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EXAMINATION

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PHYS2020 Thermodynamics and Condensed Matter Physics

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The exam consists of two parts. Complete **all four** questions in Part A. Complete **two of three** questions in Part B.

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Question Mark

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Part A

Answer all questions in this section

Question 1

Four kilograms of water vapour (corresponding to 221 moles) is heated from 300 K to 800 K at a constant pressure of 10 kPa.

- How many quadratic degrees of freedom would you expect to be active for each water molecule? Explain.
- Assuming that the water vapour behaves as an ideal gas with this number of degrees of freedom, calculate its heat capacity at constant pressure C_P . From this determine the heat Q required to increase the temperature to 800 K.
- Check your calculation by also calculating Q from the data in the superheated steam table below. Discuss the level of agreement, and what might cause any discrepancies.

T (°C)	$1/\rho$ (m ³ kg ⁻¹)	u (kJ kg ⁻¹)	h (kJ kg ⁻¹)	s (kJ kg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)
sat	14.674	2437.9	2584.6	8.1501
50	14.869	2443.9	2592.6	8.1749
100	17.196	2515.5	2687.5	8.4479
150	19.513	2587.9	2783.0	8.6881
200	21.825	2661.3	2879.5	8.9037
250	24.136	2736.0	2977.3	9.1002
300	26.445	2812.1	3076.5	9.2812
400	31.063	2968.9	3279.5	9.6076
500	35.679	3132.3	3489.0	9.8977
600	40.295	3302.5	3705.4	10.1608
700	44.911	3479.6	3928.7	10.4028
800	49.526	3663.8	4159.1	10.6281
900	54.141	3855.0	4396.4	10.8395
1000	58.757	4053.0	4640.6	11.0392
1100	63.372	4257.5	4891.2	11.2287
1200	67.987	4467.9	5147.8	11.4090
1300	72.603	4683.7	5409.7	11.5810

Figure 1: Superheated steam table at $P = 10$ kPa. T , temperature; ρ , density; u , energy density; h , specific enthalpy; s , specific entropy.

Question 2

Two copper blocks have masses m_A and m_B , and initial temperatures T_A and T_B , respectively. They are placed in thermal contact while being kept well insulated from the environment.

- (a) By considering the heat transfer between the blocks and assuming that their specific heat capacity at constant pressure c_P is constant over the temperature range of interest, show that in equilibrium they reach a temperature of

$$T_F = \frac{m_A T_A + m_B T_B}{m_A + m_B}.$$

Check that this expression gives sensible results in appropriate limits.

- (b) If $m_A = 1$ kg, $m_B = 2$ kg, $T_A = 300$ K and $T_B = 305$ K, how much does the entropy of the universe change after the blocks are placed in contact? Discuss this result. Note: over this range of temperatures the specific heat capacity at constant pressure of copper can be well approximated as $c_P = 386$ J K⁻¹ kg⁻¹.

Question 3

- (a) Using the thermodynamic identity and Maxwell's relations show that changes in the internal energy U of a substance can be related to changes in temperature T , volume V and pressure P via

$$dU = C_V dT + \left(T \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_V - P \right) dV,$$

where C_V is the heat capacity at constant volume. Hint: an incremental change in entropy dS may be expanded as

$$dS = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_V dT + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right)_T dV.$$

- (b) Consider a van der Waals gas that undergoes a change in volume and pressure at constant temperature. Use the relationship given in (a) to show that the change internal energy is

$$\Delta U_T = an^2 \left(\frac{1}{V_i} - \frac{1}{V_f} \right),$$

where a is the constant used to introduce attractive forces in van der Waals equation, n is the number of moles of gas, and the subscripts i and f label the state variables in the initial and final states, respectively.

- (c) Compare your result from (b) to what you would expect for an ideal gas, and suggest reasons for any differences.

Question 4

- (a) In your own words, briefly explain how you would distinguish a phase transformation from other changes in the properties of a pure substance.
- (b) Sketch a qualitatively accurate graph of G versus T for a pure substance as it changes from solid to liquid to gas at fixed pressure. Think carefully about the slope of the line in each region of the graph and briefly discuss its main features.

