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Chapter 1

## Basic Concepts of Thermodynamics

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## Chapter 2

# Heat and Temperature

### SOLVED PROBLEMS

**Problem: 2.1-** A cylinder contains 3 *mol* of helium gas at a temperature of 300 *K*. If the gas is heated at constant volume, how much energy must be transferred by heat to the gas for its temperature to increase to 500 *K*. How much energy must be transferred by heat to the gas at constant pressure to raise the temperature to 500 *K*.

**Solution**

$$C_v = 12.5 \text{ Jmol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$$

$$n = 3 \text{ mol}$$

$$C_p = 20.8 \text{ Jmol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$$

$$T_1 = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = 500 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta T = T_2 - T_1$$

$$\Delta T = 500 - 300 = 200 \text{ K}$$

For the constant volume process,

$$Q = nC_v\Delta T$$

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$$Q = 3 \times 12.5 \times 200$$

$$Q = 7500 \text{ J}$$

For the constant pressure process,

$$Q = nC_p\Delta T$$

$$Q = 3 \times 20.8 \times 200$$

$$Q = 12500 \text{ J}$$

**Problem: 2.2-** A fighter fires a silver bullet with a muzzle speed of  $200 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  into the pine wall of a saloon. Assume that all the internal energy generated by the impact remains with the bullet. Calculate the temperature change of the bullet.

**Solution**

$$\text{Velocity} = v = 200 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Temperature difference} = \Delta T = ?$$

Since, we know that

$$Q = mc\Delta T$$

$$\Delta T = \frac{Q}{mc}$$

$$\Delta T = \frac{\frac{1}{2}mv^2}{mc}$$

$$\Delta T = \frac{v^2}{2c}$$

$$\Delta T = \frac{(200)^2}{234}$$

$$\Delta T = \frac{40000}{234}$$

$$\Delta T = 85.5^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\therefore Q = K.E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

**Problem: 2.3-** A small electric immersion heater is used to boil 136 g of water for a cup of instant coffee. The heater is labeled 220 W. Calculate the time required to bring this water from 23.5°C to the boiling point, ignoring any heat losses.

**Solution**

$$m = 136 \text{ g} = \frac{136}{1000} \text{ kg}$$

$$m = 0.136 \text{ kg}$$

$$c = 4190 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$T_2 = 100^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T_1 = 23.5^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\Delta T = T_2 - T_1 = (100 - 23.5) = 76.5^\circ\text{C}$$

$$P = 220 \text{ W}$$

The heat required to boil the water is

$$Q = mc\Delta T$$

But we have to determine the time required to boil the water, so replace  $Q$  by  $Pt$ . So,

$P = \frac{Q}{t}$ , we get

$$Pt = mc\Delta T$$

$$t = \frac{mc\Delta T}{P}$$

$$t = \frac{0.136 \times 4190 \times 76.5}{220}$$

$$t = 198 \text{ s}$$

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**Problem: 2.4-** How much water remains unfrozen after 50.4  $kJ$  of heat have been extracted from 258  $g$  of liquid water initially at  $0^{\circ}C$ .

**Solution**

$$\text{Latent heat of fusion} = L_f = 333 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Heat} = Q = 50.4 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\text{Mass} = m = 258 \text{ g} = 0.258 \text{ kg}$$

If  $m_f$  is the frozen mass of water than it can be determine from the relation between mass  $m_f$  and heat  $Q$  is

$$Q = L_f m_f$$

$$m_f = \frac{Q}{L_f}$$

$$m_f = \frac{50.4}{333}$$

$$m_f = 0.151 \text{ kg}$$

Now, if  $m_f$  is the frozen mass and  $m_{uf}$  is the unfrozen mass, then

$$m = m_f + m_{uf}$$

$$m_{uf} = m - m_f$$

$$m_{uf} = 0.258 - 0.151$$

$$m_{uf} = 0.107 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_{uf} = 0.107 \times 1000 \text{ g} = 107 \text{ g}$$



