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# 1 Thermodynamics

## 1.1 Definitions

**Definition 1.1** (Moles). A mole is the amount of mass of a substance equal to its molecular weight, i.e., if you have  $O_2$ , than 32 kg of  $O_2$  constitutes one kg-mole and 32 grams would constitute 32 gm-mole.

**Definition 1.2** (Avogadro's constant). Avogadro's constant is the number of particles in one mole of that substance. It is denoted as ' $N_A$ ' and is equal to  $6.02 \cdot 10^{26}$  particles per kg-mole.

**Definition 1.3** (Universal gas constant). The universal gas constant is denoted by  $\hat{R}$  and is equal to 8.314 J/mol-K. Its units are 'energy per amount of substance per temperature increment' as it is a proportionality constant that relates energy to temperature and amount of substance.

**Definition 1.4** (Boltzmann constant). The Boltzmann constant is denoted by  $k_B$  and is equal to  $1.381 \cdot 10^{-23}$  J/k. It is the equivalent of the universal gas constant but on a *per particle* basis.

**Definition 1.5** (Dalton's law of partial pressures). The pressure of a system can be found by summing up the partial pressures of each individual species:

$$p = \sum_j p_j \quad (1.1)$$

**Definition 1.6** (Mass fractions). The mass fraction of species  $j$  ( $Y_j$ ) is defined as the ratio of the density of species  $j$  to the density of the mixture:

$$Y_j = \frac{\rho_j}{\rho} \quad (1.2)$$

**Definition 1.7** (Molar fractions). The molar fraction of species  $j$  ( $X_j$ ) can be taken as the ratio of the partial pressure of species  $j$  to the pressure of the mixture, or the ratio of the number of moles of species  $j$  to the total number of moles in the system:

$$\frac{p_j}{p} = \frac{\mathcal{N}_j}{\mathcal{N}} = X_j \quad (1.3)$$

**Definition 1.8** (Mixture molecular weight). The mixture molecular weight,  $\mathcal{M}$  can be defined as:

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{1}{\sum_j Y_j / \mathcal{M}_j} = \sum_j X_j \mathcal{M}_j \quad (1.4)$$

Where  $\mathcal{M}_j$  is the molecular weight of species  $j$ .

**Definition 1.9** (Molar fractions to mass fractions). The mass fraction of species  $j$  can be obtained from the molar fraction by using:

$$Y_j = X_j \frac{\mathcal{M}_j}{\mathcal{M}} \quad (1.5)$$

The sum of the mass fractions

**Definition 1.10** (Mixture gas constant). The gas constant of the mixture can be found with:

$$R = \sum_j Y_j R_j \quad (1.6)$$

where  $R$  is the mixture specific gas constant ( $\hat{R}/\mathcal{M}$ ) and  $R_j$  is the specific gas constant of species  $j$ .

**Definition 1.11** (Calorically perfect gas). A calorically perfect gas is a gas where the specific heats  $c_p$  and  $c_v$  are taken to be constant. The enthalpy is then  $h = c_p T$ , and the internal energy is  $e = c_v T$ .

**Definition 1.12.** Thermally perfect gas A thermally perfect gas is one there  $c_p$  and  $c_v$  are variables are are functions of  $T$  only. Differential changes in enthalpy and internal energy is then  $dh = c_p dT$ , and  $de = c_v dT$

## 1.2 Equations

### 1.2.1 Equation of state

$$PV = mRT \quad (1.7)$$

$$pv = RT \quad (1.8)$$

$$pV = \mathcal{N}\hat{R}T \quad (1.9)$$

$$p = \rho RT \quad (1.10)$$

$$pV = \mathcal{N}\hat{R}T \quad (1.11)$$

$$p\mathcal{V} = \hat{R}T \quad (1.12)$$

$$p = C\hat{R}T \quad (1.13)$$

$$pv = \eta\mathcal{R}T \quad (1.14)$$

$$pV = NkT \quad (1.15)$$

$$p = nkT \quad (1.16)$$

Where

- $P$  is the pressure
- $V$  is the volume
- $v$  is the specific gas constant
- $m$  is the mass
- $T$  is the temperature
- $\rho$  is the density
- $\mathcal{V}$  is the molar volume (volume per mole)
- $C$  is the concentration of moles per unit volume.
- $\eta$  is the mole-mass ratio
- $n$  is the number density, or number of particles per unit volume.

## 2 Statistical thermodynamics

**Definition 2.1** (Bose-Einstein (BE) statistics). For atoms and molecules made up of an *even* number of elementary particles such as electrons, protons, and neutrons, there is no limit to the number particles that can be in any energy state at a given instant.

