Fundamentals study guide for midterm

Consider the following fundamental equations:

$$ndU = \delta Q + \delta W \qquad n\Delta U = Q + W$$
$$W = -\int P_{ext} dV^{t} \qquad H = U + PV$$
$$C_{V} \equiv \left(\frac{dU}{dT}\right)_{V} \qquad C_{P} \equiv \left(\frac{dH}{dT}\right)_{P}$$

Consider also the specific case of an ideal gas, whose fundamental relations are:

$$PV = RT$$
 $U = U(T)$ only

In the following problems, use only these fundamentals as methods to reach your final answer. Avoid your book and notes; rather, challenge yourself to get to the answer independently.

Problem I

An ideal gas with constant heat capacity starts out at T_1 and P_1 (and $V_1 = RT_1/P_1$). Derive for each of the following the correct expressions for the following seven quantities: T_2 , P_2 , V_2 , ΔU , ΔH , W/n, Q/n.

(a) for a quasi-static isochoric process, if T_2 is given.

(b) for a quasi-static isobaric process, if T_2 is given.

(c) for a reversible isothermal process, if $P_{\rm 2}$ is given.

(d) for a reversible adiabatic process, if $T_{\rm 2}$ is given.

Prove the following for an ideal gas: (a) H(T) only, and (b) $C_P = C_V + R$.

Problem 3

Show that $Q = n\Delta U$ and $Q = n\Delta H$ for quasi-static constant-volume and constant=pressure heating processes, respectively.

Problem 4

Heat per mole in the amount of Q/n is added to a system held at volume V. The system changes from $T_1, P_1 \rightarrow T_2, P_2$. Find ΔU and ΔH if the system is (a) a nonideal gas and (b) an incompressible liquid.

An ideal gas is inside a piston maintained at constant temperature. If a compression process occurs but is not quasi-static (e.g., very fast), can one use the equation $W/n = RT \ln(V_1/V_2)$ to compute the work? Why or why not? Think of an example that demonstrates your reasoning.

Problem 6

An ideal gas undergoes the following quasi-static three-step cycle: (i) adiabatic expansion, (ii) isobaric expansion, (iii) isothermal compression. Draw the process on a PV diagram and write an expression for the net work in terms of the pressures and temperatures at each point. Is the net work positive or negative?

An ideal gas monatomic gas enters a turbine with velocity u_1 through a opening of radius R_1 . Its entering conditions are T_1 and P_1 . The gas exits the turbine through an opening of radius R_2 and at T_2 , P_2 . Derive an expression for the work the turbine can generate per mole of gas.

Problem 8 (SVA 3.64)

Shown below is the *Equation-of-State Decision Tree*. For each item, indicate when each should be used and their relative advantages/disadvantages in process calculations.



An ideal monatomic gas with molecular weight M_w flows steadily through a well-insulated pipe of constant diameter. At point 1, the gas has velocity u_1 and molar volume V_1 . Due to frictional losses, the velocity at point 2 is reduced by 10%. Assume constant heat capacities.

(a) Write an expression for the temperature increase $T_2 - T_1$.

(b) Write an expression for the pressure change P_2/P_1 in terms of T_1 and T_2 .

At constant pressure, an ideal microwave delivers 500 W of energy to an 8 oz glass of water $(n \approx 13 \text{ mol})$ initially at 20 °C. At atmospheric pressure, the latent heat of vaporization of water is $\Delta H_{\text{vap}} = 40.6 \text{ kJ/mol}$. How long will it take for the entire glass to vaporize if the liquid has a constant heat capacity $C_P = 75 \text{ J/mol} K$? Show a full analysis beginning with the first law.