**Problem: 2.5-** In a certain solar house, energy from the sun is stored in barrels filled with water. In a particular winter stretch of five cloudy days,  $5.22 \text{ GJ}$  are needed to maintain the inside of the house at  $22 \text{ K}$ . Assuming that the water in the barrels is at  $50 \text{ K}$ . Calculate the volume of water, which is required

**Solution**

$$\text{Heat} = Q = 5.22 \text{ GJ}$$

$$\text{Heat} = Q = 5.22 \times 10^9 \text{ J}$$

$$\text{Density} = \rho = 1000 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{Specific heat of water} = c = 4190 \text{ Jkg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Initial temperature} = T_1 = 22 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{Final temperature} = T_2 = 50 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{Temperature difference} = \Delta T = T_2 - T_1$$

$$\text{Temperature difference} = \Delta T = 50 - 22 = 28 \text{ K}$$

The heat required to boil the water is

$$Q = mc\Delta T$$

$$Q = \rho V c \Delta T$$

$$\therefore \rho = \frac{m}{V}$$

$$V = \frac{Q}{\rho c \Delta T}$$

$$V = \frac{5.22 \times 10^9}{1000 \times 4190 \times 28}$$

$$V = 44.5 \text{ m}^3$$

## Chapter 3

# Laws and Functions of Thermodynamics

## SOLVED PROBLEMS

**Problem: 3.1-** The boiling point of water is  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  at a pressure of  $76\text{cm}$  of mercury. Find boiling point of water at a pressure of  $75\text{cm}$  of mercury. The latent heat of steam at  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  is  $537\text{ cal g}^{-1}$  and specific volume is  $1671\text{ cm}^3\text{g}^{-1}$ .

### **Solution**

$$\text{Molecular weight of H}_2\text{O} = 18\text{g/mol} = 18\text{gmol}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Temperature} = T = 100^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$\text{Temperature} = T = 100 + 273\text{ K} = 373\text{ K}$$

$$\text{Latent heat of steam} = L = 537\text{ cal g}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Latent heat of steam} = L = 537 \times 18 \times 4.2 \times 10^7\text{ erg g}^{-1}\text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore 1\text{ cal g}^{-1} = 4.2 \times 10^7\text{ erg g}^{-1}.$$

$$dP = 75 - 76 = -1\text{ cm of Hg}$$

$$dP = -1 \times 13.6 \times 981\text{ dynes cm}^{-2}$$

$$v_2 - v_1 = (1671 - 1) \times 18 = 1670 \times 18\text{ cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$dT = ?$$

Now, using the relation,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dP}{dT} &= \frac{L}{T(v_2 - v_1)} \\ \frac{dT}{dP} &= \frac{T(v_2 - v_1)}{L} \\ dT &= T(v_2 - v_1) \frac{dP}{L} \\ dT &= \frac{373 \times 1670 \times 18 \times (-1 \times 13.6 \times 981)}{537 \times 18 \times 4.2 \times 10^7} \\ dT &= -0.37^\circ C\end{aligned}$$

Hence required boiling point:

$$\begin{aligned}&= 100 - 0.37 \\ &= 99.63^\circ C\end{aligned}$$

**Problem: 3.2-** Show that for a van der Waal gas,

$$C_P - C_V = R \left( 1 + \frac{2a}{VRT} \right)$$

**Solution**

Van der Waal equation of state for one mole is

$$P + \frac{a}{V^2} = \frac{RT}{V - b}$$

Differentiating w.r.t.  $T$  at constant volume and pressure, we get

$$\left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_V = \frac{R}{V - b}$$

And,

$$-\frac{2a}{V^3} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P = \frac{-RT}{(V - b)^2} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P + \frac{R}{(V - b)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{RT}{(V-b)^2} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P - \frac{2a}{V^3} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P &= \frac{R}{(V-b)} \\ \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P \left[ \frac{RT}{(V-b)^2} - \frac{2a}{V^3} \right] &= \frac{R}{(V-b)} \\ \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P &= \frac{\frac{R}{(V-b)}}{\left[ \frac{RT}{(V-b)^2} - \frac{2a}{V^3} \right]} \end{aligned}$$