**Definition 2.2** (Fermi-Dirac (FD) statistics). For atoms and molecules made up of an *odd* number of elementary particles, no energy state can be occupied by more than one particle.

**Definition 2.3** ( $W(N_j)$ ). For these statistics, the number of microstates in a given macrostate is given by:

$$W(N_j) = \prod_j \frac{(N_j + C_j - 1)!}{(C_j - 1)!N_j!} \quad (2.1a)$$

$$W(N_j) = \prod_j \frac{C_j!}{(C_j - N_j)!N_j!} \quad (2.1b)$$

Here, Eq. [2.1a] is used for BE statistics while Eq. [2.1b] is used for FD statistics.  $C_j$  is the number of energy states, and  $N_j$  is the number of particles in a group.

**Definition 2.4** ( $W_{\max}$ ).  $W_{\max}$  is defined as the largest of the individual terms in Equations [2.1] and is sometimes referred to as the *most probable microstate*. By solving for this value by setting  $\delta(\ln W) = 0$ , we can find the particular values of  $N_j$  that maximize  $W$ , giving:

$$N_j^* = \frac{C_j}{e^{\alpha + \beta \epsilon_j} \pm 1} \quad (2.2)$$

Where the minus sign is for BE, and the plus for FD.  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are Lagrange multipliers used to enforce the constraints:

$$\sum_j \delta N_j = 0, \quad \sum_j \epsilon_j = \delta N_j \quad (2.3)$$

**Definition 2.5** (Boltzmann limit). The Boltzmann limit is used for conditions where the number of energy states far out numbers the number of group of particles. Therefore,  $C_j \gg N_j$ , and Eqn. [2.2] reduced to:

$$N_j^* = C_j e^{-\alpha - \beta \epsilon_j} \quad (2.4)$$

**Definition 2.6** (Boltzmann distribution). The Boltzmann distribution, after solving for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in the above, gives:

$$N_j^* = N \frac{C_j e^{-\epsilon_j/kT}}{\sum_j C_j e^{-\epsilon_j/kT}} \quad (2.5)$$

**Definition 2.7** (Molecular partition function). The molecular partition function,  $Q$ , is defined as the denominator in Eq. [2.5]:

$$Q = \sum_j C_j e^{-\epsilon_j/kT} \quad (2.6)$$

However, this is in terms of groups of energy states having the same energy level  $\epsilon_j$ . If we transition to the use of individual energy states,  $\epsilon_j$  becomes  $\epsilon_i$ , and the  $C_j$  term is neglected. The equation becomes:

$$Q = \sum_i e^{-\epsilon_i/kT} \quad (2.7)$$

**Definition 2.8** (Population of energy states). The population of energy state  $\epsilon_i$  then becomes:

$$N_i^{*'} = N \frac{e^{-\epsilon_i/kT}}{\sum_i e^{-\epsilon_i/kT}} \quad (2.8)$$

**Definition 2.9** (Energy levels and degeneracy). Energy levels are sometimes more convenient to use. An energy level can have multiple energy states in it. If a level contains more than one state, it is said to be *degenerate*, and the number of states inside an energy level  $\epsilon_l$  is given as  $g_l$ . Therefore, the population of particles in energy level  $\epsilon_l$ , and the partition function is given as:

$$Q = \sum_l g_l e^{-\epsilon_l/kT} \quad (2.9)$$

$$N_l^{*'} = N \frac{g_l e^{-\epsilon_l/kT}}{\sum_l g_l e^{-\epsilon_l/kT}} \quad (2.10)$$

**Definition 2.10** (Boltzmann's relation). Boltzmann's relation finds the relationship between the number of microstates  $\Omega$  and the entropy of a system as:

$$S = k \ln \Omega \quad (2.11)$$

**Definition 2.11** (Entropy). Entropy can then be shown to be of the form:

$$S = Nk \left( \ln \frac{Q}{N} + 1 \right) + \frac{E}{T} \quad (2.12)$$

**Definition 2.12** (Helmholtz free energy). The Helmholtz free energy,  $F$ , is defined as:

$$F = E - TS \quad (2.13)$$

Here,  $E$  is the internal energy,  $T$  is the temperature, and  $S$  the entropy of the system. Differentiation of [2.13] yields:

$$dF = dE - TdS - SdT \quad (2.14)$$

Since  $dE - TdS = \mu dN - pdV$ , ( $\mu$  is the chemical potential per molecule,  $N$  is the number of particles, and  $p$ ,  $V$  is the pressure and volume of the system), this equation can be rewritten as:

$$dF = -SdT - pdV + \mu dN \quad (2.15)$$

Which yields the following results:

$$S = - \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial T} \right)_{V,N} \quad p = - \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial V} \right)_{T,N} \quad \mu = \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial N} \right)_{T,V} \quad (2.16)$$

