = \frac{e^{-\beta h\nu(n + \frac{1}{2})}}{q_{\text{vib}}} \quad \text{For quantum harmonic oscillator}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\beta h\nu}}{e^{-\beta h\nu} / \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta h\nu n}}$$

$$f_n = \frac{e^{-\beta h\nu n}}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta h\nu n}}$$

Thus, fractions of molecules in  $n$ th excited vib. state are same for quantum and classical harmonic oscillator

## Internal energy of diatomic molecules due to vibration

$$E_V = N k_B T^2 \left( \frac{d \ln q_{\text{vib}}}{dT} \right)$$

$$q_{\text{vib}} = e^{-h\nu\beta/2} / (1 - e^{-\beta h\nu})$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(q_{\text{vib}}) = +\frac{\beta h\nu}{2} + \ln(e^{\beta h\nu} - 1)$$

$$\therefore q_{\text{vib}} = \left( \frac{e^{\beta h\nu/2}}{e^{\beta h\nu} - 1} \right), \text{ or}$$

Multiplying  $e^{\beta h\nu}$  to both numerator and denominator

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{d \ln(q_{\text{vib}})}{dT} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{h\nu}{2} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{k_B T^2} \right)$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{e^{\beta h\nu} - 1} \right) \times e^{\beta h\nu} \times h\nu \left( \frac{1}{k_B T^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow T^2 \left( \frac{d \ln(q_{\text{vib}})}{dT} \right) = -\left( \frac{h\nu}{2 k_B} \right) + \left( \frac{h\nu}{k_B} \right) \left( \frac{e^{\beta h\nu}}{e^{\beta h\nu} - 1} \right)$$

Be defined  $\theta_V = \left( \frac{h\nu}{k_B} \right)$ , Vibrational Temperature

$$E_V = N k_B T^2 \left( \frac{d \ln(q_{\text{vib}})}{dT} \right) = N k_B \left( -\left( \frac{\theta_V}{2} \right) + \frac{\theta_V e^{\theta_V/T}}{e^{\theta_V/T} - 1} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (E_V / N k_B) = \left( -\left( \frac{\theta_V}{2} \right) + \theta_V \cdot \frac{e^{\theta_V/T} - 1 + 1}{e^{\theta_V/T} - 1} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (E_V / N k_B) = \left( -\frac{\theta_V}{2} + \theta_V + \frac{\theta_V}{e^{\theta_V/T} - 1} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow E_V = N k_B \left( \left( \frac{\theta_V}{2} \right) + \frac{\theta_V}{e^{\theta_V/T} - 1} \right)$$

Hence is the Internal energy due to vibrational modes