

CY11001 (Physical Chemistry)

Tutorial 1

1. The densities of ice and water at 0 °C are 0.9168 and 0.9998 g cm⁻³, respectively. If ΔH for the fusion of ice at atmospheric pressure is 6.025 kJ/mol, what is ΔU ? How much work is done on the system?
2. An average man weighing about 70 kg produces about 10460 kJ of heat every day.
(a) Suppose that man were an isolated system and that his heat capacity were 4.18 J K⁻¹ g⁻¹. If his body temperature were 37 °C at a given time, what would be his temperature 24 h later?

(b) A man is in fact an open system, and the main mechanism for maintaining his body temperature constant is evaporation of water. If the enthalpy of vaporization of water at 37 °C is 43.4 kJ/mol, how much water needs to be evaporated per day to keep the body temperature constant?
3. Initially 0.1 mol of methane is at 1 bar pressure and 80 °C. The gas behaves ideally and the value of C_p/C_V is 1.31. The gas is allowed to expand reversibly and adiabatically to a pressure of 0.1 bar.
 - a. What are the initial and final volumes of the gas?
 - b. What is the final temperature?
 - c. Calculate ΔU and ΔH for the process.
4. Prove that $C_V = - \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_U$
5. (a) Calculate the work done when 1 mol of an ideal gas at 2 bar pressure and 300 K is expanded isothermally with the external pressure held constant at 1.5 bar.

(b) Suppose instead that the gas is expanded isothermally and *reversibly* to the same final volume. Calculate the work done.
6. Suppose that an iceberg weighing 10⁹ kg were to drift into a part of the ocean where the temperature is 20 °C. What is the maximum amount of work that could be generated while the iceberg is melting? Assume the temperature of the iceberg to be 0 °C. The latent heat of fusion of ice is 6.025 kJ/mol. If the process occurred in one day, what would be the power produced?