

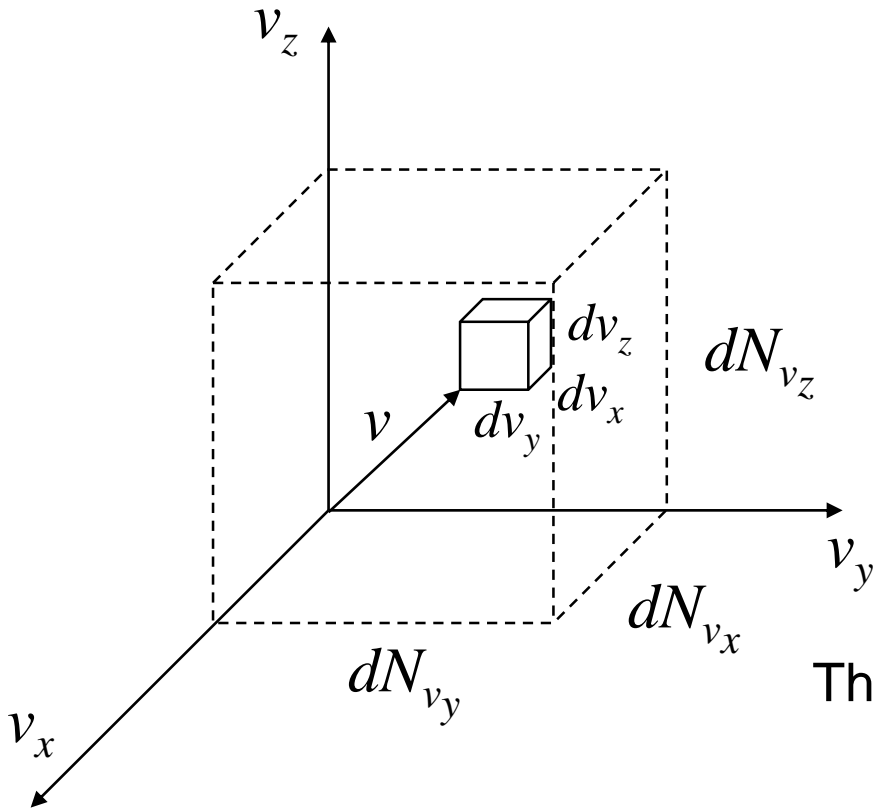
## Chapter 11

# Kinetic Theory of Gases (2)

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# 11.6 Distribution of Molecular Speeds



$dN_{v_x}$  ... # of points in the slide

$\frac{dN_{v_x}}{N}$  ... fraction of the total  
# lying in the slide

$$\frac{dN_{v_x}}{N} = f(v_x)dv_x$$

The number of molecules with  $v_x \sim v_x + dv_x$

$$dN_{v_x} = Nf(v_x)dv_x$$

$$dN_{v_y} = Nf(v_y)dv_y$$

$$dN_{v_z} = Nf(v_z)dv_z$$

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\* **Assumption:**  $v_y$  is not affected by  $v_x$

$d^2 N_{v_x v_y}$  ... the number of molecules with  $v_x \sim v_x + dv_x$ ,  $v_y \sim v_y + dv_y$

$\frac{d^2 N_{v_x v_y}}{dN_{v_x}}$  ... fraction of  $v_x$  component molecules with  $v_y \sim v_y + dv_y$

$$d^2 N_{v_x v_y} = dN_{v_x} \frac{dN_{v_y}}{N} = dN_{v_x} f(v_y) dv_y$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$N f(v_x) dv_x$$

