

# General Physics Midterm Review

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1. A poorly designed electric device has two bolts attached to different parts of the device that almost touch each other in its interior, as shown. When they touch, a short circuit will develop and damage the device. If the initial gap between the ends of the bolts is  $5.0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  at  $27^\circ\text{C}$ , at what temperature will the bolts touch?

- (a)  $\text{Steel}_{\text{length}} = 0.01\text{ m} = 1 \times 10^{-2}\text{ m}$
- (b)  $\text{Brass}_{\text{length}} = 0.03\text{ m} = 3 \times 10^{-2}\text{ m}$
- (c)  $\text{Gap}_{\text{length}} = 0.05\text{ }\mu\text{m} = 5 \times 10^{-6}\text{ m}$
- (d)  $\alpha_{\text{Steel}} = 11 \times 10^{-6}\text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$
- (e)  $\alpha_{\text{Brass}} = 19 \times 10^{-6}\text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$
- (f)  $\Delta L = \alpha L_0 \Delta T$
- (g)  $\Delta L = \text{Gap}_{\text{length}} = 5 \times 10^{-6}\text{ m}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T &= \frac{\Delta L}{\alpha L_0} \\ &= \frac{\text{Gap}_{\text{length}}}{\alpha_{\text{Steel}} \text{Steel}_{\text{length}} + \alpha_{\text{Brass}} \text{Brass}_{\text{length}}} \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \\ &= \frac{5 \times 10^{-6}}{(11 \times 10^{-6} \times 1 \times 10^{-2}) + (19 \times 10^{-6} \times 3 \times 10^{-2})} \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \\ &= \frac{5 \times 10^{-6}}{(11 \times 10^{-8}) + (57 \times 10^{-8})} \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \\ &= \frac{5 \times 10^{-6}\text{ m}}{(68 \times 10^{-8})} \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \\ &= \frac{5}{(68 \times 10^{-2})} \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \\ &= \frac{5}{(68 \times 10^{-2})} \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \\ &= 7.3529 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}T_1 &= T_0 + \Delta T \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \\ &= 27 + 7.3529 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \\ &= 34.3529 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}\end{aligned}$$

2. 500 g of ice is added to an insulated cup that contains 200 g of water at 50.0 °C. What is the final temperature.

(a)  $\text{Ice}_{\text{mass}} = 500 \text{ g} = 5 \times 10^{-1} \text{ kg}$

(b)  $\text{Water}_{\text{mass}} = 200 \text{ g} = 2 \times 10^{-1} \text{ kg}$

(c)  $\text{Ice}_{\text{temp}} = 0^\circ \text{C}$

(d)  $\text{Water}_{\text{temp}} = 50^\circ \text{C}$

(e)  $c_{\text{water}} = 4.186 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg}}^\circ \text{C}$

(f)  $c_{\text{ice}} = 2.090 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg}}^\circ \text{C}$

(g)  $L_{\text{ice}} = 3.33 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg}}$

(h)  $Q_{\text{water}} = -Q_{\text{ice}}$

(i)  $Q = mc\Delta T$

(j)  $Q = mL$

$$Q_{\text{water}} = -Q_{\text{ice}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Water}_{\text{mass}} \times c_{\text{water}} \times (\text{Water}_{\text{temp}_1} - \text{Water}_{\text{temp}_0}) &= -((L_{\text{ice}} \times \text{Ice}_{\text{mass}}) + (\text{Ice}_{\text{mass}} \times c_{\text{ice}} \times (\text{Ice}_{\text{temp}_1} - \text{Ice}_{\text{temp}_0}))) \\ 2 \times 10^{-1} \times 4.186 \times 10^3 \times (T_1 - 50) &= -(5 \times 10^{-1} \times 3.33 \times 10^5) - (5 \times 10^{-1} \times 2.090 \times 10^3 \times (T_1 - 0)) \end{aligned}$$

$$8.372 \times 10^2 \times (T_1 - 50) = -(16.5 \times 10^4) - (10.45 \times 10^2 \times (T_1 - 0))$$

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$$8.372T_1 - 418.6 = -(16.5 \times 10^2) - 10.45T_1$$

$$18.822T_1 - 418.6 = -(16.5 \times 10^2)$$

$$18.882T_1 = \frac{16.5 \times 10^2}{4.186 \times 10^2}$$

$$18.882T_1 = 3.9417$$

$$T_1 = 0.2094^\circ \text{C}$$