

VI. Thermodynamic Potentials and Maxwell Relations

Consequences of $\rightarrow$ central equation $TdS = dU + pdV (-\mu dN)$

$\rightarrow$ 2nd law $dS \geq \frac{\delta Q}{T_0}$ ("=" holds for reversible process & then $T_0 = T \leftarrow$ system)

A. Connecting Point of Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics

▪ Included for completeness

called "natural variables" as observed in dS

$$dS = \frac{1}{T} dU + \frac{p}{T} dV \left(-\frac{\mu}{T} dN \right)$$

$\uparrow$ extensive variables

$\Rightarrow$ if $S(U, V)$ OR $S(U, V, N)$ is known

then $\frac{1}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial U} \right)_{V, N}$; $\frac{p}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right)_{U, N}$; $-\frac{\mu}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial N} \right)_{U, V}$

Statistical Mechanics

Boltzmann

$$S(E, V, N) = k \ln W(E, V, N)$$

thermodynamics
[macroscopic]

microstates for a system of
 N particles in a volume V having
a total energy E
[microscopic] (Statistical Mechanics)

Using this connection is the method of Microcanonical Ensemble
(More on this later)

Now, we go back to U, H, F, G

B. Internal Energy U

$$dU = TdS - pdV$$

$$\text{c.f. } dU = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_V dS + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_S dV$$

$$\boxed{T = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_V, \quad p = -\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_S} \quad (1)$$

state function
"U(S,V) is a surface"

If U(S,V) is known, can obtain T and p.

Cross 2nd derivatives equal $\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial V} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_V\right)_S = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial S} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_S\right)_V$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_S = -\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial S}\right)_V} \quad (2) \text{ Maxwell relation}$$

Saw $\boxed{C_V = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T}\right)_V}$ (3), isochoric and reversible $\delta Q_V = TdS$, $\boxed{C_V = T\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_V}$ (4)

constant V

C. Enthalpy H

$$dU = T dS - p dV$$

$\Rightarrow$ Try to know $U(S, V)$, then other quantities follow.

Don't like "V", prefer "p" (e.g. preparing for processes at constant pressure)

$$\boxed{H = U + pV} \quad (5) \text{ (Legendre Transform, see picture discussed previously)}$$

$$\boxed{dH = T dS + V dp} \quad (6) \quad \Rightarrow \text{know } H(S, p), \text{ other quantities follow}$$

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial S}\right)_p = T \text{ and } \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial p}\right)_S = V} \quad (7) \quad (\text{exact differential})$$

Cross 2nd derivatives equal $\Rightarrow \boxed{\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_S = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S}\right)_p}$ (8) another Maxwell relation

Saw $\boxed{C_p = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T}\right)_p}$ (9), isobaric and reversible $dQ_p = T dS$, $\boxed{C_p = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_p}$ (10)
constant p

Remarks on using ΔH

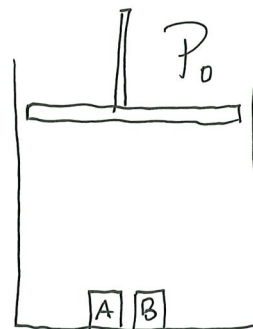
- Many processes in chemistry (chemical reactions) are carried out at a constant pressure

$$W = \text{Work done by system} \\ = P_0 \int_{V_1}^{V_2} dV = P_0 (V_2 - V_1)$$

then $\Delta H = Q_p$

Related Topics

- exothermic/endothermic reactions ($\Delta_r H < 0$, $\Delta_r H > 0$)
- Heat of reaction, thermochemistry
- $H(T)$ from $C_p(T)$ data
- Enthalpy of formation (tables)



"Picture"

A and B reacts slowly,
some gas produced

$P_{\text{inside}} \approx P_0$

(very close to equilibrium)
despite reaction is irreversible

see Physical Chemistry books

D. Helmholtz Function F or Helmholtz Free Energy-

Def: $\boxed{F = U - TS}$ (11) (another Legendre Transform, $U(S, V)$)

$$dF = dU - TdS - SdT$$

transform to T : $F(T, V)$

$$= TdS - pdV - TdS - SdT$$

$$\boxed{dF = -SdT - pdV} \quad (12)$$

$$dF = -SdT - pdV (+\mu dN)$$

→ This is an identity, relating quantities in an infinitesimal change.

