

Problems for chapter 1

1. *Surface tension*: thermodynamic properties of the interface between two phases are described by a state function called the surface tension \mathcal{S} . It is defined in terms of the work required to increase the surface area by an amount dA through $dW = \mathcal{S}dA$.
 - (a) By considering the work done against surface tension in an infinitesimal change in radius, show that the pressure inside a spherical drop of water of radius R is larger than outside pressure by $2\mathcal{S}/R$. What is the air pressure inside a soap bubble of radius R ?
 - (b) A water droplet condenses on a solid surface. There are three surface tensions involved, \mathcal{S}_{aw} , \mathcal{S}_{sw} , and \mathcal{S}_{sa} , where a , s , and w refer to air, solid, and water, respectively. Calculate the angle of contact, and find the condition for the appearance of a water film (complete wetting).
 - (c) In the realm of “large” bodies gravity is the dominant force, while at “small” distances surface tension effects are all important. At room temperature, the surface tension of water is $\mathcal{S}_o \approx 7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ N m}^{-1}$. Estimate the typical length scale that separates “large” and “small” behaviors. Give a couple of examples for where this length scale is important.

a)

Expanding from $r \rightarrow r + dr$ requires outside work $-pdV$

$$\begin{aligned} dW_1 &= -P_{\text{inside}} dV_{\text{inside}} - P_{\text{outside}} dV_{\text{outside}} \\ &= -(P - P_0) dV \\ &= -(P - P_0) 4\pi r^2 dr \end{aligned}$$

and expanding also requires work

$$\begin{aligned} dW_2 &= S da \\ &= S(8\pi r dr) \end{aligned}$$

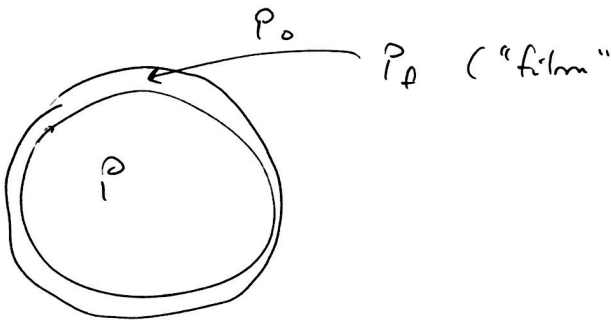
So, in eq. we have:

$$dW_1 + dW_2 = 0$$

$$(P - P_0) 4\pi r^2 dr = S(8\pi r dr)$$

$$\boxed{(P - P_0) = \frac{2S}{r}} \quad \text{outside is lower pressure.}$$

Soap?

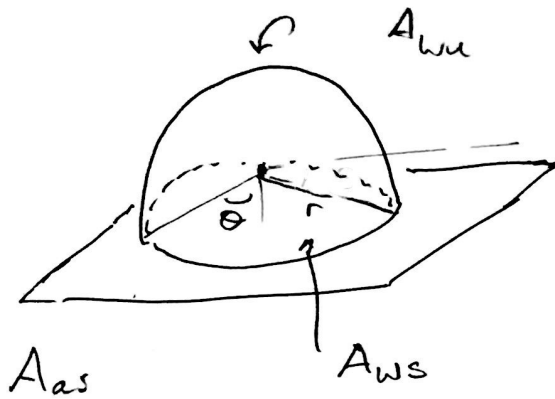


$$\boxed{P - P_0 = \frac{4S}{r}} \quad \text{because there is an inner and outer surface!}$$

b)

$$d\mathbf{E} = S_{aw} dA_w + S_{as} dA_s + S_{ws} dA_s = 0$$

$$dA_{as} + dA_{ws} = 0$$



$$A_{ws} = \pi r^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$A_{wa} = \int_{\theta'=\theta}^{\pi} r^2 \sin \theta' d\theta' (2\pi)$$

$$= 2\pi r^2 (-1) (\cos \theta') \Big|_{\theta}^{\pi}$$

$$= 2\pi r^2 (1 - \cos \theta)$$

Now, let's make sure we conserve volume. What is the volume?