**Definition 2.13** (Thermodynamic properties of a system). The thermodynamic properties of a system, assuming  $Q$  and  $\epsilon_i$ 's are independant of  $N$ , are:

$$F = -NkT \left( \ln \frac{Q}{N} + 1 \right) \quad (2.17a)$$

$$S = Nk \left[ \ln \frac{Q}{N} + 1 + T \frac{\partial(\ln Q)}{\partial T} \right] \quad (2.17b)$$

$$E = NkT^2 \frac{\partial(\ln Q)}{\partial T} \quad (2.17c)$$

$$p = NkT \frac{\partial(\ln Q)}{\partial V} \quad (2.17d)$$

$$\mu = -kT \ln \frac{Q}{T} \quad (2.17e)$$

**Definition 2.14** (Total partion function and energy). As will be defined shortly, the total partion function is the product of all energy-type specific partion functions, i.e.:

$$Q = Q_{tr} Q_{rot} Q_{vib} Q_{el} = Q_{tr} \cdot \prod_{int} Q_{int} \quad (2.18)$$

The total internal energy of a molecule is:

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_{tr} + \epsilon_{rot} + \epsilon_{vib} + \epsilon_{el} \quad (2.19)$$

This also works for specific heat,  $c_v$ .

**Definition 2.15** (Partition function for translation energy). The partition function for translation energy is:

$$Q_{tr} = V \left( \frac{2\pi mkT}{h^2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \quad (2.20)$$

The translational internal energy can be found as:

$$E_{tr} = \frac{3}{2} NkT \quad e_{tr} = \frac{3}{2} RT \quad (2.21)$$

Where the first equation is per N molecules, and the second equation is on a per-unit mass basis. The specific heat is then:

$$c_{v_{tr}} = \left( \frac{\partial e_{tr}}{\partial T} \right)_v = \frac{3}{2}R \quad (2.22)$$

## 2.1 Electronic energies

Since monoatomic molecules do not have rotational or vibrational energies, the only internal energy is the electronic one. However, this still applies to diatomic molecules.

**Definition 2.16** (Electronic internal energy). The electronic internal energy can largely be ignored at moderate temperatures for some species of gases. However, they can become important at higher temperatures. Because the spacing between the levels can be so large, usually only a few degenerate levels are accounted for. Electronic energy accounts for when electrons populate higher electronic energy levels.

**Definition 2.17** (Electronic partition function). The electronic partition function is:

$$Q_{el} = \sum_l g_l e^{-\epsilon_l/kT} = \sum_l g_l e^{\theta_l/T} \quad (2.23)$$

Where  $\theta_l = \epsilon_l/k$  are the *characteristic temperatures for electronic excitation*. Energy of the ground level is taken to be 0, so the first term is just  $g_0$  with no exponential. If we assume that just the first two terms are used, the internal energy becomes:

$$e_{el} = R\theta_1 \frac{(g_1/g_0)e^{-\theta_1/T}}{1 + (g_1/g_0)e^{-\theta_1/T}} \quad (2.24)$$

and the specific heat:

$$c_{v_{el}} = R \left( \frac{\theta_1}{T} \right)^2 \frac{(g_1/g_0)e^{-\theta_1/T}}{[1 + (g_1/g_0)e^{-\theta_1/T}]^2} \quad (2.25)$$



## 2.2 Diatomic internal energies

# 3 Thermochemical Nonequilibrium

**Definition 3.1** (Species conservation equation).

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho_s}_1 + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \rho_s u_j}_2 = \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho D_s \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} y_s)}_3 + \underbrace{\dot{\omega}_s}_4 \quad (3.1)$$

The terms are:

1. Rate of change of mass of species  $s$ .
2. Flux of mass due to convection.
3. Molecular diffusion flux of mass.
4. Chemical production rate.