$$d^3 N_{v_x v_y v_z} = N f(v_x) f(v_y) f(v_z) dv_x dv_y dv_z$$

the number of molecules with

$$v_x \sim v_x + dv_x$$

$$v_y \sim v_y + dv_y$$

$$v_z \sim v_z + dv_z$$

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- Density in velocity space

Consider a velocity space where velocity vectors of particles are distributed

$$d^3N_{v_x v_y v_z} = Nf(v_x)f(v_y)f(v_z)dv_x dv_y dv_z$$

$$dN_v = Nf(v)dv_x dv_y dv_z$$

Number density of velocity vectors

$$\rho(v) = \frac{d^3N_{v_x v_y v_z}}{dv_x dv_y dv_z} = Nf(v_x)f(v_y)f(v_z)$$

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

※  $dN_{v_x}$  : number of molecules in the slice  
 $v_x < v < v_x + dv_x$

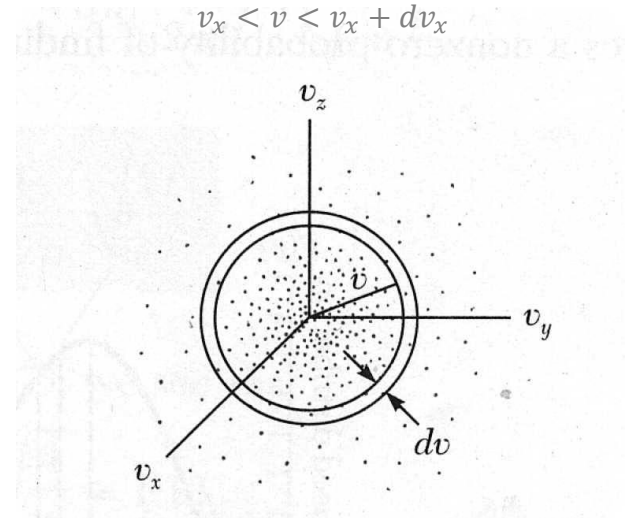


Figure 11.1 Velocity space

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$$d\rho = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial v_x} dv_x + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial v_y} dv_y + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial v_z} dv_z$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial v_x} = N \frac{\partial}{\partial v_x} [(f(v_x))f(v_y)f(v_z)] = N f'(v_x) f(v_y) f(v_z)$$

Because of homogeneity of direction of particles,  
there exist constraints along spherical shell of the velocity space

1)  $d\rho=0$

$$\frac{f'(v_x)}{f(v_x)} dv_x + \frac{f'(v_y)}{f(v_y)} dv_y + \frac{f'(v_z)}{f(v_z)} dv_z = 0$$

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$$2) v^2 = \text{constant}$$

$$\lambda[v_x dv_x + v_y dv_y + v_z dv_z] = 0$$

↳ Lagrange's method of undetermined multiplier

$$\left[ \frac{f'(v_x)}{f(v_x)} + \lambda v_x \right] dv_x + \left[ \frac{f'(v_y)}{f(v_y)} + \lambda v_y \right] dv_y + \left[ \frac{f'(v_z)}{f(v_z)} + \lambda v_z \right] dv_z = 0$$
$$= 0 \qquad \qquad \qquad = 0 \qquad \qquad \qquad = 0$$

$$\frac{f'(v_x)}{f(v_x)} + \lambda v_x = 0, \longrightarrow \ln f = -\frac{\lambda}{2} v_x^2 + \ln \alpha$$

$$f(v_x) = \alpha e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2} v_x^2} = \alpha e^{-\beta^2 v_x^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}d^3 N_{v_x v_y v_z} &= N f(v_x) f(v_y) f(v_z) dv_x dv_y dv_z \\ &= N \alpha^3 e^{-\beta^2(v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2)} dv_x dv_y dv_z\end{aligned}$$

**The number of points per unit volume**

$$\rho = \frac{d^3 N_{v_x v_y v_z}}{dv_x dv_y dv_z} = N \alpha^3 e^{-\beta^2 v^2} \quad \text{Maxwell velocity distribution function}$$

**The number of molecules with speed**  $v \sim v + dv$

$$dN_v = \underbrace{(N \alpha^3 e^{-\beta^2 v^2})}_{\rho} \times \underbrace{(4\pi v^2 dv)}_V = 4\pi N \alpha^3 v^2 e^{-\beta^2 v^2} dv$$

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- Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

Two, obvious relations are used to obtain  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  of  $N(v)$

$$N = \int_0^{\infty} dN_v = 4\pi N\alpha^3 \int_0^{\infty} v^2 e^{-\beta^2 v^2} dv$$

$$E = \frac{3}{2}NkT = \frac{1}{2}m \int_0^{\infty} v^2 dN_v = 2\pi mN\alpha^3 \int_0^{\infty} v^4 e^{-\beta^2 v^2} dv$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\pi kT}}, \quad \beta = \frac{m}{2kT}$$



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Finally, the Maxwell-Boltzmann speed distribution is given below

$$dN_v = 4\pi N \left( \frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} v^2 e^{-mv^2/2kT} dv$$