Part B

Answer any 2 out of the 3 questions in this section.

Question 5

Heat pumps use work to transfer heat from a cold reservoir to a hot reservoir. Design your own thermodynamic cycle for a heat pump (do not replicate a cycle you have seen elsewhere). You could, for example, build the heat pump from some different combination of quasistatic isobaric, isochoric, isothermal and adiabatic processes, or from some other closed loop on a PV or TS diagram.

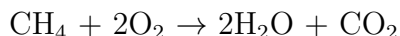
- (a) Draw either the PV diagram or the TS diagram for the thermodynamic cycle.
- (b) Identify the processes in the cycle (or regions of the cycle) for which the heat pump does positive work on its environment, and for which the environment does positive work on the heat pump.
- (c) Identify the processes in the cycle (or regions of the cycle) for which heat is transferred into the heat pump, and for which it is transferred out.
- (d) Calculate the ideal coefficient of performance of your heat pump and compare this to the Carnot limit. Note: the coefficient of performance of a heat pump is defined as the heat transferred to the hot reservoir (the effect we want) divided by the input work, and the Carnot limit for a heatpump is

$$COP_C = \frac{1}{1 - T_C/T_H}.$$

- (e) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this heat pump, and how you might build it.

Question 6

Consider a fuel cell that uses methane (“natural gas”) as fuel. The reaction is



- (a) Using the table of thermodynamic properties at the back of the exam, determine the values of ΔH and ΔG for this reaction for one mole of methane. Assume that the reaction takes place at room temperature and atmospheric pressure.
- (b) Assuming ideal performance, how much electrical work can you get out of the cell for each mole of methane fuel?
- (c) How much waste heat is produced for each mole of fuel?
- (d) The chemical reaction equations at the two electrodes are:

Negative electrode: $\text{CH}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + 8\text{H}^+ + 8\text{e}^-$.

Positive electrode: $2\text{O}_2 + 8\text{H}^+ + 8\text{e}^- \rightarrow 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

What is the voltage of the cell?

Question 7

This question considers the thermodynamics of seawater.

- (a) Seawater has a salinity of 3.5% meaning that if you boil away a kilogram of seawater, when you're finished 35 grams of solids will remain (mostly NaCl). Calculate the osmotic pressure difference between seawater and fresh water. For simplicity, assume that all the dissolved salts in seawater are NaCl.
- (b) Briefly discuss the concept of reverse osmosis and calculate the minimum work required to desalinate one litre of seawater.
- (c) Discuss some reasons why the realistic work required to desalinate the seawater would be greater than the minimum value calculated in (b).
- (d) Calculate the boiling and freezing temperatures of seawater.

END OF EXAMINATION

PHYS2020 Formula Sheet

Units and constants:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ atm} &= 101.3 \text{ kPa} = 1.013 \text{ bar} \\
 &= 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 \\
 0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} &= 273.15 \text{ K} \\
 1 \text{ cal} &= 4.186 \text{ J} \\
 N_A &= 6.022 \times 10^{23} \\
 R &= 8.315 \text{ J/(mol}\cdot\text{K)} \\
 k_B = R/N_A &= 1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K} \\
 e &= 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \\
 F = N_A e &= 96485 \text{ J/V}\cdot\text{mol}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ideal gas equation of state:

$$PV = nRT = NkT$$

Van der Waals equation of state:

$$P = \frac{nRT}{V - nb} - a \left(\frac{n}{V} \right)^2$$

Virial equation of state:

$$\begin{aligned}
 PV_m &= RT(1 + BP + CP^2 + \dots) \\
 PV_m &= RT \left(1 + \frac{B}{V_m} + \frac{C}{V_m^2} + \dots \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Compression factor:

$$Z = PV/NkT$$

Work and heat:

$$\Delta U = Q + W$$

$$W = - \int P dV$$

$$Q = \int T dS$$

Heat capacities:

$$C_m = C/n, \quad c = C/m$$

$$C_V = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_V, \quad C_P = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T} \right)_P$$

$$C_V = \frac{f}{2} Nk = \frac{f}{2} nR \quad (\text{ideal gas})$$

$$C_P - C_V = nR \quad (\text{ideal gas})$$

Adiabatic expansion of an ideal gas:

$$PV^\gamma = \text{const}; \quad TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{const}; \quad \gamma = \frac{f+2}{f}$$