Using above values in equation  $C_P - C_V = T \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_V \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} C_P - C_V &= T \frac{R}{(V-b)} \frac{\frac{R}{(V-b)}}{\left[ \frac{RT}{(V-b)^2} - \frac{2a}{V^3} \right]} \\ C_P - C_V &= T \frac{\left( \frac{R}{V-b} \right)^2}{\left[ \frac{RT}{(V-b)^2} - \frac{2a}{V^3} \right]} \\ C_P - C_V &= \frac{R}{1 - \frac{2a}{V^3} \left( \frac{(V-b)^2}{RT} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b$  is small quantity, so  $V - b = V$ , we get

$$C_P - C_V = \frac{R}{1 - \frac{2a}{V^3} \left( \frac{(V-b)^2}{RT} \right)}$$

$$C_P - C_V = \frac{R}{1 - \frac{2a}{V^3} \left( \frac{(V)^2}{RT} \right)}$$

$$C_P - C_V = \frac{R}{1 - \frac{2a}{VRT}}$$

$$C_P - C_V = R \left( 1 - \frac{2a}{VRT} \right)^{-1}$$

Expanding by binomial expansion and neglecting square and higher powers of  $\frac{2a}{VRT}$ , we get

$$C_P - C_V = R \left( 1 + \frac{2a}{VRT} \right)$$

**Problem: 3.3-** Calculate pressure required to make ice freeze at 272 K.

**Solution**

$$\text{Latent heat} = L = 79.6 \times 4.2 \times 10^7 \text{ erg } g^{-1}$$

$$\text{Temperature difference} = dT = 273 - 272 = 1 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{volume of 1 g of water at } 273K = v_1 = 1 \text{ cc}$$

$$\text{volume of 1 g of ice at } 273K = v_2 = 1.091 \text{ cc}$$

$$T = 272 \text{ K}$$

$$dP = ?$$

Now, using the relation,

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{L}{T(v_2 - v_1)}$$

$$dP = \frac{L}{T(v_2 - v_1)} dT$$

$$dP = \frac{LdT}{T(v_2 - v_1)}$$

$$dP = \frac{79.6 \times 4.2 \times 10^7 \times 1}{272(1.091 - 1.000)}$$

$$dP = 132.8 \text{ atm}$$

**Problem: 3.4-** Find the change in vapor pressure of water as boiling point changes from 100°C to 110°C. Latent heat of steam is 540 kcal kg<sup>-1</sup> and specific volume of steam is 1.671 m<sup>3</sup> kg<sup>-1</sup>.

**Solution**

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{L}{T(v_2 - v_1)}$$

$$dP = \frac{L}{T(v_2 - v_1)} dT$$

$$dP = \frac{540 \times 4.2 \times 10^3}{373 \times (1.671 - 0.001)} dT$$

$$dP = 3.64 \times 10^3 dT \text{ Pa}$$

$$\int_{P_1}^{P_2} dP = 3.64 \times 10^3 \int_{T_1}^{T_2} dT \text{ Pa}$$

$$P_2 - P_1 = 3.64 \times 10^3 (T_2 - T_1) \text{ Pa}$$

$$P_2 - P_1 = 3.64 \times 10^3 (110 - 100) \text{ Pa}$$

$$P_2 - P_1 = 3.64 \times 10^3 \times 10 \text{ Pa}$$

$$P_2 - P_1 = 3.64 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$$

**Problem: 3.5-** A Carnot engine having 100g water steam as working substance has at beginning of stroke volume  $100\text{cm}^3$  and pressure  $788\text{mm}$ , boiling point  $101^\circ\text{C}$ . After a complete isothermal change from water into steam, the volume is  $16.7404 \times 10^4\text{cm}^3$  and pressure is then lowered adiabatically to  $733.7\text{mm}$ , boiling point  $99^\circ\text{C}$ . If engine is working between  $99^\circ\text{C}$  and  $101^\circ\text{C}$ , find latent heat of steam.