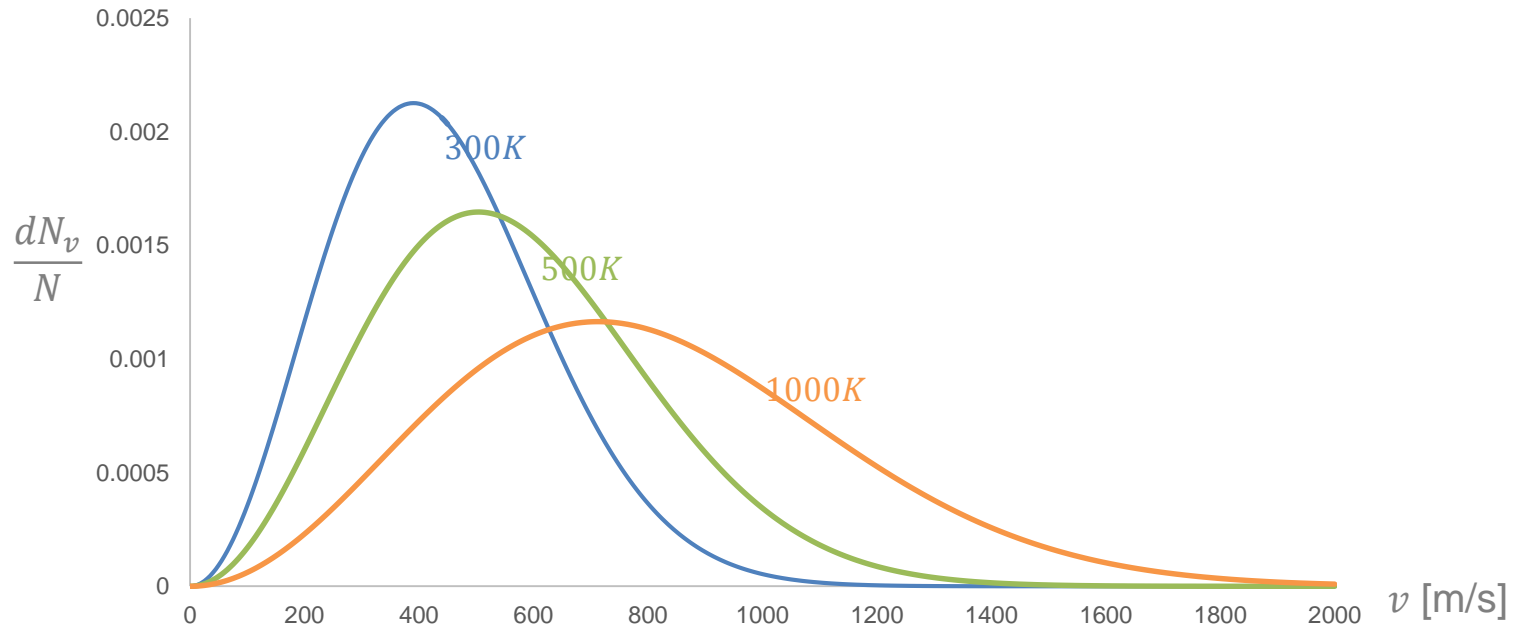


Figure 11.2 Speed distribution of  $O_2$  molecules

# 11.7 Mean Free Path and Collision Frequency

- Mean free path and collision frequency

Equation of state

Collisions between molecules ... ignored

$$PV = NkT = \frac{1}{3}Nm\overline{v^2}$$

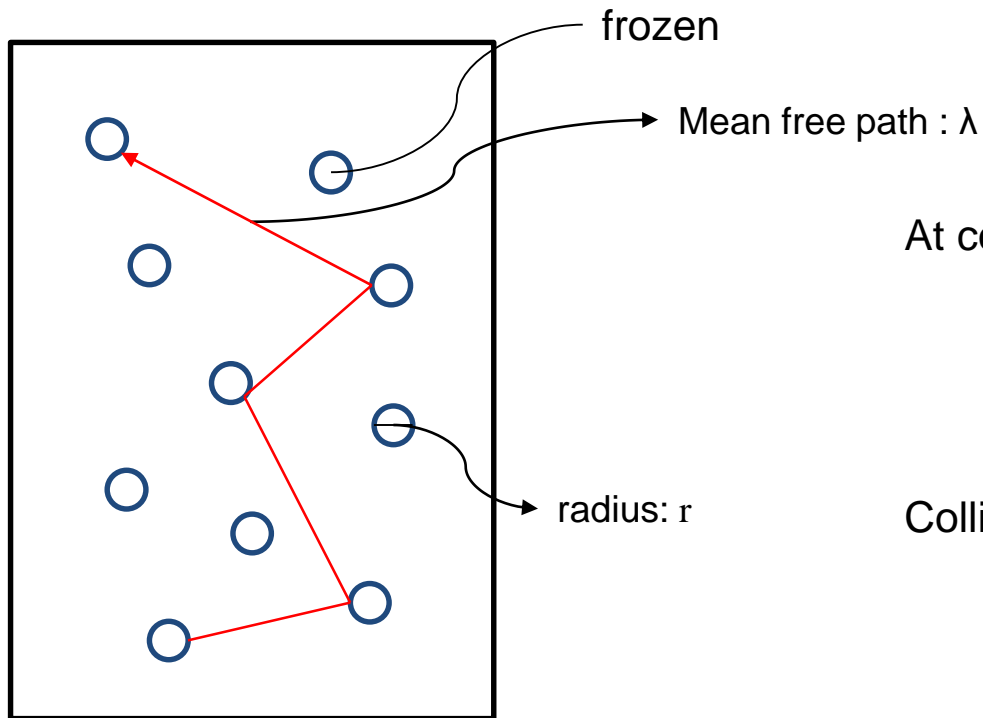
→ Will change the velocity of individual molecules