From (12) : $F(T, V)$ or $F(T, V, N)$

$$\text{c.f. } dF = \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial T}\right)_{V, N} dT + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial V}\right)_{T, N} dV + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial N}\right)_{T, V} dN$$

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial T}\right)_V = -S; \quad \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial V}\right)_T = -p} \quad (13)$$

$$\text{also } \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial N}\right)_{T, V} = \mu$$

↑ getting S and p from $F(T, V)$

Cross 2nd derivatives equal $\Rightarrow -\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_T = -\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial T}\right)_V$

OR $\boxed{\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_T = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial T}\right)_V}$ (14) Another Maxwell Relation

Remarks on F

(a) ΔF is related to Work done by system in contact with a Heat Bath

Practical/Engineering viewpoint: Take "W" be Work Done by a system

▪ Newtonian Mechanics

$$W = -\Delta U$$

▪ Thermodynamics (1st law)

$$\Delta U = Q - W$$

$\rightarrow$ now by system for $W > 0$

$$W = -\Delta U + Q$$

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So W can be larger or smaller than $-\Delta U$ depending on Q .

- A common situation is system in contact with Huge Heat Bath

↳ a process taking system
from initial state A to final state B

at temperature T_0 (of Bath)
(even some Q into (or out) system,
bath is too big that its T_0 is unchanged)

We know $\int_A^B \frac{dQ}{T_0} \leq S_B - S_A = \Delta S$ (Clausius Theorem)

dQ = Heat into system in a segment of process (needs not reversible)
 T_0 = source's (heat bath's) temperature

$$\therefore \frac{1}{T_0} \int_A^B dQ \leq \Delta S \Rightarrow \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{in process from A to B}}}{Q} \leq T_0 \Delta S$$

[Meaning: Under the given situation, system takes in some Q , with value BOUNDED by $T_0 \Delta S$.

Only when process is reversible, system takes in $T_0 \Delta S$
 $= T \Delta S$]

There is $\Delta U = U_B - U_A$ as well

$$\therefore \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{by system} \\ \text{when in contact} \\ \text{with heat bath at } T_0}}{W} \leq \underbrace{U_A - U_B}_{-\Delta U} + T_0 \Delta S$$

Practical stuff emerging: W is bounded, best ("=") when process is reversible

State A (B) is equilibrium state [states in between? Not sure! Don't care!]

system in contact with T_0 bath

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Equilibrium $\Rightarrow$ state A and state B with temperature $T = T_0$

We do care about the two endpoints (with temp. equals to T_0 of bath)

$$W \leq U_A - U_B + T_0(S_B - S_A) = U_A - U_B + TS_B - TS_A$$

$$= -[U_B - TS_B] - (U_A - TS_A)$$

$$= - (F_B - F_A) \quad [\text{Helmholtz functions}]$$

$$W \leq -\Delta F$$

(15) (contact with bath that controls the temperature)

not necessarily reversible

→ isothermal

not necessarily reversible $\rightarrow$ isothermal $\leftarrow$ not implying $T = T_0$ every step in process

In words, Eq. (15) says...