The variables are:

- $\rho_s$  is the density of species  $s$
- $u_j$  is the mass-averaged velocity in the  $j$ -direction
- $D_s$  is the effective diffusion coefficient of species  $s$
- $y_s$  is the molar fraction of species  $s$
- $\dot{\omega}_s$  is the chemical production rate of species  $s$

**Definition 3.2** (Total continuity equation). For chemically reacting flows, the total continuity equation is unaffected. It is:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0 \quad (3.2)$$

Since no mass can be created or destroyed, the condition of atomic conservation is applied, which yields:

$$\sum_s \dot{w}_s = 0 \quad (3.3)$$

**Definition 3.3** (Mixture momentum conservation).

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho u_i}_1 + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \rho u_i u_j}_2 = - \underbrace{\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i}}_3 + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \mu \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} \delta_{ij} \right]}_4 \quad (3.4)$$

The terms are:

1. Rate of change of  $i$ th component of momentum.
2. Flux of  $i$ th component of momentum due to convection.
3. Pressure forces in  $i$ th direction.
4. Viscous terms acting in  $i$ th direction.

Here, the mixture pressure is defined with Dalton's law of partial pressures, and the pressure of an individual heavy species is:

$$p_s = \frac{\rho_s \hat{R} T}{\mathcal{M}_s} \quad (3.5)$$

For electron pressure, we get:

$$p_e = \frac{\rho_e \hat{R} T_e}{\mathcal{M}_e} \quad (3.6)$$

Where the  $e$  subscript denotes an electron property.

**Definition 3.4** (Vibrational energy conservation).

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho e_v}_1 + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \rho e_v u_j}_2 = & \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \eta_v \frac{\partial T_v}{\partial x_j} \right)}_3 + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho \sum_{s=1}^{\text{NS}} h_{v,s} D_s \frac{\partial y_s}{\partial x_j} \right)}_4 \\ & + \underbrace{\sum_{s=\text{mol.}} \rho_s \frac{(e_{v,s}^* - e_{v,s})}{\langle \tau_s \rangle}}_5 + \underbrace{\sum_{s=\text{mol.}} \rho_s \frac{(e_{v,s}^{**} - e_{v,s})}{\langle \tau_{es} \rangle}}_6 + \underbrace{\sum_{s=\text{mol.}} \dot{w}_s \hat{D}_s}_7 \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

The terms are:

1. Rate of change of vibrational energy per unit volume.
2. The flux of vibrational energy due to convection.
3. The conduction of vibrational energy due to vibrational temperature gradients.

4. The diffusion of vibrational energy due to molecular concentration gradients.
5. The energy exchange (relaxation) between vibrational and translational modes due to collisions within the cell.
6. The energy exchange between vibrational and electronic modes.
7. The vibrational lost/gained due to molecular depletion (dissociation) or production (recombination).

The variables are:

- $e_v$  is the vibrational energy per unit mass, defined as  $e_v = \sum_{s=1}^{NS} \frac{\rho_s e_{v,s}}{\rho}$ .  $e_v$  is defined as a function of  $T_v$ , the vibrational temperature.
- $\eta_v$  is the vibrational thermal conductivity.
- $h_{v,s}$  is the vibrational enthalpy. It is identical to  $e_{v,s}$ .
- $e_{v,s}^*$  is the vibrational energy of species  $s$  at the translational-rotational temperature.
- $e_{v,s}^{**}$  is the vibrational energy at the electron temperature.
- $\langle \tau_s \rangle$  is the characteristic relaxation times for translational-vibrational (T-V) energy exchange.
- $\langle \tau_{es} \rangle$  is the characteristic relation times for electron-vibrational (e-V) energy exchange.
- $\hat{D}_s$  is the vibration energy level representative of those molecules of species  $s$  which are created or destroyed (recombined or dissociated) because of their high vibrational quantum numbers.

**Definition 3.5** (Electron and electronic excitation energy conservation).

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho e_e}_{1} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} [u_j (\rho e_e + p_e)]}_{2} = \underbrace{u_j \frac{\partial p_e}{\partial x_j}}_{3} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \eta_e \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial x_j} \right)}_{4} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho \sum_{s=1}^{NS} h_{e,s} D_s \frac{\partial y_s}{\partial x_j} \right)}_{5} \\
 & + \underbrace{2\rho_e \frac{3}{2} \hat{R}(T - T_e) \sum_{s=1}^{NS-1} \frac{\nu_{es}}{\mathcal{M}_s}}_{6} - \underbrace{\sum_{s=\text{ion}} \dot{n}_{e,s} \hat{I}_s}_{7} - \underbrace{\sum_{s=\text{mol.}} \rho_s \frac{e_{v,s}^{**} - e_{v,s}}{\langle \tau_{es} \rangle}}_{8} - \underbrace{Q_{\text{rad}}}_{9} \quad (3.8)
 \end{aligned}$$

Terms are:

1. Rate of change of electronic energy per unit volume.
2. The flux of electronic enthalpy due to convection.
3. The work done on electrons by an electron field by an electron pressure gradient.
4. The conduction of electronic energy due to electron temperature gradient.
5. The diffusion of electronic energy due to concentration gradients.
6. The energy exchange due to elastic collisions between electrons and heavy particles.
7. Energy loss due to electron impact ionization (note the sum indices sum over ionized species only).
8. The relaxation due to inelastic collisions between electrons and molecules.
9. Rate of energy loss due to radiation caused by electronic transitions.