Equipartition theorem:

$$U(T) = U(0) + \frac{f}{2} nRT = U(0) + \frac{f}{2} NkT$$

Entropy:

$$S = k \ln \Omega$$

$$dS = \frac{Q_{\text{rev}}}{T}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{trs}} S = \frac{\Delta_{\text{trs}} H}{T_{\text{trs}}}$$

$$S(T_f) = S(T_i) + \int_{T_i}^{T_f} \frac{C_P dT}{T}$$

Clausius-Clapeyron equation:

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta V} = \frac{L}{T \Delta V}$$

Clausius inequality:

$$\oint \frac{dQ}{T_{\text{env}}} \leq 0$$

Entropy of mixing:

$$\Delta S_{\text{mixing}} = -nR [x \ln x + (1-x) \ln(1-x)]$$

Efficiency of a heat engine:

$$\epsilon \equiv \frac{\text{work performed}}{\text{heat absorbed}} = \frac{W}{Q_h}$$

Carnot efficiency:

$$\epsilon_C = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h}$$

Coefficient of performance:

$$\text{COP} \equiv \frac{\text{energy transferred as heat}}{\text{work performed}} = \frac{Q_c}{W}$$

Carnot refrigerator:

$$\text{COP}_C = \frac{1}{T_h/T_c - 1}$$

Thermodynamic potentials:

$$H = U + PV$$

$$F = U - TS$$

$$G = H - TS$$

Thermodynamic identity:

$$\begin{aligned}dU &= TdS - PdV + \mu dN \\dG &= -SdT + VdP + \mu dN\end{aligned}$$

Maxwell relations:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_S &= \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S}\right)_P \\ \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_S &= -\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial S}\right)_V \\ \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P &= -\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P}\right)_T \\ \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V &= \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_T\end{aligned}$$

Gibbs-Helmholtz equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \frac{G}{T}\right)_P &= -\frac{H}{T^2} \\ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \frac{F}{T}\right)_V &= -\frac{U}{T^2}\end{aligned}$$

Partial derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}\right)_z \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial z}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y &= -1 \\ \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}\right)_z &= \left[\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_z\right]^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Thermodynamic Properties of Selected Substances

All of the values in this table are for one mole of material at 298 K and 1 bar. Following the chemical formula is the form of the substance, either solid (s), liquid (l), gas (g), or aqueous solution (aq). When there is more than one common solid form, the mineral name or crystal structure is indicated. Data for aqueous solutions are at a standard concentration of 1 mole per kilogram water. The enthalpy and Gibbs free energy of formation, $\Delta_f H$ and $\Delta_f G$, represent the changes in H and G upon forming one mole of the material starting with elements in their most stable pure states (e.g., C (graphite), O_2 (g), etc.). To obtain the value of ΔH or ΔG for another reaction, subtract Δ_f of the reactants from Δ_f of the products. For ions in solution there is an ambiguity in dividing thermodynamic quantities between the positive and negative ions; by convention, H^+ is assigned the value zero and all others are chosen to be consistent with this value. Data from Atkins (1998), Lide (1994), and Anderson (1996). Please note that, while these data are sufficiently accurate and consistent for the examples and problems in this textbook, not all of the digits shown are necessarily significant; for research purposes you should always consult original literature to determine experimental uncertainties.