(16)

In a process in which the END POINT temperatures are the same as the heat bath (surroundings), the **MAXIMUM WORK OBTAINABLE** is equal to the **DECREASE** in the Helmholtz function.

$$\underbrace{F_A - F_B}_{\text{"drop in } F} = - \underbrace{\overbrace{\Delta F}^{(F_B - F_A)}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{"hope that"} \\ \text{it is positive} \\ \text{(so } W \text{ can be positive)}}} \quad \text{controls } W_{\max}$$

i.e. "Free" some Helmholtz function as useful Work

$F(T, V)$: Helmholtz Free Energy

Remark: $W = -\Delta F$ only when the (isothermal) process is reversible. Usually worse!

(b) Equilibrium Condition for system held at fixed V and in thermal contact with Heat Bath

T controlled by bath, $V = \text{constant}$ ($dV = 0$)

heat transfer between system and bath

can't "exchange volume" with surroundings

$$\Rightarrow W = 0$$

Eq. (15) with $W = 0$ is

$$0 \leq -\Delta F = \underbrace{F_A}_{\substack{\text{from A} \\ \text{(higher)}}} - \underbrace{F_B}_{\substack{\text{to B} \\ \text{(lower)}}} \quad \text{OR} \quad F_B \leq F_A \quad (17)$$

←
 F dropping or at best the same

Helmholtz Free energy of system CANNOT increase in processes (fixed V , contact with heat bath). [Ban those with increasing F !]

[A consequence of 2nd law, where an inequality was introduced]

Given V (and N particles) fixed, system in contact with heat bath, if system starts from a state out-of-equilibrium[†], the system will evolve in the "direction" of decreasing F (these are the naturally observed irreversible phenomena because the other way would increase F). When equilibrium is achieved, F attains a minimum.

Summary:

The condition for thermodynamic equilibrium in a system in thermal contact with a heat bath and held at a constant volume is that the Helmholtz Free Energy is a MINIMUM.

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Key to understand Canonical Ensemble Theory in Statistical Mechanics

[†] See Ch. I Sec. I on how to start a discussion from a non-equilibrium state

(c) $F = -kT \ln Z$ (Another connecting point)

Thermodynamics [Macroscopic] $\longleftrightarrow$ Statistical Mechanics [Microscopic]

For Systems with V, N, T fixed by Bath

$F(T, V, N)$ is the key function.

$Z(T, V, N)$ is the Partition Function (later...)

$$F(T, V, N) \stackrel{\text{bridge}}{=} -kT \ln Z(T, V, N)$$

the bridge

then S, p, μ , equation of state follow from doing partial derivatives!

E. Gibbs Function G_T or Gibbs Free Energy⁺

Def: $G_T = U + pV - TS = H - TS = F + pV$ (19)

(Legendre Transforms)

$$dG_T = dU + p dV + V dp - T dS - S dT$$

$$= (\cancel{T dS} - \cancel{p dV}) + \cancel{p dV} + V dp - \cancel{T dS} - S dT$$

$$dG_T = V dp - S dT$$

(20)

or $dG_T = V dp - S dT + \mu dN$

$G_T(p, T)$

intensive

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[c.f. $S(\vec{U}, \vec{V})$]

$$\left(\frac{\partial G_T}{\partial p} \right)_T = V ; \left(\frac{\partial G_T}{\partial T} \right)_p = -S$$

(21)

$$\left(\frac{\partial G_T}{\partial N} \right)_{p, T} = \mu$$

+ Many discussions are analogous to those of F . We will skip some steps.

Cross 2nd derivatives equal: $\boxed{\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_p = -\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial p}\right)_T}$ (22) Maxwell Relation⁺

(a) What $G(p, T)$ does?

In discussing F , we used a heat bath to fix the temperature T_0 of heat in/out, then $-\Delta F$ sets $W_{\max}$.

Here, we use (i) a heat bath to fix the temperature T_0 of heat in/out between system & heat bath AND (ii) a pressure bath (pressure reservoir) that is at a pressure P_0 for work to be done on/by system by/on reservoir.

⁺ At this point, you have seen the four Maxwell's relations. Nothing fancy! Cross 2nd derivatives are equal.

