

**Formula Sheet Based on *Finn's Thermal Physics, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.*, by Rex**  
(When quoting a formula from this sheet write down **the** formula **and** its number)

**1. TEMPERATURE**

$$PV = nRT = Nk_B T \quad (1.1)$$

$$T(\text{K}) \equiv 273.16 \lim_{P_{\text{TP}} \rightarrow 0} \frac{P}{P_{\text{TP}}} \quad (1.2)$$

$$t(^{\circ}\text{C}) \equiv T(\text{K}) - 273.15 \quad (1.3)$$

**2. REVERSIBLE PROCESSES AND WORK**

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{1}{L} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial T} \right)_P \quad ; \quad \beta \equiv \frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P \quad (2.1)$$

$$B_T \equiv -V \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right)_T \equiv \frac{1}{\kappa_T} \quad ; \quad Y \equiv \frac{L}{A} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial L} \right)_T \quad (2.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} dW &= -PdV \quad (\text{if reversible process } \dots) \\ &= Fdx \\ &= \Gamma dA \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

**3. FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS**

$$\Delta U = Q + W \quad ; \quad dU = dQ + dW \quad (3.1)$$

$$C \equiv \lim_{\Delta T \rightarrow 0} \frac{Q}{\Delta T} = \frac{dQ}{dT} \quad (3.2)$$

$$c = \frac{1}{m} \frac{dQ}{dT} \quad (3.3)$$

$$H \equiv U + PV \quad (3.4)$$

$$C_V = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_V \quad ; \quad C_P = \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial T} \right)_P \quad ; \quad \gamma \equiv \frac{C_P}{C_V} \quad (3.5)$$

$$L \equiv \frac{Q}{m} \quad (3.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} m \overline{v^2} &= \frac{3}{2} k_B T \quad (\text{if ideal gas } \dots) \\ C_P &= C_V + nR \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

$$PV^\gamma = \text{constant} \quad (\text{for adiabat } \dots)$$

$$\mu_J \equiv \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial V} \right)_U \quad ; \quad \mu_{JK} \equiv \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial P} \right)_H \quad (3.8)$$

$$(P + n^2 a / V^2)(V - nb) = nRT \quad (3.9)$$

**4. SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS**

$$\eta \equiv \frac{W}{Q_1} = 1 - \frac{Q_2}{Q_1} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\eta_c \equiv 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1} \quad (4.2)$$

$$COP^R \equiv \frac{Q_2}{W} \quad ; \quad COP^{HP} \equiv \frac{Q_1}{W} \quad (4.3)$$

$$\eta = 1 - \left( \frac{V_2}{V_1} \right)^{\gamma-1} \quad (\text{if ideal gas}) \quad (4.4)$$

**5. ENTROPY**

$$\oint \frac{dQ}{T_0} \leq 0 \quad (5.1)$$

$$\oint \frac{dQ_R}{T} = 0 \quad (\text{if reversible cycle}) \Rightarrow dS \equiv \frac{dQ_R}{T} \quad (5.2)$$

$$dS \geq \frac{dQ}{T_0} \quad (5.3)$$

$$dU = TdS - PdV \quad (\text{if work is compressive only}) \quad (5.4)$$

**6. INTRO TO STATISTICAL MECHANICS**

$$\Omega(N, n) = {}^N C_n = \binom{N}{n} = \frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!} \quad (6.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{\text{tot}}(N, q) &= q^N \quad (\text{if } N \text{ distinguishable particles}) \\ \Omega_{\text{tot}}(N, q) &= \frac{(q + N - 1)!}{N!(q - 1)!} \quad (\text{if } N \text{ indistinguishable particles}) \end{aligned} \quad (6.2)$$

$$S \equiv k_B \ln \Omega \quad (6.3)$$

$$Z(T) \equiv \sum_i g_i e^{-E_i / k_B T} \quad ; \quad P(E_i) = \frac{1}{Z(T)} g_i e^{-E_i / k_B T} \quad (6.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_x, v_y, v_z) &= \left( \frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} e^{-mv^2 / 2k_B T} \quad (\text{if ideal gas } \dots) \\ f(v) &= \left( \frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} 4\pi v^2 e^{-mv^2 / 2k_B T} \\ f(E) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} (k_B T)^{-3/2} E^{1/2} e^{-E / k_B T} \end{aligned} \quad (6.5)$$

**7. MORE ON THERMODYNAMIC POTENTIALS**

$$F \equiv U - TS \quad (7.1)$$

$$G \equiv H - TS \quad (7.2)$$

**8. GENERAL THERMODYNAMIC RELATIONS**

$$C_p = C_v + T\beta^2 B_T V \quad (8.1)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_T = T\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V - P \quad (\text{if only work is compressive}) \quad (8.2)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial P}\right)_T = -\left[T\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P + P\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P}\right)_T\right] \quad \downarrow$$

$$\frac{C_p}{C_v} = \frac{\kappa_T}{\kappa_S} \quad (8.3)$$

$$\mu_J = \frac{1}{C_v} \left[ P - T\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V \right] \quad (8.4)$$

$$\mu_{JK} = \frac{1}{C_p} \left[ T\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P - V \right] \quad (8.5)$$

**9. MAGNETIC SYSTEMS**

$$\chi_m = \frac{C}{T} \quad (\text{high temp approximation}) \quad (9.1)$$

$$\chi_m = \frac{C}{T - T_0} \quad (9.2)$$

$$dU = dQ - PdV + B_0 dM' \quad (9.3)$$

**10. PHASE CHANGES**

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{S_2 - S_1}{V_2 - V_1} = \frac{L}{T(V_2 - V_1)} \quad (10.1)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{C_{p1} - C_{p2}}{TV(\beta_1 - \beta_2)} = \frac{\beta_2 - \beta_1}{\kappa_2 - \kappa_1} \quad (10.2)$$

**11. OPEN SYSTEMS**

$$dU = TdS - PdV + \mu dN \quad (11.1)$$

$$\mu \equiv \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial N}\right)_{S,V} = \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial N}\right)_{V,T} = \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial N}\right)_{T,P} \quad (11.2)$$

$$= \frac{G}{N} \quad (\text{if only one type of particle present})$$

**APPENDIX A. SOME PHYSICAL CONSTANTS**

$$R = 8.314 \text{ J/(K mol)}$$

$$N_A = 6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$k_B \equiv 1.380649 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$$

$$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K}^4)$$

$$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$

$$e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$c \equiv 299792458 \text{ m/s}$$

$$g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\mu_0 \equiv 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ NA}^{-2}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Fm}^{-1}$$

$$1 \text{ atomic mass unit} = 1.661 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$P_{\text{atm}} = 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 760 \text{ mmHg}$$

$$1 \text{ cal} = 4.184 \text{ J}$$

$$1 \text{ Btu} = 1055 \text{ J}$$

$$1 \text{ hp} = 746 \text{ W}$$

$$1 \text{ kWh} = 3.60 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

**APPENDIX B. SOME INTEGRALS**

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-ax^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \quad (\text{B.1})$$

More generally:

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{2n} e^{-ax^2} dx = \frac{1.3.5 \dots (\text{up through } 2n-1)}{2^{n+1} a^n} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{2n+1} e^{-ax^2} dx = \frac{n!}{2a^{n+1}} \quad (\text{B.3})$$