3.020 Lecture 5

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1 Entropy and the 2nd law of thermodynamics

- 1. Clausius theorem
- 2. Reversible processes and entropy
- 3. Reversible & irreversible processes
- 4. Entropy maximization

1.1 Clausius theorem (stated without proof)



a play in 4

acts

1.2 Reversible processes and entropy

- Hypothesize that there exist type of processes for which every step is reversible
- Consider a cyclic process along two reversible paths, $R_1 \& R_2$



$$A \xrightarrow{(c \mid o c \mid k \mid w \mid s e)} B \oint \frac{\delta Q}{T} = \int_{A}^{B} \frac{\delta Q}{T} = \int_{A}^{B} \frac{\delta Q}{T} = \int_{A}^{A} \frac{\delta Q}{T} = \int_{A}^{B} \frac{\delta Q}{T}$$

"≤" is guaranteed by Clausius theorem

• Compare results for clockwise & counterclockwise circuits

$$\int_{A}^{B} \frac{\delta Q}{T} \Big|_{R_{1}} - \int_{A}^{B} \frac{\delta Q}{T} \Big|_{R_{2}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \text{Entropy (S), a new state function}$$
$$\int_{A}^{B} \frac{\delta Q}{T} \Big|_{R_{1}} = \int_{A}^{B} \frac{\delta Q}{T} \Big|_{R_{2}} = S(B) - S(A) \quad \Rightarrow dS = \frac{\delta Q}{T} \Big|_{rev.}$$

"rev." : along any reversible path

1.3 Reversible & irreversible processes

- Hypothesize that there exist processes that are irreversible
- Consider states A & B, which are connected by reversible & irreversible processes



$$\oint \frac{\delta Q}{T} = \int_{A}^{B} \frac{\delta Q}{T} _{IR} + \underbrace{\int_{B}^{A} \frac{\delta Q}{T}}_{-R} \leqslant 0$$

run the reversible process backwards to complete the cycle

Use
$$\int_{A}^{B} \frac{\delta Q}{T} \leq S(B) - S(A)$$

equality for reversible process

Entropy maximization in an isolated system 1.4

$$\int_{A}^{B} \frac{\delta Q}{T} \leq S(B) - S(A)$$
Entropy never decreases for any process in an isolated system
Now isolate s.t. $\delta Q = 0$

$$S(A) \leq S(B) \Rightarrow$$
a form of the 2nd law of thermodynamics

Combined statement of 1^{st} and 2^{nd} laws 2

 $dU = \delta Q + \delta W + \mu dN \quad \leftarrow \quad 1^{\text{st}} \text{ law}$ Work done on system $\delta W = -PdV$ Heat received by system $\delta Q = T dS \leftarrow$ for a reversible process $\underline{dU = TdS - PdV + \mu dN}$ all state functions

3 Equilibrium

- State of rest state functions aren't changing.
- State of balance molecular-scale changes average to zero

see Wiki entry on defin of thermo equilibrium

 $\begin{array}{ccc} t=0 & t=\infty \\ \mbox{Prepare system,} & \xrightarrow{Wait} & \mbox{equilibrium when} \\ \mbox{incl. its boundary} & \mbox{all macroscopic} \\ \mbox{conditions} & \mbox{changes are finished} \end{array}$

Q: What happens while we wait?

A. All spontaneous processes happen eventually.

@ equilibrium, all possible spontaneous processes have already happened

* For an isolated system, the relation $S(A) \leq S(B)$ - a ratchet effect - means that equilibrium is a state of maximum entropy

 \Rightarrow For an isolated system, equilibrium is the state of max. entropy, given the boundary conditions.

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