→ The number of molecules having particular velocity is unchanged

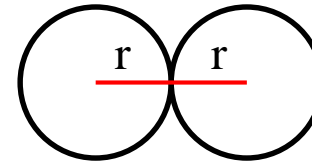
Molecules ┌  
└ having a finite size  
colliding with one another

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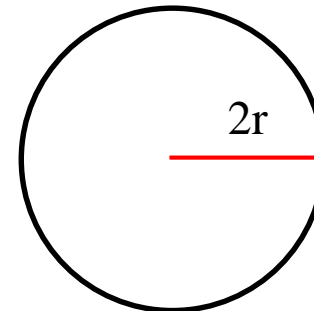
- Mean free path,  $\lambda$



At collision,



Collision radius =  $2r$

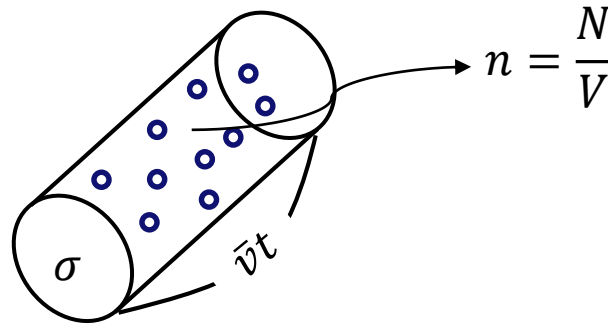


Collision cross section :  $\sigma = 4\pi r^2$

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Collision cross section :  $\sigma = 4\pi r^2$

Moving distance in the time interval :  $t = \bar{v}t$



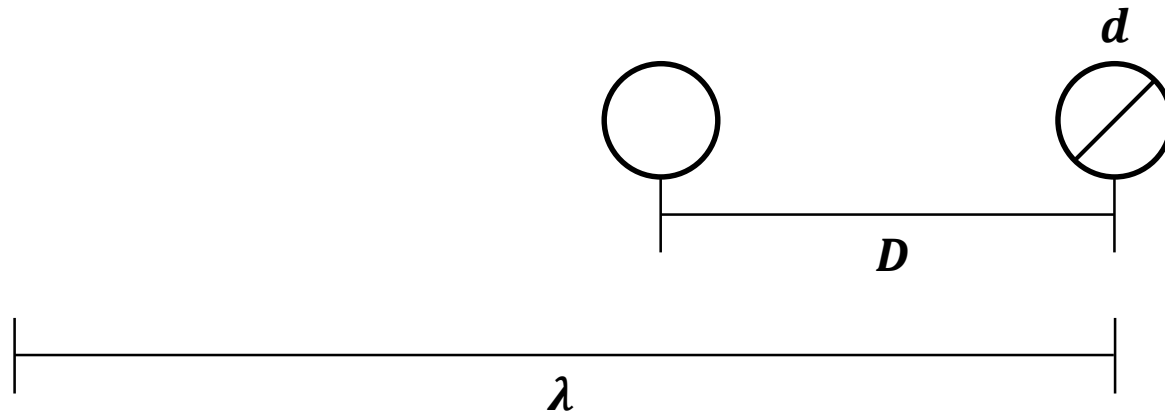
The number of molecules in the cylinder swept out by moving molecule:  $\sigma \bar{v} t n$