$$V = 2\pi \int_{\theta}^{\pi} d\theta' \sin \theta' \int_0^r r^2 dr$$

$$= 2\pi \int_{\theta}^{\pi} d\theta' \sin \theta' \left(\frac{r^3}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi r^3}{3} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

Reminder: Surface element in spherical coords

$$\begin{pmatrix} r \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ r \sin \theta \sin \theta \\ r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -r \sin \theta \sin \theta \\ r \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -r \sin \theta \sin \theta \\ r \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} r \cos \theta \cos \theta \\ r \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -r \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} r^2 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta \\ -r^2 \sin \theta \sin^2 \theta \\ +r^2 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

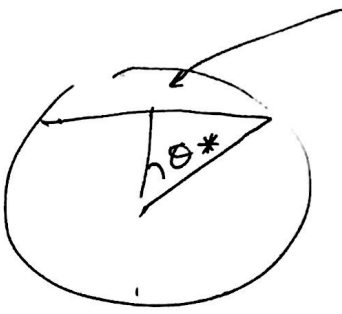
$$= r^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$+ \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta r^2$$

$$r^2 (\sin^4 \theta + (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$= \boxed{r^2 \sin \theta} = \text{surface element.}$$

Volume of this?



limits of r : $(r_{\min}, R) \rightarrow r_{\min} \cos \theta = R \cos \theta^*$
 $r_{\min} = \frac{R \cos \theta^*}{\cos \theta}$

So: $V = 2\pi \int_0^{\theta^*} d\theta \sin \theta \int_{\frac{R \cos \theta^*}{\cos \theta}}^R r^2$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^{\theta^*} d\theta \sin \theta \left(\frac{R^3}{3} - \frac{R^3 (\cos \theta^*)^3}{\cos^3 \theta} \right)$$

$$= \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} - R^3 \cos^3 \theta^* \int_0^{\theta^*} \frac{d\theta \sin \theta}{\cos^3 \theta} \leftarrow \text{sign from the integral is +}$$

$$= + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \right) \Big|_0^{\theta^*}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2 \cos^2 \theta^*} \right)$$

$$= \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} - R^3 \cos^3 \theta^* \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta^*} \right)$$

$$= \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} - R^3$$

$$= \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} - R^3 \cos^3 \theta^* + \frac{1}{2} R^3 \cos \theta^*$$

$$= 2\pi R^3 \left(\frac{2}{3} - \frac{\cos^3 \theta^*}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta^* \right)$$

$$V = \frac{\pi R^3}{3} \left(\cos^3 \theta^* - 3 \cos \theta^* + 2 \right)$$

So that :

$$\begin{cases} A_{ws} = \pi R^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \\ A_{aw} = 2\pi R^2 (1 - \cos \theta) \\ V = \frac{\pi R^3}{3} (\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta + 2) \end{cases}$$

Variations are given by

$$\begin{aligned} dA_{ws} &= 2\pi R (1 - \cos^2 \theta) dR + \pi R^2 (2) d\cos \theta \\ &= 2\pi R (1 - \cos^2 \theta) dR - \pi R^2 d(\cos \theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$dA_{aw} = 2\pi R \left(\int 2(1 - \cos \theta) dR \right) - R d(\cos \theta)$$

$$dU = \pi r^2 \left[dR (x^3 - 3x^2 + 2) + R (2^2 - x) \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{dR}{R} = - \frac{x^2 - x}{(x^3 - 3x^2 + 2)} dx \quad x \equiv \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x(x-1)}{(x-1)(x+2)} = - \frac{x+1}{(x-1)(x+2)} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow dA_{sw} = 2\pi R^2 \left[(1-x^2) \left(\frac{-x+1}{(x-1)(x+2)} \right) - 1 \right]$$

$$= 2\pi R^2 \left[\frac{-(1+x)(1+x)}{x+2} - x \right]$$

$$= 2\pi R^2 \left[\frac{-(x^2 + 2x + 1)}{x+2} - \frac{x(x+2)}{x+2} \right]$$

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$$\boxed{dA_w = dA_{ws} \cos \theta}$$

So that we get

$$dE = (S_{aw} \cos \theta - S_{as} + S_{ws}) dA_{ws} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\cos \theta = \frac{S_{as} - S_{ws}}{S_{aw}}}$$

in terms of the surface tensions.

