

11 Physics – Heat & Thermodynamics Important Formula

Temperature scales

$$F = 32 + \frac{9}{5}C,$$

$$K = C + 273.16$$

Ideal gas equation

$$pV = nRT, \quad n: \text{number of moles}$$

van der Waals equation

$$\left(p + \frac{a}{V^2}\right)(V - b) = nRT$$

Thermal expansion

Linear Expansion : $L = L_0(1 + \alpha\Delta T)$

Area Expansion : $A = A_0(1 + \beta\Delta T),$

Volume Expansion : $V = V_0(1 + \gamma\Delta T),$

Relation : $\gamma = 2\beta = 3\alpha$

Thermal stress of a material

$$\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta t}{t}$$

General

$$M = mN_A, \quad k = R/N_A$$

RMS speed

$$v_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}$$

Average speed

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{8kT}{\pi m}} = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi M}}$$

Most probable speed

$$v_p = \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m}}$$

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Pressure

$$p = \frac{1}{3} \rho v_{rms}^2$$

Internal energy

$$U = \frac{f}{2} nRT$$

Specific heat

$$s = \frac{Q}{m\Delta T}$$

Latent heat

$$L = \frac{Q}{m}$$

Specific heat at constant
volume

$$C_v = \frac{\Delta Q}{n\Delta T} \Big|_v$$

Specific heat at constant
pressure

$$C_p = \frac{\Delta Q}{n\Delta T} \Big|_p$$

Relation between C_p and C_v

$$C_p - C_v = R$$

Ratio of specific heats

$$\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v}$$

Relation between U and C_v

$$\Delta U = nC_v\Delta T$$

Specific heat of gas mixture

$$C_v = \frac{n_1c_{v1} + n_2c_{v2}}{n_1 + n_2}, \quad \gamma = \frac{n_1C_{p1} + n_2C_{p2}}{n_1c_{v1} + n_2c_{v2}}$$

First law of thermodynamics

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

Efficiency of the heat engine

$$\eta = \frac{\text{work done by the engine}}{\text{heat supplied to it}} = \frac{Q_1 - Q_2}{Q_1}$$

Conduction

$$\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = -K A \frac{\Delta T}{x}$$

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Kirchhoff's Law

$$\frac{\text{emissive power}}{\text{absorptive power}} = \frac{E_{\text{body}}}{a_{\text{body}}} = E_{\text{blackbody}}$$

Wien's displacement law

$$\lambda_m T = b$$

Stefan – Boltzmann law

$$\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = \sigma e A T^4$$

Newton's law of cooling

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_0)$$