

# Lecture 10 (Videos)

## Postulate of Thermodynamics

- *Fundamental properties* are properties that cannot be explained in simpler terms:
  - By defining them we are postulating fundamental assumptions
- Fundamental properties (postulates):
  - Mass: matter exists
  - Volume: matter takes up space
  - Energy: matter moves and interacts
  - Entropy: interactions between pieces of matter lead to equilibrium
- Other properties:
  - Time is a fundamental property, but we don't care about it since we only deal with equilibrium states which are independent of time
  - All other properties can be expressed in terms of fundamental properties (including temperature and pressure)
- Four Postulates:
  - State Postulate: All isolated systems reach a state of equilibrium; the equilibrium state of a pure, simple compressible substance is completely described by its mass, volume, and internal energy
    - \*  $S = S(U, V, m)$
  - First Law: The change in energy of a closed system equals the net energy transferred to it in the form of work and heat
    - \*  $Q + W = \Delta E$
  - Second Law: The entropy of an isolated system increases until equilibrium, at which point it remains constant
    - \*  $\Delta S \geq 0$
  - Third Law: The entropy of a pure substance in equilibrium at absolute zero is zero
    - \*  $S = 0$  at  $T = 0$
- Using these fundamental properties and postulates we can develop thermodynamics as a logical system

## Defining Temperature

- $T$  can be defined in terms of fundamental properties
- Consider system  $A$  and  $B$  at different temperatures, brought together to form system  $C$ ; what is the condition for  $C$  to reach thermal equilibrium?
  - The two systems have  $m_A, V_A, m_B, V_B$  fixed, so only  $U_A, U_B$  may change
  - $S_C = S_A(U_A, V_A, m_A) + S_B(U_B, V_B, m_B) \implies dS_C = \frac{\partial S_A}{\partial U_A} dU_A + \frac{\partial S_B}{\partial U_B} dU_B$
  - At equilibrium  $dS_C = 0$  (entropy is constant)
  - $C$  is isolated so  $U_C = U_A + U_B = \text{const} \implies dU_A = -dU_B$
  - Substituting this we have  $dS_C = \left( \frac{\partial S_A}{\partial U_A} - \frac{\partial S_B}{\partial U_B} \right) dU_A = 0$
  - Therefore for thermal equilibrium we must have  $\frac{\partial S_A}{\partial U_A} = \frac{\partial S_B}{\partial U_B}$  – what does this mean?

### Definition

$$\text{Temperature } T = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial S} \right)_{m, V}$$

- The equilibrium condition becomes  $\frac{\partial S_A}{\partial U_A} = \frac{\partial S_B}{\partial U_B} \implies \frac{1}{T_A} = \frac{1}{T_B} \implies T_A = T_B$ 
  - This satisfies our understanding of temperature since the system is at thermal equilibrium when temperatures are the same

- If  $T_A > T_B$  then  $dS_C = \left(\frac{1}{T_A} - \frac{1}{T_B}\right) dU_A > 0$  must be true; to satisfy this  $dU_A < 0$ 
  - This means energy of system  $A$  decreases while energy of  $B$  increases
  - This matches our understanding since we have heat transfer from  $A$  to  $B$

## Defining Pressure

- Consider a container with two compartments  $A$  and  $B$  separated by a locked piston, initially with different pressures; when the piston is removed the system goes to equilibrium; what is the equilibrium condition?
  - $S_C = S_A(U_A, V_A, m_A) + S_B(U_B, V_B, m_B) \implies dS_C = \frac{\partial S_A}{\partial U_A} dU_A + \frac{\partial S_A}{\partial V_A} dV_A + \frac{\partial S_B}{\partial U_B} dU_B + \frac{\partial S_B}{\partial V_B} dV_B$
  - Energy and volume are constant so  $dU_A = -dU_B, dV_A = -dV_B$
  - $dS_C U = \left(\frac{\partial S_A}{\partial U_A} - \frac{\partial S_B}{\partial U_B}\right) dU_A + \left(\frac{\partial S_A}{\partial V_A} - \frac{\partial S_B}{\partial V_B}\right) dV_A = \left(\frac{1}{T_A} - \frac{1}{T_B}\right) dU_A + \left(\frac{\partial S_A}{\partial V_A} - \frac{\partial S_B}{\partial V_B}\right) dV_A$
  - For a system at equilibrium  $T_A = T_B$  so  $\frac{\partial S_A}{\partial V_A} = \frac{\partial S_B}{\partial V_B}$