The number of collision per unit time : *collision frequency*

$$\text{collision frequency} = z = \frac{n\sigma\bar{v}t}{t} = n\sigma\bar{v}$$

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**Mean free path :** 
$$\lambda = \frac{\bar{v}t}{n\sigma\bar{v}t} = \frac{1}{n\sigma}$$



This answer is only approximately correct because we have used the mean speed  $\bar{v}$  for all the molecules instead of performing an integration over the Maxwell-Boltzmann speed distribution. If that is done, the result is

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Mean free path :  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{8}{\pi}} n \sigma}$   
(corrected)

Collision frequency :  $f_c = \frac{\bar{v}}{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{\pi}} \bar{v} n \sigma$   
(corrected)

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- The distribution of free path,  $x < \dots < x + dx$

- $dN = -P_c N dx$

$dN$  : number of molecules decreasing after collision

$P_c$  : collision probability

$dx$  : molecules moving distance

- $N = N_0 e^{-P_c x}$

$$dN = -P_c N_0 e^{-P_c x} dx$$

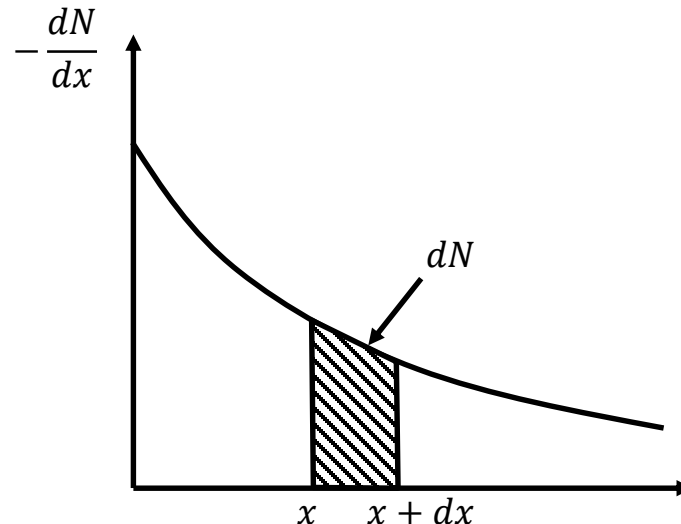
$N$  : The number of molecules that have not yet made a collision after traveling a distance  $x$

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$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \lambda &= \frac{\int x(-dN)}{N_0} = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} P_c N_0 x e^{-P_c x} dx}{N_0} = P_c \left\{ [x e^{-P_c x}]_0^{\infty} + \frac{1}{P_c} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-P_c x} dx \right\} \\ &= P_c \left\{ -P_c - \frac{1}{P_c^2} [e^{-P_c x}]_0^{\infty} \right\} = \frac{1}{P_c} \end{aligned}$$

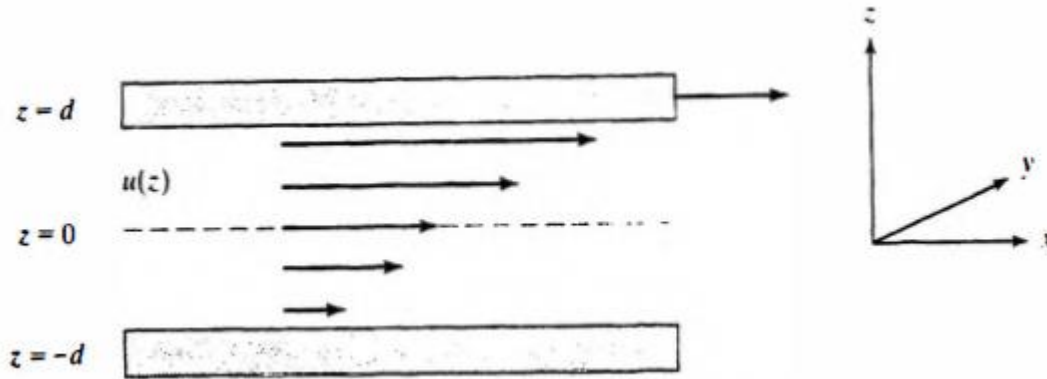
- Survival equation :  $N = N_0 e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}}$  (# having free paths  $x < \lambda$ )

$$dN = -\frac{N_0}{\lambda} e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}} dx \quad (\# \text{ with free path } x < \lambda < x + dx)$$

