# Thermodynamics Formulas - Chapters 19 and 20

## 1 First Law of Thermodynamics

#### **Energy Conservation:**

$$\Delta E_{\rm th} = W + Q \tag{1}$$

where:

- $\Delta E_{\rm th}$  = Change in thermal energy (J)
- W = Work done on the system (J)
- Q = Heat added to the system (J)

### 1.1 Work Done on an Ideal Gas

$$W = -\int_{V_i}^{V_f} P \, dV \tag{2}$$

### 1.2 Calorimetry Equation (Heat Transfer)

$$Q = mc\Delta T \tag{3}$$

where:

- m = Mass (kg)
- $c = \text{Specific heat capacity } (J/\text{kg} \cdot K)$
- $\Delta T$  = Temperature change (K)

#### 1.3 Heat of Transformation (Phase Change)

$$Q = \pm mL \tag{4}$$

where:

- L = Latent heat (J/kg)
- $L_f$  = Heat of fusion (solid  $\leftrightarrow$  liquid)
- $L_v = \text{Heat of vaporization (liquid } \leftrightarrow \text{gas})$

## 2 Heat Transfer Mechanisms

2.1 Conduction

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = kA \frac{\Delta T}{L} \tag{5}$$

2.2 Radiation

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = e\sigma A T^4 \tag{6}$$

- 3 Ideal Gases and Heat
- 3.1 Ideal Gas Law

$$PV = nRT (7)$$

3.2 Internal Energy of an Ideal Gas

$$E_{\rm th} = \frac{f}{2} nRT \tag{8}$$

3.3 Root-Mean-Square (RMS) Speed

$$v_{\rm rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3k_BT}{m}} \tag{9}$$

## 4 Thermodynamic Processes

**Isothermal Process:** 

$$W = -nRT \ln \left(\frac{V_f}{V_i}\right) \tag{10}$$

Adiabatic Process:

$$PV^{\gamma} = \text{constant}$$
 (11)

$$TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{constant}$$
 (12)

**Heat Capacities:** 

$$C_P = C_V + R \tag{13}$$

For a monatomic gas:

$$C_V = \frac{3}{2}R, \quad C_P = \frac{5}{2}R$$
 (14)

For a diatomic gas:

$$C_V = \frac{5}{2}R, \quad C_P = \frac{7}{2}R$$
 (15)