

## FUNÇÕES DE PARTIÇÃO

**TABLE 4.1** PARTITION FUNCTIONS FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF MOTION

Motion	Degrees of freedom	Partition function	Order of magnitude
Translation	3	$\frac{(2\pi mkT)^{3/2}}{h^3}$ (per unit volume)	$10^{31}-10^{32} \text{ m}^{-3}$
Rotation (linear molecule)	2	$\frac{8\pi^2 I kT}{\sigma h^2}$	$10-10^2$
Rotation (nonlinear molecule)	3	$\frac{8\pi^2 (8\pi^3 I_A I_B I_C)^{1/2} (kT)^{3/2}}{\sigma h^3}$	$10^2-10^3$
Vibration (per normal mode)	1	$\frac{1}{1 - e^{-h\nu/kT}}$	1-10
Free internal rotation	1	$\frac{(8\pi^2 I' kT)^{1/2}}{h}$	1-10

where

- $m$  = mass of molecule
- $I$  = moment of inertia for linear molecule
- $I_A, I_B,$  and  $I_C$  = moments of inertia for a nonlinear molecule about three axes at right angles to one another
- $I'$  = moment of inertia for internal rotation
- $\nu$  = normal-mode vibrational frequency
- $k$  = Boltzmann constant
- $h$  = Planck constant
- $T$  = absolute temperature
- $\sigma$  = symmetry number<sup>a</sup>

It is useful to remember that the power to which  $h$  appears is equal to the number of degrees of freedom.

<sup>a</sup> As discussed in the text (Section 4.5.4), symmetry numbers are used in the calculation of equilibrium constants, but for rates an alternative procedure is recommended.

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