

The graph is a distribution of speeds, where

$$N_v (v = 2 \text{ m/s}) = 2$$

$$N_v (v = 4 \text{ m/s}) = 4$$

$$N_v (v = 6 \text{ m/s}) = 3$$

$$N_v (v = 8 \text{ m/s}) = 1$$

a.) The most probable speed, v_{mp} , is the speed where N_v is maximum.

∴ $v_{mp} = 4 \text{ m/s}$

b.) The average speed is:

$$v_{avg} = \frac{1}{N} \int_0^{\infty} v N_v dv$$

N = total number of molecules

So

$$= 2 + 4 + 3 + 1$$

$$= 10$$

$$v_{avg} = \frac{1}{10} \{ (2 \text{ m/s})2 + (4 \text{ m/s})4 + (6 \text{ m/s})(3) + (8 \text{ m/s})(1) \}$$

$v_{avg} = 4.6 \text{ m/s}$

c.) The root-mean-square speed is:

$$v_{rms} = \left[\frac{1}{N} \int_0^{\infty} v^2 N_v dv \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \left[\frac{(2 \text{ m/s})^2(2) + (4 \text{ m/s})^2(4) + (6 \text{ m/s})^2(3) + (8 \text{ m/s})^2(1)}{10} \right]^{1/2}$$

So, $v_{rms} = 4.94 \text{ m/s}$