

## HOMEWORK SET 16: MAXWELL SPEED DISTRIBUTIONS

Due Monday, March 18, 2022

PROBLEMS FROM OR AFTER THORNTON & REX (Trex 3<sup>RD</sup> ED.)

9.7) As written in TRex

9.9) As written in TRex

9.12 Altered) Consider the ideal gas  $H_2$  at  $T = 293K$ .

a) Find  $v_{mp}$  in m/s

READ EXAMPLE 9.4 CAREFULLY AND USE THE APPROXIMATION GIVEN TO DETERMINE THE FRACTION OF MOLECULES IN THE RANGES OF

b)  $0.95 v_{mp}$  and  $1.05 v_{mp}$

c)  $0.5 v_{mp}$  and  $0.6 v_{mp}$

d)  $1.5 v_{mp}$  and  $1.6 v_{mp}$

Comment on the fractions of molecules in each range in view of the plot.

9.13 Altered) We found the r.m.s velocities of  $H_2$  and  $N_2$  gases at  $14^\circ C = 287K$  and compared them to Earth's escape velocity. Do this now for  $O_2$  and  $CO_2$  (show how the escape velocity is derived and calculate it for yourself).

