

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./ 2π	$\hbar \approx 1.1 \times 10^{-34} Js^{-1}$
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. Gas: The temperature of a gas is found to depend only on its pressure as $T(p, V) = c p^n$, while its internal energy is given by $E(p, V) = D pV$, where c , D and n are constants.

- (a) Give the expression for the differential changes in entropy as $dS(p, V)$.
- (b) Noting that entropy is a function of state, find the relation between n and D .
- (c) Find the form of adiabatic curves as $p_S(V)$.
- (d) Draw an infinitesimal Carnot cycle in the (p, V) coordinates.
- (e) How much heat is extracted in the above Carnot cycle at the temperature $T(p)$?

2. Constant heat capacities: Consider two bodies with temperature independent heat capacities C_1 and C_2 , and initial temperatures $T_1 > T_2$.

- (a) If the two bodies are brought into contact such that the only heat exchange is between them, what is the final temperature T_F , and what is the change in entropy.
- (b) What is the final temperature if a Carnot engine is used to transfer heat between the two bodies? What is the amount of work done by the engine in this case?

3. Probability: Calculate the characteristic function, the mean, and the variance of the following probability density functions:

(a)

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{2b} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-a|}{b}\right) \quad \text{for} \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

(b)

$$p(x) = \frac{|x|}{2a^2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x|}{a}\right) \quad \text{for} \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$