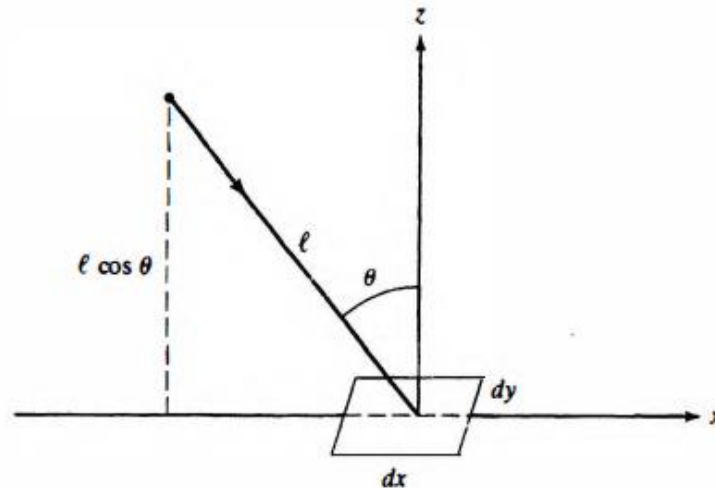




# 11.9 Transport Process



**Figure 11.5** Flow of a viscous fluid between a moving upper plate and a stationary lower plate.



**Figure 11.6** Molecule crossing the  $z=0$  plane after its last collision at a distance  $l \cos \theta$  above the plane

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- The number of molecules in  $dV$ :  $ndV$
- The number of collisions in  $dV$  for  $dt$ :  $\frac{1}{2}zdtndV$   
 $z$  : collision frequency of any one molecule
- The number of free paths in  $dV$  for  $dt$ :  $zdtndV$
- The number of free paths toward  $dA$ :  $\frac{dw}{4\pi}zdtndV$
- Fraction of molecules that reach  $dA$  without collision (survived eq) :  $\frac{N}{N_0} = e^{-\frac{r}{\lambda}}$
- # of molecules leaving  $dV$  in  $dt$  crossing  $dA$  without collision :  $\frac{dw}{4\pi}zdtndVe^{-\frac{r}{\lambda}}$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\
 0 < \phi < 2\pi \\
 0 < r < \infty
 \end{array}
 \longrightarrow
 \frac{1}{4}zn\lambda dAdt$$

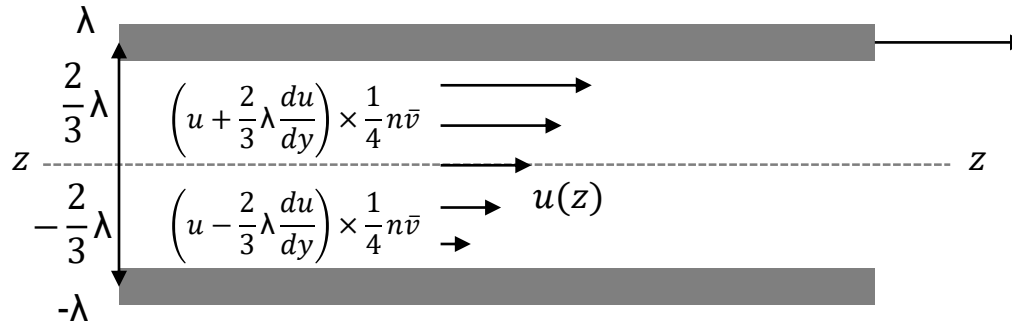
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- Collision frequency :  $z = \frac{\bar{v}}{\lambda}$
- Total # of collision with the wall per  $dA, dt$ , for all direction & speed :  $\frac{1}{4} n \bar{v}$
- Average height of last collision before crossing

The height of the volume element :  $r \cos \theta$

The number of molecules crossing  $dA$  without collision :  $\frac{dw}{4\pi} z dt n dV e^{-\frac{r}{\lambda} r \cos \theta}$

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**Figure 11.7** Flow of a viscous fluid between a moving upper plate and a stationary lower plate.

- Net rate of momentum transfer per unit area & time :  $2 \times \frac{2}{3} \lambda \frac{du}{dy} m \frac{1}{4} n \bar{v}$
- $\frac{d(mv)}{dt} \frac{1}{A} = \tau = \frac{1}{3} nm \bar{v} \lambda \frac{du}{dy}$
- $\mu = \frac{1}{3} nm \bar{v} \lambda$
- $\lambda = \frac{1}{\sigma n}, \quad \bar{v} = \sqrt{\frac{8kT}{\pi m}}$
- $\mu = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{\sigma} \left( \frac{2mkT}{\pi} \right)^{1/2}$