

You may find the following information helpful:

### Physical Constants

Electron mass	$m_e \approx 9.1 \times 10^{-31} kg$	Proton mass	$m_p \approx 1.7 \times 10^{-27} kg$
Electron Charge	$e \approx 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$	Planck's const./ $2\pi$	$\hbar \approx 1.1 \times 10^{-34} Js^{-1}$
Speed of light	$c \approx 3.0 \times 10^8 ms^{-1}$	Stefan's const.	$\sigma \approx 5.7 \times 10^{-8} Wm^{-2}K^{-4}$
Boltzmann's const.	$k_B \approx 1.4 \times 10^{-23} JK^{-1}$	Avogadro's number	$N_0 \approx 6.0 \times 10^{23} mol^{-1}$

### Conversion Factors

$$1 atm \equiv 1.0 \times 10^5 Nm^{-2} \qquad 1 \text{\AA} \equiv 10^{-10} m \qquad 1 eV \equiv 1.1 \times 10^4 K$$

### Thermodynamics

$$dE = TdS + dW$$

$$\text{For a gas: } dW = -PdV$$

$$\text{For a wire: } dW = Jdx$$

### Mathematical Formulas

$$\int_0^\infty dx x^n e^{-\alpha x} = \frac{n!}{\alpha^{n+1}}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)! = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty dx \exp\left[-ikx - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] = \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left[-\frac{\sigma^2 k^2}{2}\right]$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \ln N! = N \ln N - N$$

$$\langle e^{-ikx} \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-ik)^n}{n!} \langle x^n \rangle$$

$$\ln \langle e^{-ikx} \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-ik)^n}{n!} \langle x^n \rangle_c$$

$$\cosh(x) = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\ln(1-x) = -\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{x^n}{n}$$

$$\text{Surface area of a unit sphere in } d \text{ dimensions}$$

$$S_d = \frac{2\pi^{d/2}}{(d/2-1)!}$$

1. *Poisson brackets:* Consider the integral over a multidimensional phase space  $\Gamma \equiv [\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}]$ :

$$I = \int d\Gamma A \{B, C\},$$

where  $A(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ ,  $B(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ , and  $C(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$  are functions over phase space, and

$$\{B, C\} \equiv \left( \frac{\partial B}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \cdot \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{p}} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \right),$$

denotes the Poisson bracket of  $B$  and  $C$ .

(a) Prove the following identity (which you can use in subsequent parts of this problem)

$$I = \int d\Gamma A \{B, C\} = \int d\Gamma B \{C, A\}.$$

(b) Show that when  $C(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = F(A(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}))$ , where  $F(x)$  denotes any function of  $x$ ,

$$\int d\Gamma A \{B, C\} = 0.$$

(c) The phase space density  $\rho(\Gamma, t)$  satisfies the equation  $\partial_t \rho = \{H, \rho\}$ , and an associated entropy is given by  $S(t) = - \int d\Gamma \rho(\Gamma, t) \ln \rho(\Gamma, t)$ . Prove that  $dS/dt = 0$ .

(d) The average of function  $A(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$  is given by  $\langle A \rangle(t) = \int d\Gamma \rho(\Gamma, t) A(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ . Prove that

$$\frac{d \langle A \rangle}{dt} = \langle \{A, \mathcal{H}\} \rangle.$$

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2. *Three gas mixture:* Consider a mixture of three gases (a), (b) and (c), in a box.

(a) Write down the Boltzmann equations for the one particle densities  $f_a$ ,  $f_b$  and,  $f_c$ , in terms of the Liouville operators  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha \equiv [\partial_t + (\vec{p}_\alpha/m_\alpha) \cdot \nabla]$ , and appropriate collision operators

$$C_{\alpha, \beta} = - \int d^3 \vec{p}_2 d^2 \vec{b}_{\alpha \beta} |\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2| [f_\alpha(\vec{p}_1, \vec{q}_1) f_\beta(\vec{p}_2, \vec{q}_1) - f_\alpha(\vec{p}_1', \vec{q}_1) f_\beta(\vec{p}_2', \vec{q}_1)],$$

for  $\alpha, \beta = a, b, c$ .

- (b) If there are no interactions between particles of different species, i.e.  $C_{\alpha,\beta} = 0$  for  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , write down the most general zeroth order solution for the densities  $f_a$ ,  $f_b$  and,  $f_c$ .
- (c) How does including interactions between (a) and (b) particles, but no interactions between the (a) and (c) or (b) and (c) particles modify the form of  $f_a$ ,  $f_b$  and,  $f_c$ ?
- (d) What is the corresponding form of  $f_a$ ,  $f_b$  and,  $f_c$  upon including interactions between (a) and (b) particles, (c) and (b) particles, but no interactions between the (a) and (c) particles?
- (e) Including interactions among all particles, i.e. with all  $C_{\alpha,\beta} \neq 0$ , what are the slow (hydrodynamic) modes of this gas mixture?
- (f) Starting with a configuration of  $N_a$ ,  $N_b$ , and  $N_c$  particles in a box of volume  $V$ , what are the final (equilibrium) forms of  $f_a$ ,  $f_b$  and,  $f_c$ ?

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