
Homework Advanced Statistical Mechanics #1

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2 a)

Let $PV = \phi(T)$ hold. Rewriting and differentiating with respect to T at fixed V we find:

$$\begin{aligned}PV &= \phi(T) \\ P &= \frac{\phi(T)}{V} \\ \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right|_V &= \frac{\phi'(T)}{V}\end{aligned}$$

Now, the internal energy is independent of volume at constant temperature. At constant temperature then:

$$\begin{aligned}dE &= dQ - dW = 0 \\ dQ &= dW \\ TdS &= PdV\end{aligned}$$

It is important to note that this only holds at fixed T , and so:

$$\left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right|_T = \frac{P}{T}$$

Using the Maxwell relation $\left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right|_V = \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right|_T$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{P}{T} &= \frac{\phi'(T)}{V} \\ PV &= T\phi'(T) = \phi(T)\end{aligned}$$

This relation obviously only holds if $\phi(T)$ is linear in T , and so $\phi(T) = cT$ for some constant c .

b)

We have that $PV = RT$, $R = C_P - C_V$, $C_V = \frac{L}{2}R$ and $R(1 + \frac{L}{2}) = C_P$.

We know that

$$\begin{aligned}C_V dT &= T \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right|_V dT \\ C_P dT &= T \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right|_P dT\end{aligned}$$

Where C_V and C_P are the heat capacities at constant volume and constant pressure, respectively. Now let S be $S(V, T)$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta S &= \int_{S_0}^S dS = \int_{T_0}^T \frac{C_V}{T} dT \\ \Delta S &= C_P \ln \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right) \\ \Delta S &= \left(1 + \frac{L}{2} \right) \ln \left(\frac{\frac{PV}{R}}{\frac{P_0 V_0}{R}} \right) \\ \Delta S &= R \left(1 + \frac{L}{2} \right) \ln \left(\frac{PV}{P_0 V_0} \right)\end{aligned}$$

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c)

First law of thermodynamics for adiabatic process:

$$\begin{aligned}dE &= C_v dT = dQ - dW \\ C_v dT &= -p dV = -\frac{RT}{V} dV\end{aligned}$$

Rewriting gives us:

$$\frac{1}{T}dT = -\frac{R}{C_v} \frac{1}{V}dV = -\frac{C_P - C_V}{C_V} \frac{1}{V}dV$$

$$\frac{1}{T}dT = (1 - \gamma) \frac{1}{V}dV$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{1}{T}dT &= \int (1 - \gamma) \frac{1}{V}dV \\ \ln(T) &= (1 - \gamma) \ln(V) + C \\ T &= CV^{1-\gamma} \\ TV^{\gamma-1} &= C\end{aligned}$$

Where C is some constant.

Now using that $T = \frac{PV}{R}$, gives:

$$\begin{aligned}TV^{\gamma-1} &= \frac{PV}{R}V^{\gamma-1} = C \\ PV^\gamma &= C\end{aligned}$$

Note that C is now a different constant then the one used before, i.e. $TV^{\gamma-1} \neq PV^\gamma$. Now using that $V = \frac{RT}{P}$:

$$\begin{aligned}TV^{\gamma-1} &= T \left(\frac{RT}{P} \right)^{\gamma-1} = C \\ \frac{T^\gamma}{P^{\gamma-1}} &= T^\gamma P^{1-\gamma} = C \\ TP^{\frac{1-\gamma}{\gamma}} &= C\end{aligned}$$

d)

We know that for adiabatic processes $P = cV^{-\gamma}$, where c is some constant and that for an ideal gas $PV = RT$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned}P &= \frac{RT}{V} = cV^{-\gamma} \\ c &= RTV^{\gamma-1} = RT_f V_f^{\gamma-1} = RT_i V_i^{\gamma-1}\end{aligned}$$

Then the work done is

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= \int_{V_i}^{V_f} P dV = c \int_{V_i}^{V_f} V^{-\gamma} dV \\
 W &= \frac{c}{1-\gamma} \left[V_f^{1-\gamma} - V_i^{1-\gamma} \right] \\
 W &= \frac{R}{1 - \frac{C_p}{C_v}} \left[T_f V_f^{\gamma-1} V_f^{1-\gamma} - T_i V_i^{\gamma-1} V_i^{1-\gamma} \right] \\
 W &= C_v (T_f - T_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

e)

$$\begin{aligned}
 dE &= C_v dT = dQ - dW = -P dV \\
 C_v \int_{T_i}^{T_f} dT &= - \int_{V_i}^{V_f} P dV \\
 C_v (T_f - T_i) &= -P_{ext} (V_f - V_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

Where P_{ext} is taken to be constant.

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_v (T_f - T_i) &= -P_{ext} (V_f - V_i) \\
 T_f &= -\frac{P_{ext}}{C_v} (V_f - V_i) + T_i \\
 T_f &= -\frac{P_f}{C_v} \left(V_f - \frac{RT_i}{P_i} \right) + T_i \\
 T_f &= (1 - \gamma) T_f - (1 - \gamma) \frac{T_i P_f}{P_i} + T_i \\
 T_f - (1 - \gamma) T_f &= -T_i (1 - \gamma) \frac{P_f + P_i}{P_i} \\
 \gamma T_f &= -T_i (1 - \gamma) \frac{P_f + P_i}{P_i} \\
 T_f &= T_i (1 - \gamma^{-1}) \frac{P_f + P_i}{P_i} \\
 T_f &= T_i (1 - \gamma^{-1}) \left(\frac{P_f}{P_i} + 1 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

f)

No. Both are adiabatic processes

g)

3)

a)

$$dE = TdS - dW = TdS + \sigma l dx$$

$$dA = -SdT + \sigma l dx$$

b)

$$dE = TdS - \sigma l dx$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = T \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} - \sigma l$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = T \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} - \sigma l$$

$$dE = TdS - \sigma l dx$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \right|_x = T \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right|_x - l \left. \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial T} \right|_x$$

b)

4)

For an adiabatic process $TP^{\frac{1-\gamma}{\gamma}}$ is constant, and so $T^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} = C \cdot P$.

$$T^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} = C \cdot P$$
$$\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \ln(T) = \ln(P) + C$$

Differentiating gives us:

$$\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{1}{T} dT = \frac{1}{P} dP$$

Rewriting the given equation with $V = \frac{Nk_bT}{P}$ and rewriting gives:

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = -m_{mol}g \frac{N}{V} = -m_{mol}g \frac{P}{k_bT}$$
$$\frac{1}{P} dP = -m_{mol}g \frac{1}{k_bT} dz$$

And so:

$$-m_{mol}g \frac{1}{k_bT} dz = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{1}{T} dT$$
$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = -m_{mol}g \frac{T}{k_bT} \cdot \frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}$$
$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = -\frac{m_{mol}g}{k_b} (1 - \gamma^{-1})$$

And since this only holds for processes at fixed entropy:

$$\left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right|_S = -\frac{m_{mol}g}{k_b} (1 - \gamma^{-1})$$