

W3-8-2 Exact differential 12

Consider $dq = \left(\frac{RT}{P}\right) dp - RdT$

Is $dq \cdot \left(\frac{1}{T}\right)$ an exact differential?

$$\frac{1}{T} \cdot dq = \frac{R}{P} dP - \frac{R}{T} dT$$
$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left(\frac{R}{P}\right) T\right)_P = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial P} \left(-\frac{R}{T}\right) P\right)_T = 0$$

Now the combined differentials are equal, so $\left(\frac{1}{T}\right) dq$ is an exact differential and $\left(\frac{1}{T}\right) dq$ is a state function.