

Microscopic state

In the microscopic consideration, knowledge regarding the constituent particles of the system is taken into account.

Suppose, a state of the system is defined by the position coordinates 'q' and momentum coordinates 'p'.

For a system of N particles,

Q represents a set of 3N position ~~coordinates~~ coordinates, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_{3N}

P represents a set of 3N momentum coordinates p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{3N} .

(It has taken into account all the three axes x, y, z that's why it is shown in 3N ways).

For one set of position and momentum coordinates, the system is represented by one point in the phase space. Such state of the system is known as a microscopic state or microstate.

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Thus, from the microscopic point of view, the macroscopic description of the system is not applicable.

Therefore, a microstate of a macroscopically defined system is described through a probability density $\rho(q, p, t)$ which is a function of position and momentum coordinates of the constituent particles and time t .