### Definition

The thermodynamic pressure  $P$ , such that  $\frac{P}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_{m,U} \implies P = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_{m,U}$

- Substituting this back in we have  $dS_C = \left(\frac{1}{T_A} - \frac{1}{T_B}\right) dU_A + \left(\frac{P_A}{T_A} - \frac{P_B}{T_B}\right) dV_A$ 
  - At equilibrium we would require  $T_A = T_B, P_A = P_B$
  - If the system is not at equilibrium (assume  $T_A = T_B = T$ , but  $P_A > P_B$ ), then  $dS_C = \left(\frac{P_A}{T} - \frac{P_B}{T}\right) dV_A > 0 \implies (P_A - P_B) dV_A > 0 \implies dV_A > 0$
  - This means system  $A$ , at higher pressure, expands while system  $B$  contracts, which matches our understanding of pressure

## Calculating Entropy Changes

- In terms of intensive properties  $\frac{1}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial u}\right)_v, \frac{P}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial v}\right)_u$
- $s = s(u, v) \implies ds = \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial u}\right)_v du + \frac{\partial s}{\partial v} u dv = \frac{1}{T} du + \frac{P}{T} dv$

### Important

The Gibbs Equation:  $ds = \frac{1}{T} du + \frac{P}{T} dv$

Alternative form:  $ds = \frac{dh}{T} - \frac{v}{T} dP$

- This gives us the change in entropy as a function of things we can easily measure
- For an incompressible substance,  $dv = 0 \implies ds = \frac{1}{T} du$  and  $c_p = c_v = c$  and  $du = c(T) dT$ , so
$$ds = c(T) \frac{dT}{T}$$
  - $\Delta s = s_2 - s_1 = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} c(T) \frac{dT}{T}$

- $\Delta s = c_{avg} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1}$
- Notice  $\Delta s = c_{avg}(\ln T_2 - \ln T_1)$ , compare to  $\Delta u = c_{avg}(T_2 - T_1)$
- For an ideal gas  $du = c_v(T)dT$  and  $\frac{P}{T} = \frac{R}{v} \implies ds = \frac{c_v(T)}{T}dT + R\frac{dv}{v}$ 
  - $\Delta s = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} c_v(T)\frac{dT}{T} + \int_{v_1}^{v_2} R\frac{dv}{v}$
  - Assume constant  $c_v$ , then  $\Delta s = c_v \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{v_2}{v_1}$
  - This gives  $\Delta s = \Delta s(T, v)$
  - From the ideal gas equation  $\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 v_2}{P_1 v_1}$  so  $\Delta s = c_v \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1} + (c_v + R) \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1}$
  - This gives  $\Delta s = \Delta s(P, v) = c_v \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1} + c_p \ln \frac{v_2}{v_1}$
  - For  $\Delta s(P, T)$ :  $Tds = du + Pdv$ ,  $h = u + Pv \implies dh = du + Pdv + vdP \implies du + Pdv = dh - vdP \implies Tds = dh - vdP$ 
    - \* Alternative form of the Gibbs equation:  $ds + \frac{dh}{T} - \frac{v}{T}dP$
  - For an ideal gas  $dh = c_p(T)dT$  and  $\frac{v}{T} = \frac{R}{P}$  so  $ds = \frac{c_p(T)}{T}dT - R\frac{dP}{P}$ 
    - \*  $\Delta s(P, T) = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1}$

### Summary

For constant specific heat, for an ideal gas:

- $\Delta s(T, v) = c_v \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{v_2}{v_1}$
- $\Delta s(P, v) = c_v \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1} + c_p \ln \frac{v_2}{v_1}$
- $\Delta s(P, T) = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1}$

For an incompressible substance,  $\Delta s = c_{avg} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1}$

- For variable specific heat, consider  $\int_{T_1}^{T_2} c_p(T)\frac{dT}{T} = \int_{T_{ref}}^{T_2} c_p(T)\frac{dT}{T} - \int_{T_{ref}}^{T_1} c_p(T)\frac{dT}{T}$
- Define  $s^0(T_0) = \int_{T_{ref}}^{T_0} c_p(T)\frac{dT}{T}$ , so that we can instead use  $s^0(T_2) - s^0(T_1)$  instead of  $c_v \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1}$  whenever specific heat is nonconstant
  - Air tables list these values of  $s^0$
  - Usually  $s^0 = 0$  at  $T_{ref} = 0K$

### Important

When  $c_p$  is nonconstant, instead of  $c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1}$ , use  $s^0(T_2) - s^0(T_1)$