Complete wetting?

→ critical point $\cos \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 0$

anytime

$$\frac{S_{as} - S_{ws}}{S_{aw}} \geq 1 \quad \text{and we have complete wetting}$$

$$c) S_0 \approx 7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ N m}^{-1}$$

e.g.)

$$\begin{aligned} S(4\pi R^2) &\approx mgR = \rho V g R \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 \rho g \end{aligned}$$

4. *Equations of state*: the equation of state constrains the form of internal energy as in the following examples.

- (a) Starting from $dE = TdS - PdV$, show that the equation of state $PV = Nk_B T$ in fact implies that E can only depend on T .
- (b) What is the most general equation of state consistent with an internal energy that depends only on temperature?
- (c) Show that for a van der Waals gas C_V is a function of temperature alone.

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a)

$$dE = T dS - P dV$$

If $S = S(T, V)$, we have:

$$dS = \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right|_V dT + \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right|_T dV$$

$$dE = T \left(\left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right|_V dT + \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right|_T dV \right) - P dV$$

$$\left. \frac{dE}{dV} \right|_T = T \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right|_T - P \quad \left(\left. \frac{dT}{dV} \right|_T = 0 \right)$$

Remember a Maxwell relation:

~~$$dS = \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} dT + \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} dV$$~~

~~$$dE = T dS - P dV$$~~

~~$$\frac{dE}{dS} = T$$~~

~~$$\frac{dE}{dV} = -P$$~~

~~$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}$$~~

~~$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial V \partial S} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial S}$$~~

~~$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial T}{\partial V} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial S}$$~~

~~$$dE = T dS - P dV$$~~

~~$$\frac{dE}{dV} = T \frac{dS}{dV} +$$~~

~~or~~

~~$$dE = T dS - P dV$$~~

~~$$\frac{dE}{dS} = T \quad \frac{dE}{dV} = -P$$~~

~~$$dE = -S dT + J$$~~

~~$$dE = -S dT - P dV$$~~

~~$$\frac{dE}{dT} = -S$$~~

~~$$\frac{dE}{dV} = -P$$~~

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

$$\left. \frac{dE}{dV} \right|_T = T \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right|_V - P$$

$$PV = nRT$$

$$T \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} = T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left(\frac{NkT}{V} \right) = P$$

$$\left| \left. \frac{dE}{dV} \right|_T = 0 \right| \rightarrow \text{depends only on temperature.}$$

b)

$$E = E(T) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial V} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{but } dE = Tds - PdV$$

$$\frac{dE}{dV} = T \frac{ds}{dV} - P$$

$$0 = T \frac{dP}{dT} - P$$

Maxwell
again

$$T \frac{dP}{dT} - P = 0$$

$$T \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} = P$$

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

$$\log P = \log T + f(V)$$

$$\boxed{P = f(V) T} \text{ is the most general equation of state.}$$

$$c) (P - a \left(\frac{N}{V}\right)^2) \cdot (V - Nb) = NkT \quad \rightarrow \quad P = \frac{NkT}{(V - Nb)} + a \left(\frac{N}{V}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial C_V}{\partial T} = \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \frac{\partial E}{\partial V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left(T \frac{dP}{dT} - P \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left(T \left(\frac{Nk}{V - Nb} \right) - \left(\frac{Nk}{V - Nb} \right) T + a \left(\frac{N}{V} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left(a \left(\frac{N}{V} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$= 0$$