

# Thermal Physics Cheat Sheet

## Thermodynamics

### Basics<sup>1-3</sup>

### Temperature & Boltzmann Factor<sup>4</sup>

### Maxwell-Boltzmann Distribution<sup>5</sup>

### Pressure & Ideal Gas Law<sup>6</sup>

### Molecular Flux & Effusion<sup>7</sup>

### Mean Free Path & Collisions<sup>8</sup>

### Energy<sup>11</sup>

### Adiabatic Processes<sup>12</sup>

### Heat Engine 2<sup>nd</sup> Law<sup>13</sup>

### Entropy<sup>14</sup>

### Thermodynamic Potentials<sup>16</sup>

#### Internal energy, U

$$dU = TdS - pdV$$

#### Enthalpy, H

$$H \equiv U + PV = \{(3)\} = H(S, p) \quad (2)$$

$$dH = \{(1)\} = TdS - pdV + pdV + VdP = TdS + Vdp \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta H = \begin{cases} exothermic & \Delta H < 0 \\ endothermic & \Delta H > 0 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

#### Helmholtz function, F

$$F \equiv U - TS = \{(6)\} = F(T, V) \quad (5)$$

$$dF = \{(1)\} = TdS - pdV - TdS - SdT = -SdT - pdV \quad (6)$$

#### Gibbs function, G

$$G \equiv H - TS = \{(8)\} = G(T, p) \quad (7)$$

$$dG = \{(3)\} = TdS + VdP - TdS - SdT = -SdT + VdP \quad (8)$$

#### Maxwell Relations<sup>16</sup>

Derivation of generalized maxwell

$$(1) \quad df(x, y) = \left( \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} \right)_y dx + \left( \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} \right)_x dy \quad (9)$$

#### Work Generalization<sup>17</sup>

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Law<sup>18</sup>

## Classical Statistical Mechanics

### Equipartition<sup>19</sup>

### Partition Function<sup>20</sup>

### Statistical Mechanics on Ideal Gases<sup>21</sup>

### Chemical Potential<sup>22</sup>

## Quantum statistics

### Bose-Einstein Distribution<sup>29</sup>

### Bose Gases<sup>30</sup>

### Fermi-Dirac Distribution<sup>29</sup>

### Fermi Gases<sup>30</sup>

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### Real Gases<sup>26.1,26.4</sup>

### Phase Transitions<sup>28.1-3</sup>

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