**Solution**

$$T_2 = 101 \text{ K}$$

$$T_1 = 99 \text{ K}$$

$$v_2 = 167404 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cc}$$

$$v_1 = 104 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cc}$$

$$P_2 = 788 \text{ mm}$$

$$P_1 = 733.7 \text{ mm}$$

Since, we know that:

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{L}{T(v_2 - v_1)}$$

$$L = T(v_2 - v_1) \frac{dP}{dT}$$

$$L = \left( \frac{1011 + 99}{2} + 273 \right) \times (167404 - 104) \times 10^{-2} \times \frac{(788 - 733.7) \times 13.6 \times 981}{101 - 99}$$

$$L = \frac{5.43 \times 13.6 \times 981 \times 373 \times 1673}{2} \text{ erg } g^{-1}$$

$$L = \frac{5.43 \times 13.6 \times 981 \times 373 \times 1673}{2 \times 4.2 \times 10^7} \text{ cal } g^{-1}$$

$$L = 538.3 \text{ cal } g^{-1}$$

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## Chapter 4

# Entropy and 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics

## SOLVED PROBLEMS

**Problem: 4.1-** The turbine in a steam power plant takes steam from a boiler at  $520^{\circ}\text{C}$  and exhausts it into a condenser at  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$ . What is its maximum possible efficiency?

**Solution**

$$T_H = 520^{\circ}\text{C} = 520 + 273 \text{ K} = 793 \text{ K}$$

$$T_L = 100^{\circ}\text{C} = 100 + 273 \text{ K} = 373 \text{ K}$$

$$\eta = ?$$

The maximum possible efficiency of an engine operating between two temperatures  $T_H$  and  $T_L$ , can be determine from the relation

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H}$$

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{373}{793}$$



$$\eta = \frac{793 - 373}{793}$$

$$\eta = \frac{420}{793}$$

$$\eta = 0.529$$

$$\eta = 0.529 \times 100$$

$$\eta = 53\%$$

**Problem: 4.2-** An ideal gas undergoes a reversible isothermal expansion at  $132^\circ\text{C}$ . The entropy of the gas increases by  $46.2 \text{ JK}^{-1}$ . How much heat was absorbed?

### Solution

The entropy of the system is given by

$$dS = \frac{dQ}{T}$$

Integrating, we get

$$\int_{S_i}^{S_f} dS = \int \frac{dQ}{T}$$

$$S_f - S_i = \int \frac{dQ}{T}$$

We are given that the expansion is isothermal and reversible, that is the temperature remains constant, therefore we bring out the temperature  $T$  of the integral. Thus we rewrite above equation as:

$$S_f - S_i = \frac{1}{T} \int dQ$$

$$S_f - S_i = \frac{1}{T} \Delta Q$$

$$\Delta S = \frac{\Delta Q}{T}$$

$$\Delta Q = T \Delta S$$

Given that

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$$T = 132^{\circ}\text{C} = 132 + 273 \text{ K}$$

$$T = 405 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta S = 46.2 \text{ JK}^{-1}$$

So,

$$\Delta Q = 405 \times 46.2$$

$$\Delta Q = 18.7 \times 10^3 \text{ J}$$

$$\Delta Q = 18.7 \text{ kJ}$$

So, the absorbed heat is 18.7 kJ.

**Problem: 4.3-** A Carnot engine has an efficiency of 22 %. It operates between heat reservoirs differing in temperature by 75 K. Find the temperatures of the reservoirs.

**Solution**

$$\eta = 22 \% = 0.22$$

$$\Delta T = T_H - T_L = 75 \text{ K}$$

$$T_H = ?$$

$$T_L = ?$$

The efficiency of a Carnot engine is given data:

$$\eta = \frac{T_H - T_L}{T_H}$$

$$T_H = \frac{T_H - T_L}{\eta}$$

$$T_H = \frac{75}{0.22}$$

$$T_H = 341 \text{ K}$$

And,

$$T_H - T_L = 75$$

$$341 - T_L = 75$$

$$T_L = 341 - 75$$

$$T_L = 266 \text{ K}$$

**Problem: 4.4-** An air conditioner operating between  $93^\circ F$  and  $70^\circ F$  is rated at  $\frac{4000}{2545} \text{ hp}$  cooling capacity. Its coefficient of performance is 0.27 of that of Carnot refrigerator operating between same two temperatures. What is required  $hp$  of air conditioner motor?