Substance (form)	$\Delta_f H$ (kJ)	$\Delta_f G$ (kJ)	S (J/K)	C_P (J/K)	V (cm ³)
Al (s)	0	0	28.33	24.35	9.99
Al ₂ SiO ₅ (kyanite)	-2594.29	-2443.88	83.81	121.71	44.09
Al ₂ SiO ₅ (andalusite)	-2590.27	-2442.66	93.22	122.72	51.53
Al ₂ SiO ₅ (sillimanite)	-2587.76	-2440.99	96.11	124.52	49.90
Ar (g)	0	0	154.84	20.79	
C (graphite)	0	0	5.74	8.53	5.30
C (diamond)	1.895	2.900	2.38	6.11	3.42
CH ₄ (g)	-74.81	-50.72	186.26	35.31	
C ₂ H ₆ (g)	-84.68	-32.82	229.60	52.63	
C ₃ H ₈ (g)	-103.85	-23.49	269.91	73.5	
C ₂ H ₅ OH (l)	-277.69	-174.78	160.7	111.46	58.4
C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆ (glucose)	-1273	-910	212	115	
CO (g)	-110.53	-137.17	197.67	29.14	
CO ₂ (g)	-393.51	-394.36	213.74	37.11	
H ₂ CO ₃ (aq)	-699.65	-623.08	187.4		
HCO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	-691.99	-586.77	91.2		
Ca ²⁺ (aq)	-542.83	-553.58	-53.1		
CaCO ₃ (calcite)	-1206.9	-1128.8	92.9	81.88	36.93
CaCO ₃ (aragonite)	-1207.1	-1127.8	88.7	81.25	34.15
CaCl ₂ (s)	-795.8	-748.1	104.6	72.59	51.6
Cl ₂ (g)	0	0	223.07	33.91	
Cl ⁻ (aq)	-167.16	-131.23	56.5	-136.4	17.3
Cu (s)	0	0	33.150	24.44	7.12
Fe (s)	0	0	27.28	25.10	7.11

Substance (form)	$\Delta_f H$ (kJ)	$\Delta_f G$ (kJ)	S (J/K)	C_P (J/K)	V (cm ³)
H ₂ (g)	0	0	130.68	28.82	
H (g)	217.97	203.25	114.71	20.78	
H ⁺ (aq)	0	0	0	0	
H ₂ O (l)	-285.83	-237.13	69.91	75.29	18.068
H ₂ O (g)	-241.82	-228.57	188.83	33.58	
He (g)	0	0	126.15	20.79	
Hg (l)	0	0	76.02	27.98	14.81
N ₂ (g)	0	0	191.61	29.12	
NH ₃ (g)	-46.11	-16.45	192.45	35.06	
Na ⁺ (aq)	-240.12	-261.91	59.0	46.4	-1.2
NaCl (s)	-411.15	-384.14	72.13	50.50	27.01
NaAlSi ₃ O ₈ (albite)	-3935.1	-3711.5	207.40	205.10	100.07
NaAlSi ₂ O ₆ (jadeite)	-3030.9	-2852.1	133.5	160.0	60.40
Ne (g)	0	0	146.33	20.79	
O ₂ (g)	0	0	205.14	29.38	
O ₂ (aq)	-11.7	16.4	110.9		
OH ⁻ (aq)	-229.99	-157.24	-10.75	-148.5	
Pb (s)	0	0	64.81	26.44	18.3
PbO ₂ (s)	-277.4	-217.33	68.6	64.64	
PbSO ₄ (s)	-920.0	-813.0	148.5	103.2	
SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	-909.27	-744.53	20.1	-293	
HSO ₄ ⁻ (aq)	-887.34	-755.91	131.8	-84	
SiO ₂ (α quartz)	-910.94	-856.64	41.84	44.43	22.69
H ₄ SiO ₄ (aq)	-1449.36	-1307.67	215.13	468.98	

The atomic number (top left) is the number of protons in the nucleus. The atomic mass (bottom) is weighted by isotopic abundances in the earth's surface. Atomic masses are relative to the mass of the carbon-12 isotope, defined to be exactly 12 unified atomic mass units (u). Uncertainties range from 1 to 9 in the last digit quoted. Relative isotopic abundances often vary considerably, both in natural and commercial samples. A number in parentheses is the mass of the longest-lived isotope of that element—no stable isotope exists. However, although Th, Pa, and U have no stable isotopes, they do have characteristic terrestrial compositions, and meaningful weighted masses can be given. For elements 110–112, the mass numbers of known isotopes are given. From the Review of Particle Physics by the Particle Data Group, *The European Physical Journal C* 3, 73 (1998).

