

Let c_n denote the $(n-1)$ -dimensional surface volume of the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^n .

We calculate the distribution function using spherical

symmetry: $f(\underline{v}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n} e^{-\frac{|\underline{v}|^2}{2}}$, so

$$F_E(z) = \mathbb{P}(E \leq z) = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{m}{2} v^2 \leq z\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(|\underline{v}| \leq \sqrt{\frac{2z}{m}}\right) =$$

let $z > 0$

$$= \int_{B_{\sqrt{\frac{2z}{m}}}(0)} f(v_1, \dots, v_n) dv_1 \dots dv_n \stackrel{\text{spherical symmetry}}{=} \int_0^{\sqrt{\frac{2z}{m}}} c_n r^{n-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}} dr$$

$B_{\sqrt{\frac{2z}{m}}}(0) \leftarrow$ ball of radius $\sqrt{\frac{2z}{m}}$ around 0

Substitute

$$x = \frac{r^2}{2}; \quad r = \sqrt{2x}$$

$$dr = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x}} dx$$

$$\int_0^{z/m} c_n \sqrt{2x}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n} e^{-x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x}} dx = \left(\frac{c_n}{2\pi^{n/2}}\right) \int_0^{z/m} x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{-x} dx$$

normalizing constant,

$$\text{clearly } = \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{-x} dx} = \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}$$

So the density is

$$f_E(z) = F_E'(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)} \left(\frac{z}{m}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{z}{m}}$$

So ~~E~~ E has Gamma distribution

with shape parameter $S = \frac{n}{2}$

and rate parameter $\Lambda = \frac{1}{m}$

$$f_E(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(S)} \Lambda^S z^{S-1} e^{-\Lambda z}, & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$