
PHYS 1220-02 Group Work Sheet
Entropy and Equilibrium

1. 500 grams of crushed ice melts in a room maintained at 26.85°C .
 - a. What is the entropy change of the ice? Assume that while the ice is melting, its temperature is steady at 0°C . You may want to know that the latent heat of melting ice is 334 kJ/kg .
 - b. What is the entropy change of the air in the room? Remember that its temperature is steady at 26.85°C .
 - c. What is the entropy change of the universe?

2. An Airgas cylinder contains 49 liters of compressed argon at 18 MPa and 300 K. It freely expands to a pressure of 79 kPa (approximately Laramie air pressure). What is its change in entropy? Assume that the argon is an ideal gas. You may want to know that $R = 8.31446 \text{ J/(mol}\cdot\text{K)}$ and $k = 1.380649 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$.

3. A finite object of mass m and specific heat capacity c receives a quantity of heat Q .
 - a. By what amount ΔT does its temperature increase?
 - b. What is the temperature increase dT of a body of mass m and specific heat capacity c receiving a quantity of heat dq ?
 - c. In part b, you found dT in terms of dq . Invert your formula to express dq in terms of dT .
 - c. As the body absorbs heat, its temperature changes, so calculating its entropy change isn't a simple matter of dividing heat by absolute temperature. For infinitesimal heat inputs dq causing infinitesimal temperature increases dT , however, we can claim that $dS = dq/T$. Integrate dS from T_i to $T_i + \Delta T$ to find the entropy change resulting from absorbing quantity Q of heat.
4. Imagine a brass artifact of mass m_1 initially at high temperature T_{1i} placed into a beaker containing mass m_2 of water initially at low temperature T_{2i} . As heat flows away from the brass, its entropy decreases; as heat flows into the water, its entropy increases.
 - a. As the brass, with mass m_1 , specific heat capacity c_1 , and initial temperature T_{1i} , loses heat Q , what is its entropy change?

- b. As the water, with mass m_2 , specific heat capacity c_2 , and initial temperature T_{2i} , absorbs heat Q , what is its entropy change?

- c. When the brass is immersed in the water, heat Q flows from the brass to the water. What is the entropy change of the universe? Express as a function of Q .

- d. Now that you have a formula for the entropy change of the universe as a function of Q , the heat exchanged between the two items in contact with each other, find the formula for Q that maximizes entropy S . This is a max-min problem.
 - i. First, take the derivative of S with respect to Q , dS/dQ .

ii. Then, find the Q at which this derivative is zero.

e. Now that you have found the heat exchange that maximizes entropy, find the formulas for

i. The final temperature of object 1 (the initially hot brass).

ii. The final temperature of object 2 (the initially cold water).