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Periodic Table of the Elements																	
1 H Hydrogen 1.00794	2 He Helium 4.002602																
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012182	5 B Boron 10.811	6 C Carbon 12.0107	7 N Nitrogen 14.00674	8 O Oxygen 15.9994	9 F Fluorine 18.9984032	10 Ne Neon 20.1797										
11 Na Sodium 22.989770	12 Mg Magnesium 24.3050	13 Al Aluminum 26.981538	14 Si Silicon 28.0855	15 P Phosphorus 30.973761	16 S Sulfur 32.066	17 Cl Chlorine 35.4527	18 Ar Argon 39.948										
19 K Potassium 39.0983	20 Ca Calcium 40.078	21 Sc Scandium 44.955910	22 Ti Titanium 47.867	23 V Vanadium 50.9415	24 Cr Chromium 51.9961	25 Mn Manganese 54.938049	26 Fe Iron 55.845	27 Co Cobalt 58.933200	28 Ni Nickel 58.6934	29 Cu Copper 63.546	30 Zn Zinc 65.39	31 Ga Gallium 69.723	32 Ge Germanium 72.61	33 As Arsenic 74.92160	34 Se Selenium 78.96	35 Br Bromine 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 83.80
37 Rb Rubidium 85.4678	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.90585	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.90638	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.94	43 Tc Technetium (97.907215)	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.90550	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.8682	48 Cd Cadmium 112.411	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.710	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.60	53 I Iodine 126.90447	54 Xe Xenon 131.29
55 Cs Cesium 132.90545	56 Ba Barium 137.327	57–71 Lanthanide series	72 Hf Hafnium 178.49	73 Ta Tantalum 180.9479	74 W Tungsten 183.84	75 Re Rhenium 186.207	76 Os Osmium 190.23	77 Ir Iridium 192.217	78 Pt Platinum 195.078	79 Au Gold 196.96655	80 Hg Mercury 200.59	81 Tl Thallium 204.3833	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.98038	84 Po Polonium (209.982415)	85 At Astatine (209.987131)	86 Rn Radon (222.017570)
87 Fr Francium (223.019731)	88 Ra Radium (226.025402)	89–103 Actinide series	104 Rf Rutherfordium (261.1089)	105 Db Dubnium (262.1144)	106 Sg Seaborgium (266.1186)	107 Bh Bohrium (262.1231)	108 Hs Hassium (265.1306)	109 Mt Meitnerium (266.1378)	110 Ds Darmstadtium (269.273)	111 Rg Roentgenium (272)	112 Cn Copernicium (277)						
57 La Lanthanum 138.9055	58 Ce Cerium 140.116	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.90765	60 Nd Neodymium 144.24	61 Pm Promethium (144.912745)	62 Sm Samarium 150.36	63 Eu Europium 151.964	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	65 Tb Terbium 158.92534	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.50	67 Ho Holmium 164.93032	68 Er Erbium 167.26	69 Tm Thulium 168.93421	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.04	71 Lu Lutetium 174.967			
89 Ac Actinium (227.027747)	90 Th Thorium 232.0381	91 Pa Protactinium 231.03588	92 U Uranium 238.0289	93 Np Neptunium (237.048166)	94 Pu Plutonium (244.064197)	95 Am Americium (243.061372)	96 Cm Curium (247.070346)	97 Bk Berkelium (247.070298)	98 Cf Californium (251.079579)	99 Es Einsteinium (252.08297)	100 Fm Fermium (257.095096)	101 Md Mendelevium (258.1098427)	102 No Nobelium (259.1011)	103 Lr Lawrencium (262.1098)			