

4.1 Consider two ideal gases with volumes  $V_A$  and  $V_B$ , respectively, separated by a partition that allows energy to pass through. The system is isolated from the rest of the universe, thus giving a constant total energy  $U_{\text{total}}$ . If each gas has  $N$  molecules (of the same species), show that the multiplicity as a function of  $U_A$ , has a sharp peak centered at  $U/2$  with a width of peak =  $\frac{U_{\text{total}}}{\sqrt{3N/2}}$ . (Hint: Starting from the equation

$$\Omega(U, V, N) = f(N)V^N U^{3N/2} .)$$

4.2 Apply the Stirling's approximation to the multiplicity function of an ideal gas

and verify the Sackur-Tetrode equation: 
$$S = Nk \left[ \ln \left( \frac{V}{N} \left( \frac{4\pi m U}{3N h^2} \right)^{3/2} \right) + \frac{5}{2} \right].$$