

1. Using the first law of thermodynamics, show that the relation between the specific heats C_P and C_V for a hydrostatic system with fixed particle number is given by $C_P = C_V + \left[P + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_T \right] \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P$.
2. Irreversible expansion of a gas - A container with volume V which is insulated from its surroundings is divided into two sub-volumes V_1 and V_2 . Initially, the volume V_1 contains a gas at temperature T , while V_2 is evacuated. The partition is then removed and the gas is allowed to flow rapidly into V_2 . The purpose of the experiment is to determine the dependence of the internal energy U on the volume V .
 - a) What is the relevant quantity that you should calculate and related to a measurable quantity from the experiment?
 - b) Show that this quantity can be related to the specific heat at constant volume C_V and $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V} \right)_U$
 - c) Using the first law of thermodynamics derive an expression for $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V} \right)_U$. What is the value of this for an ideal gas? What can you infer from this result?
 - d) We now intend to show that the process is irreversible. From the first law show that the entropy production is positive $dS > 0$ and the process obeys the inequality $TdS > \delta Q$.
 - e) Recall the expression of the entropy we derived in the class when discussing Gibbs-Durham relations. Using that show that the entropy production is positive.
3. Consider the expression for the Gibbs free energy G . Show that $G = \mu N$. Hence show that $\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \mu} \right)_T = N/V$.
4. Consider a thermodynamic system whose fundamental equation of state is given by $S = S(U, V, N)$. Now imagine I have two such systems which are brought together, and subsequently the whole system reach equilibrium, with the constraint that $U_0 = U_1 + U_2$, $V_0 + V_1 + V_2$ and $N = N_1 + N_2$ remains fixed, where U_0, V_0, N are the total energy, total volume and total particle number of the system.
 - a) What is the total entropy of the system at any instant?
 - b) Now you allow for a variation in the energy, volume and particle number and using the constraints, show that at equilibrium the condition $\delta S = 0$ implies that the temperature, pressure and the chemical potential must be equal at equilibrium.
5. Now consider a system made of n -components which can exist in r -phases. We assume that no chemical reaction can happen between the phases. We want to find out how many phases can coexist in equilibrium.
 - a) Determine how many variables you need to specify the state of the thermodynamic system (consider how many intensive variables you need).
 - b) Generalize the conditions for thermodynamic equilibrium that you derived earlier. How many conditions do you get?
 - c) Hence show that the number of quantities which can be varied (degree of freedom) f is given by $f = 2 + n - r$.
 - d) Consider now a single component system which can have 1, 2, and 3 phases. Find out the degree of freedom in each case and their physical significance (you can think of water).

6. Derive the following relations: a) $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_S = -\frac{T}{C_V} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V$ and (b) $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_S = \frac{T}{C_P} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P$
7. A paramagnetic system in an uniform magnetic field H is thermally insulated from the surroundings. It has an induced magnetization $M = aH/T$ and a heat capacity $C_H = b/T^2$ constant H , where a and b are constants and T is the temperature.
 - a) Write down the Maxwell's relation for this system.
 - b) How will the temperature of the system change when H is quasi-statically reduced to zero?
 - c) In order to have the final temperature change by a factor of 2 from the initial temperature, how strong should be the initial H ?