

Final Exam

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1. Carnot cycle: Two identical bodies with temperature independent heat capacities C are initially at different temperatures T_H and T_C . A Carnot cycle is run between them (with infinitesimal steps) until they have been reduced to a common temperature T_F . [15 points]

a) Does the efficiency of this engine change over time? [5 points]

YES

b) In a Carnot cycle, the entropy change is zero per cycle as we saw in the previous exam. Find T_F in terms of T_H and T_C . The answer is not $(T_H + T_C)/2$. Consider the entropy change in the hot and cold reservoir: these have to be equal. Integrate from initial temperatures to find the solution. [5 points]

$$- \frac{dQ_H}{T_H} = \frac{dQ_C}{T_C}$$

$$- \int_{T_H}^{T_F} \frac{C_0 dT_H}{T_H} = \int_{T_C}^{T_F} \frac{C_0 dT_C}{T_C}$$

$$- \ln \frac{T_F}{T_H} = \ln \frac{T_F}{T_C}$$

$$\frac{T_H}{T_F} = \frac{T_F}{T_C}$$

$$T_F = \sqrt{T_H T_C}$$

c) Find the total work done on the outside world in this process. Is it positive or negative? [5 points]

$$W = Q_{H \text{ TOTAL}} - Q_{C \text{ TOTAL}} = C_0 (T_H - T_F) - C_0 (T_F - T_C)$$

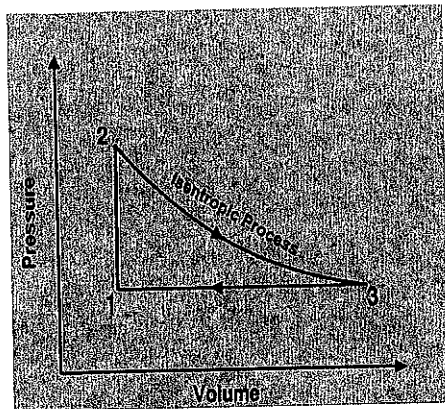
$$W = C_0 (T_H + T_C - 2T_F)$$

2 POINTS

$$T_F = \sqrt{T_H T_C}$$

POSITIVE ← GIVE 3 POINTS FOR THIS

2. Consider a Lenoir cycle as given by the figure below. We note that efficiency can be given by (Heat added)-(Heat rejected)/Heat added. Relevant temperatures are T_1 , T_2 , T_3 . (Isentropic process = reversible adiabatic process). [15 points]



(a) Calculate T_3 in terms of T_2 [5 points]

$$ds = 0$$

$$dU = W$$

$$\frac{3}{2} Nk_B dT = -pdV = -\frac{Nk_B T dV}{V}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \frac{dT}{T} = -\frac{dV}{V}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \ln \frac{T_3}{T_2} = -\ln \frac{V_3}{V_2}$$

$$\left(\frac{T_3}{T_2}\right)^{3/2} = \frac{V_2}{V_3}$$

$$T_3 = T_2 \left(\frac{V_2}{V_3}\right)^{2/3}$$

(b) When is heat being added? [2.5 points]

$$1 \rightarrow 2$$

(c) When is heat being rejected? [2.5 points]

$$3 \rightarrow 1$$

(d) Calculate efficiency in terms of T_1 , T_2 , and T_3 , as well as Nk (assume monoatomic gas is involved) [5 points] [Hint: $C_v = 3/2 Nk$, $C_p = 5/2 Nk$, $dU + pdV = \Delta H = C_p \Delta T$]

$$Q_{\text{ADDED}} = Q_{\text{ADD}} = C_v (T_2 - T_1) = \frac{3}{2} Nk_B (T_2 - T_1)$$

$$Q_{\text{SUBTRACTED}} = dU = Q - pdV$$

$$dU + pdV = Q = \Delta H$$

$$|Q| = \frac{5}{2} Nk_B (T_3 - T_1)$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{\frac{3}{2} Nk_B (T_2 - T_1) - \frac{5}{2} Nk_B (T_3 - T_1)}{\frac{3}{2} Nk_B (T_2 - T_1)}$$

$$\epsilon = 1 - \frac{5}{3} \frac{(T_3 - T_1)}{(T_2 - T_1)}$$

3. Manipulation of thermodynamic quantities [15 points]

In a weakly interacting gas of Bose particles at low temperature the expansion coefficient α and the isothermal compressibility κ_T are given by

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{1}{V} \left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right|_P = \frac{5}{4} \frac{a}{c} T^{3/2} V^2 + \frac{3}{2} \frac{b}{c} T^2 V^2$$

$$\kappa_T \equiv -\frac{1}{V} \left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right|_T = \frac{1}{2c} V^2$$

where a , b and c are constants. It is known that the pressure goes to zero in the limit of large volume and low temperature. Find the equation of state $P(T, V)$.

