

Answer to Exercise set 2

1.Part A: We have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{p}(E) &= \int dv' \frac{1}{\left| \frac{dg}{dv} \right|_{v=v'}} \delta_D(v - v') p(v') \\
 &= p(v) \left| \frac{dg}{dv} \right|_{v=v'}^{-1} \\
 &= p(g^{-1}(E)) \left| \frac{dg}{dv} \right|_{v=g^{-1}(E)}^{-1} \\
 \bar{p}(E) &= p\left(\sqrt{\frac{2E}{m}}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2mE)}} \\
 &\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2mE)}} e^{-E/kT}.
 \end{aligned}$$

v and -v have same energy so we should multiply above equation in two, so:

$$\bar{p}(E) \propto \frac{2}{\sqrt{(2mE)}} e^{-E/kT}.$$

Part B: For oscillator equation of motion is $x = A \cos(\omega t)$, t is function of x in form $t = (1/\omega) \cos^{-1}(x/A)$. We see this oscillator in T seconds so we can guess that $p(t) = 1/T$. With this equations we can get:

$$\left| \frac{dg}{dt} \right|_{t=g^{-1}(x)} = A\omega \sin\left(\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{A}\right)\right)$$

so:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(x) &= p(t) \left| \frac{dg}{dt} \right|_{t=g^{-1}(x)}^{-1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} \frac{1}{A\omega} \frac{1}{\sin\left(\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{A}\right)\right)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{T\omega} \frac{1}{\sqrt{A^2 - x^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

x and -x have same PDF so we should multiply it by two, we have:

$$p(x) = \frac{2}{T\omega} \frac{1}{\sqrt{A^2 - x^2}}$$

2. You should get something like below:

