

**Physics II**  
**ISI B.Math**  
**Mid Semestral Exam: September 11, 2013**

Total Marks: 60

Time: 3 hours

Answer question 1 and any 4 from the rest.

1. (Marks :  $4 \times 3 = 12$ )

For the following multiple choice questions indicate your answers by the appropriate letters (a), (b), (c) or (d). There is only one correct answer.

i) A system is changed from an initial equilibrium state to the same final equilibrium state by two different processes - one reversible, and one irreversible. Which of the following is true, where  $\Delta S$  refers to the change of entropy of the system?

(a)  $\Delta S_{irr} = \Delta S_{rev}$

(b)  $\Delta S_{irr} > \Delta S_{rev}$

(c)  $\Delta S_{irr} < \Delta S_{rev}$

(d) No decision is possible with respect to (a), (b) or (c).

ii) Two Carnot refrigerators  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  operate between the temperatures  $T_l$  and  $T_h$  where  $T_l < T_h$ . The working material for  $R_1$  is a photon gas, with equation of state  $P = \frac{1}{3}\sigma T^4$  where  $\sigma$  is a positive constant. The working material for  $R_2$  is an ideal gas with the usual equation of state. If the coefficient of performance  $C$  of a refrigerator is defined as the ratio of the heat extracted at  $T_l$  to the work input, then if  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are the coefficients of performance for  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively, then

(a)  $C_1 > C_2$

(b)  $C_1 < C_2$

(c)  $C_1 = C_2$

(d) It is not possible to conclude (a), (b) or (c) from the data given.

iii) A liquid in equilibrium with its saturated vapour is enclosed in a cylinder attached to a piston. The piston is slowly raised to a final position. As a result 5 gms of the liquid gets converted to 5gms of vapour while the temperature and pressure remain constant. If  $G$  is the Gibbs potential and  $S$  the entropy of the liquid vapour system, in this process

(a)  $G$  decreases and  $S$  increases.

(b)  $G$  and  $S$  remain unchanged.

(c)  $G$  remains unchanged and  $S$  increases.

(d)  $G$  and  $S$  both increase.

iv) Which of the following statements is FALSE ?

(a) The internal energy of a fixed mass of gas obeying van-der Waals equation remains unchanged when it undergoes adiabatic free expansion.

(b) The entropy of a system always increases when it undergoes an irreversible transformation.

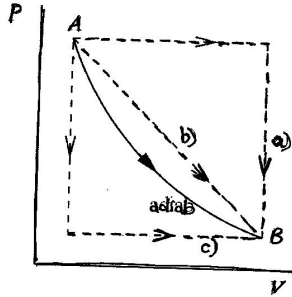
- (c)  $dQ = TdS$  is only true for an infinitesimal quasistatic reversible transformation.  
 (d)  $C_p$  is always greater than  $C_v$ .

2. (Marks: 4 + 8)

- i) A 100 W light bulb is left burning inside a refrigerator that draws 100W of electricity to do work. Can the refrigerator cool below room temperature? Justify your answer.
- ii) A room air conditioner operates as a Carnot cycle refrigerator between an outside temperature  $T_h$  and a room at lower temperature  $T_i$ . The room gains heat from the outside at the rate  $A(T_h - T_i)$ ; this heat is removed by the air conditioner. The power supplied to the cooling unit is  $P$ . Show that the steady state temperature of the room is

$$T_i = (T_h + P/2A) - [(T_h + P/2A)^2 - T_h^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

3. (Marks:  $3 \times 4 = 12$ )



During a quasistatic reversible transformation from  $A \rightarrow B$  during which no heat is exchanged with the environment, the pressure of a certain amount of gas is found to change with the volume according to the equation  $P = \alpha V^{-\frac{5}{3}}$  where  $\alpha$  is a constant. Find the work done on the system and the net amount of heat absorbed by the gas in each of the following three transformations which take the system from state  $A$  to state  $B$  as indicated in the diagram by a) , b) and c). You may assume that the transformations are quasi-static and reversible. Express your results in terms of  $P_A, P_B, V_A$  and  $V_B$  (the constant  $\alpha$  should not appear in your results.)

4. (Marks: 7 + 5)

- i) If the specific heat of an ideal gas for a process where  $x$  is kept constant is  $c_x$ , show that  $pv^f = \text{constant}$  for this process, where  $f = \frac{c_x - c_p}{c_x - c_v}$ , where  $v$  is the specific volume,  $p$  is the pressure and  $c_p$  and  $c_v$  are the (constant) specific heats at constant pressure and constant volume.
- ii) Use the first law of thermodynamics and the fact that  $dS$  is an exact differential to show that the internal energy of an ideal gas is independent of volume.

5. (Marks: 6 + 6)

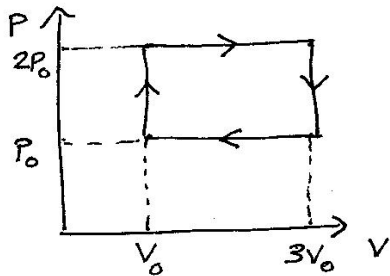
- i) It is experimentally found that for a solid of volume expansion coefficient  $\beta$  at constant pressure  $P$

$$\beta V = a + bP + cP^2$$

where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are constants for  $P_A \leq P \leq P_B$ . How much will the entropy increase when the solid is compressed from a pressure  $P_A$  to  $P_B$  at constant temperature?

ii) Show that the Joule-Thomson coefficient  $\mu = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_H = -\frac{T\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P}\right)_{T+V}}{C_P} = 0$  for an ideal gas.  
(Recall  $H = U + PV$ ).

6. (Marks: 7 + 2 + 3)



An ideal monatomic gas is taken around the above rectangular cycle shown in the above  $P - V$  diagram. Let this operate as a heat engine to convert the heat added to mechanical work.

- (i) Evaluate the efficiency of the engine
- (ii) Calculate the efficiency of an “ideal” engine operating between the same temperature extremes.
- (iii) Sketch the above  $P - V$  cycle on a  $T - S$  plot.

**Information you may (or may not) need**

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

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_S = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S}\right)_P$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_T = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P}\right)_T = -\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P$$