### Solution

$$\text{Rate of heat cooling} = \frac{dQ_2}{dt} = \frac{4000}{2545} \text{ hp}$$

$$\text{Temperature of LTR} = T_2 = 70^\circ F$$

$$\text{Temperature of HTR} = T_1 = 93^\circ F$$

As, we know that

$$W = \frac{Q_2}{K}$$

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{K} \frac{dQ_2}{dt}$$

$$P = \frac{1}{K} \frac{dQ_2}{dt}$$

$$P = \frac{1}{0.27 \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1 - T_2} \right)} \frac{dQ_2}{dt}$$

$$P = \frac{(T_1 - T_2) dQ_2}{0.27 T_2 dt}$$

$$P = \frac{(93 - 70) 4000}{0.27 \times 70 \times 2545}$$

$$P = 0.25 \text{ hp}$$

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**Problem: 4.5-** To make some ice, a freezer extracts  $185\text{ J}$  of heat at  $-12^\circ\text{C}$ . The freezer has a coefficient of performance of  $5.70$ . The room temperature is  $26^\circ\text{C}$ . How much heat was delivered to the room and how much work was required to run the freezer.

**Solution**

$$K = 5.70$$

$$|Q_L| = 185\text{ J}$$

$$|Q_H| = ?$$

$$|W| = ?$$

The coefficient of performance of a refrigerator is

$$K = \frac{|Q_L|}{|Q_H| - |Q_L|}$$

We want to determine  $|Q_H|$ , so we rewrite above equation as:

$$|Q_H| - |Q_L| = \frac{|Q_L|}{K}$$

$$|Q_H| = \frac{|Q_L|}{K} + |Q_L|$$

$$|Q_H| = \frac{185}{5.70} + 185$$

$$|Q_H| = 217.5\text{ J}$$

So, heat delivered to the room is  $217.5\text{ J}$ . Now, the required work is:

$$|W| = |Q_H| - |Q_L|$$

$$|W| = 217.5 - 185$$

$$|W| = 32.5\text{ J}$$

So, the work is  $32.5\text{ J}$ .

## Chapter 5

# Thermoelectricity

### SOLVED PROBLEMS

**Problem: 5.1-** The magnitude of the average electric field normally present in the earth's atmosphere just above the surface of earth is about  $150 \text{ NC}^{-1}$  directed downward. What is total net surface charge of the earth. Assume earth to be a conductor with a uniform surface charge density.

**Solution**

$$\text{Surface area of earth} = 4\pi R^2$$

$$E = 150 \text{ NC}^{-1}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ N}^{-1}\text{m}^{-2}\text{C}^2$$

$$R = 6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$q = ?$$

Since, we know that

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\sigma = \epsilon_0 E$$

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$$\sigma = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 150$$

$$\sigma = 1.33 \times 10^{-9} \text{ NC}^{-1}$$

So,

$$q = \sigma \times 4\pi R^2$$

$$q = 1.33 \times 10^{-9} \times 4 \times 3.14 \times (6.4 \times 10^6)^2$$

$$q = 680000 \text{ C}$$

Since, electric field point towards surface of earth. So, surface charge of earth is negative, therefore

$$q = -680000 \text{ C}$$

**Problem: 5.2-** The plates of a parallel plate capacitor are separated by a distance of  $10^{-3} \text{ m}$ . What must be plate area, if capacitance is to be  $1 \text{ F}$ .

**Solution**

$$d = 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ C}^2$$

$$C = 1 \text{ F}$$

$$A = ?$$

Since, we know that

$$C = \epsilon_0 \frac{A}{d}$$

$$A = \frac{Cd}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$A = \frac{1 \times 10^{-3}}{8.85 \times 10^{-12}}$$

$$A = 1.1 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^2$$

**Problem: 5.3-** An ideal gas undergoes a reversible isothermal expansion at  $132^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The entropy of the gas increases by  $46.2 \text{ JK}^{-1}$ . How much heat was absorbed?