In a process in which system starts at state A (T_0, p_0) and ends at state B (T_0, p_0) [no need to constraint what happens in between]

$$Q \leq T_0 \Delta S \quad (\text{Clausius Theorem})$$

$$\Delta U = Q - P_0 \Delta V \Rightarrow Q = \Delta U + P_0 \Delta V \quad (1^{\text{st}} \text{ Law})$$

$\uparrow$
(bath)

$$\therefore \Delta U + P_0 \Delta V \leq T_0 \Delta S \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta U + P_0 \Delta V - T_0 \Delta S \leq 0$$

End points have system and baths in equilibrium $T = T_0, p = p_0$

$\uparrow$ system $\uparrow$ bath $\uparrow$ system $\uparrow$ bath

$$\therefore \Delta U + \Delta(PV) - \Delta(TS) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \Delta G \leq 0 \quad (23) \quad (\text{dropping or at best not dropping})$$

for naturally allowed processes in system in thermal contact with heat bath and mechanical contact with pressure bath [end points that of baths]

It also follows (c.f. discussion on F) that the equilibrium condition is that the Gibbs function is A MINIMUM.

Summary

The condition for thermodynamic in a process in thermal and mechanical contact with a heat and pressure bath is that the Gibbs function is a minimum. (24)

"Connection" to Statistical Mechanics?

T - p ensemble theory (not often used)

There is an analogous argument that $-\Delta G$ gives a bound on useful work when the system is constrained appropriately. (Skipped here.)

Key idea in understanding phase transitions

(e.g. $G_{\text{liquid}}^{(\text{a mole})}$ vs $G_{\text{vapour}}^{(\text{a mole})}$)

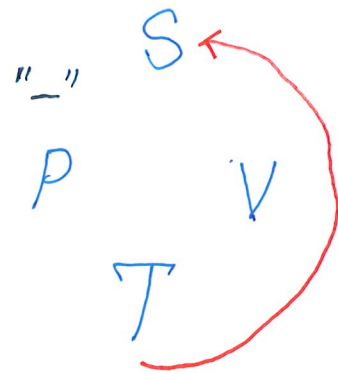
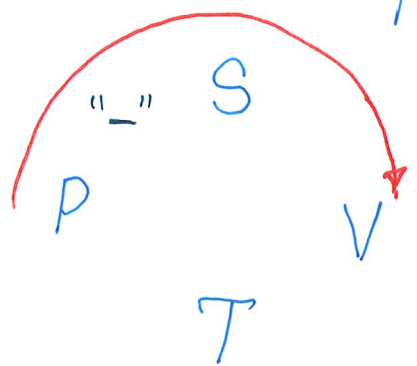
which is lower for given T, p

F. Maxwell Relations

$$\underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_S = -\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial S}\right)_V}_{\text{from } U} ; \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_S = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S}\right)_P}_{\text{from } H} ; \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_T}_{\text{from } F} ; \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P = -\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P}\right)_T}_{\text{from } G}$$

- Identities! (from central equation + partial differentiation)
- Be careful with () $\rightarrow$ condition e.g.
- Useful in expressing "strange" derivative $\left[-\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P}\right)_T\right]$ to meaningful one $\left[\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P\right]$ expansion at constant pressure
- Derive them vs Memorize them (?)

This is NoI physics! A Pattern...



"-" means when S and P appear together in a derivative, there is a "-" sign

"start anywhere, left pattern goes clockwise
this is the "-"
right pattern goes anti-clockwise

$$-\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial S}\right)_V$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_S$$

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

(the one from U)

But you need to memorize the pattern!

References

The discussions followed

- Finn, "Thermal Physics" and Adkins, "Equilibrium Thermodynamics"
- Fermi, "Thermodynamics" has a concise and masterful discussion on the thermodynamic potentials
- McQuarrie and Simon, "Physical Chemistry: A molecular approach" gives examples of chemistry applications