Hint: You may use that (dP/dT) at constant volume $= \alpha/\kappa_T$

$P(T, V)$

$$dP = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_P}_{\alpha} dT + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right)_T}_{\frac{1}{\kappa_T}} dV$$

$$\frac{1}{\kappa_T} = -\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2c} V^2} = -\frac{2c}{V^3}$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{\kappa_T} = \frac{5}{2} a T^{3/2} + 3b T^2 = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_P$$

$$dP = \left(\frac{5}{2} a T^{3/2} + 3b T^2 \right) dT + \left(-\frac{2c}{V^3} \right) dV$$

$$P = \frac{5}{2} a \frac{2}{5} T^{5/2} + \frac{3b T^3}{3} + \frac{c}{V^2} + \text{CONST}$$

CONST 0

$$P = a T^{5/2} + b T^3 + \frac{c}{V^2}$$

4. Consider a simple harmonic oscillator with energy given by $E = n\hbar\omega$, where ω is a constant given by $\sqrt{k/m}$. [15 points]

(a) Calculate its partition function. You may utilize this formula below to simplify your infinite sum. $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ar^k = \frac{a}{1-r}$ [3 points]

$$Z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-n\hbar\omega/\beta} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/\beta}}$$

(b) What is its energy at some temperature T? [3 points]

$$\langle E \rangle = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Z = -\frac{1}{\partial \beta} \left[-\ln(1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/\beta}) \right]$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega e^{-\hbar\omega/\beta}}{1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/\beta}}$$

(c) What is the meaning of $\langle n \rangle$? (Average n) It is not an occupation number. [3 points]

$$\frac{\langle E \rangle}{\hbar\omega}$$

OR AVERAGE STATE # OF S.H.O

(d) Calculate heat capacity of this simple harmonic oscillator. [3 points]

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} &= \frac{\partial E}{\partial \beta} \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial T} = -\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left(\frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/\beta} - 1} \right) \\ &= +\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT^2} \frac{\hbar\omega e^{\hbar\omega/\beta}}{(e^{\hbar\omega/\beta} - 1)^2} = \frac{\hbar^2 \omega^2 e^{\hbar\omega/\beta}}{kT^2 (e^{\hbar\omega/\beta} - 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

(e) Calculate heat capacity at high temperature ($kT \gg \hbar\omega$) [3 points]

AT HIGH $\beta \rightarrow 0$ $e^{\hbar\omega/\beta} = 1 + \hbar\omega/\beta - 1 = \hbar\omega/\beta$

$$C_V = \frac{\hbar^2 \omega^2}{kT^2} \frac{1}{\frac{\hbar^2 \omega^2}{kT^2}} = k$$

5. If a partition function for a single particle is given by Z , find out the partition function for N particles [15 points]

(a) provided that they are distinguishable particles [7.5 points]

$$Z_{\text{TOTAL}} = Z^N$$

(b) provided that they are indistinguishable particles [7.5 points]

$$Z_{\text{TOTAL}} = \frac{Z^N}{N!}$$

6. Consider a system composed of N spins in which energy levels are defined to be $-\mu B$, 0 , μB and magnetic moment is for these levels are given by μ , 0 , $-\mu$.

(a) What is the partition function? [3 points]

$$Z = 1 + e^{-\mu B/\beta} + e^{\mu B/\beta}$$

(b) What is the probability of finding a spin with magnetic moment of 0 at infinite temperature? [3 points]

AT $T = \infty$ $\beta = 0$ $Z_{\text{TOTAL}} = 3$

$$P = \frac{1}{3}$$

(c) What is the average energy for this system? [3 points]

$$\bar{E} = \frac{1}{Z} (-\mu B e^{-\mu B/\beta} + \mu B e^{\mu B/\beta})$$

$$\langle \bar{E} \rangle = \frac{\mu B}{Z} (e^{\mu B/\beta} - e^{-\mu B/\beta})$$

(d) What is the Helmholtz free energy of this system? [3 points]

$$F = -kT \ln Z$$

$$F = -kT \ln (1 + e^{-\mu B/\beta} + e^{\mu B/\beta})$$

~~(e) What is the entropy of the system? [3 points]~~

WHAT IS THE APPROACH TO CALCULATE ENTROPY?

$$\text{USE } S = \frac{\partial F}{\partial T}$$

7. Consider a system consisting of a single hydrogen atom/ion, which has two possible states: unoccupied with no electrons and occupied with one electron present. i.e. unoccupied state has zero energy with zero electrons and occupied state has energy $-I$ and has one electron in it with a chemical potential of μ . Calculate the ratio of the probability of these two states. You may use $\mu = -kT \ln(V/NV_0)$ to simplify the formula. Simplify such that there is only one exponential in the final ratio. You can assume that electrons behave like an ideal gas ($PV = NkT$). Use only P, V_0, k, T, I to express the ratio. [15 points]

$$\begin{aligned} E = 0 & \quad n = 0 \leftarrow \text{UNOCCUP} \\ E = -I & \quad n = 1 \leftarrow \text{OCCUP} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P_{UN}}{P_{OCC}} &= \frac{1}{e^{-(I-\mu)/kT}} = \frac{1}{e^{(I+\mu)/kT}} \\ &= \frac{e^{-I/kT}}{e^{\mu/kT}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu/kT = -\ln\left(\frac{V}{NV_0}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{NV_0}{V}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{PV_0}{kT}\right)$$

$$NkT = PV$$

$$\frac{NkT}{P} = V$$

$$\text{RATIO} = \frac{P_{UNOCCUPIED}}{P_{OCCUPIED}} = \boxed{\frac{kT}{PV_0} e^{-I/kT}}$$

8. Calculate the densities of states for a 1D electron gas given that the allowed k vectors are $k = (2\pi/L)m$ with m being all integers. Hints: 1. calculate the density of states in terms of k, 2. use the energy formula $(\hbar k)^2/2m$, 3. use $N = 2 \int k D(k)$ [10 points]

$$D(k) = \left(\frac{L}{2\pi}\right)$$

$$N(k) = 2 \cdot 2a \cdot \left(\frac{L}{2a}\right) = \frac{2L}{\pi} k$$

$$N = \frac{2L}{\pi} \left(\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}\right)^{1/2} \quad D\varepsilon = \frac{\partial N}{\partial \varepsilon}$$

$$D(\varepsilon) = \frac{L}{\pi} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{1/2} \varepsilon^{-1/2}$$



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