The variables are:

- $e_e$  is the electronic energy per unit mass and contains contributions from electronic energy levels. It is defined as  $e_e = \sum_{s=1}^{NS} \frac{\rho_s e_{e,s}}{\rho}$
- $e_{e,s}$  is the electronic energy per unit mass of species  $s$  and is defined as a function of  $T_e$ .
- $T_e$  is the electron temperature.
- $\eta_e$  is the electronic thermal conductivity.
- $h_{e,s}$  is the electronic enthalpy per unit mass and is identical to  $e_{e,s}$  for all species except free electrons. For free electrons it is defined as:  

$$h_{e,e} = e_{e,e} + \frac{\hat{R}T_e}{\mathcal{M}_e}$$
- $\nu_{e,s}$  is the effective collision frequency of electrons with heavy particles.

- $\dot{n}_{e,s}$  is the molar rate of production of species  $s$  by electron impact ionizations.
- $\hat{I}_s$  is the energy per unit mole lost by a free electron in producing species  $s$  through electron impact ionization.
- $Q_{\text{rad}}$  is the radiant energy transfer rate due to electron transitions.

**Definition 3.6** (Total energy conservation).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho E}_1 + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \rho H u_j}_2 = & \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \eta \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} + \eta_v \frac{\partial T_v}{\partial x_j} + \eta_e \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial x_j} \right)}_3 \\
 & + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho \sum_{s=1}^{\text{NS}} h_s D_s \frac{\partial y_s}{\partial x_j} \right)}_4 + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ u_i \mu \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \right]}_5 - \underbrace{Q_{\text{rad}}}_6 \quad (3.9)
 \end{aligned}$$

The terms are:

1. Rate of change of total energy per unit volume.
2. The flux of total enthalpy due to convection.
3. The conduction of energy due to temperature, vibrational temperature, and electron temperature gradients.
4. The diffusion of energy due to concentration gradients.
5. The work done by shear forces.
6. The rate of energy loss due to radiation caused by electronic transitions.

The variables are:

- $E$  is the total energy per unit volume, defined as  $E = \frac{u_i u_i}{2} + \sum_{s=1}^{\text{NS}} \frac{\rho_s e_s}{\rho}$
- $H$  is the total enthalpy per unit mass, defined as  $H = E + \frac{p}{\rho}$
- $\eta$  is the frozen thermal conductivity of heavy particles. The part in which exchanges of translational and rotational energy occur.

**Definition 3.7** (Two temperature model). Everything before this assumes a three-temperature model, where there is a single temperature dedicated to translational-rotational energy, vibrational energy, and electronic-electron energies. The two temperature model assumes that one temperature can be used for describing the energy of translational-rotational energies, and then the rest (vib-electronic-electron) are described by the second temperature,  $T_V$ . Therefore:

$$T_v = T_e = T_V \quad (3.10)$$

By combining the vibrational and electronic energy equations, we get the vibrational-electronic energy conservation equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho e_V}_1 + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \rho e_V u_j}_2 = \underbrace{-p_e \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_j}}_3 + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ (\eta_v + \eta_e) \frac{\partial T_V}{\partial x_j} \right]}_4 \\ & + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho \sum_{s=1}^{NS} h_{V,s} D_s \frac{\partial y_s}{\partial x_j} \right)}_5 + \underbrace{\sum_{s=mol.} \rho_s \frac{(e_{v,s}^* - e_{v,s})}{\langle \tau_s \rangle}}_6 \\ & + \underbrace{2\rho_e \frac{3}{2} \hat{R}(T - T_V) \sum_{s=1}^{NS-1} \frac{\nu_{es}}{\mathcal{M}_s}}_7 - \underbrace{\sum_{s=ion} \dot{n}_{e,s} \hat{I}_s}_8 + \underbrace{\sum_{s=mol.} \dot{w}_s \hat{D}_s}_9 - \underbrace{Q_{rad}}_{10} \quad (3.11) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

$$e_V = e_v + e_e \quad (3.12)$$

$$h_{V,s} = h_{v,s} h_{e,s} \quad (3.13)$$