### Solution

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$$\Delta Q = 18.7 \text{ kJ}$$

So, the absorbed heat is  $18.7 \text{ kJ}$ .

**Problem: 5.4-** The magnitude of magnetic field  $0.88 \text{ m}$  from the axis of a long straight wire is  $7.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}$ . Calculate current in wire.

**Solution**

$$B = 7.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}$$

$$r = 0.88 \text{ m}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Web m}^{-1}$$

$$I = ?$$

Since, we know that

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

$$I = \frac{B \times 2\pi r}{\mu_0}$$

$$I = \frac{7.3 \times 10^{-6} \times 2\pi \times 0.88}{4\pi \times 10^{-7}}$$

$$I = \frac{7.3 \times 0.88 \times 10}{2}$$

$$I = 32 \text{ A}$$

**Problem: 5.5-** A generator with an adjustable frequency of oscillations is wired in series to an inductor  $L$  of  $2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ H}$  and a capacitance of  $3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}$ . At what frequency does the generator produce the largest possible current amplitude in the circuit.

**Solution**

$$L = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ H}$$

$$C = 3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}$$

$$f = ?$$



Since, we know that

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2 \times 3.14\sqrt{2.5 \times 10^{-3} \times 3 \times 10^{-6}}}$$

$$f = 1.84 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz}$$

$$f = 1.84 \text{ kHz}$$

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## Chapter 6

# Statistical Mechanics

### SOLVED PROBLEMS

**Problem: 6.1-** Find the temperature at which atoms of helium gas have same  $v_{\text{rms}}$  as the molecules of hydrogen gas at 299 K.

#### **Solution**

Let  $m_{\text{He}}$  be mass of helium atom and  $m_{\text{H}}$  be mass of hydrogen molecule, then

$$\frac{m_{\text{He}}}{m_{\text{H}}} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

Temperature of molecules of hydrogen gas =  $T_{\text{H}} = 299 \text{ K}$

Temperature of molecules of helium gas =  $T_{\text{He}} = ?$

Since we know that the root mean square velocity is

$$v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{3k_{\text{B}}T}{m}}$$

Since, hydrogen and helium has same root means square velocity. So,

$$\sqrt{\frac{3k_{\text{B}}T_{\text{He}}}{m_{\text{He}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{3k_{\text{B}}T_{\text{H}}}{m_{\text{H}}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3k_B T_{He}}{m_{He}} &= \frac{3k_B T_H}{m_H} \\ \frac{T_{He}}{m_{He}} &= \frac{T_H}{m_H} \\ T_{He} &= \frac{T_H}{m_H} m_{He} \\ T_{He} &= \frac{m_{He}}{m_H} T_H \\ T_{He} &= 2 \times 299 \\ T_{He} &= 598 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem: 6.2-** The temperature in outer space is  $2.7\text{K}$ . Find root mean square speed of hydrogen molecules at this temperature.

**Solution**

$$\text{Temperature} = T = 2.7 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{Molar mass} = M = 2.02 \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 2.02 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg mol}^{-1}$$

$$\text{General gas constant} = R = 8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Root mean square speed} = v_{\text{rms}} = ?$$

Using the relation for the root mean square speed

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\text{rms}} &= \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}} \\ v_{\text{rms}} &= \sqrt{\frac{3 \times 8.314 \times 2.7}{2.02 \times 10^{-3}}} \\ v_{\text{rms}} &= \sqrt{\frac{67.311}{2.02 \times 10^{-3}}} \\ v_{\text{rms}} &= \sqrt{33.32 \times 10^3} \\ v_{\text{rms}} &= 180 \text{ m s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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**Problem: 6.3-** Find average translational kinetic energies of one molecule and one mole of hydrogen gas at room temperature.

