

### Solution to Exercise 3.1.

Introducing new independent variable

$$x^2 = \frac{mv^2}{2kT}, \quad x^2 = \frac{mv^2}{2kT}, \quad x^2 = \frac{mv^2}{2kT},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} f(v) dv &= 4\pi \left( \frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{2kT}{m} \right)^{3/2} \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx. \end{aligned}$$

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Using the same independent variable,

$$\left\langle \frac{mv^2}{2} \right\rangle = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{mv^2}{2} f(v) dv$$

$$= \frac{m}{2} 4\pi \left( \frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{2kT}{m} \right)^{5/2} \int_0^{\infty} x^4 e^{-x^2} dx$$

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&= \frac{6}{\sqrt{\pi}} kT \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx \\
&= -\frac{3}{\sqrt{\pi}} kT \int_0^{\infty} x \frac{d}{dx} \left( e^{-x^2} \right) dx \\
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**Solution to Exercise 3.2.**

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\mu^{-1} &= \sum_i X_i \frac{Z_i + 1}{A_i} = 2X + \frac{3}{4}Y \\ &= 2X + \frac{3}{4}(1 - X) = \frac{5}{4}X + \frac{3}{4},\end{aligned}$$

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hence

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### Solution to Exercise 3.3.

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Hence

$$\mu^{-1} = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{7}{28} = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{8}, \quad \mu = \frac{8}{5} = 1.6.$$