**Solution**

$$\text{Temperature} = T = 27^\circ\text{C} = 27 + 273 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{Temperature} = T = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{Boltzmann constant} = k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$$

$$\text{General gas constant} = R = 8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Translational kinetic energy} = K.E_{\text{trans.}} = ?$$

For one molecule of hydrogen gas,

$$K.E_{\text{trans.}} = \frac{3}{2} k_B T$$

$$K.E_{\text{trans.}} = \frac{3}{2} \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 300$$

$$K.E_{\text{trans.}} = \frac{1242}{2} \times 10^{-23}$$

$$K.E_{\text{trans.}} = 621 \times 10^{-23}$$

$$K.E_{\text{trans.}} = 6.21 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J}$$

For one mole of hydrogen gas,

$$K.E_{\text{trans.}} = \frac{3}{2} N_A k_B T$$

$$K.E_{\text{trans.}} = \frac{3}{2} RT$$

$$K.E_{\text{trans.}} = \frac{3}{2} \times 8.314 \times 300$$

$$K.E_{\text{trans.}} = \frac{7482.6}{2}$$

$$K.E_{\text{trans.}} = 3741.3 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$

**Problem: 6.4-** Calculate the volume occupied by 1.00 mol of an ideal gas at *STP*. And also show that the number of molecules per cubic centimeter under standard conditions is  $2.68 \times 10^{19}$ .

### Solution

$$\text{Pressure} = P = 1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^{-2} = 1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\text{Temperature} = T = 0^\circ\text{C} = 0 + 273 \text{ K} = 273 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{General gas constant} = R = 8.314 \text{ Jmol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Volume} = V = ?$$

From the ideal gas equation

$$PV = nRT$$

$$PV = RT$$

$\therefore$  For one mole ( $n = 1$ )

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

$$V = \frac{8.314 \times 273}{1.01 \times 10^5}$$

$$V = 2246 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$$

$$V = 0.02246 = 0.0225 \text{ m}^3$$

**Problem: 6.5-** Oxygen at pressures much greater than 1 atm is toxic to lung cells. Assume that a deep sea diver breathes a mixture of oxygen and helium. By weight, what ratio of helium to oxygen must be used if the diver is at an ocean depth of 50 m.

### Solution

The pressure of the gas in the lungs of the sea diver must be the same as the absolute pressure of the water at depth of 50 m. So,

$$P_o = 1 \text{ atm} = 1.03 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\rho = 1.03 \times 10^3 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$$

$$g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

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$$h = 50 \text{ m}$$

$$P = ?$$

Since, we know that

$$P = P_o + \rho gh$$

$$P = 1.03 \times 10^5 + 1.03 \times 10^3 \times 9.8 \times 50$$

$$P = 1.03 \times 10^5 + 5.05 \times 10^5$$

$$P = (1.03 + 5.05) \times 10^5$$

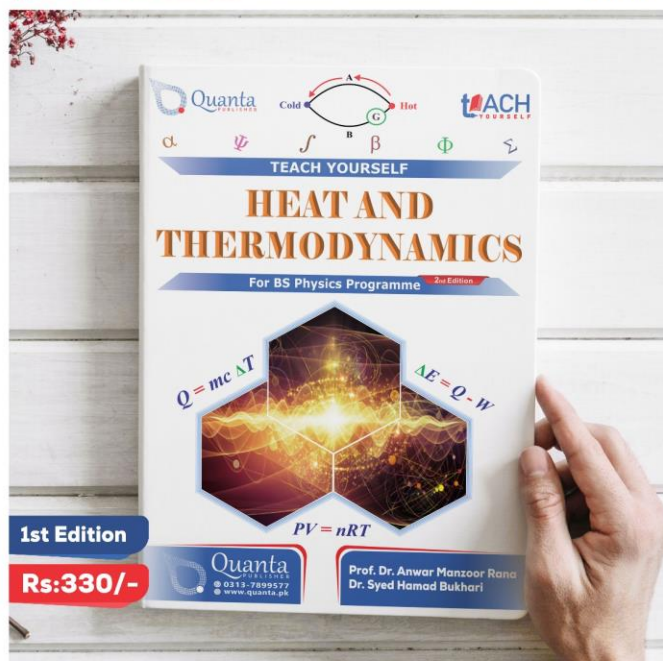
$$P = 6.08 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$P = \frac{6.08 \times 10^5}{1.03 \times 10^5} \text{ atm}$$

$$P = 6 \text{ atm}$$

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